

The solution to the original problem (*) is then

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^{x+c(t-s)} \int_0^{x-c(t-s)} F(s,s) ds ds$$

is a C^2 solution of (*). It's now straightforward to solve

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = F(x,t) \\ u(x,0) = g(x) \\ u_t(x,0) = h(x) \end{cases}$$

by considering

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0 \\ u(x,0) = g(x) \\ u_t(x,0) = h(x) \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = F(x,t) \\ u(x,0) = 0 \\ u_t(x,0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

and then using linear superposition.

Wave Equation in more than 1-D

Consider the pure initial value problem:

The spherical mean or the average over a sphere of radius r and centre \underline{x} (for $u(\underline{x})$ defined on \mathbb{R}^n) is:

$$(*) \quad I_u(\underline{x}, r) = \frac{1}{\omega_n \int_{|\underline{s}|=1} dS_{\underline{s}}} \int u(\underline{x} + r\underline{s}) dS_{\underline{s}}$$

ω_n
= surface area of unit sphere

Since u is continuous in \underline{x} , $I_u(\underline{x}, r)$ is continuous in \underline{x} . Letting $r \rightarrow 0^+$, we have $I_u(\underline{x}, 0) = u(\underline{x})$.

If $u \in C^k(\mathbb{R}^n)$ then $I_u \in C^k(\mathbb{R}^n \times [0, \infty))$. Using the chain rule on (*),

$$(**) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial r} I_u(\underline{x}, r) = \frac{1}{\omega_n \int_{|\underline{s}|=1} dS_{\underline{s}}} \int u_{x_i}(\underline{x} + r\underline{s}) \cdot \underline{s}_i dS_{\underline{s}}$$

Let $\Omega = \{\underline{s} \in \mathbb{R}^n; |\underline{s}| < 1\}$. Then $\partial\Omega = S^{n-1}$. The exterior unit normal is $\underline{n} = \underline{s}$ ($|\underline{s}| = 1$).

The RHS of (**) can be rewritten using the divergence theorem. Recall:

$$\int_{\Omega} \nabla \cdot \underline{v}(\underline{s}) d\underline{s} = \int_{\partial\Omega} \underline{v} \cdot \underline{n} dS_{\underline{s}}$$

Take $\underline{v}(\underline{s}) = r^{-1} \nabla_{\underline{s}} u(\underline{x} + r\underline{s}) = \nabla_{\underline{x}} u(\underline{x} + r\underline{s})$. Compute

$$\nabla \cdot \mathcal{V} = r \sum_{i=1}^n u_{x_i}(\underline{x} + r \underline{\xi}) = r \Delta_{\underline{x}} u(\underline{x} + r \underline{\xi}).$$

Therefore (***) can be rewritten as

$$(***) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial r} I_u(\underline{x}, r) = \frac{r}{\omega_n} \Delta_{\underline{x}} \int_{|\underline{\xi}|=1} u(\underline{x} + r \underline{\xi}) dS_{\underline{\xi}}.$$

Making a change of variables, $\underline{y} = r \underline{\xi}$, $d\underline{y} = r^n d\underline{\xi}$, we have

$$\int_{|\underline{\xi}|=1} u(\underline{x} + r \underline{\xi}) dS_{\underline{\xi}} = \frac{1}{r^n} \int_{|\underline{y}|=r} u(\underline{x} + \underline{y}) d\underline{y}.$$

Using spherical coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{r^n} \int_{|\underline{y}|=r} u(\underline{x} + \underline{y}) d\underline{y} &= \frac{1}{r^n} \int_0^r \rho^{n-1} \int_{|\underline{\xi}|=1} u(\underline{x} + \rho \underline{\xi}) dS_{\underline{\xi}} d\rho \\ &= \frac{\omega_n}{r^n} \int_0^r \rho^{n-1} I_u(\underline{x}, \rho) d\rho. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting back into (***)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} I_u(\underline{x}, r) = \frac{1}{r^{n-1}} \Delta_{\underline{x}} \int_0^r \rho^{n-1} I_u(\underline{x}, \rho) d\rho.$$

Multiplying through by r^{n-1} and differentiating w.r.t r (FTC), and dividing again by r^{n-1} , we can write the resulting equation as

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \left(\frac{n-1}{r} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) I_u(\underline{x}, r) = \Delta_{\underline{x}} I_u(\underline{x}, r).$$

This known as Darboux's equation.

Note: For a radial function, $u = u(r)$, $I_u(\underline{x}, r) = u$.

Consider

$$(*) \quad \begin{cases} u_{tt} - c^2 \Delta u = 0 & \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n, t > 0 \\ u(\underline{x}, 0) = g(\underline{x}) & \underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ u_t(\underline{x}, 0) = h(\underline{x}), \end{cases}$$

Suppose $u(\underline{x}, t)$ is a solution of (*). Thinking of t as a parameter, the spherical mean

$$I_u(\underline{x}, r, t) = \frac{1}{\omega_n} \int_{|\underline{\xi}|=1} u(\underline{x} + r \underline{\xi}, t) dS_{\underline{\xi}},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4) \quad \left. \begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} I_n &= \frac{1}{\omega_n} \int_{|\xi|=1} U_{tt}(\mathbf{x} + r\xi, t) dS_\xi \\
 &= \frac{1}{\omega_n} \int_{|\xi|=1} c^2 \Delta_{\mathbb{R}^n} U(\mathbf{x} + r\xi, t) dS_\xi && \text{(by (4*))} \\
 &= c^2 \Delta_{\mathbb{R}^n} I_n
 \end{aligned} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Using Darboux's equation, we have

$$(1) \quad \frac{\partial^2 I_n}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{(n-1)}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) I_n.$$

Taking spherical means of the ICs yields

$$(2) \quad I_n(\mathbf{x}, r, 0) = \frac{1}{\omega_n} \int_{|\xi|=1} g(\mathbf{x} + r\xi) dS_\xi$$

$$(3) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} I_n(\mathbf{x}, r, 0) = \frac{1}{\omega_n} \int_{|\xi|=1} h(\mathbf{x} + r\xi) dS_\xi.$$

Solving the IVP (1), (2), (3), we obtain $u(\mathbf{x}, t)$ by

$$u(\mathbf{x}, t) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} I_n(\mathbf{x}, r, t) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\omega_n} \int_{|\xi|=1} u(\mathbf{x} + r\xi, t) dS_\xi$$

Now consider $n=3$ in more detail. Here (4) can be rewritten as

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (r I_n) = c^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} (r I_n).$$

Define

$$V^{\mathbf{x}}(r, t) = r I_n(\mathbf{x}, r, t).$$

Then $V^{\mathbf{x}}$ is the solution of the following 1-D wave equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} V^{\mathbf{x}}(r, t) = c^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} V^{\mathbf{x}}(r, t),$$

$$V^{\mathbf{x}}(r, 0) = \frac{r}{\omega_3} \int_{|\xi|=1} g(\mathbf{x} + r\xi) dS_\xi =: \tilde{g}^{\mathbf{x}}(r),$$

$$V_t^{\mathbf{x}}(r, 0) = \frac{r}{\omega_3} \int_{|\xi|=1} h(\mathbf{x} + r\xi) dS_\xi =: \tilde{h}^{\mathbf{x}}(r).$$

At $r=0$,

$$V^{\mathbf{x}}(0, t) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} r I_n(\mathbf{x}, r, t) = 0.$$

Since $\tilde{g}^z(0) = \tilde{h}^z(0) = 0$, we can extend \tilde{g}^z and \tilde{h}^z to odd functions of r , and by d'Alembert's formula we get

$$V^z(r, t) = \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{g}^z(r+ct) + \tilde{g}^z(r-ct)) + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{r-ct}^{r+ct} \tilde{h}^z(\rho) d\rho.$$

Since \tilde{g}^z and \tilde{h}^z are odd functions, for $r < ct$ we have

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$$\tilde{g}^z(r-ct) = -\tilde{g}^z(ct-r),$$

$$\int_{r-ct}^{r+ct} \tilde{h}^z(\rho) d\rho = \int_{ct-r}^{ct+r} \tilde{h}^z(\rho) d\rho.$$

Thus

$$I_u(x, r, t) = \frac{1}{r} V^z(r, t)$$

$$= \frac{\tilde{g}^z(ct+r) - \tilde{g}^z(ct-r)}{2r} + \frac{1}{2cr} \int_{ct-r}^{ct+r} \tilde{h}^z(\rho) d\rho$$

$$= \frac{(ct+r)I_g(x, ct+r) - (ct-r)I_g(x, ct-r)}{2r}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2cr} \int_{ct-r}^{ct+r} \rho I_h(x, \rho) d\rho.$$

As $r \rightarrow 0^+$ we have

$$u(x, t) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} (\tau I_g(x, \tau)) \Big|_{\tau=ct} + t I_h(x, ct).$$

Theorem: If $g \in C^3(\mathbb{R}^3)$ and $h \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^3)$ then

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(t \int_{|\xi|=1} g(x+ct\xi) dS_\xi \right) + \frac{t}{4\pi} \int_{|\xi|=1} h(x+ct\xi) dS_\xi$$

Kirchhoff's formula

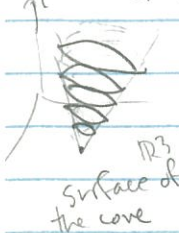
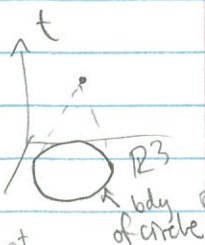
defines a C^2 solution of

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - c^2 \Delta u = 0 & x \in \mathbb{R}^3, t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) = g(x) & x \in \mathbb{R}^3, \\ u_t(x, 0) = h(x) & x \in \mathbb{R}^3. \end{cases}$$

The domain of dependence for a point (x, t) is the surface of the sphere $\{x+ct\xi; |\xi|=1\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$, and similarly the range of influence of a point $x^* \in \mathbb{R}^3$ is the forward light cone

$$\{(x, t); |x-x^*| = ct\}$$

(see course notes, pgs section 3.3)



Physically experienced as a finite propagation speed of signals, and more specifically as the existence of sharp signals for 3D waves.

For example, an initial disturbance at $x=0$ will be perceived at another point $x_1 \in \mathbb{R}^3$ only at time $t_1 = \|x_1\|/c$, and not thereafter (contrast with the 1-D case).

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2D-wave Equation

Use Hadamard's method of descent and view 2-D problem as a special case of the 3-D problem with ICs independent of x_3 .

k.f. (*)
$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(t \int_{|\xi|=1} g(x + ct\xi) dS_\xi \right) + \frac{t}{4\pi} \int_{|\xi|=1} h(x + ct\xi) dS_\xi$$

Upper hemisphere of unit disk is:

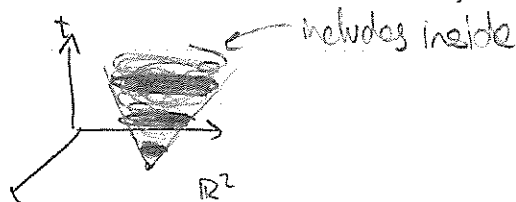
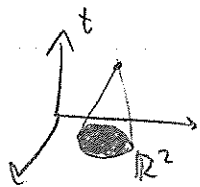
$$\psi(\xi) = \psi(\xi_1, \xi_2) = \sqrt{1 - \xi_1^2 - \xi_2^2}$$

over the unit disk $\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 < 1$. So

$$dS_\xi = \sqrt{1 + (\psi_{\xi_1})^2 + (\psi_{\xi_2})^2} d\xi_1 d\xi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \xi_1^2 - \xi_2^2}} d\xi_1 d\xi_2$$

Using (*), integrating over upper hemisphere and multiplying by 2:

$$u(x_1, x_2, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(t \int_{\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 < 1} \frac{g(x_1 + ct\xi_1, x_2 + ct\xi_2)}{\sqrt{1 - \xi_1^2 - \xi_2^2}} d\xi_1 d\xi_2 \right) + \frac{t}{4\pi} \left(2 \int_{\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 < 1} \frac{h(x + ct\xi)}{\sqrt{1 - \xi_1^2 - \xi_2^2}} d\xi_1 d\xi_2 \right)$$



Shows like 1-D case that the domain of dependence for a point (x, t) is the interior of a circle:

$$\{x + ct\xi, |\xi| \leq 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$$

Similarly, the range of influence of a point $x^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the interior of the cone:

$$\{(x, t); |x - x^*| \leq ct\}$$

Huygen's principle: "Sharp signals exist for n odd, $n > 1$ "

The pattern of using spherical means to solve the Cauchy problem for odd values of n , and the method of descent for even values, holds for all $n \geq 2$.

For $n = 2k+1$, the ^{substitution} solution $v^x(x, r, t) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr}$

$$v^x(x, r, t) = \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \right)^{k-1} \left(r^{2k-1} I_u(x, r, t) \right)$$

satisfies the 1-D equation

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} v^x = c^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} v^x$$

$$v^x(x, 0) = \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \right)^{k-1} \left(r^{2k-1} I_g(x, r) \right) =: \tilde{g}^x(r)$$

$$v_t^x(x, 0) = \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \right)^{k-1} \left(r^{2k-1} I_h(x, r) \right) =: \tilde{h}^x(r)$$

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So

$$v^x(x, t) = \frac{\tilde{g}(r+ct) + \tilde{g}(r-ct)}{2} + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{r-ct}^{r+ct} \tilde{h}^x(\rho) d\rho$$

and then proceeding as before, (in 3D case) we obtain Kirchhoff's formula:

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{c_n \omega_n} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\left(\frac{1}{t} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^{\frac{n-3}{2}} t^{n-2} \int_{|\xi|=1} g(x + ct\xi) dS_\xi \right) + \frac{1}{c_n \omega_n} \left(\frac{1}{t} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^{\frac{n-3}{2}} t^{n-2} \int_{|\xi|=1} h(x + ct\xi) dS_\xi$$

where $c_n = 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot \dots \cdot (n-2)$.

don't worry
about this too
much,
should know
1, 2, 3-D
though

Given a function $u(x, t)$, define its energy at time t to be

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (u_t^2 + c^2 |\nabla u|^2) dx.$$

Solutions of the n -dimensional wave equation satisfy conservation of energy.

Let $u \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty))$ be a solution of

$$(*) \quad \begin{cases} u_{tt} = c^2 \Delta u, & x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) = g(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ u_t(x, 0) = h(x), & x \in \mathbb{R}^n \end{cases}$$

where g, h have compact support. ($\mathbb{R}_R(0)$)

Due to finite propagation speed of signals, for any fixed t , $u(x, t)$ is zero outside the ball $|x| \leq R + ct$.

Now,

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (u_t u_{tt} + c^2 \sum_{i=1}^n u_{x_i} u_{x_i t}) dx.$$

Integrating by parts yields

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} u_t \underbrace{(u_{tt} - c^2 \Delta u)}_{=0} dx = 0.$$

~~Therefore~~

That is to say, $E(t)$ is constant. In particular $E(t) = E(0)$.

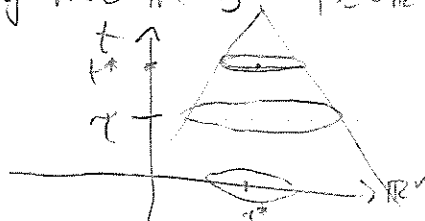
Corollary: The solution to $(*)$ is unique and depends continuously on the Cauchy data.

Domain of Dependence Inequality

Suppose u is a C^2 solution of

$$(*) \quad \begin{cases} u_{tt} = c^2 \Delta u \\ u(x, 0) = g(x) \\ u_t(x, 0) = h(x) \end{cases}$$

For any $x^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$, t^* so, if $g = h = 0$ in $\bar{B}^* = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n; |x - x^*| \leq ct^*\}$ then $u(x^*, t^*) = 0$.



Proof: For any $\tau \in [0, t^*]$, let $\tilde{B}_\tau = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n; |x - x^*| \leq c(\tau - t^*)\}$.

Consider the local energy function

$$E^{(x^*, t^*)}(\tau) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\tilde{B}_\tau} (u_t^2 + c^2 |\nabla u|^2) \Big|_{t=\tau} dx.$$

We show that $E^{(x^*, t^*)}$ is a non-decreasing function of τ .

Define

$$\Omega_\tau = \{(x, t); |x - x^*| < c(t^* - t), 0 < t < \tau\},$$

$$C_\tau = \{(x, t); |x - x^*| = c(t^* - t), 0 < t < \tau\}.$$

Then $\partial\Omega_\tau = C_\tau \cup \tilde{B}_\tau \cup (\tilde{B}_\tau \times \{0\})$. The exterior unit normal ν :

on $\partial\Omega_\tau$ is given on $\tilde{B}_\tau \times \{0\}$ by $\nu = (0, \dots, 0, 1)$

and on C_τ by $\nu = (0, \dots, 0, -1)$.

On C_τ , the normal ν satisfies

$$c^2 (\nu_1^2 + \dots + \nu_n^2) = \nu_{n+1}^2.$$

Together with

$$\nu_1^2 + \dots + \nu_{n+1}^2 = 1,$$

we get

$$\nu_1 + \dots + \nu_n = \frac{\nu_{n+1}^2}{c^2} = \frac{1}{1+c^2}. \quad (*)$$

Given a solution of the IVP $(*)$, we define the vector field

$$V = (2c^2 u_t u_{x_1}, \dots, 2c^2 u_t u_{x_n}, - (c^2 |\nabla u|^2 + u_t^2)).$$

We show $E^{(x^*, t^*)}(\tau) \leq E^{(x^*, t^*)}(0)$ for $0 \leq \tau \leq t^*$. 2013 11 20

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \text{div } V &= 2c^2 (u_{tx_1} u_{x_1} + \dots + u_{tx_n} u_{x_n} + u_t u_{x_1 x_1} + \dots + u_t u_{x_n x_n}) \\ &\quad - 2c^2 (u_{tx_1} u_{x_1} + \dots + u_{tx_n} u_{x_n}) - 2u_t u_{tt} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the divergence theorem implies $\int_{\partial\Omega_\tau} V \cdot \nu ds = \int_{\Omega_\tau} \text{div } V dx = 0$. includes t^*

$$\int_{\partial\Omega_\tau} V \cdot \nu ds = \int_{\Omega_\tau} \text{div } V dx = 0.$$

On C_τ , the following is true:

$$2u_t (u_{x_1} \nu_1 + \dots + u_{x_n} \nu_n) \leq \frac{c}{1+c^2} |\nabla u|^2 + \frac{1}{c\sqrt{1+c^2}} u_t^2.$$

(we don't show why, but look at $\| \nu_{n+1} \nabla u - u_t (\nu_{n+1}, \dots, \nu_{n+1}) \|^2 > 0$ and use $(*)$)

Therefore $\nabla \cdot \underline{v} = 2c^2 u_t (u_x v_{1,t} + u_{x_2} v_{2,t}) - (c^2 |\nabla u|^2 + u_t^2) v_{n,t} \leq 0$.

So

$$\int_{B_\tau} \nabla \cdot \underline{v} \, d\underline{g} \leq 0.$$

Therefore

$$\int_{B^*} (c^2 |\nabla u|^2 + u_t^2) \Big|_{t=0} \, d\underline{x} - \int_{B_\tau} (c^2 |\nabla u|^2 + u_t^2) \Big|_{t=\tau} \, d\underline{x} \geq 0$$

i.e.:

$$E^{(x^*, t^*)}(\tau) \leq E^{(x^*, t^*)}(0).$$

We briefly consider the effect of lower order terms:

$$u_{tt} - u_{xx} + \alpha u_t + \beta u_x + \gamma u = f(x, t), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, t > 0.$$

Consider first

$$(*) \quad u_{tt} - u_{xx} + \lambda u = 0, \quad \lambda \text{ constant}, \lambda \neq 0$$

Look for solutions

$$u(x, t) = U(\underbrace{kx - \omega t}_{\substack{\text{wave \#} \\ \text{Frequency}}})$$

These represent waves propagating with constant velocity $c = \omega/k$, and without change of shape.

Substituting $u = U(kx - \omega t)$ into (*):

$$(\omega^2 - k^2)U'' + \lambda U = 0.$$

For bounded solutions we require

$$\frac{\omega^2 - k^2}{\lambda} > 0,$$

in which case the solution can be written as a linear combination of sines and cosines.

However, simpler and more general to write

$$U(kx - \omega t) = A e^{i(kx - \omega t)} \quad (**)$$

and substitute into (*) to get the dispersion relation

$$\omega^2 - k^2 = \lambda \Leftrightarrow \omega(k) = \pm \sqrt{k^2 + \lambda},$$

which guarantees (**) solves (*).

The dispersion relation defines the frequency as a function of the wave number, and similarly the velocity $c = c(k) = \omega/k$ becomes a function of the wave number.

If $dc/dk \neq 0$ then (***) gives dispersive wave solutions.

Significance:

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{j=1}^N A_j e^{i(k_j x - \omega_j t)} \quad (\text{discrete wave train})$$

will satisfy

$$u_{tt} - u_{xx} + \lambda u = 0,$$

provided each $\omega_j = \omega_j(k_j)$ satisfies the dispersion relation

$$\omega_j(k_j) = \pm \sqrt{k_j^2 + \lambda}.$$

In the continuous limit (if A_j 's decay sufficiently)

$$u(x,t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(k) e^{i(kx - \omega(k)t)} dk.$$

Even in the dispersive case, solutions of

$$u_{tt} - u_{xx} + \lambda u = 0$$

satisfy conservation of energy, where

$$E(t) := \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (u_t^2 + u_x^2 + \lambda u^2) dx$$

Dissipation

$$u_{tt} - u_{xx} + \alpha u_t + \beta u_x + \gamma u = 0$$

Consider the case where $\alpha > 0$ Changing to characteristic coordinates

$$\xi = x+t, \quad \eta = x-t$$

this becomes

$$u_{\xi\eta} - \left(\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}\right) u_{\xi} + \left(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{4}\right) u_{\eta} + \frac{\gamma}{4} u = 0.$$

We make a change of dependent variable

$$w(\xi, \eta) = u(\xi, \eta) e^{\left(\frac{\alpha+\beta}{4}\right)\xi} e^{-\left(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{4}\right)\eta}$$

$$(II) \Rightarrow w_{\xi\eta} - \frac{\gamma}{4} w = 0 \quad \text{where } \gamma = \frac{\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - 4\gamma}{4}$$

Converting back to x, t coordinates,

$$u(x,t) = w(x,t) \exp\left(\frac{\beta}{2}x - \frac{\alpha}{2}t\right)$$

where w satisfies (II)

For $\beta=0$,

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int (u_t^2 + u_{xx}^2 + \gamma u^2) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dE}{dt} = \int (u_t u_{tt} + u_x u_{xt} + \gamma u u_t) dx$$

$$= \int u_t (u_{tt} - u_{xxx} + \gamma u) dx$$

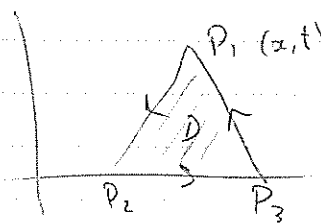
$$= -\alpha \int u_t^2 dx < 0.$$

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That is, the energy $E(t)$ of a solution decreases with (assuming initial data has compact support).

$$(*) \quad \begin{cases} u_{tt} - u_{xx} = f(x,t) \\ u(x,0) = g(x), u_t(x,0) = h(x) \end{cases}$$

The solution can be written as



$$(**) \quad u(P_1) = \frac{1}{2} (g(P_2) + g(P_3)) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{P_2}^{P_3} h(x) dx + \frac{1}{2} \iint_D f(s,\eta) ds d\eta$$

$P_2 < P_3$ are the points where the characteristics through P_1 intersect the x -axis.

Suppose we wish to study

$$(***) \quad \begin{cases} u_{tt} - u_{xx} + \alpha u_t + \beta u_x + \gamma u = f(x,t) \\ u(x,0) = g(x), u_t(x,0) = h(x) \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow u_{tt} - u_{xx} = F(x,t,u,u_x,u_y)$$

Using (**), existence can be established (e.g. by contraction mapping principle).