

1.2.3.

Show that

$$u(t, x, y) = e^{i(k_x x + k_y y - \omega t)}$$

1.6

satisfies equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \nabla^2 u$$

1.2

where:

ω : angular frequency

$\vec{k} = (k_x, k_y)$ wave vector in x and y direction respectively

Intermediate calculations:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} e^{i(k_x x + k_y y - \omega t)} \right) = e^{i(k_x x + k_y y - \omega t)} = e^{ik_x x} \cdot e^{ik_y y} \cdot e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (-i\omega \cdot e^{ik_x x} \cdot e^{ik_y y} \cdot e^{-i\omega t}) =$$

$$= -i\omega \cdot \omega \cdot e^{ik_x x} \cdot e^{ik_y y} \cdot e^{-i\omega t} = \omega^2 \cdot e^{i(k_x x + k_y y - \omega t)} = \omega^2 \cdot u \quad (1)$$

$$\nabla^2 u = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (ik_x x \cdot e^{ik_y y} \cdot e^{-i\omega t} \cdot e^{ik_x x}) =$$

$$= i^2 k_x^2 \cdot e^{ik_y y} \cdot e^{-i\omega t} \cdot e^{ik_x x} = -k_x^2 \cdot e^{i(k_x x + k_y y - \omega t)} = -k_x^2 \cdot u(t, x, y) \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \right) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(i \cdot k_y \cdot e^{ik_x x} \cdot e^{ik_y y} \cdot e^{-i\omega t} \right) = \\ &= \underbrace{e^2 k_y^2 \cdot e^{ik_x x} \cdot e^{ik_y y} \cdot e^{-i\omega t}}_{u(x,y,t)} = -k_y^2 \cdot e^{i(k_x x + k_y y - \omega t)} \quad (3)\end{aligned}$$

Combining 1) 2) and 3)

$$-\omega^2 u = c^2 (-k_x^2 u - k_y^2 u)$$

$$\omega^2 = c^2 (k_x^2 + k_y^2) \Rightarrow \omega = c \sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2} \quad (4)$$

We end up with dispersion relation

$$k = |k| = \sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2}$$

Thus 1.6 is solution to 1.2 as long as (4) is fulfilled