

Serie 11

You need to know: d'Alembert's solutions of the 1-dimensional wave equation: domain of dependence and region of influence. Fourier series solution of the 1-dimensional heat equation.

1. (Graphical exercise on the domain of dependence / region of influence)

Let $u(x, t)$ be the solution of the problem

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx}, & x \in \mathbb{R}, t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & |x| \leq 1 \\ 0, & |x| > 1 \end{cases} & x \in \mathbb{R} \\ u_t(x, 0) = 0. & x \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$$

- Draw the characteristic lines as in the picture at pag. 59 of the Lecture notes for the interval $[a, b] = [-1, 1]$. You should have divided the upper-half plane $(x, t) \in \mathbb{R} \times [0, +\infty)$ into the six regions denoted in the picture by I,II,III,IV,V,VI.
- In this case in each of these regions, and on each of the characteristics line, the solution is equal to a constant. Find all these constants and write them down in the regions and on the lines.
- In this way you have found graphically the solution for each (x, t) . What are the maximum and minimum values?

- $\max_{(x,t) \in \mathbb{R} \times [0, +\infty)} u(x, t) = ?$
- $\min_{(x,t) \in \mathbb{R} \times [0, +\infty)} u(x, t) = ?$

2. Let $u(x, t)$ be the solution of the problem

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx}, & x \in \mathbb{R}, t > 0 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & |x| \leq 1 \\ 0, & |x| > 1 \end{cases} & x \in \mathbb{R} \\ u_t(x, 0) = g(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & |x| \leq 1 \\ 0, & |x| > 1 \end{cases} & x \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$$

a) Find the values $u(0, \frac{1}{2})$ and $u(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$.

b) Find, for each fixed $x \in \mathbb{R}$, the asymptotic limit

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} u(x, t).$$

3. Find, via Fourier series, the solution of the 1-dimensional heat equation with the following initial condition:

$$\begin{cases} u_t = 4 u_{xx}, & x \in [0, 1], t \geq 0 \\ u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0, & t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x), & x \in [0, 1] \end{cases}$$

where

$$f(x) = \sin(\pi x) + \sin(5\pi x) + \sin(10\pi x).$$

Use the method of separation of variables from scratch, showing all the steps.

4. An aluminium bar of length $L = 1$ (m) has thermal diffusivity of (around)¹

$$c^2 = 0.0001 \left(\frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{sec}} \right) = 10^{-4} \left(\frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{sec}} \right).$$

It has initial temperature given by $u(x, 0) = f(x) = 100 \sin(\pi x)$ ($^{\circ}\text{C}$), and its ends are kept at a constant 0°C temperature. Find the first time t^* for which the whole bar will have temperature $\leq 30^{\circ}\text{C}$.

In mathematical terms, solve

$$\begin{cases} u_t = 10^{-4} u_{xx}, & x \in [0, 1], t \geq 0 \\ u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0, & t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = 100 \sin(\pi x), & x \in [0, 1]. \end{cases}$$

and find the smallest t^* for which

$$\max_{x \in [0, 1]} u(x, t^*) \leq 30.$$

You can use the formula from the Lecture notes (pag. 61).

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¹we are approximating the standard value which would be $c^2 \approx 0.000097 \text{m}^2/\text{sec}$ to make computations easier.