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a)

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + c(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t > 0$$

Show ~~u~~ u constant on char. curves by showing $\frac{du}{dt} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} [u(x(t), t)] &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} \\ &= -c(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} \\ &= \left[\frac{dx}{dt} - c(x) \right] \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \end{aligned}$$

and, on the characteristic curves given, where $\frac{dx}{dt} = c(x(t))$,

$$= [c(x(t)) - c(x(t))] \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$

b)

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad t > 0$$

Find characteristics same way as before

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{du}{dt} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} \\ &= \left(\frac{dx}{dt} - x \right) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = x$$

Solving this ODE,

$$x(t) = \cancel{\tau e^t} \text{ where } \tau \text{ is a constant}$$

$$x(t) = x(0) e^t$$

d) $\left[\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \right]$

characteristics $x(t) = x(0)e^t$

given an arbitrary point (x, t) , follow its characteristic curve backwards:

$$x(t) = \tilde{x}e^t \rightarrow \tilde{x} = xe^{-t}$$

and, since u constant on characteristic curve,

$$u(x, t) = u(\tilde{x}, 0) = u_0(\tilde{x}) = u_0(xe^{-t})$$

e) to verify, first check IC:

$$u(x, 0) = \cancel{u_0(xe^0)} u_0(xe^0) = u_0(x) \quad \checkmark$$

then check PDE holds true:

$$\cancel{\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = u_0'(xe^{-t})(-xe^{-t}) + x u_0'(xe^{-t})(e^{-t})$$

$$= 0 \quad \checkmark$$

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[51]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (8,6)
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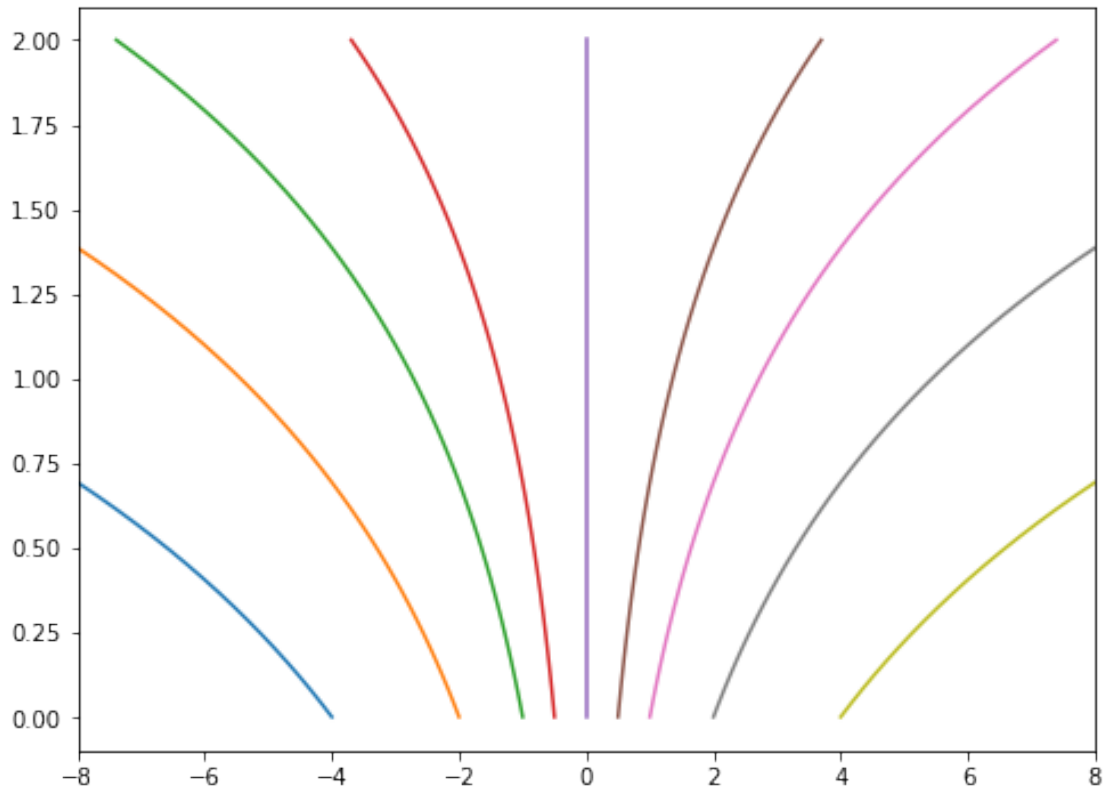
0.1 Part C - Space-Time Diagram

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[52]: t = np.linspace(0,2)
x = [-4, -2, -1, -0.5, 0, 0.5, 1, 2, 4]

for x0 in x:
    plt.plot(x0*np.exp(t), t)

axes = plt.gca()
axes.set_xlim([-8,8])
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[52]: (-8, 8)
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0.2 Part D - Solution

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[102]: t = np.linspace(0,2)
x = [-4, -2, -1, -0.5, 0, 0.5, 1, 2, 4]

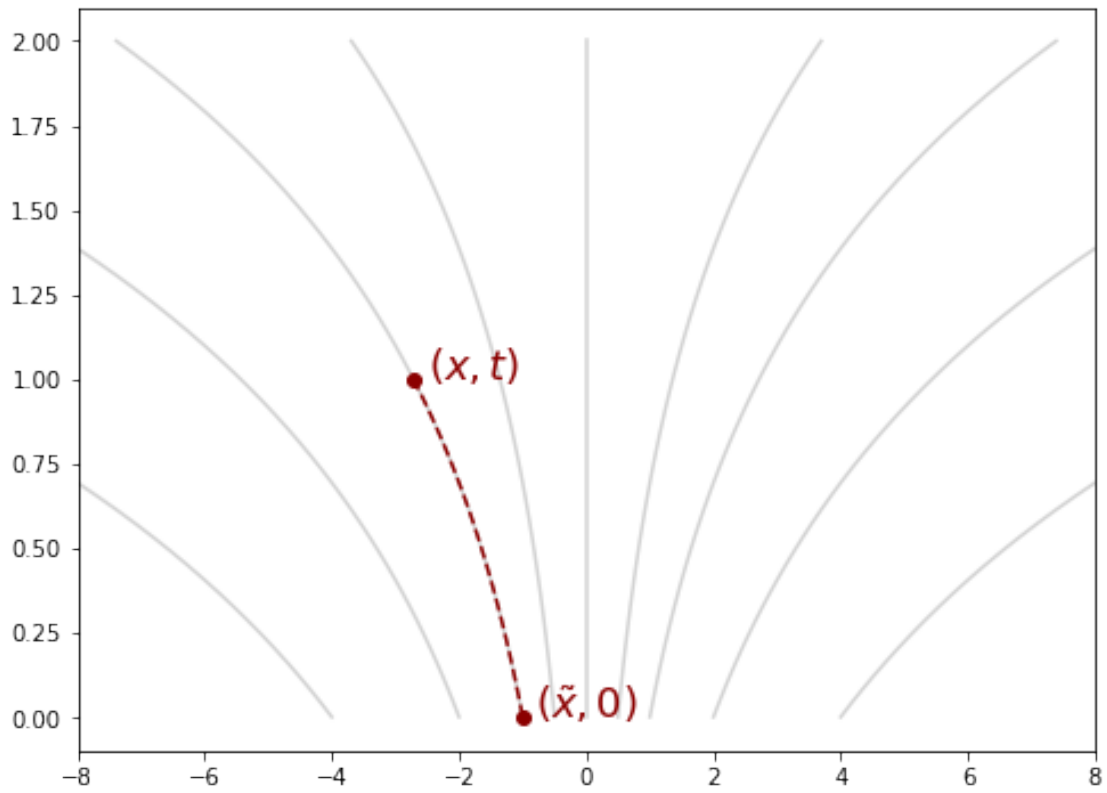
for x0 in x:
    plt.plot(x0*np.exp(t), t, color="lightgrey")

# (x tilde, 0) correspon ding to (x, t)
plt.plot(-1, 0, 'o', color='darkred')
plt.annotate(r"$\tilde{x},0$", (-0.8, 0), color='darkred', size=18,
    ↳weight='bold')
# arbitrary (x, t)
plt.plot(-np.exp(1), 1, 'o', color='darkred')
plt.annotate(r"$x,t$", (-np.exp(1)+.2, 1), color='darkred', size=18,
    ↳weight='bold')
# dashed line
t = np.linspace(0,1)
plt.plot(-np.exp(t), t, '--', color='darkred')

axes = plt.gca()
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axes.set_xlim([-8,8])
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[102]: (-8, 8)



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