

Problem Set 3.1

① $f = 1 - x$

$c = \text{const}$

$$w(x) = -\int_0^x f(s) ds, \quad u(x) = \int_0^x \frac{w(s)}{c(s)} ds$$

$u(0) = 0$

with $w(1) = 0$ and $u(1) = 0$

In other words: $u(0) = w(1) = 0$
⑥ and $u(0) = u(1) = 0$

$$w(x) = -\int_0^x (1-s) ds = -\left[s - \frac{s^2}{2}\right]_0^x = \frac{x^2}{2} - x + C_1$$

a) $w(1) = 0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} - 1 + C_1 = 0, C_1 = \frac{1}{2}, w(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} - x + \frac{1}{2}$

$$u(x) = \frac{1}{c} \int_0^x \left(\frac{s^2}{2} - s + \frac{1}{2}\right) ds = \frac{1}{c} \left[\frac{s^3}{6} - \frac{s^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2}s\right]_0^x = \frac{1}{2c} \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - x^2 + x\right) + C_2$$

$u(0) = 0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2c} \cdot 0 + C_2 = 0, u(x) = \frac{1}{2c} \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - x^2 + x\right)$

b) $u(x) = \frac{1}{c} \int_0^x \left(\frac{s^2}{2} - s + C_1\right) ds = \frac{1}{c} \left[\frac{s^3}{6} - \frac{s^2}{2} + C_1 s\right]_0^x = \frac{1}{2c} \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - x^2 + C_1 x\right) + C_2$

$u(0) = 0 \rightarrow [C_2 = 0]$ and $u(1) = 0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2c} \left(\frac{1}{3} - 1 + C_1\right) = 0, C_1 + \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{2} = 0$

$u(x) = \frac{1}{2c} \left(\frac{x^3}{3} - x^2 + \frac{x}{3}\right)$

$C_1 = \frac{1}{3}$

② $f = \text{const}$

$c(x) = (1-x)$

$w(1) = 0 \leftarrow \text{const at the free end}$

$w(x) = c \left(\frac{dw}{dx}\right) = 0$

always non-zero

$w(x) = \int_x^1 f ds = (1-x)f + C_1$

$w(1) = 0 = 0 \cdot f + C_1 \rightarrow C_1 = 0$

$w(x) = (1-x)f$

$u(x) = \int_0^x \frac{w(s)}{(1-s)} ds = f x + C_2$

$\frac{du}{dx} = f \leftarrow \text{const speed even where no force}$

⑤ $f = \text{const}$

$c(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \leq 1/2 \\ 2, & x > 1/2 \end{cases}$

$-\frac{dw}{dx} = f, w(1) = 0, w(x) = -\int_x^1 f ds = -fx + C_1$

$w(1) = 0 \rightarrow -f + C_1 = 0, C_1 = f$

$w(x) = f - fx = (1-x)f$

$u(x) = \int_0^x \frac{w(s)}{c(s)} ds \rightarrow \begin{cases} u(x) = \int_0^x w(s) ds, \text{ for } x \leq 1/2 \Rightarrow f \int_0^x (1-s) ds = f \left[s - \frac{s^2}{2}\right]_0^x \\ u(x) = \int_0^x w(s) ds \Rightarrow f \int_0^x (1-s) ds = f \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{8}\right) = f \cdot \frac{3}{8} = u\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \end{cases}$

$u(x) = \int_{1/2}^x \frac{w(s)}{2} ds, \text{ for } x > 1/2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} f \int_{1/2}^x (1-s) ds = \frac{1}{2} f \left[s - \frac{s^2}{2}\right]_{1/2}^x = \frac{1}{2} f \left(x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{8}\right)$
for $x > 1/2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} f \int_{1/2}^x (1-s) ds + u\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} f \left(\frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2\right) = \frac{1}{16} f - \frac{1}{4} f (x-1)^2$
 $= \frac{7}{16} f - \frac{1}{4} f (x-1)^2$

Answer: $u(x) = \begin{cases} f \left(x - \frac{x^2}{2}\right), & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1/2 \\ f \left(\frac{7}{16} - \frac{1}{4}(x-1)^2\right), & \text{for } 1/2 \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$