

## Wave equation review.

$$\square = \partial_{tt} - \Delta$$

Consider the wave equation  $\begin{cases} U_{tt} = \Delta U \text{ in } U \times (0, \infty) \\ U(0, x) = g(x) \text{ (initial position)} \\ U_t(0, x) = h(x) \text{ (initial velocity)} \end{cases} \stackrel{\square}{=} U_0$  in 1-dim  
 $(U \text{ represents displacement at time } t, \text{ location } x).$

I) Associated variation problem.

$$L[U] = \int_U \frac{1}{2} |U_{tt}|^2 - \frac{1}{2} |U_{xx}|^2 dt dx \text{ - defined for bdry condition ...}$$

Consider for any  $v \in C_0^\infty(U_0)$ , let  $i(\varepsilon) = L[U + \varepsilon v]$

$$\Rightarrow i'(0) = \int_U U_{tt} v_t - 2U_{tx} v_x = \int_U (-U_{tt} + \Delta U) v = 0, \forall v \in C_0^\infty(U_0). \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

II) Two ways to derive to solution.

$$\begin{aligned} a. \quad & (U_{tt})''(t, \varepsilon) = -4\varepsilon^2 |\varepsilon|^2 \hat{U}(t, \varepsilon) \\ & \begin{cases} \hat{U}(0, \varepsilon) = \hat{g}(\varepsilon) \\ \hat{U}_t(0, \varepsilon) = \hat{h}(\varepsilon) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \hat{U}(t, \varepsilon) = \hat{g}(\varepsilon) \cos 2\pi |\varepsilon| t + \frac{\hat{h}(\varepsilon)}{2\pi |\varepsilon|} \sin 2\pi |\varepsilon| t \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow U(t, x) = g(x) (\cos 2\pi |\varepsilon| t)^v + h(x) \left( \frac{\sin 2\pi |\varepsilon| t}{2\pi |\varepsilon|} \right)^v$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{2\pi i \varepsilon x} \cdot \omega \varepsilon l \varepsilon t d\varepsilon &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{e^{2\pi i \varepsilon(x+t)} + e^{2\pi i \varepsilon(x-t)}}{2} d\varepsilon \\ &= \underline{\delta(x+t) + \delta(x-t)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow U(t, x) = \frac{g(x+t) + g(x-t)}{2} + \int_{x-t}^{x+t} \underline{\frac{h(y)}{2}} dy$$

$$\left( \left( \frac{\sin 2\pi |\varepsilon| t}{2\pi |\varepsilon|} \right)^v \right) = \int_0^t \frac{\delta(x+s) + \delta(x-s)}{2} ds = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{1}_{(-t, t)}$$

$$b. (\partial_t - \partial_{xx}) = (\partial_t - \partial_x) (\partial_t + \partial_x)$$

First, we solve  $(\partial_t - \partial_x) U(t, x) = 0$

Along the characteristic curve,  $x(t) = x_0 - t$ , const  $\Rightarrow U(t, x) = f(t+x)$

$$\Rightarrow (\partial_t + \partial_x) U(t, x) = f(x+t)$$

Along the characteristic curve  $x(t) = x_0 + t$ ,  $\dot{x}(t)x(t) = f(x_0 + 2t)$

$$\Rightarrow U(t, x) = \int_0^t f(x_0 + 2s) ds \stackrel{+U(0, x_0)}{=} F(x+t) - f(x-t) + g(x-t)$$

$\Rightarrow U(t, x)$  can be written in form of  $f(x+t) + g(x-t)$

Substituting to initial condition ...

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Reflection principle.

$$\begin{cases} (\partial_t - \partial_{xx}) U = 0, \quad U \text{ on } x=0. \\ U = g, \quad U_t = h \end{cases} \quad \forall x > 0 \text{ We can extend } U \text{ odd.}$$

$$\Rightarrow U(t, x) = \begin{cases} \frac{g(x+t) + g(x-t)}{2} + \frac{\int_{x-t}^{x+t} h(y) dy}{2}, & x \geq t > 0 \\ \frac{g(x+t) - g(t-x)}{2} + \frac{\int_{t-x}^{x+t} h(y) dy}{2}, & t > x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

\* Wave equation in higher dimensional spaces:

$$\text{Consider } U(x, t, r) = \int_{\partial B(x, r)} U(t, y) dS(y)$$

$$\begin{cases} G(x, r) = \int_{\partial B(0, r)} g(y) dS(y) \\ H(x, r) = \int_{\partial B(0, r)} h(y) dS(y) \end{cases}$$

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Fix  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_r(x, t, r) &= \left( \int_{\partial B(x, r)} U(t, x+r\hat{z}) dS(\hat{z}) \right)_r \\
 &= \int_{\partial B(x, r)} D U(t, x+r\hat{z}) \cdot \hat{z} dS(\hat{z}) \\
 &= \int_{\partial B(x, r)} D U(t, y) \frac{y-x}{r} dS(y) \\
 &= \frac{r}{n} \int_{B(x, r)} \Delta U(t, y) dy \\
 &= \frac{1}{n \alpha(n) r^{n-1}} \int_{B(x, r)} \Delta U(t, y) dy
 \end{aligned}$$

$$U_{rr}(x, t, r) = \left( \frac{1}{n \alpha(n)} \frac{1}{r^n} \int_{B(x, r)} \Delta U(t, y) dy + \frac{1}{n \alpha(n) r^{n-1}} \int_{\partial B(x, r)} \Delta U(t, y) dS(y) \right)$$

$$U_{tt}(x, t, r) = \frac{1}{n \alpha(n) r^{n-1}} \int_{\partial B(x, r)} \Delta U(t, y) dS(y).$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{rr} + \frac{n-1}{r} U_r = U_{tt}.$$

$$\begin{cases} U(x, 0, r) = G(x, r) \\ U_t(x, 0, r) = H(x, r) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{When } n=3, \quad U_{rr} + \frac{2}{r} U_r = U_{tt}, \quad \tilde{U}(x, r, t) = r U(x, r, t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{U}_r = U + r U_r, \quad \tilde{U}_{rr} = 2U_r + r U_{rr} = \tilde{U}_{tt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{U}(x, t, r) = \frac{\tilde{G}(x, r+t) - \tilde{G}(x, t-r)}{2} + \frac{\int_{t-r}^{r+t} \tilde{H}(x, y) dy}{2} \quad \text{when } 0 \leq r < t$$

$$\Rightarrow U(t, x) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} U(x, t, r) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\tilde{U}(x, t, r)}{r} = \tilde{G}'(x, t) + \tilde{H}(x, t)$$

Compute  $\tilde{G}'(x,t)$  and  $\tilde{H}(x,t)$

$$\tilde{G}(x,t) = t \int_{\partial B(x,t)} g(y) dS(y) = \frac{1}{4\pi t} \int_{\partial B(x,t)} g(y) dS(y)$$

$$\tilde{G}'(x,t) = \int_{\partial B(x,t)} g(y) dS(y) + t \left( \int_{\partial B(x,t)} g(x+tz) dS(z) \right)' \rightarrow \text{Important tech!}$$

$$= \int_{\partial B(x,t)} g(y) dS(y) + t \int_{\partial B(x,t)} Dg(x+tz) \cdot z dS(z)$$

$$= \int_{\partial B(x,t)} g(y) dS(y) + t \int_{\partial B(x,t)} Dg(y) \frac{y-x}{t} dS(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow U(t,x) = \int_{\partial B(x,t)} (h(y) + g(y) + Dg(y)(y-x)) dS(y)$$

So how to derive 2-dimensional solution?

Consider  $U(t,x)$  solves WE in 2-dimensional space, we have:

$$U(t,x) = \bar{U}(t,\bar{x}) \quad ((x_1, x_2) \cong (x_1, x_2, 0))$$

And define  $\begin{cases} \tilde{g}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = g(x_1, x_2) = g \circ \pi_{(x_1, x_2)}(x) \\ \tilde{h}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = h \circ \pi_{(x_1, x_2)}(x) \end{cases}$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$

$\tilde{h}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = h \circ \pi_{(x_1, x_2)}(x) \sim$  projection from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to  $x_1 - x_2$  plane!

$$\text{So } \bar{U}(t,\bar{x}) = \int_{\partial B(\bar{x},t)} (h(y) + g(y) + Dg(y)(y-\bar{x})) dS(y) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} f(y).$$

Consider the mapping  $y \in \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow (y, \sqrt{t^2 - |y-x|^2})$ .

$$\Rightarrow \bar{U}(t,\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{B(x,t)} (h(y) + g(y) + Dg(y)(y-x)) \cdot \sqrt{1 + |\nabla f(y)|^2} dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{B(x,t)} \frac{t^2 h(y) + t g(y) + t Dg(y)(y-x)}{\sqrt{t^2 - |y-x|^2}} dy$$

Here comes the question:

How to solve  $\begin{cases} U_{tt} = \Delta U + f \\ U(0, x) = 0 \\ U_t(0, x) = 0 \end{cases}$

Let  $v(t, x, s)$  solves  $\begin{cases} V_{tt} = V_{xx} \\ V(s, x, s) = 0, V_t(s, x, s) = f(s, x) \end{cases}$  for each fixed  $s$ .

Consider  $U(t, x) = \int_0^t v(t, x, s) ds$ .

Then  $U_t(t, x) = v(t, x, t) + \int_0^t V_t(t, x, s) ds = \int_0^t V_t(t, x, s) ds$   
 $\{ U_{tt}(t, x) = V_t(t, x, t) + \int_0^t V_{tt}(t, x, s) ds = f(t, x) + U_{xx}$

So for

①  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , we have:  $v(t, x, s) = \int_{\partial B(x, t-s)} f(s, y) (t-s) dy$

②  $\mathbb{R}$ , we have,  $v(t, x, s) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t+s}^{x+t-s} f(s, y) dy$ .

So far, you may ask, aha, what you just wrote is "the speed of the wave is 1". So how to deal with.

$\begin{cases} U_{tt} = a^2 \Delta U + f & \text{just let } v(t, x) = v(t, ax) \\ \approx . \end{cases}$

$\Rightarrow V_{tt}(t, x) = V_{tt}(t, ax) = a^2 \Delta v(t, ax) = \Delta v(t, x) + f(t, ax) \dots$

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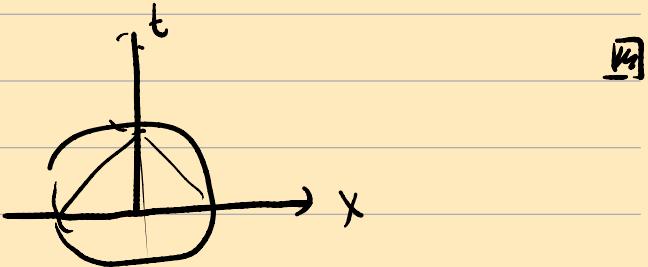
Now, we propose the energy estimate to prove that: the solution of the wave equation is unique.

The solution for  $\begin{cases} U_{tt} = \Delta U + f \\ U(0, x) = g \\ U_t(0, x) = h \end{cases}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is unique.

Proof: Only need to show, the  $C^2$  solution for  $f=g=h=0$  is only 0.

Consider the whole energy  $c(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_U |U_t|^2 + |\nabla U|^2 dx$  !!!

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{c}(t) &= \int_U U_t U_{tt} + \nabla U \cdot \nabla U_t dx \\ &= \int_U U_t \Delta U + \nabla U \cdot \nabla U_t dx \\ &= \int_U \frac{\partial U_t}{\partial n} \nabla U dx = 0 \text{ with } c(0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$



### Domain of dependence

Consider  $\square U = 0$ , and if  $U = U_t = 0$  in  $\{t=0\} \times B_{t_0}(x_0)$ ,  $U \in C^2 \Rightarrow U \equiv 0$  in the cone  $\{(t, x) \mid 0 \leq t \leq t_0, |x - x_0| \leq t_0 - t\}$

Proof: Consider the energy again, we have:

$$\text{Let } c(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{B_{t_0-t}(x_0)} |\nabla U|^2 + |U_t|^2 dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{t_0-t} \int_{\partial B(x_0, s)} |\nabla U|^2 + |U_t|^2 dS ds$$

$$(A) \quad \dot{c}(t) = \int_{B_{t_0-t}(x_0)} \nabla U \cdot \nabla U_t + U_t \cdot U_{tt} dx \xrightarrow{\Delta U}$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial B_{t_0-t}(x_0)} |\nabla U|^2 + |U_t|^2 dS$$

$$= \int_{\partial B_{t_0-t}(x_0)} \frac{\partial U}{\partial n} U_t dS - \downarrow \leq 0$$

You may ask, what happens when  $\square U = f$ .

Still consider  $e(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{B_{t_0-t}(x_0)} |U_t|^2 + |\nabla U|^2 dx$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{e}(t) &= \int_{B_{t_0-t}(x_0)} U_t U_{tt} + \nabla U \cdot \nabla U_t dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial B_{t_0-t}(x_0)} |U_t|^2 + |\nabla U|^2 dx \\ &\leq \int_{B_{t_0-t}(x_0)} U_t f \leq e(t) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{B_{t_0-t}(x_0)} f^2 dx\end{aligned}$$

Use Gronwall

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Before we end our Review, we propose the separation of variables for wave function in 1-dimension. (i.e. in  $(0, l)$ )

$$\begin{cases} U_{tt} = \Delta U + f \\ U(0, x) = g(x) \\ U_t(0, x) = h(x) \\ U(t, 0) = g_1(t) \\ U(t, l) = g_2(t) \end{cases}$$

Still, consider what we do in H2.

$$U(t, x) = \begin{cases} \frac{l-x}{l} g_1(t) \\ \frac{(l-x)^2}{2l} g_2(t) \end{cases} - \begin{cases} \frac{x}{l} g_1(t) \\ \frac{x^2}{2l} g_2(t) \end{cases} \text{ to let } g_1 = g_2 = 0$$

$$U_x(t, 0) = g_1(t) \quad U_x(t, l) = g_2(t)$$

Consider  $X_n(x) T_n(t)$  which solves the equation.

$$\frac{X_n''(x)}{X_n(x)} = \frac{T_n''(t)}{T_n(t)} = -\lambda, \quad X_n(0) = X_n(l) = 0 \quad (\text{S-L problem})$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} X_n''(x) + \lambda X_n(x) = 0 \\ X_n(0) = X_n(l) = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow X_n(x) = C \sin \sqrt{\lambda} x, \quad \sqrt{\lambda} l = n\pi \Rightarrow \lambda = \left(\frac{n\pi}{l}\right)^2$$

And  $X_n(x)$  forms an orthogonal basis in  $L^2(0, l)$ .

$$\begin{cases} f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(t) X_n(x) \\ g(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_n X_n(x) \\ h(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} h_n X_n(x) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} T_n''(t) + \lambda T_n(t) = f_n(t) \\ T_n(0) = g_n \\ T_n'(0) = h_n \end{cases}$$

(If you do odd extension, it corresponding with the wave solution's form above).

A special case for  $f_n(x)$  is  $f_n = A_n \sin \omega t$ , let  $\lambda = \pi^2$ .

$$\Rightarrow T_n''(t) + n^2 T_n(t) = A_n \sin \omega t.$$

From Duhamel's principle,

$$\begin{aligned} T_n(t) &= \int_0^t \left( \frac{\sin \omega s}{n} \right) \cdot A_n \sin \omega(t-s) ds \\ &= \int_0^t \frac{\sin \omega s}{n} A_n \sin \omega(t-s) ds + \text{homogeneous soln.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|U\|_{L^\infty} \rightarrow \infty \text{ if } |\omega| \geq n. \quad (\text{No maximum principle exists.})$$

