

Wave equation review.

$$\square = \partial_t^2 - \Delta$$

Consider the wave equation $\begin{cases} U_{tt} = \Delta U & \text{in } U \times [0, \infty) \triangleq U_\infty \\ U(0, x) = g(x) & \text{(initial position)} \\ U_t(0, x) = h(x) & \text{(initial velocity)} \end{cases}$ in 1-dim
(U represents displacement at time t , location x).

I) Associated variation problem.

$$L[U] = \int_0^T \frac{1}{2} |U_t|^2 - \frac{1}{2} |U_x|^2 dt dx \quad \text{defined for bdr condition ...}$$

Consider for any $v \in C_0^\infty(U_\infty)$, let $i(\varepsilon) = L[U + \varepsilon v]$

$$\Rightarrow i'(\varepsilon) = \int_U U_t v_t - \nabla U \nabla v = \int_U (-U_{tt} + \Delta U) v = 0, \quad \forall v \in C_0^\infty(U_\infty). \quad \square$$

II) Two ways to derive to solution.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a. } (U_{tt})^\wedge(t, \xi) &= -4\pi^2 |\xi|^2 \hat{U}(t, \xi) \\ \begin{cases} \hat{U}(0, \xi) = \hat{g}(\xi) \\ \hat{U}_t(0, \xi) = \hat{h}(\xi) \end{cases} &\Rightarrow \hat{U}(t, \xi) = \hat{g}(\xi) \cos 2\pi |\xi| t + \frac{\hat{h}(\xi)}{2\pi |\xi|} \sin 2\pi |\xi| t \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow U(t, x) = g_* \left(\cos 2\pi |\xi| t \right)^\vee + h_* \left(\frac{\sin 2\pi |\xi| t}{2\pi |\xi|} \right)^\vee$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{2\pi i \xi x} \cos 2\pi \xi t d\xi = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{2\pi i \xi (x+t)} + e^{2\pi i \xi (x-t)}}{2} d\xi$$

$$= \frac{\delta(x+t) + \delta(x-t)}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow U(t, x) = \frac{g(x+t) + g(x-t)}{2} + \int_{x-t}^{x+t} \frac{h(y)}{2} dy$$

$$\left(\left(\frac{\sin 2\pi |\xi| t}{2\pi |\xi|} \right)^\vee \right) = \int_0^t \frac{\delta(x+s) + \delta(x-s)}{2} ds = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{1}_{(-t, t)} \quad)$$

$$b. (\partial_{tt} - \partial_{xx}) = (\partial_t - \partial_x)(\partial_t + \partial_x)$$

First we solve $(\partial_t - \partial_x) u(t, x) = 0$

Along the characteristic curve, $x(t) = x_0 - t$, const $\Rightarrow u(t, x) = f(t + x)$

$$\Rightarrow (\partial_t + \partial_x) u(t, x) = f(x + t)$$

Along the characteristic curve $x(t) = x_0 + t$, $\dot{u}(t, x(t)) = f(x_0 + 2t)$

$$\Rightarrow u(t, x) = \int_0^t f(x_0 + 2s) ds = \int_0^t f(x + t + x - t) ds = F(x + t) - F(x - t) + g(x - t)$$

$\Rightarrow u(t, x)$ can be written in form of $f(x + t) + g(x - t)$

Substituting to initial condition ...

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Reflection principle.

$\begin{cases} (\partial_{tt} - \partial_{xx}) u = 0, & u \in C^\infty \text{ on } x=0 \\ u = g, & u_t = h \end{cases} \quad x \geq 0$ We can extend u oddly.

$$\Rightarrow u(t, x) = \begin{cases} \frac{g(x+t) + g(x-t)}{2} + \frac{\int_{x-t}^{x+t} h(y) dy}{2}, & x \geq t \geq 0 \\ \frac{g(x+t) - g(t-x)}{2} + \frac{\int_{t-x}^{x+t} h(y) dy}{2}, & t > x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

* Wave equation in higher dimensional spaces:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider } u(x, t, r) &= \int_{\partial B(x, r)} u(t, y) dS(y) \\ \begin{cases} G(x, r) &= \int_{\partial B(x, r)} g(y) dS(y) \\ H(x, r) &= \int_{\partial B(x, r)} h(y) dS(y) \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Fix $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_r(x, t, r) &= \left(\int_{\partial B(x, r)} U(t, x+rz) dS(z) \right)_r \\
 &= \int_{\partial B(x, r)} D U(t, x+rz) \cdot z dS(z) \\
 &= \int_{\partial B(x, r)} D U(t, y) \frac{y-x}{r} dS(y) \\
 &= \frac{r}{n} \int_{B(x, r)} \Delta U(t, y) dy \\
 &= \frac{1}{n\alpha(n)r^{n-1}} \int_{B(x, r)} \Delta U(t, y) dy
 \end{aligned}$$

$$U_{rr}(x, t, r) = \left(\frac{1-n}{n\alpha(n)} \frac{1}{r^n} \int_{B(x, r)} \Delta U(t, y) dy + \frac{1}{n\alpha(n)r^{n-1}} \int_{\partial B(x, r)} \Delta U(t, y) dS(y) \right)$$

$$U_{tt}(x, t, r) = \frac{1}{n\alpha(n)r^{n-1}} \int_{\partial B(x, r)} \Delta U(t, y) dS(y).$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{rr} + \frac{n-1}{r} U_r = U_{tt}.$$

$$\begin{cases} U(x, 0, r) = G(x, r) \\ U_t(x, 0, r) = H(x, r) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{When } n=3, \quad U_{rr} + \frac{2}{r} U_r = U_{tt}, \quad \tilde{U}(x, r, t) = r U(x, r, t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{U}_r = U + r U_r, \quad \tilde{U}_{rr} = 2U_r + r U_{rr} = \tilde{U}_{tt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{U}(x, t, r) = \frac{\tilde{G}(x, r+t) - \tilde{G}(x, t-r)}{2} + \frac{\int_{t-r}^{t+r} \tilde{H}(x, y) dy}{2} \quad \text{when } 0 \leq r \leq t$$

$$\Rightarrow U(t, x) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} U(x, t, r) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\tilde{U}(x, t, r)}{r} = \tilde{G}'(x, t) + \tilde{H}(x, t)$$

Compute $\tilde{G}'(x,t)$ and $\tilde{H}(x,t)$

$$\tilde{G}(x,t) = t \int_{\partial B(x,t)} g(y) dS(y) = \frac{1}{4\pi t} \int_{\partial B(x,t)} g(y) dS(y)$$

$$\tilde{G}'(x,t) = \int_{\partial B(x,t)} g(y) dS(y) + t \left(\int_{\partial B(0,1)} g(x+tz) dS(z) \right)$$

$$= \int_{\partial B(x,t)} g(y) dS(y) + t \int_{\partial B(0,1)} Dg(x+tz) \cdot z dS(z)$$

$$= \int_{\partial B(x,t)} g(y) dS(y) + t \int_{\partial B(x,t)} Dg(y) \frac{y-x}{t} dS(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow U(t,x) = \int_{\partial B(x,t)} t h(y) + g(y) + Dg(y)(y-x) dS(y)$$

So how to derivate 2-dimensional solution?

Consider $U(t,x)$ solves WE in 2-dimensional space, we have:

$$U(t,x) = \bar{U}(t,\bar{x}) \quad ((x_1, x_2) \cong (x_1, x_2, 0))$$

$$\text{And define } \begin{cases} \tilde{g}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = g(x_1, x_2) = g \circ \pi_{(x_1, x_2)}(x) \\ \tilde{h}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = h \circ \pi_{(x_1, x_2)}(x) \end{cases} \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

projection from $\mathbb{R}^3$ to x_1-x_2 plane

$$\text{So } \bar{U}(t,\bar{x}) = \int_{\partial B(\bar{x},t)} t h(y) + g(y) + Dg(y)(y-\bar{x}) dS(y) \stackrel{\text{a}}{=} f(y).$$

Consider the mapping $y \in \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow (y, \sqrt{t^2 - |y-x|^2})$.

$$\Rightarrow \bar{U}(t,\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{B(x,t)} t h(y) + g(y) + Dg(y)(y-x) \cdot \sqrt{t^2 - |y-x|^2} dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{B(x,t)} \frac{t^2 h(y) + t g(y) + t Dg(y)(y-x)}{\sqrt{t^2 - |y-x|^2}} dy$$

Here comes the question:

$$\text{How to solve } \begin{cases} U_{tt} = \Delta U + f \\ U(0, x) = 0 \\ U_t(0, x) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Let $v(t, x, s)$ solves $\begin{cases} v_{tt} = v_{xx} \\ v(s, x, s) = 0, v_t(s, x, s) = f(s, x) \end{cases}$ for each fixed s .

Consider $U(t, x) = \int_0^t v(t, x, s) ds$.

$$\text{Then } U_t(t, x) = v(t, x, t) + \int_0^t v_t(t, x, s) ds = \int_0^t v_t(t, x, s) ds$$

$$\begin{cases} U_{tt}(t, x) = v_t(t, x, t) + \int_0^t v_{tt}(t, x, s) ds = f(t, x) + U_{xx} \end{cases}$$

So for

$$\textcircled{1} \mathbb{R}^3, \text{ we have: } v(t, x, s) = \int_{\partial B(x, t-s)} f(s, y) (t-s) dy$$

$$\textcircled{2} \mathbb{R}, \text{ we have: } v(t, x, s) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t+s}^{x+t-s} f(s, y) dy.$$

So far, you may ask, aha, what you just wrote is "the speed of the wave is 1", so how to deal with.

$$\begin{cases} U_{tt} = a^2 \Delta U + f \\ \approx \end{cases} \quad \text{just let } v(t, x) = U(t, ax)$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{tt}(t, x) = U_{tt}(t, ax) = a^2 \Delta U(t, ax) = \Delta v(t, x) + \overset{+f(t, ax)}{\quad} \dots$$

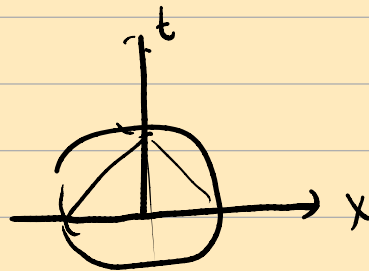
Now, we propose the energy estimate to prove that: the solution of the wave equation is unique. classical ✓

The solution for $\begin{cases} U_{tt} = \Delta U + f \\ U(0, x) = g \\ U_t(0, x) = h \end{cases}$ in $\mathbb{R}^n$ is unique.

Proof: Only need to show, the C^2 solution for $f=g=h=0$ is only 0.

Consider the whole energy $e(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |U_t|^2 + |\nabla U|^2 dx$!!!

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{e}(t) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} U_t U_{tt} + \nabla U \cdot \nabla U_t dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} U_t \Delta U + \nabla U \cdot \nabla U_t dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{\partial U_t}{\partial n} \nabla U \cdot \nu dx = 0 \text{ with } e(0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$



Domain of dependence

Consider $\Delta U = 0$, and if $U = U_t = 0$ in $\{t=0\} \times B_b(x_0)$, $U \in C^2 \Rightarrow U \equiv 0$ in the cone $\{(t, x) \mid 0 \leq t \leq b, |x - x_0| \leq b - t\}$

Proof: Consider the energy again, we have:

$$\text{Let } e(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{B_{b-t}(x_0)} |\nabla U|^2 + |U_t|^2 dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{b-t} \int_{\partial B(x_0, s)} |\nabla U|^2 + |U_t|^2 dS ds$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{A} \quad \dot{e}(t) &= \int_{B_{b-t}(x_0)} \nabla U \cdot \nabla U_t + U_t \cdot U_{tt} dx \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial B_{b-t}(x_0)} |\nabla U|^2 + |U_t|^2 dS \\ &= \int_{\partial B_{b-t}(x_0)} \frac{\partial U}{\partial n} U_t dS - \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

You may ask, what happens when $\Delta U = f$.

Still consider $e(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{B_{t_0+t}(x_0)} |U_t|^2 + |\nabla U|^2 dx$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{e}(t) &= \int_{B_{t_0+t}(x_0)} U_t U_{tt} + \nabla U \nabla U_t dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial B_{t_0+t}(x_0)} |U_t|^2 + |\nabla U|^2 dx \\ &\leq \int_{B_{t_0+t}(x_0)} U_t f \leq e(t) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{B_{t_0+t}(x_0)} f^2 dx \end{aligned}$$

Use Gronwall

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Before we end our Review, we propose the separation of variables for wave function in 1-dimension. (i.e. in $(0, l)$)

$$\begin{cases} U_{tt} = \Delta U + f \\ U(0, x) = g_1(x) \\ U_t(0, x) = h_1(x) \\ U(t, 0) = g_2(t) \\ U(t, l) = g_2(t) \end{cases}$$

Still, consider what we do in HE.

$$U(t, x) = \begin{cases} \frac{l-x}{l} g_1(t) \\ \frac{(l-x)^2}{-2l} g_1(t) \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{l} g_2(t) \\ \frac{x^2}{2l} g_2(t) \end{cases} \quad \text{to let } g_1 = g_2 = 0$$

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 $U_x(t, 0) = g_1(t)$ $U_x(t, l) = g_2(t)$

Consider $X_n(x) T_n(t)$ which solves the equation.

$$\frac{X_n''(x)}{X_n(x)} = \frac{T_n''(t)}{T_n(t)} = -\lambda, \quad X_n(0) = X_n(l) = 0 \quad (\text{S-L problem})$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} X_n''(x) + \lambda X_n(x) = 0 \\ X_n(0) = X_n(l) = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow X_n(x) = C \sin \sqrt{\lambda} x, \quad \sqrt{\lambda} l = n\pi \Rightarrow \lambda = \left(\frac{n\pi}{l}\right)^2$$

And $X_n(x)$ forms an orthogonal basis in $L^2(0, l)$.

$$\begin{cases} f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(t) X_n(x) \\ g(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_n X_n(x) \\ h(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} h_n X_n(x) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} T_n''(t) + \lambda T_n(t) = f_n(t) \\ T_n(0) = g_n \\ T_n'(0) = h_n \end{cases}$$

(If you do odd extension, it corresponding with the wave solution's form above).

A special case for $f(t, x)$ is $f_n = A_n \sin \omega t$, let $L = \pi$.

$$\Rightarrow T_n''(t) + n^2 T_n(t) = A_n \sin \omega t.$$

From Duhamel's principle,

$$\begin{aligned} T_n(t) &= \int_0^t \left(\frac{\sin n s}{n} \right) \cdot A_n \sin \omega(t-s) \, ds \\ &= \int_0^t \frac{\sin n s}{n} A_n \sin \omega(t-s) \, ds + \text{homogeneous solution} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \|u\|_{L^\infty} \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{if } |\omega| \geq n. \quad \text{No maximum principle exists.}$$

