

## Wave equation.

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$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \quad (\text{Hyperbolic type}).$$

### Problem.

Solve the wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}; \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad t > 0 \quad (1)$$

$u(x, t)$  = displacement from its horizontal equilibrium position


subject to the initial conditions,

$$u(x, 0) = f(x), \quad u_t(x, 0) = g(x),$$

$$-\infty < x < \infty \quad \xrightarrow{(2)}$$

$$-\infty < x < \infty \quad \xrightarrow{(3)}$$

• Cauchy problem of wave equation.


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

Solution. Apply complex F. T. w.r. to  $x$  on both sides of (1),

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2} e^{i\omega x} dx = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial t^2} e^{i\omega x} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow (-i\omega)^2 U(\omega, t) = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} U(\omega, t) \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} U(\omega, t) \\ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x, t) e^{i\omega x} dx \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{d^2}{dt^2} U(\omega, t) + c^2 \omega^2 U(\omega, t) = 0.$$

$$U(\omega, t) = \cancel{A_1} A_1 \cos c\omega t + A_2 \sin c\omega t.$$

Now, apply Fourier transform on (2) & (3),

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u(x, 0) e^{i\omega x} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = F(\omega), \text{ say.}$$

$$\text{or, } U(\omega, 0) = F(\omega).$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(x,0) e^{i\omega x} d\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) e^{i\omega x} dx.$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dt} U(\omega, 0) = G(\omega), \text{ say.}$$

$$\begin{cases} U(\omega, t) = A_1^{(\omega)} \cos c\omega t + A_2^{(\omega)} \sin c\omega t \\ U(\omega, 0) = F(\omega), \quad \frac{d}{dt} U(\omega, 0) = G(\omega) \end{cases}$$

$$A_1 = F(\omega), \quad A_2 = \frac{G(\omega)}{c\omega}.$$

$$\therefore U(\omega, t) = F(\omega) \cos c\omega t + \frac{G(\omega)}{c\omega} \sin c\omega t.$$

$$u(x, t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[U(\omega, t)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} U(\omega, t) e^{-i\omega x} d\omega.$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ F(\omega) \cos c\omega t + \frac{G(\omega)}{c\omega} \sin c\omega t \right\} e^{-i\omega x} d\omega.$$

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) \cos c\omega t e^{-i\omega x} d\omega + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{G(\omega)}{c\omega} \sin c\omega t e^{-i\omega x} d\omega. \rightarrow (*)$$

$$\left( \frac{f(x+ct) + f(x-ct)}{2} + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} g(x) dx \right).$$

$$f(x) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[F(\omega)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{-i\omega x} d\omega$$

$$f(x-ct) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{-i\omega \cdot (x-ct)} d\omega$$

$$f(x+ct) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{-i\omega (x+ct)} d\omega$$

$$\therefore f(x-ct) + f(x+ct) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{-i\omega x} (e^{i\omega ct} + e^{-i\omega ct}) d\omega$$

$$\frac{f(x-ct) + f(x+ct)}{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(\omega) e^{-i\omega x} \cos \omega ct d\omega \rightarrow (\#1) //$$

Also,

$$g(x) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}[G(\omega)] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(\omega) e^{-i\omega x} d\omega$$

$$\int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} g(u) du = \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} du \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(\omega) e^{-i\omega u} d\omega \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(\omega) d\omega \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} e^{-i\omega u} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(\omega) d\omega \times \left[ \frac{e^{-i\omega u}}{-i\omega} \right]_{x-ct}^{x+ct}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{G(\omega) d\omega}{\omega} \times \frac{e^{-i\omega(x-ct)} - e^{-i\omega(x+ct)}}{-i}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{G(\omega) e^{-i\omega x}}{\omega} \times 2 \sin \omega ct d\omega$$



$$\therefore \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} g(u) du = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{G(\omega)}{c\omega} e^{-i\omega x} \sin c\omega t d\omega \quad \longrightarrow (\#2)$$

By virtue of (#1) & (#2), eqn. (\*) becomes.

$$u(x,t) = \frac{f(x-ct) + f(x+ct)}{2} + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} g(u) du.$$

→ D'Alembert's solution for the Cauchy problem of wave equation.

Ex 2. Solve:  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}; 0 < x < l, t > 0.$   $\longrightarrow (1)$

$$u(0, t) = u(l, t) = 0.$$

$$u(x, 0) = \lambda \sin \frac{\pi x}{l}, u_t(x, 0) = 0.$$

Apply. Laplace transform, on both sides of (1) w.r. to  $t$ .

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} e^{-st} dt = c^2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} e^{-st} dt.$$

$$\text{or, } s^2 \bar{u}(x, s) - su(x, 0) - u_t(x, 0) = c^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \bar{u}(x, s).$$

$$\text{or, } s^2 \bar{u}(x, s) - s \lambda \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} = c^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \bar{u}(x, s)$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \bar{u}(x, s) - \frac{s^2}{c^2} \bar{u}(x, s) = - \frac{s \lambda}{c^2} \sin \frac{\pi x}{l}.$$

$$\therefore \left(D^2 - \frac{s^2}{c^2}\right) \bar{u}(x, s) = -\frac{s\lambda}{c^2} \frac{\sin \frac{\pi x}{l}}{1} ; D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}$$

$$C.f = A_1 e^{\frac{s x}{c}} + A_2 e^{-\frac{s x}{c}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P.I &= \frac{1}{D^2 - \frac{s^2}{c^2}} \left( -\frac{s\lambda}{c^2} \frac{\sin \frac{\pi x}{l}}{1} \right) \left| \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{F(D^2)} \\ = \frac{1}{F(-a^2)} \end{array} \right. \frac{1}{F(D^2)} \sin ax \\ &= \frac{1}{-\frac{\pi^2}{l^2} - \frac{s^2}{c^2}} x - \frac{s\lambda}{c^2} \frac{\sin \frac{\pi x}{l}}{1} \left| \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{F(D^2)} \\ = \frac{1}{F(-a^2)} \end{array} \right. \sin ax \\ &= \frac{s\lambda l^2}{c^2 \pi^2 + s^2 l^2} \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \bar{u}(x, s) = C.f + P.I$$

$$= A_1 e^{\frac{s x}{c}} + A_2 e^{-\frac{s x}{c}} + \frac{s\lambda l^2}{c^2 \pi^2 + s^2 l^2} \frac{\sin \frac{\pi x}{l}}{1}$$

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad u(l, t) = 0.$$

Apply LT on the above conditions to get -

$$\bar{u}(0, s) = 0, \quad \bar{u}(l, s) = 0.$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} A_1 + A_2 &= 0 \\ A_1 e^{\frac{s l}{c}} + A_2 e^{-\frac{s l}{c}} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} &X = 0 \\ &X = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$|P| = e^{-\frac{s l}{c}} - e^{\frac{s l}{c}} \neq 0 \text{ identically } \therefore P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ e^{\frac{s l}{c}} & e^{-\frac{s l}{c}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A_1 = 0 = A_2$$

$$\therefore \bar{u}(x, s) = \frac{s \lambda l^2}{c^2 \pi^2 + s^2 l^2} \sin \frac{\pi x}{l}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}(t) \left[ \frac{s \lambda l^2}{c^2 \pi^2 + s^2 l^2} \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} \right] \\ &= \lambda l^2 \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left( \frac{s}{c^2 \pi^2 + s^2 l^2} \right) \\ &= \lambda \sin \left( \frac{\pi x}{l} \right) \cos \left( \frac{\pi c t}{l} \right) \quad \left| \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2} \right. \end{aligned}$$