

This PDE,  $\sum_{j=1}^n a_j(x, u(x)) \partial u / \partial x_j(x) = c(x, u(x))$ , is called **quasilinear** if the solution  $u$  appears in the coefficients  $a_j$  which multiply the partial derivatives of  $u$ . If  $u$  is not in  $a_j$ , but appears in  $c$  in a nonlinear way like  $c(x, u) = \gamma(x)u^2$  or  $c(x, u) = \gamma(x)e^u$ , the PDE is called **semilinear**. If  $u$  appears linearly in  $c$  like  $c(x, u) = \gamma(x)u$ , the PDE is called **homogeneous linear**. If  $u$  appears in  $c$  like  $c(x, u) = \gamma(x)u + \bar{\gamma}(x)$ , then the PDE is called **inhomogeneous linear**. The heat equation  $u_{tt} = cu_{xx} + f(x, t)$  is a linear **parabolic** PDE. The wave equation  $u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx} + f(x, t)$  is a linear **hyperbolic** PDE. The Poisson equation,  $\Delta u + f(x) = 0$ , is an **elliptic** PDE.  $\Delta u = u_{xx}$ . **3.1P** Let  $u$  be a solution of  $\sum_{j=1}^n a_j(x, u(x)) \partial_j u(x) = c(x, u(x))$  and let  $u, a_j$  and  $c$  be continuously differentiable. Let  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n, v : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a solution of the ODE system  $\xi_j' = a_j(\xi, v), j = 1, \dots, n, v' = c(\xi, v)$ , where  $\xi(t) = (\xi_1(t), \dots, \xi_n(t))$  and  $I$  some interval. Then  $v(t) = u(\xi(t))$  for all  $t \in I$ , if it holds for at least one  $t_0 \in I$ . **Example 3.4.** Find a solution  $u$  of two real variables  $x, y$  to  $u_{xx} + (x+y)u_y = u + 1, u(x, 0) = x^2$ . Solution. In the language used before, this is  $x_1 \partial_1 u + (x_1 + x_2) \partial_2 u = u + 1, u(x_1, 0) = x_1^2$ , a nonhomogeneous linear PDE. We identify the hypersurface  $S = \{(x, 0); x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ . So  $S = g(\mathbb{R})$  with  $g(z) = (z, 0)$ . We further identify  $u_0(z, 0) = z^2, z \in \mathbb{R}$ . The characteristic system is  $\partial_t \xi_1 = \xi_1, \partial_t \xi_2 = \xi_1 + \xi_2, \partial_t v = v + 1$ , with the initial conditions  $\xi_1(z, 0) = z, \xi_2(z, 0) = 0, v(z, 0) = z^2$ . We integrate the equation for  $\xi_1, \xi_1(z, t) = ze^t$ . We substitute this into the differential equation for  $\xi_2, \partial_t \xi_2 = ze^t + \xi_2$ . Recall the variation of constants formula or use an integrating factor. Since  $\xi_2(z, 0) = 0, \xi_2(z, t) = \int_0^t ze^s e^{t-s} ds = tze^t$ . By the same token,  $v(z, t) = v(z, 0)e^t + \int_0^t e^s ds = z^2 e^t + e^t - 1$ , or set  $w = v + 1, \partial_t w = w, w(z, 0) = z^2 + 1, w(z, t) = (z^2 + 1)e^t, v(z, t) = (z^2 + 1)e^t - 1$ . In order to find  $u$  with  $v(z, t) = u(\xi(z, t))$  (3.10), we solve  $x = \xi_1 = ze^t, y = \xi_2 = tze^t$  for  $z$  and  $t$ , with  $x, y$  being given, Notice that  $y/x = t$  and so  $z = xe^{-t} = xe^{-y/x}$ . By (3.10),  $u(x, y) = v(z, t) = (xe^{-y/x})^2 e^{y/x} + e^{y/x} - 1 = x^2 e^{-y/x} + e^{y/x} - 1$ . It is readily checked that  $u$  solves our Cauchy problem for  $x \neq 0$ . **3.5T** Let  $S = g(\Omega)$  be a hypersurface in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n, v$  be a solution of the characteristic system (ODE)  $\{\partial_t \xi_j = a_j(\xi, v), j = 1, \dots, n, \partial_t v = c(\xi, v)\}$  on  $V \times I$ , (IC)  $\{\xi(z, 0) = g(z), v(z, 0) = u_0(g(z))\} z \in V$ , where  $V$  is an open subset of  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$  and  $I$  an open interval containing 0. Suppose that  $v$  is differentiable on  $V \times I$  and that there exists some open set  $U$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)$  is one-to-one and onto from  $V \times I$  to  $U, U \cap S = g(V)$ , and that the inverse  $\xi^{-1}$  is differentiable on  $U$ . Then the function  $u : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $u(x) = v(\xi^{-1}(x)), x \in U$ , is a solution of  $\sum_{j=1}^n a_j(x, u) \partial_j u = c(x, u), x \in U, u(x) = u_0(x), x \in U \cap S$ . If  $c, a, \dots, a_n$  are partially differentiable in all variables and these partial derivatives are continuous, then  $u$  is the unique solution. **3.7T** Let  $S = g(\Omega)$  be a hypersurface in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $g : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , and  $u_0 : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $\check{z} \in \Omega$  and  $\check{x} = g(\check{z})$ . Assume that  $g$  and  $u_0 \circ g$  are continuously differentiable in an open neighborhood of  $\check{z}$  contained in  $\Omega$ . Further let  $a_1, \dots, a_n, c$  be defined and continuously differentiable in an open neighborhood of  $(\check{x}, u_0(\check{x}))$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ . Finally let  $\det(g'(\check{z}), a(\check{x}, u_0(\check{x}))) \neq 0$  with  $g'(z) = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_1 g_1(z) & \dots & \partial_{n-1} g_1(z) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \partial_1 g_n(z) & \dots & \partial_{n-1} g_n(z) \end{pmatrix}$  and  $a(x, v) = \begin{pmatrix} a_1(x, v) \\ \vdots \\ a_n(x, v) \end{pmatrix}$ . Then there exists an open neighborhood  $U$  of  $\check{x}$  and a uniquely determined function  $u : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\sum_{j=1}^n a_j(x, u) \partial_j u = c(x, u), x \in U, u(x) = u_0(x), x \in U \cap S$ . We call the determinant in this theorem the characteristic determinant. **Eq (3.17)** (PDE)  $\partial u / \partial t + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} b_j(t, u) \partial u / \partial y_j = \gamma u, y \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}, t > 0$  (IC)  $u(y, 0) = u_0(y), y \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ . **3.11T** Let  $b : \mathbb{R} \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous and have continuous partial derivatives  $b_{u_i}$ . Further let  $u_0$  be continuously differentiable. Assume that  $T > 0$  and  $\zeta(z, t) \rightarrow \pm\infty, z \rightarrow \pm\infty, t \in [0, T)$ , and  $\zeta_z(z, t) > 0$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $t \in [0, T)$ . Then the Cauchy problem (3.17) has a unique solution on  $\mathbb{R} \times [0, T)$ . The solution  $u$  satisfies  $u(\zeta(z, t), t) = u_0(z)e^{\gamma t}, z \in \mathbb{R}, t \in [0, T)$ . *Proof.* It follows from the preceding considerations that, for fixed  $t \in [0, T)$ , the function  $\zeta(\cdot, t)$  is bijective from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . So there exists a function  $\phi : \mathbb{R} \times [0, T) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\zeta(\phi(z, t), t) = z, \phi(\zeta(z, t), t) = z, z \in \mathbb{R}, t \in [0, T)$ . It follows from our assumptions that  $\zeta$  is continuously differentiable. By the implicit function theorem,  $\phi$  is continuously differentiable. Define  $u(y, t) = v(\phi(y, t), t)$ . By Theorem 3.5, with  $\xi(z, t) = (\zeta(z, t), t)$  and  $\xi^{-1}(y, t) = (\phi(y, t), t)$ ,  $u$  is differentiable and satisfies (3.17) on  $\mathbb{R} \times [0, T)$ . **3.12C** Let  $b : \mathbb{R} \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous and have continuous partial derivatives  $b_u$  and let  $u_0 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuously differentiable. Assume that  $b_u \geq 0$  on  $\mathbb{R} \times [0, T)$  and  $u_0' \geq 0$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  (or  $b_u \leq 0$  and  $u_0' \leq 0$ ). Then there exists a unique solution to (3.17) on  $\mathbb{R} \times [0, \infty)$ . **d'Alembert's solution**  $u(x, t) = (1/2)(f(x+ct) + f(x-ct)) + (1/c) \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} g(y) dy$ . *Proof.* Let  $z \geq 0$ . Then  $b(s, u)$  is an increasing function of  $u$  and  $u_0$  is an increasing function and, by (3.20),  $\zeta(z, t) \geq z + \int_0^t b(s, u_0(0)e^{\gamma s}) ds \rightarrow \infty, z \rightarrow \infty$ . Let  $z \leq 0$ . Then by the same token,  $\zeta(z, t) \leq z + \int_0^t b(s, u_0(0)e^{\gamma s}) ds \rightarrow -\infty, z \rightarrow -\infty$ . Further, by (3.23),  $\zeta_z(z, t) \geq 1$ . The statement now follows from Theorem 3.11. **3.13L** The extended  $f$  is  $2L$ -periodic and odd around 0 and  $L$ . *Proof.* By construction,  $f$  is  $2L$ -periodic. Indeed, let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $x = y + 2kL$  with  $-L \leq y \leq L$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . By the extension,  $f(x + 2L) = f(y + 2(k+1)L) = f(y) = f(y + 2kL) = f(x)$ . Further  $f(-x) = f(-y - 2kL) = f(-y) = -f(y) = -f(x)$ . So  $f$  is odd around 0.

$f$  is also odd around  $L$ , i.e.  $f(L+x) = -f(L-x), x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Indeed, since  $f$  is odd about 0 and  $2L$ -periodic,  $f(L+x) = -f(-L-x) = -f(L-x)$ . **3.14T** Let  $f, g : [0, L] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Extend  $f$  and  $g$  in an odd and  $2L$ -periodic fashion. Then the d'Alembert formula provides a solution of the vibrating string equations provided that  $f$  is twice differentiable,  $g$  is once differentiable, and  $f(0) = 0 = f(L), f''(0) = 0 = f''(L), g(0) = 0 = g(L)$ . **Proof.** As we mentioned before, the conditions for  $f$  and  $g$  imply that their extensions to  $\mathbb{R}$  are twice and once differentiable, respectively. So the d'Alembert formula provides a solution to the PDE and the initial conditions. We check the boundary condition at  $L, u(L, t) = (1/2)(f(L+ct) + f(L-ct)) + (1/2c) \int_{L-ct}^{L+ct} g(s) ds$ . Since  $f$  is odd around  $L$ , let  $s = r + L, u(L, t) = (1/2c) \int_{-ct}^{ct} g(L+r) dr = (1/2c) \int_0^{ct} g(L+s) + g(L-s) ds$  after splitting the integral at 0 and changing of variables. Since  $g$  is odd around  $L, u(x, t) = 0$ . The boundary condition at  $x = 0$  is checked similarly  $\square$  **Inhomogeneous wave equation**  $u(x, t) = (1/2c) \int_0^{(x+c(t-s))} \phi(\rho, s) d\rho ds$ . **Leibniz rule**  $d/dx \int_{g(x)}^{h(x)} f(t) dt = f(h(x))h'(x) - f(g(x))g'(x)$  **Int by parts**  $\int u dv = uv - \int v du$  **E3.1.1** (a) Let  $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable. Show: The function  $u : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $u(x, y) = f(x^2 + y^2)$  satisfies the PDE  $yu_x - xu_y = 0$ . (b) Assume that a differentiable function  $u : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies the PDE  $yu_x - xu_y = 0$ . Show:  $u(x, y) = f(x^2 + y^2)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  with some function  $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Hint: Consider  $w(z, t) = u(z \cos t, z \sin t)$ . *Proof.* (a) Define  $u(x, y) = f(x^2 + y^2)$  for  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $yu_x - xu_y = y2xf' - x2yf' = 0$ . So  $u$  is a solution of the PDE. (b) Let  $u$  be a solution of the PDE. Set  $w(z, t) = u(z \cos t, z \sin t)$ . Then  $\partial_t w(z, t) = u_x(z \cos t, z \sin t)(-z \sin t) + u_y(z \cos t, z \sin t)(z \cos t) = 0$ . So  $w(z, t) = f(z)$  with an appropriate function  $f$  and  $u(z \cos t, z \sin t) = f(z)$ . If  $x = z \cos t$  and  $y = z \sin t$ , then  $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$ . So  $u(x, y) = \tilde{f}(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}) = f(x^2 + y^2)$  with  $f(r) = \tilde{f}(\sqrt{r})$ . **E3.1.2** Solve the Cauchy problem  $-yu_x + xu_y = 0, u(x, x^2) = x^3$ . **Solution.** The curve  $y = x^2$  is parameterized by  $g(z) = (z, z^2)'$ . The characteristic equations are  $\partial_r \xi_1 = -\xi_2, \xi_1(z, 0) = z, \partial_r \xi_2 = \xi_1, \xi_2(z, 0) = z^2, \partial_r v = 0, v(z, 0) = z^3$ . We solve the last equation to get  $v = c$  and initial conditions gives  $v = z^3$ . We look at the first two equations,  $\partial_r^2 \xi_1 = -\xi_1$ . The general solution of this linear second order PDE is  $\xi_1(z, r) = c_1 \cos r + c_2 \sin r$ . Using initial conditions we get  $\xi_1(z, 0) = z = c_1 \cos(0) + c_2 \sin(0) = c_1 \implies c_1 = z, \partial_r \xi_1(z, r) = -z \sin r + c_2 \cos r = -\xi_2$  and  $\xi_2(z, 0) = z^2$  so  $-z \sin(0) + c_2 \cos(0) = -z^2 \implies c_2 = -z^2$ . So we solve  $x = z \cos r - z^2 \sin r, y = z \sin r + z^2 \cos r$ . We try  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2 \cos^2 r - 2z^3 \cos r \sin r + z^4 \sin^2 r + z^2 \sin^2 r + 2z^3 \cos r \sin r + z^4 \cos^2 r = z^2 + z^4$ . So  $z^4 + z^2 - (x^2 + y^2) = 0$ . Notice that this is a quadratic equation in  $z^2$  so  $z^2 = (-1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 4(x^2 + y^2)})/2 \implies z = \sqrt{(-1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 4(x^2 + y^2)})/2}$  which gives  $v = ((-1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 4(x^2 + y^2)})/2)^{3/2}$ . We check initial conditions for the sign.  $((-1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 4x^2 + 4x^4})/2)^{3/2} = ((-1 \pm \sqrt{(2x^2 + 1)(2x^2 + 1)})/2)^{3/2} = ((-1 \pm (2x^2 + 1))/2)^{3/2}$ . We take the positive to get  $(x^2)^{3/2} = x^3$  so  $u(x, y) = ((-1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 4(x^2 + y^2)})/2)^{3/2}$ . **E3.1.5** Solve  $-x_2 \partial_1 u + x_1 \partial_2 u = u$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2, u(x_1, 0) = u_0(x_1^2), x_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Answer:  $u = u_0(x_1^2 + x_2^2) \exp(\arctan(x_2/x_1))$ . **Solution.** The hypersurface (in this case a curve) is parameterized by  $g(z) = (z, 0)$ . The equations for the characteristic curves are  $\partial_r \xi_1 = -\xi_2, \xi_1(z, 0) = z, \partial_r \xi_2 = \xi_1, \xi_2(z, 0) = 0, \partial_r v = v, v(z, 0) = u_0(z^2)$ . Hence  $\partial_r^2 \xi_1 = -\xi_1, \xi_1(z, 0) = z, \partial_r \xi_1(z, 0) = 0$ . The general solution of this linear second order ODE is  $\xi_1(z, r) = c_1(z) \cos(r) + c_2(z) \sin(r)$ . Using the initial conditions we find,  $\xi_1(z, r) = z \cos r$ , and  $\xi_2(z, r) = -\partial_r \xi_1(z, r) = z \sin r$ . Finally  $v(z, r) = u_0(z^2)e^r$ . From  $x_1 = z \cos r, x_2 = z \sin r$  we have  $z^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2, x_2/x_1 = \tan r$ . This implies the above answer. **E3.1.7** Determine the solution of  $u = u(y, t)$  of  $yu_y + uu_t = t, y, t \in \mathbb{R}, u(y, 0) = 1, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . **Solution.** Characteristic curves are  $\partial_r \xi_1 = \xi_1, \xi_1(z, 0) = z, \partial_r \xi_2 = v, \xi_2(z, 0) = 0, \partial_r v = \xi_2, v(z, 0) = 1$ . We solve the first equation,  $\xi_1 = c_1 e^r$  with initial conditions we have  $\xi_1 = ze^r$ . The general solution of the second two equations is  $\xi_2 = c_1 \cosh r + c_2 \sinh r, v = -c_1 \sinh r + c_2 \cosh r$ . When we apply the initial conditions we get  $\xi_2 = \sinh r, v = \cosh r$ . Now we solve  $y = ze^r$  and  $t = \sinh r$ . We apply identities to get  $2x_2 = e^r - e^{-r}$ . We multiply through by  $e^r$  and rearrange to get  $(e^r)^2 - 2x_2(e^r) - 1 = 0$ . This is a quadratic equation in  $e^r$  so we get  $e^r = (1/2)2t \pm \sqrt{4t^2 - 4(1)(-1)} = t \pm \sqrt{t^2 + 1}$ .  $u(y, t) = v(z, r) = \cosh r = (1/2)(e^r + e^{-r}) = (1/2)(t \pm \sqrt{t^2 + 1} + (t \pm \sqrt{t^2 + 1})^{-1})$ . We check the initial condition and see that we have  $u(y, t) = (1/2)(t + \sqrt{t^2 + 1} + (t + \sqrt{t^2 + 1})^{-1})$  which simplifies to  $\sqrt{t^2 + 1}$ . **E3.1.X** Solve  $-x_2 \partial_1 u + x_1 \partial_2 u = u$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2, u(z, z) = v_0(z^2), z \in \mathbb{R}$ , with  $v_0 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . **Solution.** The hypersurface (in this case a curve) is parameterized by  $g(z) = (z, z)$ . The equations for the characteristic curves are  $\partial_r \xi_1 = -\xi_2, \xi_1(z, 0) = z, \partial_r \xi_2 = \xi_1, \xi_2(z, 0) = z, \partial_r v = v, v(z, 0) = v_0(z^2)$ . Hence  $\partial_r^2 \xi_1 = -\xi_1, \xi_1(z, 0) = z, \partial_r \xi_1(z, 0) = 0$ . The general solution of this linear second order ODE is  $\xi_1(z, r) = c_1(z) \cos(r) + c_2(z) \sin(r)$  and  $\xi_2(z, r) = -\partial_r \xi_1(z, r) = c_1 \sin(r) - c_2 \cos(r)$ . Finally  $v(z, r) = v_0(z^2)e^r$ . From the initial conditions,  $z = c_1(z), c_2(z) = -z$ . So  $\xi_1(z, r) = z(\cos r - \sin r), \xi_2(z, r) = z(\cos r + \sin r)$ . From the differential equations and initial conditions for  $\xi$ , we find  $\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 = 2z^2$ . To find the inverse of  $\xi$ , we solve  $x_1 = z(\cos r - \sin r), x_2 = z(\cos r + \sin r)$ . We already know  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 = 2z^2$ . Further  $x_1 + x_2 = 2z \cos r, x_2 - x_1 = 2z \sin r$ , and so  $\tan r = (x_2 - x_1)/(x_2 + x_1)$ . We obtain  $u(x_1, x_2) = v_0((1/2)(x_1^2 + x_2^2)) \exp(\arctan((x_2 - x_1)/(x_2 + x_1)))$ . **E3.1.10** Solve  $\sum_{j=1}^n x_j^2 \partial_j u = \alpha u, u(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, b) = v_0(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}), x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in \mathbb{R}$

$\mathbb{R}$ , where  $v_0 : \mathbb{R}^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a given function and  $b > 0$  and  $\alpha$  are given real numbers. Where is the solution defined? Determine the characteristic determinant and ponder whether there is a connection between your result and where the solution is defined. **Solution.** The equations for the characteristic curves take the form  $\partial_t \xi_j(z, t) = \xi_j^2(z, t), \xi_j(z, 0) = z_j, j = 1, \dots, n-1, \xi_n(z, 0) = b, \partial_t v(z, t) = \alpha v(z, t), v(z, 0) = u_0(z)$ . The equations are solved by  $\xi_j(z, t) = 1/((1/z_j) - t), z_j \neq 0, \xi_j(z, t) = 0, z_j = 0, j = 1, \dots, n-1, \xi_n(z, t) = 1/((1/b) - t), v(z, t) = u_0(z)e^{\alpha t}$ . In order to find the inverse function of  $\xi$ , we solve the system  $x_j = 1/((1/z_j) - t), j = 1, \dots, n-1, x_n = 1/((1/b) - t)$ . Hence  $t = (1/b) - (1/x_n)$  and  $z_j = 1/((1/x_j) + t) = 1/((1/x_j) - (1/x_n) + (1/b)) = x_j/(1 - (x_j/x_n) + (x_j/b))$ . Notice that the last expression gives us  $z_j = 0$  iff  $x_j = 0$ . As  $u(x) = v(z, t)$  we obtain  $u(x) = u_0((x_j/(1 - (x_j/x_n) + (x_j/b)))_{1 \leq j \leq n-1}) \exp((\alpha/b) - (\alpha/x_n))$ . Since the initial condition is posed at  $x_n = b > 0$  and  $x_n \neq 0$  to make the solution defined, we impose  $x_n > 0$  on the domain of definition. Further, if  $x_n \neq b$ , we require  $x_j \neq (x_n b)/(b - x_n), j = 1, \dots, n-1$ .  $\square$  **E3.1.12** Solve  $(y+x)u_x + (y-x)u_y = u, u = 1$  on the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ . **Proof.** The characteristic system is (for the time being we ignore the initial conditions)  $\partial_t \xi_1 = \xi_1 + \xi_2, \partial_t \xi_2 = -\xi_1 + \xi_2, \partial_t v = v$ . The first two equations form a linear subsystem with matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . We solve the characteristic equation  $0 = [(1-\lambda) \ 1; -1 \ (1-\lambda)] = (\lambda-1)^2 + 1$ . The solutions of the characteristic equation are  $\lambda = 1 \pm i$ . So  $\xi_1$  is of the form  $\xi_1(z, t) = e^t(c_1(z) \cos t + c_2(z) \sin t)$ . Since  $\xi_2 = \partial_t \xi_1 - \xi_1, \xi_2(z, t) = e^t(-c_1(z) \sin t + c_2(z) \cos t)$ . We parameterize the initial surface by  $[\cos z; \sin z] = g(z) = \xi(z, 0)$ . This yields  $c_1(z) = \cos z, c_2(z) = \sin z$  and  $\xi_1(z, t) = e^t(\cos z \cos t + \sin z \sin t) = e^t \cos(z-t), \xi_2(z, t) = e^t(-\cos z \sin t + \sin z \cos t) = e^t \sin(z-t)$ . For  $v$  we obtain,  $v(z, t) = e^t$ . To find  $u$ , we solve  $x = e^t \cos(z-t), y = e^t \sin(z-t)$ . This yields  $x^2 + y^2 = (e^t)^2$ . So  $u(x, y) = \pm \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ . Because  $u = 1$  on the circle with radius 1,  $u(x, y) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ . **E3.1.14** Solve  $\partial_1 u + u \partial_2 u = 0, u(x_1, x_2) = \gamma$  on the line  $x_1 = x_2$ . For which  $\gamma$  can you solve the problem? Determine the characteristic determinant and ponder whether there is a connection. **Proof.** By inspection,  $u(x_1, x_2) = \gamma$  for all  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  is a solution. To check whether this is the only solution, we solve the characteristic system  $\partial_t \xi_1(z, t) = 1, \xi_1(z, t) = z, \partial_t \xi_2(z, t) = v, \xi_2(z, t) = z, \partial_t v(z, t) = 0, v(z, 0) = \gamma$ . So  $\xi_1(z, t) = t + z, v(z, t) = \gamma, \xi_2(z, t) = \gamma t + z$ . The same proof as for Proposition 3.1 shows that  $u(\xi(z, t)) = v(z, t) = \gamma$ . So any solution only takes the value  $\gamma$ . The characteristic determinant is given by  $[1 \ 1; 1 \ \gamma] = \gamma - 1$ . While we cannot invert  $\xi$  if  $\gamma = 1$ , in this case a zero characteristic determinant does not indicate that there is a problem with existence or uniqueness.  $\square$ . **E3.1.15** Determine all solutions  $u = u(x_1, x_2)$  of  $(1-u)\partial_{x_1} u + (1+u)\partial_{x_2} u = 1, x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}, u(x_1, x_2) = 0, x_1 = x_2$ . Where are the solutions defined? Interpret your results in the light of the general local existence theorem. **Proof.** We identify  $g(z) = (z, z), z \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $u_0(z, z) = 0$ . The characteristic system is  $\partial_t \xi_1 = 1 - v, \xi_1(z, 0) = z, \partial_t \xi_2 = 1 + v, \xi_2(z, 0) = z, \partial_t v = 1, v(z, 0) = 0$ . We solve the equation for  $v$  and get  $v = t + c_v$ . With initial conditions this gives us  $v = t$ . We put this into the equations for  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$  to get  $\partial_t \xi_1 = 1 - t \implies \xi_1 = c_1 + t - t^2/2, \partial_t \xi_2 = 1 + t \implies \xi_2 = c_2 + t + t^2/2$ . When we add the initial conditions we get  $\xi_1 = z + t - t^2/2$ , and  $\xi_2 = z + t + t^2/2$ . To find  $u$  we solve  $x_1 = z + t - t^2/2$  and  $x_2 = z + t + t^2/2, x_2 - x_1 = t^2 \implies t = \pm \sqrt{x_2 - x_1}$ . From our equation above we have that  $v = t$  and so  $u(x) = \pm \sqrt{x_2 - x_1}$ . These solutions are only defined where  $x_2 \geq x_1$ . In the light of the general local existence theorem we find the determinant of the characteristic matrix.  $\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 - u; 1 & 1 + u \end{bmatrix} = 1 + u - (1 - u) = 2u$ . Since  $u(x_1, x_2) = 0$  when  $x_1 = x_2$ , this equals zero when  $x_1 = x_2$ . So the assumptions of the general local existence theorem are not met and therefore we can have two solutions. **E3.2.1.** Consider the Cauchy problem  $\partial_t u + b(t, u)\partial_y u = -\alpha u, t > 0, y \in \mathbb{R}, u(y, 0) = u_0(y)$  with  $\alpha > 0$ . Assume the following properties for the given functions  $b : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, u_0 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : b, u_0$  are continuously differentiable,  $|b_u(t, u)| \leq c_1, |u'_0(y)| \leq c_2$  for all  $y, t, u \in \mathbb{R}$  where  $c_1, c_2$  are positive constants satisfying  $c_1 c_2 \leq \alpha$ . Show: There exists a solution  $u = u(y, t)$  which is defined for all  $t \geq 0, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . **Solution.** This is a great candidate for Theorem 3.11. We have  $\zeta(z, t) = z + \int_0^t b(s, u_0(z)e^{-\alpha s})ds$ , and  $\zeta_z(z, t) = 1 + u'_0(z) \int_0^t b_u(s, u_0(z)e^{-\alpha s})e^{-\alpha s}ds$ . Now we apply the properties of absolute value to get  $\zeta_z(z, t) \geq 1 - |u'_0(z)| \int_0^t |b_u(s, u_0(z)e^{-\alpha s})|e^{-\alpha s}ds$ . Now we apply the given assumptions and do some manipulation  $\zeta_z(z, t) \geq 1 - c_1 c_2 \int_0^t e^{-\alpha s}ds = 1 - (c_1 c_2)/\alpha(1 - e^{-\alpha t}) = 1 - (c_1 c_2)/\alpha + (c_1 c_2)/\alpha e^{-\alpha t}$ . And so by our assumption that  $c_1 c_2 \leq \alpha$  we have that  $\zeta_z(z, t) > (c_1 c_2)/\alpha e^{-\alpha t} \geq e^{-\alpha t} > 0$ , for  $z \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $t \geq 0$ . Now we use the mean value theorem. For  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ , with some  $\tilde{z}$  between 0 and  $z, \zeta(z, t) = \zeta(0, t) + z\zeta_z(\tilde{z}, t)$ . And so for  $z > 0$ , we have that  $\zeta(z, t) \geq \zeta(0, t) + ze^{-\alpha t}$ . Therefore  $\zeta(z, t) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $z \rightarrow \infty$ . Moreover, for  $z < 0, \zeta(z, t) \leq \zeta(0, t) + ze^{-\alpha t}$ . Therefore  $\zeta(z, t) \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $z \rightarrow -\infty$ . And so by Theorem 3.11, there exists a solution  $u = u(y, t)$  which is defined for all  $t \geq 0, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $\square$ . **E3.2.2** Consider the Cauchy problem  $\partial_t u + \cos(wt)u\partial_x u = 0, u(x, 0) = u_0(x)$ . Assume that  $u_0$  is continuously differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\sup_x |u'_0(x)| \leq M$  for some  $M > 0$ . (a) Show that the solution exists for all  $t \geq 0$  provided that  $w$  is large enough. (b) What can be done if  $w$  is not sufficiently large? **Solution.** In order to apply Theorem 3.11, we identify  $b(t, u) = \cos(wt)u, u_0(y) = f(y)$ . By

(3.20)  $\zeta(z, t) = z + \int_0^t \cos(ws)u_0(z)ds = z + (1/w)\sin(wt)u_0(z)$ . Further  $\zeta_z(z, t) = 1 + u'_0(z) \int_0^t \cos(ws)ds = 1 + (u'_0(z)/w)\sin(wt)$ . (a)  $\zeta_z(z, t) \geq 1 - (|u'_0(z)|/w)|\sin(wt)| \geq 1 - (M/w)$ . Choose  $w > M$ . Then  $\zeta_z(z, t) > 0$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{R}, t \geq 0$ . Let  $t \geq 0, z \in \mathbb{R}$ . By the mean value theorem  $\zeta(z, t) = \zeta(0, t) + z\zeta_z(\tilde{z}, t)$  with some  $\tilde{z}$  between 0 and  $z$  (which depends on  $z$  and  $t$ ). If  $z \geq 0, \zeta(z, 0) \geq \zeta(0, 0) + z(1 - (M/w)) \rightarrow \infty, z \rightarrow \infty$ . If  $z \leq 0, \zeta(z, 0) \leq \zeta(0, 0) + z(1 - (M/w)) \rightarrow -\infty, z \rightarrow -\infty$ . So, by Theorem 3.11, there exists a solution  $u$  on  $\mathbb{R} \times [0, \infty)$ . (b) Alternatively, by (3.20),  $\zeta_z(z, t) = 1 + u'_0(z) \int_0^t \cos(ws)ds \geq 1 - Mt$ . Choose  $T = 1/M$ . Then  $\zeta_z(z, t) > 0$  for all  $t \in [0, T]$ . Similarly as in (a),  $\zeta(z, t) \rightarrow \pm \infty$  as  $z \rightarrow \pm \infty$ . By Theorem 3.11, there exists a unique solution  $u$  on  $\mathbb{R} \times [0, 1/M]$ .  $\square$  **E3.3.2** Solve the wave equation  $\partial_t^2 u - c^2 \partial_x^2 u = 0, x, t \in \mathbb{R}, u(x, 0) = f(x), u(cx, x) = g(x), x \in \mathbb{R}$  where  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . State appropriate assumptions for  $f$  and  $g$  such that you really have a solution. **Proof.** The general solution for this wave equation is  $u(x, t) = F(x+ct) + G(x-ct)$ .  $F$  and  $G$  are to be determined from the initial and diagonal data,  $f(x) = u(x, 0) = F(x) + G(x), g(x) = u(cx, x) = F(2cx) + G(0)$ . Replacing  $2cx$  by  $x$  in the second equation,  $f(x) = F(x) + G(x), g(x/(2c)) = F(x) + G(0)$ . We subtract the equations,  $f(x) - g(x/(2c)) = G(x) - G(0)$ . We substitute this result into the first equation and rearrange,  $F(x) = f(x) - G(x) = g(x/(2c)) - G(0)$ . We substitute this into the general solution,  $u(x, t) = g((x+ct)/(2c)) - g((x-ct)/(2c)) + f(x-ct)$ . For  $u$  to be twice differentiable, we need  $f$  and  $g$  to be twice differentiable.  $u$  satisfies the diagonal condition iff  $f(0) = g(0)$ .  $\square$  **E3.3.6** Let  $u$  be a solution of the wave equation  $(\partial_t^2 - c^2 \partial_x^2)u(x, t) = 0$ . Show the “parallelogram rule”  $u(A) + u(C) = u(B) + u(D)$  where  $A, B, C$ , and  $D$  are arbitrary points of the form  $C = (x, t), D = (x+cr, t+r), B = (x-cs, t+s), A = (x+cr-cs, t+r+s)$ . Why is this formula called this way? **Proof.** Substitute in for the points  $u(x+cr-cs, t+r+s) + u(x, t) = u(x-cs, t+s) + u(x+cr, t+r)$  Set  $u(x, t) = F(x+ct) + G(x-ct)$ . Then  $F(x+cr-cs+ct+cr+cs) + G(x+cr-cs-ct-cr-cs) + F(x+ct) + G(x-ct) = F(x-cs+ct+cs) + G(x-cs-ct-cs) + F(x+cr+ct+cr) + G(x+cr-ct-cr) \implies F(x+2cr+ct) + G(x-2cs-ct) + F(x+ct) + G(x-ct) = F(x+ct) + G(x-2cs-ct) + F(x+2cr+ct) + G(x-ct)$  which are indeed equal. The slopes of the sides are  $BC = (x-cs-x)/(t+s-t) = (-cs)/s = -c$ , and  $AD = (x+cr-x-cs-x-cr)/(t+r+s-t-r) = (-cs)/s = -c$  and so  $BC$  and  $AD$  are parallel lines.  $CD = (x-x-cr)/(t-t-r) = (-cr)/(-r) = c$  and  $BA = (x-cs-x-cr+cs)/(t+s-t-r-s) = (-cr)/(-r) = c$  and so  $CD$  and  $BA$  are parallel lines. The slopes of adjacent lines are the additive inverse of each other.  $\square$  **E3.3.9** Let  $u$  solve  $(\partial_t^2 - c^2 \partial_x^2)u(x, t) = \phi(x, t), x, t \in \mathbb{R}, u(x, 0) = 0, x \in \mathbb{R}, \partial_t u(x, 0) = 0, x \in \mathbb{R}$ . And  $\tilde{u}$  solve  $(\partial_t^2 - c^2 \partial_x^2)\tilde{u}(x, t) = \phi(x, t), x, t \in \mathbb{R}, \tilde{u}(x, 0) = f(x), x \in \mathbb{R}, \partial_t \tilde{u}(x, 0) = g(x), x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that  $U = u + \tilde{u}$  solves  $(\partial_t^2 - c^2 \partial_x^2)U(x, t) = \phi(x, t), x, t \in \mathbb{R}, U(x, 0) = f(x), x \in \mathbb{R}, \partial_t U(x, 0) = g(x), x \in \mathbb{R}$ . This is a special case of the so-called principle of superposition. It works here because the problem is linear. **Solution.** By assumption  $U(x, t) = u(x, t) + \tilde{u}(x, t)$ . We differentiate with respect to  $t$  to get  $\partial_t U(x, t) = \partial_t u(x, t) + \partial_t \tilde{u}(x, t)$ . It follows that  $\partial_t U(x, 0) = \partial_t u(x, 0) + \partial_t \tilde{u}(x, 0)$ . We rearrange the equations for  $u$  and  $\tilde{u}$  to get  $\partial_t^2 u(x, t) - c^2 \partial_x^2 u(x, t) = \phi(x, t), u(x, 0) = 0, \partial_t u(x, 0) = 0, \partial_t^2 \tilde{u}(x, t) - c^2 \partial_x^2 \tilde{u}(x, t) = \phi(x, t), \tilde{u}(x, 0) = f(x), \partial_t \tilde{u}(x, 0) = g(x)$ . We add these two sets of equations to get  $\partial_t^2 (u(x, t) + \tilde{u}(x, t)) - c^2 \partial_x^2 (u(x, t) + \tilde{u}(x, t)) = \phi(x, t), u(x, 0) + \tilde{u}(x, 0) = f(x), \partial_t u(x, 0) + \partial_t \tilde{u}(x, 0) = g(x)$ . And we get  $\partial_t^2 (U(x, t)) - c^2 \partial_x^2 (U(x, t)) = \phi(x, t), U(x, 0) = f(x), \partial_t U(x, 0) = g(x)$ .  $\square$  **Extensions** Extend odd if boundary condition in  $u$ . Extend even if boundary condition in  $u_x$  or  $u_t$ . **Identities**  $2 \cos x = (e^{ix} + e^{-ix}), 2i \sin x = (e^{ix} - e^{-ix}), 2 \cosh x = (e^x + e^{-x}), 2 \sinh x = (e^x - e^{-x}), \cosh^2 x - \sinh^2 x = 1$ . **Sum and Difference Formula**  $\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B, \cos(A \mp B) = \cos A \cos B \pm \sin A \sin B, \tan(A \pm B) = (\tan A \pm \tan B)/(1 \mp \tan A \tan B)$ . **Double Angle Formula**  $\sin(2A) = 2 \sin A \cos A, \cos(2A) = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A = 2 \cos^2 A - 1 = 1 - 2 \sin^2 A, \tan(2A) = (2 \tan A)/(1 - \tan^2 A)$ . **Half Angle Formula**  $\sin(A/2) = \pm \sqrt{(1 - \cos A)/2}, \cos(A/2) = \pm \sqrt{(1 + \cos A)/2}, \tan(A/2) = (1 - \cos A)/(\sin A) = (\sin A)/(1 + \cos A)$ . **Product to Sum**  $\cos A \cos B = (1/2)(\cos(A+B) + \cos(A-B)), \sin A \sin B = (1/2)(\cos(A-B) - \cos(A+B)), \sin A \cos B = (1/2)(\sin(A+B) + \sin(A-B)), \cos A \sin B = (1/2)(\sin(A-B) - \sin(A+B))$ . **Sum to Product**  $\sin A \pm \sin B = 2 \sin((A \pm B)/2) \cos((A \mp B)/2), \cos A - \cos B = -2 \sin((A+B)/2) \sin((A-B)/2), \cos A + \cos B = 2 \cos((A+B)/2) \cos((A-B)/2)$ . **Geometric Sum**  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} q^k = q/(1-q), \sum_{k=1}^n q^k = (q - q^{n+1})/(1-q)$ . **General ODE Solutions**  $y'' = y(t) \implies y = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 e^t \square dy/dt + p(t)y = g(t) \implies y = (\int u(t)g(t))/u(t) + c$  where  $u(t) = \exp(\int p(t)dt) \square y' = x; x' = y \implies x = c_1 \cosh t + c_2 \sinh t, y = c_1 \sinh t + c_2 \cosh t$  or  $x = c_1 e^t + c_2 e^{-t}, y = c_1 e^t - c_2 e^{-t} \square y' = -x; x' = y \implies y = c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t, x = c_1 \sin t - c_2 \cos t \square x' = x + y; y' = -x + y \implies x = e^t(c_1 \cos t + c_2 \sin t); y = e^t(-c_1 \sin t + c_2 \cos t) \square v' = \gamma v, v(z, 0) = u_0 \implies v = u_0 e^{\gamma t} \square$  **3.11.T**  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} b_j(t, u) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y_j} = \gamma u, u(y, 0) = u_0(y), \zeta(z, t) = z + \int_0^t b(s, u_0(z)e^{\gamma s})ds, \zeta_z(z, t) = 1 + u'_0(z) \int_0^t b_u(s, u_0(z)e^{\gamma s})e^{\gamma s}ds$ . Prove  $\zeta \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\zeta_z > 0$ . **Wave equation:**  $\partial_t^2 u(x, t) - c^2 \partial_x^2 u = 0 \rightarrow u(x, t) = F(x+ct) + G(x-ct)$ . **Vibrating String, 3.14.T:**  $\partial_t^2 u(x, t) - c^2 \partial_x^2 u = 0, u(x, 0) = f(x), \partial_t u(x, 0) = g(x), u(0, t) = 0 = u(L, t), x \in [0, L], t \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{d'Alembert formula} u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}(f(x+ct) + f(x-ct)) + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} g(s)ds$ . **Inhomoge-**

**neous wave equation:**  $\partial_t^2 u(x, t) - c^2 \partial_x^2 u(x, t) = 0$ ,  $u(x, 0) = 0$ ,  $\partial_t u(x, 0) = 0$ ,  $x, t \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow u = \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^t \int_{x-c(t-s)}^{x+c(t-s)} \phi(\rho, s) d\rho ds$ . **Remember:** only the odd functions give  $f(0) = 0 = f(L)$ .