

$$c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial t^2} \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

$$\text{B.c } u(0,t) = 0$$

$$u(L,t) = f(t)$$

$$\text{I.c } u(x,0) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u(x,0)}{\partial t} = 0$$

Soln

\Rightarrow Note that wave equations are parabolic types of PDEs

\Rightarrow So, we first need to obtain the Laplace transform with respect to 't' as follows

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial t^2}\right\} = s^2 u(x,s) - s u(x,0) - \frac{\partial u(x,0)}{\partial t} \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

\Rightarrow Taking the Laplace transform for eqn (8) we obtain

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial x^2}\right\} = \mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial t^2}\right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u(x,s)}{\partial x^2} = \mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial t^2}\right\} = \mathcal{L}\{u(x,s)\} \quad \text{--- (10)}$$

\Rightarrow Substituting (2) into (1) we have

$$\Rightarrow c^2 \frac{\partial^2 U(x,s)}{\partial x^2} = s^2 U(x,s) - sU(x,0) - \frac{\partial U}{\partial t}(x,0)$$

\Rightarrow Applying the Initial condition we get

$$\Rightarrow U(x,0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial U}{\partial t}(x,0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 \frac{\partial^2 U(x,s)}{\partial x^2} = s^2 U(x,s) \quad \leftarrow (3)$$

\Rightarrow We need to transform the B.C.s as well

$$\Rightarrow U(0,s) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow U(L,s) = f(s)$$

\Rightarrow We now solve eqn (3) as follows

\Rightarrow It is a 2nd order ode. So we can solve it using the characteristic approach

$$\Rightarrow c^2 \frac{d^2 U}{dx^2} = s^2 U$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 U}{dx^2} = \frac{s^2}{c^2} U$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \pm \frac{s}{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow U(x, s) = c_1 e^{\frac{s}{c}x} + c_2 e^{-\frac{s}{c}x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Applying } B.C.s$$

$$U(0, s) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow U(0, s) = c_1 + c_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = -c_1$$

$$\Rightarrow U(x, s) = c_1 e^{\frac{s}{c}x} - c_1 e^{-\frac{s}{c}x} = c_1 \left[e^{\frac{s}{c}x} - e^{-\frac{s}{c}x} \right]$$

\Rightarrow From

$$U(L, s) = c_1 \left[e^{\frac{s}{c}L} - e^{-\frac{s}{c}L} \right] = f(s)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(s) = U(L, s) = c_1(s)$$

$$\Rightarrow U(x, s) = c_1(s) \left[e^{\frac{s}{c}L} - e^{-\frac{s}{c}L} \right]$$

\Rightarrow Taking inverse Laplace on both sides

$$L^{-1} \{ U(x, s) \} = L^{-1} \left\{ c_1(s) \left[e^{\frac{s}{c}L} - e^{-\frac{s}{c}L} \right] \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow U(x, t) = L^{-1} \left\{ c_1(s) e^{\frac{s}{c}L} - \bar{c}_1(s) e^{-\frac{s}{c}L} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1\left(t + \frac{L}{c}\right) - \bar{c}_1\left(t - \frac{L}{c}\right)$$

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$$\Rightarrow U(x,t) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow 0 \text{ for } x \gg ct \\ c_1(t + \frac{L_0}{c}) - \bar{c}_1(t - \frac{L_0}{c}) & \frac{x}{c} < t \end{cases}$$

Verification

at

$$U(0,0) = 0$$

\Rightarrow from $U(x,t)$ we have $x=0$ with $t \geq 0$

$\Rightarrow U(0,0) = 0$ since x is a value less or equal to zero from $U(x,t)$

and

$U(L_0,0) \Rightarrow f(x) \Rightarrow U(L_0,t) = f(x)$, we have that

$$U(x,t) \Rightarrow U(L_0,t) = c_1(t + \frac{L_0}{c}) - \bar{c}_1(t - \frac{L_0}{c}) = f(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow U(x,t) = \checkmark$$