

# Project Review: *1D Wave Equation Solution MatLab*

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**All tasks regard the 1-D Wave Equation and its solutions.**

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \rightarrow u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$$

## Task 1

Verify that  $u = \cos(k(x + ct))$  is a solution to the 1-D Wave analytically and use MatLab to visualize such a solution and its evolution.

$$\begin{aligned} u_{tt} &= c^2 u_{xx} \\ u &= \cos(k(x - ct)) \\ u_t &= -kc \sin(k(x - ct)) & u_x &= -k \sin(k(x - ct)) \\ u_{tt} &= -k^2 c^2 \cos(k(x - ct)) & u_{xx} &= -k^2 \cos(k(x - ct)) \\ & & c^2 u_{xx} &= -k^2 c^2 \cos(k(x - ct)) = u_{tt} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

## Task 2

Verify that  $u = \cos(k(x - ct))$  is a solution to the 1-D Wave analytically and use MatLab to visualize such a solution and its evolution.

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \cos(k(x + ct)) \\ u_t &= -kc \sin(k(x + ct)) & u_x &= -k \sin(k(x + ct)) \\ u_{tt} &= -k^2 c^2 \cos(k(x + ct)) & u_{xx} &= -k^2 \cos(k(x + ct)) \\ & & c^2 u_{xx} &= -k^2 c^2 \cos(k(x + ct)) = u_{tt} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

## Task 3

Verify that  $u = \cos(k(x - ct)) + \cos(k(x + ct))$  is a solution to the 1-D Wave analytically and use MatLab to visualize such a solution and its evolution.

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \cos(k(x - ct)) + \cos(k(x + ct)) \\ u_t &= -kc \sin(k(x - ct)) - kc \sin(k(x + ct)) & u_x &= -k \sin(k(x - ct)) - k \sin(k(x + ct)) \\ u_{tt} &= -k^2 c^2 \cos(k(x - ct)) - k^2 c^2 \cos(k(x + ct)) & u_{xx} &= -k^2 \cos(k(x - ct)) - k^2 \cos(k(x + ct)) \\ & & c^2 u_{xx} &= -k^2 c^2 \cos(k(x - ct)) - k^2 c^2 \cos(k(x + ct)) = u_{tt} \end{aligned}$$

Code to output a movie of the above three solutions of the 1-D wave equation. Movies stored in Git Repo.

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1 % User Input of Parameters for wave equation solutions
2 N = input('Resolution of x-space (0,1) (N): ');
3 M = input('Total Time Steps (M): ');
4 k = input('Wave Parameter (k): ');
5 c = input('Wave Speed (c): ');
6 t_f = input('Final Time (t_f): ');
7 a = 0;
8 b = 1;
9
10 % Define x and t interval
11 x = linspace(a,b,(N));
12 dx = (b-a)/(N-1);
13 dt = t_f/M;
14 assert(x(2)-x(1) == dx);
15
16 % Loop over
17 for n = 1:M
18     t = n*dt;
19     u1 = f1(x,t,c,k);
20     u2 = f2(x,t,c,k);
21     u3 = f3(x,t,c,k);
22
23     % Figure of Solution 1 (Forward Propagating Wave)
24     figure(1)
25     plot(x,u1);
26     xlim([a b])
27     ylim([-1 1])
28     title('Wave Equation Solution: Backward Propagation')
29     xlabel('x')
30     ylabel('u')
31
32     % Figure of Solution 2 (Backward Propagating Wave)
33     figure(1)
34     plot(x,u2);
35     xlim([a b])
36     ylim([-1 1])
37     title('Wave Equation Solution: Forward Propagation')
38     xlabel('x')
39     ylabel('u')
40
41     % Figure of Solution 3 (Standing Wave)
42     figure(1)
43     plot(x,u3);
44     xlim([a b])
45     ylim([-1 1])
46     title('Wave Equation Solution: Standing Wave')
47     xlabel('x')
48     ylabel('u')
49
50     pause(t_f/M);
51 end
52
53 % Solution 1 to the 1-D wave equation
54 function u = f1(x,t,c,k)
55     u = 0.5*cos(2*pi*k*(x+c*t));
56 end
57
58 % Solution 2 to the 1-D wave equation

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59 function u = f2(x,t,c,k)
60     u = 0.5*cos(2*pi*k*(x-c*t));
61 end
62
63 % Solution 3 to the 1-D wave equation (Superposition of Sol. 1 and 2)
64 function u = f3(x,t,c,k)
65     u = f1(x,t,c,k) + f2(x,t,c,k);
66 end
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Listing 1: Analytical Solution for 1-D Wave Equation Visualized

## Task 4

Find the solution analytically for the following Boundary Value Problem and create a MatLab code to solve this problem for any initial displacement and velocity in the domain  $x \in (0, 1)$ .

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

$$u_x(x=1, t) = 0$$

To solve the BVP analytically, we use the Separation of Variables method:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } u(x, t) &= X(x)T(t) \\ u_{xx} &= X''(x)T(t) \\ u_{tt} &= X(x)T''(t) \\ X(x)T''(t) - c^2 X''(x)T(t) &= 0 \\ X(x)T''(t) &= c^2 X''(x)T(t) \\ \frac{1}{c^2} \cdot \frac{T''(t)}{T(t)} &= \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = -\lambda \end{aligned}$$

Now we find the corresponding eigenfunctions to the separation constant  $\lambda$  by solving the ODE  $X''(x) + \lambda X(x) = 0$ . We split this problem into 3 separate cases for  $\lambda$  in order to find non-trivial solutions.

$$X''(x) + \lambda X(x) = 0$$

$$X(0) = 0, \quad X(1) = 0$$

$$r^2 + \lambda = 0$$

Case 1:  $\lambda < 0$

$$r = \pm \sqrt{|\lambda|}$$

$$X(x) = C_1 e^{\sqrt{|\lambda|}x} + C_2 e^{-\sqrt{|\lambda|}x}$$

$$X(0) = 0 = C_1 + C_2 \rightarrow C_1 = -C_2$$

$$X(1) = 0 = C_1 (e^{\sqrt{|\lambda|}} - e^{-\sqrt{|\lambda|}}) \rightarrow C_1 = 0 \rightarrow C_2 = 0$$

Case 2:  $\lambda = 0$

$$r = 0$$

$$X(x) = C_1 + C_2 x$$

$$X(0) = 0 = C_1$$

$$X(1) = 0 = C_2$$

Case 3:  $\lambda > 0$

$$r = \pm \sqrt{\lambda} i$$

$$X(x) = C_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} x) + C_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} x)$$

$$X(0) = 0 = C_1$$

$$X(1) = 0 = C_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda})$$

$$0 = \sin(\sqrt{\lambda})$$

$$n\pi = \sqrt{\lambda} \rightarrow \lambda = n^2 \pi^2, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\boxed{X(x) = C_2 \sin(n\pi x)} \quad \rightarrow \text{general form: } \lambda = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

We see here that  $\lambda$  must be greater than 0 for a non-trivial solution. Now we use this value for  $\lambda$  to solve the following ODE in the time dimension:

$$\begin{aligned} T''(t) + c^2 \lambda T(t) &= 0 \\ r^2 + c^2 \lambda &= 0 \rightarrow r = i\sqrt{\lambda}c = i n \pi c \\ T(t) &= D_1 \cos(n \pi c t) + D_2 \sin(n \pi c t) \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are general coefficients. Now we take our solutions for  $X(x)$  and  $T(t)$  and combine them into a solution for  $u(x, t)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= X(x)T(t) \\ &= c_n \sin(n \pi x) [D_1 \cos(n \pi c t) + D_2 \sin(n \pi c t)] \\ &= A_n \cos(n \pi c t) \sin(n \pi x) + B_n \sin(n \pi c t) \sin(n \pi x) \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $A_n = c_n D_1$  and  $B_n = c_n D_2$ . Now we take an "infinite superposition" for all values of  $n$ :

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [A_n \cos(n \pi c t) \sin(n \pi x) + B_n \sin(n \pi c t) \sin(n \pi x)]$$

Now we use our initial displacement and initial velocity functions,  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$ , to determine  $A_n$  and  $B_n$ :

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos(n \pi c t)$$

$$u_t(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [-n \pi c \cdot A_n \sin(n \pi c t) \sin(n \pi x) + n \pi c \cdot B_n \cos(n \pi c t) \sin(n \pi x)]$$

$$u_t(x, 0) = g(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \pi c \cdot B_n \sin(n \pi x)$$

Both of these give us Fourier sine series on the interval  $[0, L]$ , where  $L = 1$ . Using the Fourier sine series formulas gives us:

$$A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n \pi x}{L}\right) dx = 2 \int_0^1 f(x) \sin(n \pi x) dx, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$n \pi c \cdot B_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L g(x) \sin\left(\frac{n \pi x}{L}\right) dx = 2 \int_0^1 g(x) \sin(n \pi x) dx, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

So our final solution is:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [A_n \cos(n \pi c t) \sin(n \pi x) + B_n \sin(n \pi c t) \sin(n \pi x)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_n &= 2 \int_0^1 f(x) \sin(n \pi x) dx \\ B_n &= \frac{2}{n \pi c} \int_0^1 g(x) \sin(n \pi x) dx \end{aligned}$$

## MATLAB Implementation

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1 function [u,w] = oneDWaveSolver(a,b,N,dt,c,tf,f,g,l)
2 % 1-D Wave Equation FDM solver
3 % B.C. u(0,t) = l(t), u_x(b,t) = 0
4 % I.C. u(x,0) = f(x), u_t(x,0) = g(x)
5
6 x = linspace(a,b,N+1);
7 dx = x(2)-x(1);
8 sigma = c*dt/dx;
9 if(sigma > 1)
10     error('CFL number greater than 1')
11 end
12
13 % Initial Condition
14 w = zeros(N+1,1);
15 for i = 1:N+1
16     w(i) = f(x(i));
17 end
18 dummy = w(N);
19
20 % First Time Step
21 temp = zeros(N+1,1);
22 temp(1) = l(dt);
23 for i = 2:N
24     temp(i) = (1-sigma^2)*w(i)+dt*g(x(i))+sigma^2/2*(w(i-1)+w(i+1));
25 end
26 temp(N+1) = (1-sigma^2)*w(i)+dt*g(x(i))+sigma^2/2*(w(i-1)+dummy);
27 dummy = temp(N);
28
29 w = [w,temp];
30
31 % Remaining Time Steps
32 j = 2;
33 temp = zeros(N+1,1);
34 while j*dt <= tf
35     temp(1) = l(j*dt);
36     for i = 2:N
37         temp(i) = 2*w(i,j)-w(i,j-1) + sigma^2 * (w(i+1,j) - 2*w(i,j) + w(i-1,j));
38     end
39     temp(N+1) = 2*w(i,j)-w(i,j-1) + sigma^2 * (dummy - 2*w(i,j) + w(i-1,j));
40     dummy = temp(N);
41     w = [w,temp];
42
43     j = j+1;
44 end
45
46 [~,n] = size(w);
47 u = w(:,n);
48
49 end

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Listing 2: 1-D Wave Equation Solver for above boundary conditions

In the output,  $u$  is the final state of the wave in vector form while  $w$  is a matrix containing the wave at all time steps.

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1 a = 0;
2 b = 1;

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3 N = 100;
4 c = 1;
5 dt = .01;
6 tf = pi;
7 f = @(x) sin(3*pi/2*x);
8 g = @(x) -sin(3*pi/2*x);
9 l = @(t) 0;
10
11 [u,w] = oneDWaveSolver(a,b,N,dt,c,tf,f,g,l);
12 figure(1)
13 surf(w);
14 xlabel('time step');
15 ylabel('x index');
16 zlabel('wave amplitude');
17 shading interp
18 pause
19 figure(2)
20 [~,m] = size(w);
21 for n = 1:m
22     plot([1:101],w(:,n));
23     xlim([0 101])
24     ylim([-1.5 1.5]);
25     xlabel('x index');
26     ylabel('amplitude');
27     if n==1
28         pause
29     end
30     pause(.001);
31 end

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Listing 3: Driver Code and Plot Generation

