

Lecture 7: Wave eq. Pt 2

Boundary Problems.

- In our model of the string, we gave a length l and fixed the ends: $u(t, l) = u(t, 0) = 0$ $t \geq 0$ } An example of Dirichlet Boundary conditions

We may also describe the initial state of the string

$$u(0, x) = g(x)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(0, x) = h(x)$$

} Two derivatives for the equation means two pieces of data necessary

~ e.g. these can model a string being ~~plucked~~ in motion

- We assume $g(x) \in C^2([0, l])$ and $h \in C^1([0, l])$ to match $u \in C^2$

- Since h & g aren't on \mathbb{R} , we must extend them to \mathbb{R} if we wish to apply our solution formula:

Thm 4.5 The wave equation $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0$ on $[0, l]$ with the above boundary and initial conditions admits a solution

$$u(t, x) = \frac{1}{2} [g(x+ct) + g(x-ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} h(\tau) d\tau$$

only if g & h extend to \mathbb{R} as odd, $2l$ -periodic functions $\bar{g} \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$, $\bar{h} \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$.

Pf By the linearity of the wave equation (& homogeneity), we can consider the h & g terms separately. (How?)

Assume the term $\frac{1}{2} [g(x+ct) + g(x-ct)]$ is defined for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$ & x and satisfies the boundary conditions on $[0, l]$ for all t . At $x=0$

$$g(x+ct) + g(x-ct) = 0 = g(ct) + g(-ct) \quad \forall \text{ for all } t \geq 0$$

Says g is odd. At $x=l$

$$g(l+ct) + g(l-ct) = 0 \quad \text{for } t \geq 0$$

gives g is odd with respect to l : $g(l+ct) = -g(l-ct) = g(-l+ct)$

So that g is $2l$ -periodic.

On $\frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} h(\tau) d\tau = u(t, x)$, we see at $x=0$ $\frac{1}{2c} \int_{-ct}^{ct} h(\tau) d\tau = 0$

So, differentiating, $(h(ct) + h(-ct))c = 0$ so h is odd.

We note h is $2l$ periodic by doing the same at $x=l$. \square

ex.) Let $c=1, l=1$

Suppose $u_+(x) = \frac{1}{2}g(x) + \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^x h(\tau) d\tau$ (so $u(x,t) = u_+(x-ct) + u_-(x+ct)$)

Let $u_+ = 0$ (no forward wave) and the left-propagating solution

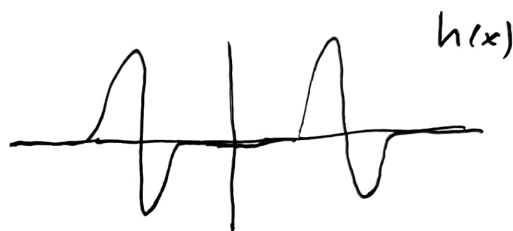


For small t , $u(t,x) = u_-(x+t)$ as we solved for. What happens when the bump hits the boundary $x=0$?

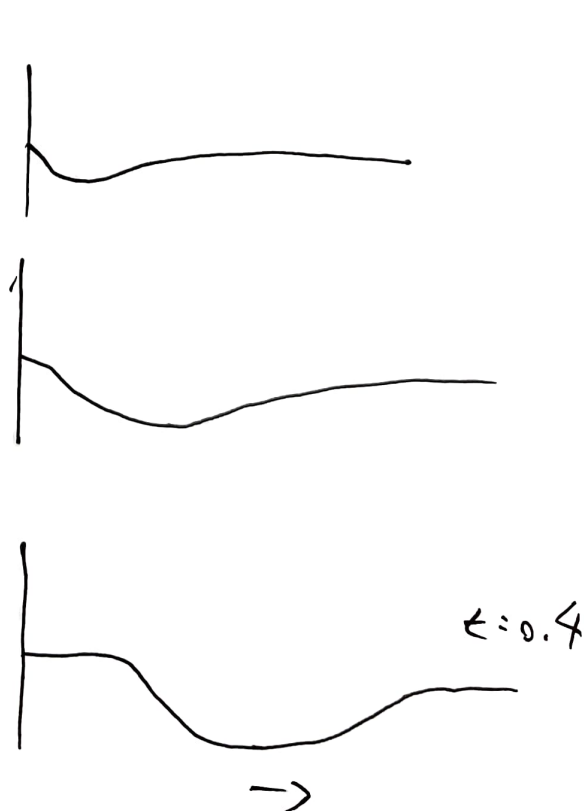
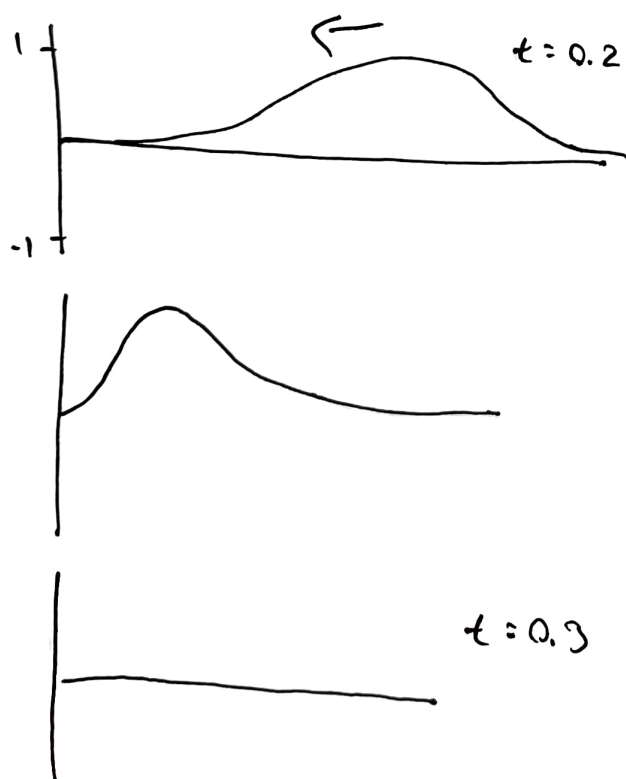
- Since $u(t,x) = u_-(x+t)$, $g(x) = u(0,x) = u_-(x)$ and

$$h(x) = \frac{\partial u_-}{\partial x}(x).$$

by extending as in thm. 4.5



Computing the solution, our bump "bounces" off the boundary (as in real life)



Forcing Terms

- We previously used the homogeneous wave equation $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0$ in accordance with having no external forces. Let us now introduce an external force such as a bow on a violin.

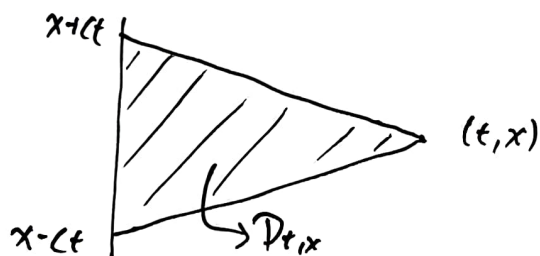
$$(A) \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = f(t, x) \quad \begin{aligned} u(0, x) &= g(x) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(0, x) &= h(x) \end{aligned}$$

- To solve this equation, we will manipulate our homogeneous solution in a version of variation of parameters called Duhamel's Principle.

→ to focus on this, we consider the domain \mathbb{R} and set initial conditions to zero: $g(x) = h(x) = 0$

- Define the "Domain of Dependence"

$$D_{t,x} = \{(s, x') \in \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R} : x - c(t-s) \leq x' \leq x + c(t-s)\}$$



→ The "inverted wave cone" influencing the solution.

→ "information travels at speed c "

Thm 4.7 For $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$, the unique solution of (A) satisfying $g(x) = h(x) = 0$ is given by

$$u(t, x) = \frac{1}{2c} \int_{D_{t,x}} f(s, x') dx' ds$$

pf For each $s \geq 0$, let $\eta_s(t, x)$ be the solution of the homogeneous wave eqn. for $t \geq s$ with initial conditions

$$\eta_s(t, x)|_{t=s} = 0 \quad \frac{\partial \eta_s}{\partial t}(t, x)|_{t=s} = f(s, x)$$

By shifting $t \rightarrow t-s$, our previous formula gives

$$\eta_s(t, x) = \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-c(t-s)}^{x+c(t-s)} f(s, x') dx'$$

We claim that the solution of (A) is given by

$$u(t, x) = \int_0^t \eta_s(t, x) ds = \int_0^t \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-c(t-s)}^{x+c(t-s)} f(s, x') dx' ds$$

•) First, $u(0, x) = \int_0^0 \eta_s ds = 0$

~~$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(0, x) = \eta_t(0, x) = 0$~~

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t, x) = \eta_s(t, x)|_{s=t} + \underbrace{\int_0^t \frac{\partial \eta_s}{\partial t}(t, x) ds}_{\text{Leibniz Rule}} \quad \text{so}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(0, x) = \eta_0(0, x) + \int_0^0 \dots ds = 0$$

•) Next, we check the PDE:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial \eta_s}{\partial t}(t, x)|_{t=s} + \int_0^t \frac{\partial^2 \eta_s}{\partial t^2}(t, x) ds$$

$$\left(+ \frac{\partial \eta_s}{\partial t}(t, x)|_{t=s} \text{ which is } 0 \right)$$

By the initial conditions for η_s , $\frac{\partial \eta_s}{\partial t}(t, x)|_{t=s} = f(t, x)$

as for the second term

$$\int_0^t \frac{\partial^2 \eta_s}{\partial t^2}(t, x) ds = \int_0^t c^2 \frac{\partial^2 \eta_s}{\partial x^2}(t, x) ds = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\text{S.t. } \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = f + c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad \text{as desired.}$$

•) Lastly, we show uniqueness: if u_1 and u_2 solve (A),

$$w = u_1 - u_2 \text{ solves } \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} = 0, \quad w(0, x) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial w}{\partial t}(0, x) = 0.$$

By our thm, for the homogeneous equation, $w = 0$. □

• Remark: to solve

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = f \\ u(0, x) = g \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(0, x) = h \end{cases}$$

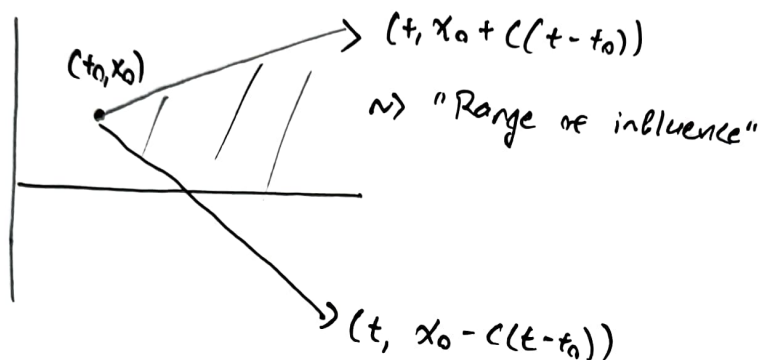
Set $u = v + w$ for v solving (A)
and w solving $\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} = 0 \\ w(0, x) = f \\ \frac{\partial w}{\partial t}(0, x) = h \end{cases}$

•) The Domain of Dependence still applies b/c

$$u(t, x) = \frac{1}{2} [g(x+ct) + g(x-ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} h(s) ds$$

relies on g, h in the triangle $D_{t,x}$.

- For a given (t_0, x_0) , the Domain of Dependence means that there is a "range of influence" of (t_0, x_0) of ~~these~~ points at which (t_0, x_0) influences the solution $u(t, x)$



ex.) Consider a string of length l with propagation speed $c=1$.
Let $f(t, x) = \cos(\omega t) \sin(\omega_0 x)$ for $\omega_0 = \pi/l$, $\omega > 0$.

Since $\sin(\omega_0 x)$ is odd & $2l$ -periodic, $f(t, x)$ satisfies the conditions of thm 4.5 for each t . Set $g=h=0$.

$$u(t, x) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \int_{x-t+s}^{x+t-s} \cos(\omega s) \sin(\omega_0 x') dx' ds$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\omega_0} \int_0^t \underbrace{\cos(\omega s) [\cos(\omega_0(x-t+s)) - \cos(\omega_0(x+t-s))]}_I ds$$

$$I = \cos(\omega s) [\cos(\omega_0 x) (\cos(\omega_0(s-t)) - \sin(\omega_0 x) \sin(\omega_0(s-t))) - \cos(\omega_0 x) (\cos(\omega_0(t-s)) + \sin(\omega_0 x) \sin(\omega_0(t-s)))]$$

$$= 2 \cos(\omega s) \sin(\omega_0 x) \sin(\omega_0(t-s))$$

or

$$u(t, x) = \frac{\sin(\omega_0 x)}{\omega_0} \int_0^t \cos(\omega s) \sin(\omega_0(t-s)) ds$$

Computations

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{expand } \cos(\omega s) \sin(\omega_0(t-s)) = \\ \frac{1}{2} [\sin(\omega_0(t-s) + \omega s) - \sin(\omega s - \omega_0(t-s))] \\ \text{Split into 2 integrals, u-sub} \\ \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \sin(\omega_0 t + s(\omega - \omega_0)) ds - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \sin(s(\omega + \omega_0) - \omega_0 t) ds \\ = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\omega - \omega_0} \cos(\omega_0 t + s(\omega - \omega_0)) + \frac{1}{\omega + \omega_0} \cos(s(\omega + \omega_0) - \omega_0 t) \right]_0^t \end{array} \right.$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\omega - \omega_0} (\cos(\omega_0 t) - \cos(\omega t)) - \frac{1}{\omega + \omega_0} (\cos(\omega_0 t) - \cos(\omega t)) \right]$$

\therefore Simplify

For $\omega \neq \omega_0$, we obtain

$$u(t, x) = \frac{\sin(\omega_0 x)}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} [\cos(\omega t) - \cos(\omega_0 t)] \quad \text{assume } \omega < \omega_0$$

- dual oscillation ~ large scale on period $1/\omega$
given by the "low driving frequency" & small scale on
Period $1/\omega_0$ depending on l

For $\omega = \omega_0$, $u(t, x) = \frac{t}{2\omega_0} \sin(\omega_0 x) \sin(\omega_0 t) \sim$ growing amplitude

akin to resonance (absorbing energy from the driving source
continually)

$\omega = \omega_0/10$



$\omega = \omega_0$

