

- I will post HW solution over weekend.

Go through and re-do / practice these problems.

- Example exam problems posted - Please Study First !!
Then try the exam !!

Lesson 17 D'Alembert Solution of the Wave Eqn.

Today we start
considering

$$u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx} \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u(x, 0) &= f(x) \\ u_t(x, 0) &= g(x) \end{aligned} \right\} \text{initial conditions.}$$

describes the motion of an infinite string with some initial condition.

For this problem: Laplace Transform in Time
OR Fourier Transform in space would

Laplace: $\mathcal{L}[u] = \int_0^\infty u e^{-st} dt$

$$\mathcal{L}[u_{tt}] = s^2 U - s u(x, 0) - u_t(x, 0)$$

$$= s^2 U - s f(x) - g(x)$$

$$\mathcal{L}[u_{xx}] = U''$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} c^2 U'' - s^2 U &= -s f(x) - g(x) \\ U &\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } |x| \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned} \right\}$$

NOTE: The bounded condition usually means only the non-homogeneous sdn is needed.

work.
Fourier: $\mathcal{F}[u] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^\infty u e^{-isx} dx$

$$\mathcal{F}[u_{tt}] = U''$$

$$\mathcal{F}[u_{xx}] = -s^2 U$$

$$U'' = -c^2 s^2 U$$

$$U(0) = \mathcal{F}[f(x)] = F(s)$$

$$U'(0) = \mathcal{F}[g(x)] = G(s)$$

Another way $\rightarrow$ COORDINATE TRANSFORM

$\rightarrow$ see this in Classical and Quantum
"canonical coordinates"

sets of coordinates w/
time and space dependence
that satisfy certain vector
field properties.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{let } \xi &= x + ct \\ \eta &= x - ct \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Like attaching
to the "wave"
going in both directions.

Now change variables in the PDE.

$$u(x, t) = \phi(x - ct) + \psi(x + ct)$$

all of this makes physical sense!

- this is actually a general solution to the wave equation!
- the sum of two moving waves going in opposite directions.
- the exact form of this soln depends on applying the initial conditions.

Apply the Initial Conditions:

$$u(x, 0) = \boxed{\phi(x) + \psi(x) = f(x)} \quad (\star)$$

$$u_t(x, 0) = \boxed{-c\phi'(x) + c\psi'(x) = g(x)}$$

integrate ~~with respect to~~ wrt x ...
from x_0 to x

$$\int_{x_0}^x -c\phi'(z) + c\psi'(z) dz = \int_{x_0}^x g(z) dz$$

$$\left[-c\phi(z) + c\psi(z) \right]_{x_0}^x = -c\phi(x) + c\psi(x) - \overset{-c\phi(x_0) + c\psi(x_0)}{K} = \int_{x_0}^x g(z) dz.$$

$$\boxed{-c\phi(x) + c\psi(x) = \int_{x_0}^x g(z) dz + K} \quad (\star)$$

($\star$) - two equations for two unknowns.

so $\phi(x) = f(x) - \psi(x)$

AND $\psi(x) = \phi(x) + \frac{1}{c} \int_{x_0}^x g(z) dz + K/c$

so $\phi(x) = f(x) - \phi(x) - \frac{1}{c} \int_{x_0}^x g(z) dz - K/c$

OR

$$\phi(x) = \frac{f(x)}{2} - \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x_0}^x g(z) dz - \frac{K}{2c}$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{du}{dz} \frac{dz}{dx} + \frac{du}{dn} \frac{dn}{dz} = \frac{du}{dz} + \frac{du}{dn} = u_z + u_n$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = \frac{du}{dz} \frac{dz}{dt} + \frac{du}{dn} \frac{dn}{dt} = c \frac{du}{dz} - c \frac{du}{dn} = c(u_z - u_n)$$

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dx}(u_z + u_n) = \frac{d}{dz}(u_z + u_n) \frac{dz}{dx} + \frac{d}{dn}(u_z + u_n) \frac{dn}{dx}$$

$\frac{du}{dx}$ from above

$$= u_{zz} + u_{nz} + u_{zn} + u_{nn} = u_{zz} + 2u_{zn} + u_{nn} \quad (*)$$

mixed partials are equal.

$$\frac{d^2 u}{dt^2} = \frac{d}{dt} c(u_z - u_n) = \frac{d}{dz} (c(u_z - u_n)) \frac{dz}{dt} + \frac{d}{dn} (c(u_z - u_n)) \frac{dn}{dt}$$

$$= c^2(u_{zz} - u_{nn}) - c^2(u_{zn} + u_{nn}) = c^2(u_{zz} - 2u_{zn} + u_{nn}) \quad (*)$$

plug these second derivatives into the pde:

$$c^2(u_{zz} - 2u_{zn} + u_{nn}) = c^2(u_{zz} + 2u_{zn} + u_{nn})$$

This simplifies to

$$u_{zn} = 0$$

WOW!!
Simple.

Now solve this pde ... just integrate twice

$$\begin{cases} \text{Integrate wrt. } z & u_n = \phi(n) \text{ any function of } n \text{ would work} \\ \text{Integrate wrt. } n & u = \Phi(n) + \Psi(z) \end{cases}$$

antiderivative

and function of z

→ This tells us that

The solution is the sum of some function of n plus some function of z .

$$u(z, n) = \phi(n) + \Psi(z)$$

Now Let's go back to the original coordinates.

And: $\psi(x) = f(x) - \phi(x)$

so $\psi(x) = \frac{f(x)}{2} + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x_0}^x g(s) ds + \underline{K/2c}$.

FINALLY WE CAN PUT OUR SOLN BACK TOGETHER!

$$u(x,t) = \phi(x-ct) + \psi(x+ct)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}f(x-ct) - \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x_0}^{x-ct} g(s) ds - \underline{K/2c} + \frac{1}{2}f(x+ct) + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x_0}^{x+ct} g(s) ds + \underline{K/2c}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[f(x-ct) + f(x+ct) \right] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x_0} g(s) ds + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x_0}^{x+ct} g(s) ds$$

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[f(x-ct) + f(x+ct) \right] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} g(s) ds.$$

This is the D'Alembert Soln to the wave equation.

-How do we use this ... PLUG IN!

Ex Motion of an initial Sine wave.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u_{tt} &= c^2 u_{xx} \\ u(x,0) &= \sin(x) \\ u_t(x,0) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{vibrating infinite string} \\ \text{with initial sine wave.} \end{array}$$

here $f(x) = \sin(x)$ and $g(x) = 0$

so

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\sin(x-ct) + \sin(x+ct) \right]$$

each piece of the wave goes in its own direction.

EX Initial Velocity.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u_{tt} &= c^2 u_{xx} \\ u(x, 0) &= 0 \\ u_t(x, 0) &= \sin(x) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

the string starts flat
with some initial velocity.

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \sin(s) ds = \frac{1}{2c} \cos(s) \Big|_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \\ &= \frac{1}{2c} [\cos(x+ct) - \cos(x-ct)] \end{aligned}$$

EX Square wave

$$u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$$

$$u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 1 & -1 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} = f(x)$$

$$u_t(x, 0) = 0$$

Partial Differential Equations

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HOMEWORK AND READING - DAY 17:

DUE TUESDAY 11/12

READ AND TAKE NOTES

1. *Farlow* - Lesson 17
2. *Farlow* - *read ahead* - You can read ahead of the class if you want. The next chapters we will be covering are Lessons 16 and 19.

HOMEWORK

1. *Problems* - Do problems 1, 3, 4 at the end of Chapter 17.
2. *Review* - Write a "cheat sheet" for the exam. I imagine this as being a flow chart for how to solve PDEs. For example, given a PDE:
 - How do you choose a solution method?
 - Once you pick the solution method how to you use it?
 - What are things you need to be careful of or that give you trouble?
3. *Areas to Study*
 - Classify a PDE: order, linear or not, homogeneous, etc...
 - Solving Boundary Value Problems for Eigenvalues and Eigenfunctions
 - Separation of Variables for the Heat Equation and Laplace's Equation
 - Eigenfunction Expansion
 - Transforming Equations:
 - Turning Nonhomogeneous BCs into Homogeneous ones
 - Turning Hard Problems into Easy Ones (Transform out heat loss and convection)
 - Using coordinate Transformations
 - Integral Transforms
 - Most important: Laplace and Fourier Transforms
 - Less important: Sine and Cosine Transforms
 - Most important: Transforming the PDE and solving the new problem.
 - Less important: Calculating the transform and solving those nasty integrals
4. *Not on Exam*
 - Deriving Heat Equation or Wave Equation
 - Duhamel's Principle
 - The Wave Equation