

6/26/18 Lecture Notes: Waves on the Half-line and Random Tiddbits

Fun Fact: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi}$

Proof Let $A = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx$

$$A^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-y^2} dy = \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2-y^2} dx dy$$

Polar Coordinates
 $x^2+y^2=r^2$
 $dx dy = r dr d\theta$

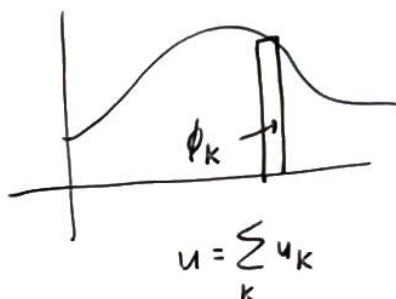
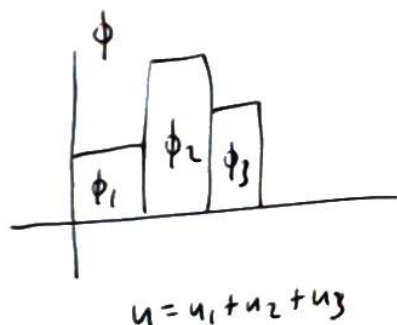
$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} r e^{-r^2} dr d\theta$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} r e^{-r^2} dr = \left. -\frac{e^{-r^2}}{2} \right|_{r=0}^{\infty} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} d\theta = \pi$$



Additional (and optional) way of understanding yesterday's lecture:



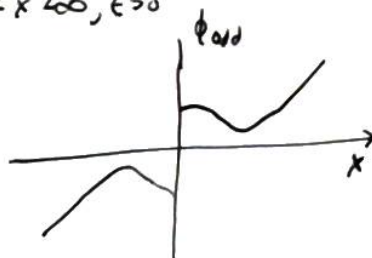
Office Hours Caution: Switch to 170 Barrows?

Last time: Went to solve

$$V_t = k V_{xx} \quad 0 < x < \infty, t > 0$$

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

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



Solve

$$u_t = k u_{xx} \quad 0 < x < \infty, t > 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = f_{\text{odd}}(x)$$

Waves on the Half-line

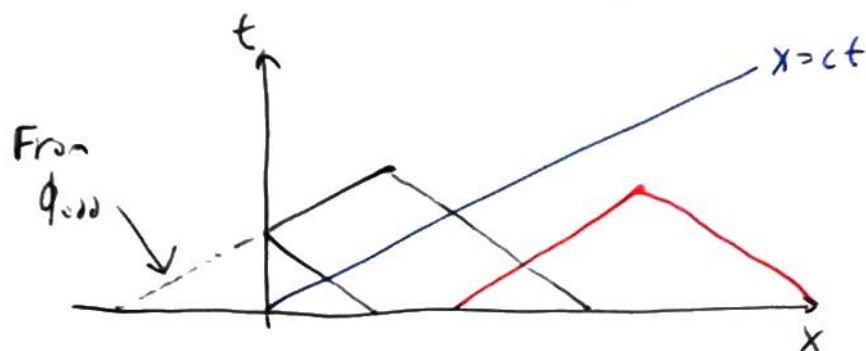
$$v_{tt} - c^2 v_{xx} = 0 \quad 0 < x < \infty, \quad t > 0$$

$$v(x, 0) = \phi(x) \quad v_t(x, 0) = \psi(x)$$

$$v(0, t) = 0$$

Like last time, $\phi \rightarrow \phi_{\text{odd}}$, $\psi \rightarrow \psi_{\text{odd}}$ on $-\infty < x < \infty$

$$\text{D'Alembert's Formula} \rightarrow v(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [\phi_{\text{odd}}(x+ct) + \phi_{\text{odd}}(x-ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \psi_{\text{odd}}(v) dv$$



If $x \geq ct$, $x+ct, x-ct \geq 0$, and

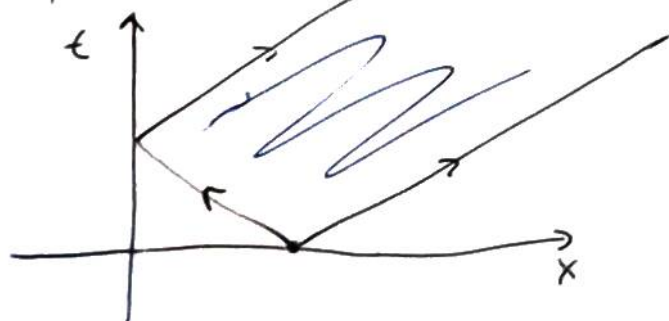
$$v(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [\phi(x+ct) + \phi(x-ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \psi(v) dv$$

If $x < ct$, $x-ct < 0$, $x+ct > 0$

$$\phi_{\text{odd}}(x-ct) = -\phi(ct-x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} v(x, t) &= \frac{1}{2} [\phi(x+ct) - \phi(ct-x)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^{x+ct} \psi(v) dv - \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^0 \psi(-v) dv \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [\phi(x+ct) - \phi(ct-x)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{ct-x}^{ct+x} \psi(v) dv \end{aligned}$$

Domain of influence



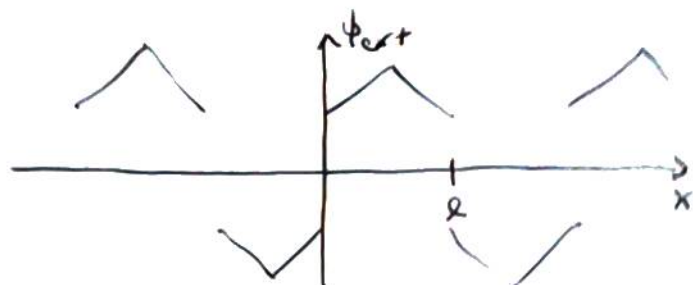
Finite Interval

$$v_{xx} = c^2 v_{tt} \quad 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0$$

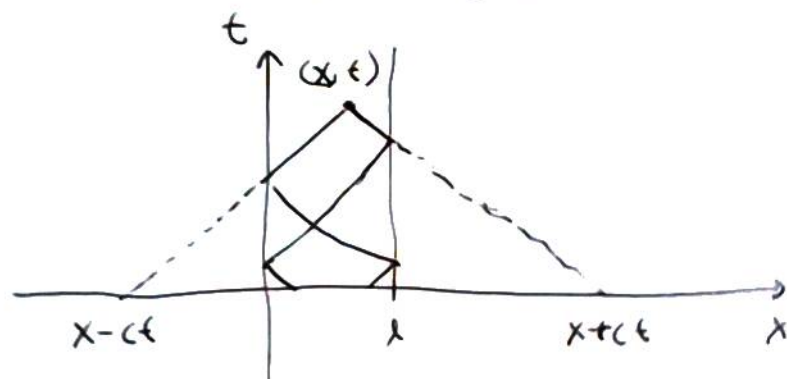
$$v(L, t) = 0 \quad v_x(x, 0) = \psi(x)$$

$$v(0, t) = 0 = v(L, t)$$

Strategy: Extend ϕ (and ψ) to be odd around $x=0$ and $x=L$



$$\text{Solution: } v(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [\phi_{\text{ext}}(x+ct) + \phi_{\text{ext}}(x-ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \psi_{\text{ext}}(r) dr$$



Coming Next Week: "Better" Method called "Separation of Variables"
- break down u, ϕ into frequencies

Coming This Week: Solving $\mathcal{L}u = f(x, t)$