

What is the solution to the initial-value problem

$$\begin{array}{llll} \text{PDE} & u_{tt} = u_{xx} & -\infty < x < \infty & 0 < t < \infty \\ \text{ICs} & \begin{cases} u(x, 0) = 0 \\ u_t(x, 0) = xe^{-x^2} \end{cases} & -\infty < x < \infty & \end{array}$$

Graph the solution $u(x, t)$ for various values of time.

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \frac{1}{2} [f(x - ct) + f(x + ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} g(\xi) d\xi \\ f(x) &= 0 \\ g(x) &= xe^{-x^2} \\ c &= \pm 1 \\ u(x, t) &= \pm \frac{1}{2} \int_{x \mp t}^{x \pm t} \xi e^{-\xi^2} d\xi \\ -\frac{1}{2} \int_{x+t}^{x-t} \xi e^{-\xi^2} d\xi &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} \xi e^{-\xi^2} d\xi \\ \mu &= -\xi^2 \quad d\mu = -2\xi d\xi \\ u(x, t) &= -\frac{1}{2 \cdot 2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} -2\xi e^{-\xi^2} d\xi \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int_{-(x+t)^2}^{-(x-t)^2} e^\mu d\mu \\ &= \frac{1}{4} [e^{-(x-t)^2} - e^{-(x+t)^2}] \end{aligned}$$

