

**Problem Set 1**

1. Hello From Matlab: Code located on Page 3 under the header 'MATLAB code'

```
HELLO FROM MATLAB
1 1.000000e+00 8.414710e-01
2 5.000000e-01 4.794255e-01
3 3.333333e-01 3.271947e-01
4 2.500000e-01 2.474040e-01
5 2.000000e-01 1.986693e-01
6 1.666667e-01 1.658961e-01
7 1.428571e-01 1.423717e-01
8 1.250000e-01 1.246747e-01
9 1.111111e-01 1.108826e-01
10 1.000000e-01 9.983342e-02
```

2. Hello From C: Code located on Page 3 under the header 'C code'

```
HELLO FROM C
1 1.000000 0.841471
2 0.500000 0.479426
3 0.333333 0.327195
4 0.250000 0.247404
5 0.200000 0.198669
6 0.166667 0.165896
7 0.142857 0.142372
8 0.125000 0.124675
9 0.111111 0.110883
10 0.100000 0.099833
```

3. Hello From Fortran: Code located on Page 3 under the header 'FORTRAN code'

```
HELLO FROM FORTRAN
1 1.00000000 0.841470957
2 0.50000000 0.479425550
3 0.33333343 0.327194721
4 0.25000000 0.247403964
5 0.20000003 0.198669329
6 0.16666672 0.165896133
7 0.142857149 0.142371729
8 0.125000000 0.124674730
9 0.111111112 0.110882632
10 0.100000001 9.98334214E-02
```

4. (a) Consider the equation  $u_t = i\nu u_{xx}$  for  $|x| < \infty$  and  $t > 0$ , where  $\nu > 0$  and  $u$  is complex. Determine the exact solution subject to the initial conditions  $u(x, 0) = \exp(ikx)$ . Discuss the role of the parameters  $\nu$  and  $k$ . Create a surface plot of the real part of the solution with  $\nu = 1, k = 2$ .  
Solution:

We begin by making the ansatz  $u(x, t) = A \exp(i(kx - \omega t))$ . Substituting this ansatz into the equation results in the dispersion relation

$$\omega = \nu k^2 \quad (1)$$

which implies the wave speed is given

$$\frac{\omega}{k} = \nu k.$$

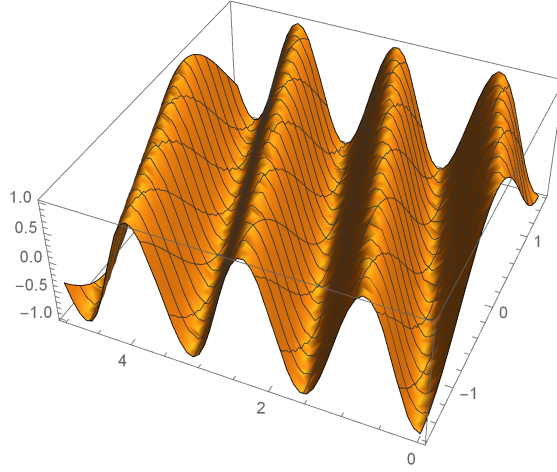
Thus the wave speed is modified by the wave number  $k$ . The parameter  $\nu$  is simply a scaling factor for the wave speed. We then write the solution:

$$u(x, t) = A e^{ik(x - \nu kt)}.$$

Applying the initial condition simply shows that  $A = 1$ , thereby giving us the solution:

$$u(x, t) = e^{ik(x - \nu kt)}. \quad (2)$$

A surface plot of the real part of the solution is included here.



- (b) Consider the equation  $w_{tt} = -\nu^2 w_{xxxx}$  with  $\nu > 0$ ,  $|x| < \infty$ , and  $t > 0$ . Determine the exact solution subject to the initial conditions  $w(x, 0) = \cos(kx)$  and  $w_t(x, 0) = k^2 \nu \sin(kx)$ . Discuss the role of the parameters  $\nu$  and  $k$ . Create a surface plot of the solution with  $\nu = 1$ , and  $k = 2$ .

Solution:

We begin by making the ansatz  $u(x, t) = A \exp(i(kx - \omega t)) + B \exp(-i(kx - \omega t))$ . Substituting this into the equation results in two dispersion relations

$$\omega = \nu k^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \omega = -\nu k^2 \quad (3)$$

with wave speeds

$$\frac{\omega}{k} = \pm \nu k.$$

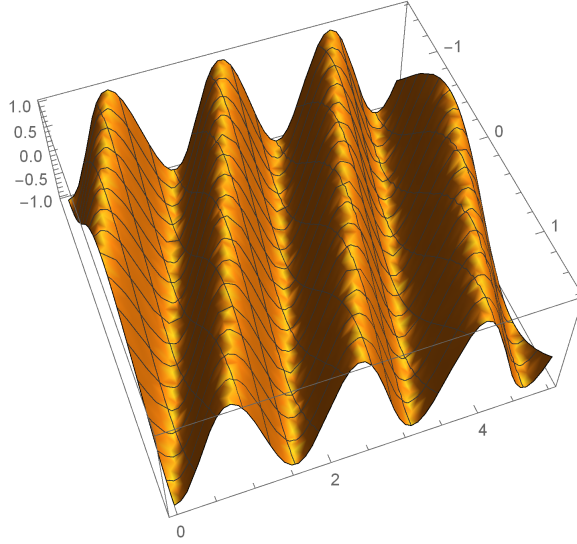
Then the parameters  $\nu$  and  $k$  have the same role as in the previous equation. We can then write our solution:

$$w(x, t) = A e^{ik(x - \nu kt)} + B e^{ik(x + \nu kt)} + C e^{-ik(x - \nu kt)} + D e^{-ik(x + \nu kt)}.$$

Applying the initial conditions results in the solution:

$$w(x, t) = \cos(kx + \nu k^2 t). \quad (4)$$

A surface plot of the real part of the solution is included here:



(c) Discuss the relationship between  $u$  and  $w$  from parts (a) and (b) above.

Solution:

If we take the time derivative of the equation in part (a), we see

$$u_{tt} = i\nu u_{xxt} = i\nu(i\nu u_{xx})_{xx} = -\nu^2 u_{xxxx}. \quad (5)$$

If we look again at the linear Schrodinger equation, we can see that  $u = B \exp(-i(kx - \omega t))$  is an ansatz with dispersion relation  $\omega = -\nu k^2$ . Thus we can actually write the solution for this equation as

$$u(x, t) = A e^{ik(x - \nu kt)} + B e^{-ik(x + \nu t)}. \quad (6)$$

Applying the boundary condition clearly requires  $B = 0$  along with  $A = 1$ . Thus we see that part of the solution for  $w$  is the trivial solution for  $u$ , and the solution for  $u$  is part of the trivial solution for  $w$ .

5. Consider the equation  $u_t = iau_x$  for  $a > 0, |x| < \infty, t > 0$ . Determine the dispersion relation for this equation and discuss the nature of the solutions.

Solution:

We make the ansatz  $u = A \exp(i(kx - \omega t))$  to find the dispersion relation for the equation

$$\omega = -iak. \quad (7)$$

Then the solutions take the form

$$u(x, t) = A e^{ikx} e^{-akt}. \quad (8)$$

We can see then, that the solutions decay exponentially in time.

The code used to generate the text in problems 1-3 is included here.

- MATLAB code

```
fprintf('HELLO FROM MATLAB \n');

for i=1:10
    fprintf('%li %4.6e %4.6e \n',i,1/i,sin(1/i));
end
```

- C code

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<math.h>

double main()
{
    int count;
    double z, y, x;
    printf("HELLO FROM C\n");
    for(count = 1; count<11; count++)
    {
        z=count;
        x=1/z;
        y=sin(x);
        printf("%d %lf %lf\n",count,x,y);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

- FORTRAN code

```
program problemSet1Fortran

integer i, n
real y
write(*,*) 'HELLO FROM FORTRAN'
do 10 i = 1, 10
    y=i
    write(*,*) i,' ', 1/y,' ', sin(1/y)
10 continue

end
```