

Consider the following IVP:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} & \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) & \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}, \\ u_t(x, 0) = g(x) & \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}, t > 0. \end{cases}$$

For each of the following change of coordinates, write the corresponding IVP for  $v(\xi, \eta) = u(\xi(x, t), \eta(x, t))$ .

1.  $\xi = 4x, \eta = 5t$ .

2.  $\xi = x + 3t, \eta = t$ .

3.  $\xi = 2x, \eta = xt$ .

Putting it all back together:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \xi^2} + 6 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \eta \partial \xi} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \eta^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \\ u(\xi(x, 0), 0) = f(\xi(x, 0)) \quad (\text{at } t=0 \quad \xi(x, 0) = x) \\ 3 \frac{\partial u}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} = g(\xi(x, 0)) \end{array} \right.$$

Use the chain rule:  
 $\xi(x, t) = x + 3t, \eta(x, t) = t$

Note:  $\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} = 1, \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial t} = 3, \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} = 0, \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} = 1$   
 Be patient and ppf's, chain rule!

up to the order of 2nd derivatives!

$u(\xi(x, t), \eta(x, t))$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \xi}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} = 3 \frac{\partial u}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \xi^2} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \eta \partial \xi} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \xi^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} &= \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \xi^2} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \eta \partial \xi} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + 3 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \xi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \eta^2} \\ &= 3 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \xi^2} + 6 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \eta \partial \xi} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \eta^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right) \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right) \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} (\xi(x, t), \eta(x, t))$$

## 10.3. Vanishing mixed derivative

Let  $u : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a twice differentiable function such that  $u_{xy} = 0$  vanishes identically. Then show that there exists (twice differentiable) functions  $a, b : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$u(x, y) = a(x) + b(y), \text{ for all } (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

(This is the reason why it is convenient, e.g. in studying the 1D wave equation, to introduce the canonical coordinates).

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$$\xi(x, t) = x + ct$$

$$\eta(x, t) = x - ct$$

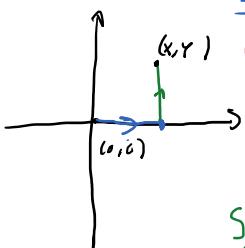
$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 (\omega_{ss} + 2\omega_{sy} + \omega_{yy})$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \omega_{ss} - 2\omega_{sy} + \omega_{yy}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}} \Leftrightarrow -4c^2 \omega_{sy} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \omega_{sy} = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega = A(s) + B(y).$$

(Fact!)



Proof: WLOG take  $(x_0, y_0) = (0, 0)$

Step 1: Integrate from  $x_0 = 0$  to  $x$

$$\cancel{\int_x^{x_0} u_{xy}(x', y_0) dx'} = u_y(x, y_0) - u_y(x_0, y_0) = \cancel{\int_{x_0}^x \frac{\partial u_{xy}}{\partial x}(x', y_0) dx'} = 0$$

$$u_y(x, y_0) = u_y(x_0, y_0)$$

Step 2: Integrate from  $y_0 = 0$  to  $y$ .

$$\cancel{\int_{y_0}^y u_y(x, y') dy} = u(x, y) - u(x, y_0)$$

$$u(x, y) = u(x, y_0) + \cancel{u(x_0, y) - u(x_0, y_0)}$$

Note: small correction with respect to live session: what I meant to derive was.

$$u_y(x, t) - u_y(x_0, t) = \int_{x_0}^x u_{xy}(x', t) dx' = 0$$

i.e. with  $t \in [t_0, T]$  arbitrary but fixed

Then it follows  $u_y(x, t) = u_y(x_0, t) \quad \forall t \in [t_0, T]$

This we can integrate on both sides:

$$\int_{t_0}^T u_y(x, t) dt = \int_{t_0}^T u_y(x_0, t) dt$$

$$u(x, T) - u(x, t_0) = u(x_0, T) - u(x_0, t_0)$$

$$u(x, T) = u(x, t_0) + \underbrace{u(x_0, T) - u(x_0, t_0)}_{a(x)}$$

# Inhomogeneous d'Alembert: trip down memory lane?

**9.2. Inhomogeneous wave equation on the real line.** Let  $u : \mathbb{R} \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a solution of the PDE

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = \sin(4t) + x & \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}, t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) = 2x^2 & \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}, \\ u_t(x, 0) = 6 \cos(x) & \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}. \end{cases}$$

Reminder: Duhamel's principle (3 steps)

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

Step 0:  $u = u_1 + u_2$

$$\begin{cases} \partial_{tt}^2 u_1 - c^2 \partial_{xx}^2 u_1 = F(x, t) \\ u_1(x, 0) = 0 \\ \partial_t u_1(x, 0) = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \partial_{tt}^2 u_2 - c^2 \partial_{xx}^2 u_2 = 0 \\ u_2(x, 0) = f(x) \\ \partial_t u_2(x, 0) = g(x) \end{cases}$$

solve with  
Duhamel!

solve with  
d'Alembert!

Step 1: transform retarded ini data.

$$\begin{cases} v_{tt} - c^2 v_{xx} = 0 \\ v(x, s) = 0 \\ v_t(x, s) = F(x, s) \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{auxiliary in } (x, t, s) \\ u(x, t, s) \text{ solution} \end{matrix}$$

$$w(x, t) = v(x, t+s)$$

$$\begin{cases} w_{tt} - c^2 w_{xx} = 0 \\ w(x, 0) = 0 \\ w_t(x, 0) = F(x, s) \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{d'Alembert} \\ !!! \end{matrix} \quad w(x, t) = \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-c(t-s)}^{x+c(t-s)} F(u, s) du$$

$$u(x, t) = v(x, t) = w(x, t-s) = \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-c(t-s)}^{x+c(t-s)} F(u, s) du$$

Step 2: (Duhamel) solution for  $u_1$  given by

$$u_1(x, t) = \int_0^t u(x, t-s) ds \quad (\text{only remains to check } u_1 \text{ is a solution!})$$

$$F(x, t) = \sin(4t) + x$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(x, t) &= \int_0^t \underbrace{u(x, t-s)}_{\substack{\text{d'Alembert} \\ \text{solution}}} ds = \int_0^t \omega(x, t-s) ds \\ &= \frac{1}{2c} \int_0^t \int_{x-c(t-s)}^{x+c(t-s)} x + \underbrace{\sin(4s)}_{-\frac{1}{4} \cos(4s)} ds dt' \\ &= \left[ \frac{1}{4} t + \frac{1}{2} t^2 x - \frac{1}{4} \sin(4t) \right] \Big|_{x-c(t-s)}^{x+c(t-s)} \\ u_2(x, t) &= \frac{x^2 + 2xt + 2(x+2t)^2}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \int_{x-2t}^{x+2t} 6 \cos(4u) du \\ &= \boxed{2x^2 + 8t^2} + \boxed{3 \cos(8x) \sin(2t)} \end{aligned}$$

$$u = u_1(x, t) + u_2(x, t)$$

$$= 2x^2 + 8t^2 + \frac{1}{4} t + 2t^2 x - \frac{1}{4} \sin(4t) + 3 \cos(8x) \sin(2t) \quad \checkmark$$

same as last time!