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The solution of the Novikov-Veselov (NV) equation by the inverse scattering method is proved with the support of numerical evidence. The NV equation is a (2+1)-dimensional nonlinear evolution equation that generalizes the (1+1)-dimensional KdV equation. Evolutions of solutions in a certain class are computed numerically both by the inverse scattering method and a finite difference discretization of the Novikov-Veselov equation. New soliton solutions are presented, and a variety of computed evolutions are shown. (Received September 17, 2010)