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Today:

hyperbolic equations (linear)  
acoustic, elastic, electromagnetic waves  
(from physical wave eq.)  
conservation laws (mass, momentum, en)

Thurs:

plane wave sol<sup>n</sup>, dispersion rel<sup>n</sup>  
traveling wave sol<sup>n</sup>, etc.

1) Acoustic waves  
(air, water)

$v$  = velocity (molecules)  
 $\rho$  = density  
 $p$  = pressure

Gas dynamics: no viscosity  
 $Dv/Dt$

$$\rho \left( \frac{Dv}{Dt} + v \cdot \nabla v \right) = -\nabla p \quad (\text{momentum})$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho v) = 0 \quad (\text{mass})$$

$$p \sim \rho^\gamma$$

(constitutive rel -  
ideal adiabatic revers)

$$\text{where } \nabla \cdot v = \sum_i \partial_i v_i$$

$$\nabla v_j = \partial_j v_j$$

$\Delta$  Small disturbances:

$$\text{(real)} \quad p_1 = p_0 + p$$

$$\rho_1 = \rho_0 + \rho$$

$$v_1 = v_0 + v$$

neglect  $O(p^2 + \rho^2 + v^2)$

$\Delta$  Medium at rest.

$$p_0, \rho_0$$

independent of  $t$ .

$$v_0 = 0$$

$$\text{Momentum: } (\rho_0 + \rho) \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + v_0 \cdot \nabla v_0 + v \cdot \nabla v_0 + v_0 \cdot \nabla v \right) = -\nabla p_0 - \nabla p$$

Order 0:  $\nabla p = 0$  (no static stress)

Order 1:  $\rho_0 \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = -\nabla p$  (1)

Mass:  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \rho_0 \nabla \cdot w + \rho_0 \nabla \cdot w + \rho \nabla \cdot w = 0$  (2)

Constitutive: " $p \sim \rho^\gamma$ "  $\gamma = 1.4$  (air)  
" $\frac{dp}{d\rho} = \gamma \frac{p}{\rho}$ "  $\Rightarrow \frac{p}{\rho} = \gamma \frac{p_0}{\rho_0(x)}$   
 $= c_0^2(x)$   
 $p = \frac{1}{c_0^2} \dot{p}$  (def.)

$\frac{\partial \dot{p}}{\partial t} = - \underbrace{\rho_0(x) c_0^2(x)}_{\kappa(x) \text{ bulk modulus}} \nabla \cdot w$

$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\rho_0(x)} \nabla \dot{p}$   
 $\frac{\partial \dot{p}}{\partial t} = -\kappa(x) \nabla \cdot w$

acoustics  
I.C. on  $\dot{p}, w$

Wave equation:  $\frac{\partial^2 \dot{p}}{\partial t^2} = \kappa_0 \nabla \cdot \frac{1}{\rho_0(x)} \nabla \dot{p}$

Rank:  $\kappa \rho_0 > 0$ . Rank:  $\frac{\partial^2 \dot{p}}{\partial t^2} = c_0^2 \Delta \dot{p}$  if  $\rho$  const. I.C. on  $\dot{p}, \frac{\partial \dot{p}}{\partial t}$

Conservation of energy

$w = \begin{pmatrix} w \\ \dot{p} \end{pmatrix} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \begin{pmatrix} w \\ \dot{p} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{\rho_0} \nabla \\ -\kappa \nabla & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w \\ \dot{p} \end{pmatrix}$

$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = L w$   
 $L \rightarrow$  generator.

Def.  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = Lw$  is said to be a hyperbolic system of eqn. if

- $L$  is  $1^{st}$ -order differential
- There exists an inner product  $\langle w, w' \rangle$  with respect to which  $L^* = -L$  (skew-Hermitian), where  $L^*$  is defined as

$$\forall w, w', \quad \langle Lw, w' \rangle = \langle w, L^* w' \rangle$$

Ex.  $L = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \\ -k \nabla & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\langle w, w' \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \int \left[ \rho w \cdot w' + \frac{1}{k} \psi \psi' \right] dx.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Lw, w' \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} \int \left[ \rho \left( -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \psi \right) \cdot w' + \frac{1}{k} \left( -k \nabla \cdot w \right) \psi' \right] dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \int \left[ \nabla \psi \cdot w' + \nabla \cdot w \psi' \right] dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \left[ \psi \nabla \cdot w' + w \cdot \nabla \psi' \right] dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \left[ -\frac{1}{k} \psi \left( -k \nabla \cdot w' \right) - \rho w \cdot \left( -\frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \psi' \right) \right] dx \\ &= \langle w, L w' \rangle \\ &= \langle w, L^* w' \rangle \Rightarrow L^* = -L. \end{aligned}$$

Thm. If  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = Lw$  is hyperbolic, then  $E = \langle w, w \rangle$  is conserved.



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Pf } \frac{d}{dt} (\psi, \psi) &= \left\langle \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}, \psi \right\rangle + \left\langle \psi, \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \right\rangle \\
 &= 2 \left\langle \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}, \psi \right\rangle \\
 &= 2 \langle L\psi, \psi \rangle \\
 &= 2 \langle \psi, L^* \psi \rangle \\
 &= 2 \langle \psi, -L\psi \rangle \\
 &= 0 \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Ex. } E = (\psi, \psi) = \frac{1}{2} \int \underbrace{\rho_0 \dot{\psi}^2}_{\text{kinetic}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \kappa_0 \psi^2}_{\text{potential}} \quad \text{total energy}$$

2) Elastic waves (solid material).

- $u$  = displacement
- $\underline{\dot{u}} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$  velocity
- $\underline{\underline{\epsilon}} = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla u + \nabla u^T)$  strain tensor
- $\underline{\underline{\sigma}} =$  stress tensor.

$$\rho \frac{\partial \underline{u}}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot \underline{\underline{\sigma}} + \underline{f} \quad (F = m\dot{a}, \text{ momentum})$$

$$\underline{\underline{\sigma}} = \underline{\underline{C}} : \underline{\underline{\epsilon}} \quad (\text{constitutive, Hooke})$$

$$\frac{\partial \underline{\underline{\epsilon}}}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \dot{u} + \nabla \dot{u}^T) \quad (\text{def.})$$

$\triangle P$  indep. of  $t$ .  $(P(x,0) = P(x+u(x,t), t))$



$$\text{or } \rho \frac{\partial w_i}{\partial t} = \sum_j \partial_j \sigma_{ij}$$

$$\sigma_{ij} = C_{ijkl} \epsilon_{kl}$$

$$\epsilon_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_i u_j + \partial_j u_i)$$

$$\frac{\partial \epsilon_{ij}}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_i w_j + \partial_j w_i)$$

Hyperbolic system:  $w = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ \epsilon \end{pmatrix}$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & L_2 \\ L_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} w = L w \quad L^* = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & L_1^* \\ L_2^* & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $L_1 w = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla w + \nabla w^T)$

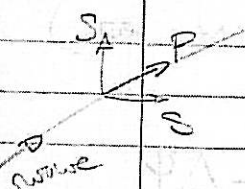
$$L_2 \epsilon = \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla \cdot (C : \epsilon)$$

$$L_1^* = -L_2 \Rightarrow L^* = -L \text{ provided } (w, w^*) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \rho w^T w + \epsilon^T : C : \epsilon \right)$$

$E = \langle w, w^* \rangle$  conserved

In general, C has 81  $\rightarrow$  21 components

Isootropic elasticity compressional longitudinal (P) transverse shear (S)



$$C_{ijkl} = \lambda \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} + \mu (\delta_{il} \delta_{jk} + \delta_{ik} \delta_{jl}) \quad (11)$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial w_i}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot (\lambda \nabla \cdot \frac{w}{u}) + \nabla \cdot (\mu (\nabla \frac{w}{u} + \nabla \frac{w}{u}^T))$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial w_i}{\partial t} = \partial_i (\lambda \partial_j w_j) + \partial_j (\mu (\partial_i w_j + \partial_j w_i))$$

free: i  
dummy: j

$$L_2 \epsilon = \frac{1}{\rho} [\nabla \cdot (\lambda \text{tr} \epsilon) + 2 \nabla \cdot (\mu \epsilon)]$$

$$\text{tr} \epsilon = \epsilon_{ii}$$

$$\langle u, u' \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \int (\rho u'^2 + 2\mu \text{tr}(\epsilon^T \epsilon) + \lambda (\text{tr} \epsilon)^2) dx$$

Link to the wave equation.

$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \nabla (\lambda \nabla \cdot u) + \nabla \cdot (\mu (\nabla u + \nabla u^T)) + f$$

△ Assume  $\lambda, \mu$  constant

$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = (\lambda + \mu) \nabla (\nabla \cdot u) + \mu \Delta u$$

$$\Delta u = \nabla (\nabla \cdot u) - \nabla \times \nabla \times u$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = (\lambda + 2\mu) \nabla (\nabla \cdot u) - \mu \nabla \times \nabla \times u$$

Helmholtz decomposition:

scalar f, vector f.

$$u = \nabla \phi + \nabla \times \psi + h$$

$$\Delta h = 0 \Rightarrow h = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \nabla \times \psi &= 0 \\ \nabla \times \nabla \phi &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Gauge choices  $\phi_{\text{new}} = \phi_{\text{old}} + c$   
 $\psi_{\text{new}} = \psi_{\text{old}} + \nabla f$

Choose  $f$  such that

$$\nabla \cdot \psi_{\text{new}} = 0$$

$$0 = \nabla \cdot \psi_{\text{old}} + \Delta f$$

$$\Delta f = -\nabla \cdot \psi_{\text{old}} \quad (\text{Poisson eq.})$$

Then  $\nabla \cdot u = 0$

$$\nabla \times u = \nabla \times \nabla \times \psi = -\Delta \psi$$

$$\nabla \left[ \rho \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} - (\lambda + 2\mu) \Delta \phi \right]$$

$$+ \nabla \times \left[ \rho \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} - \mu \Delta \psi \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} - (\lambda + 2\mu) \Delta \phi = \text{harmonic} = 0$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} - \mu \Delta \psi = \nabla (\text{something}) = 0$$

$\phi$ : compression wave  
 $\psi$ : shear wave

Loss mode conversion at interfaces  
Limit  $\mu \rightarrow 0$ :  $\lambda = K$ , bulk modulus  
Loss shear wave

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### 3) Electromagnetic waves.

$E$  = electric field  
 $H$  = magnetic field  
 $\epsilon$  = el. permittivity  $\epsilon(\omega)$   
 $\mu$  = mag permeability  $\mu(\omega)$   
 $j$  = current  
 $\rho$  = charge

$$\nabla \times E = - \frac{\partial(\mu H)}{\partial t} \quad (\text{Faraday})$$

$$\nabla \times H = \frac{\partial(\epsilon E)}{\partial t} + j \quad (\text{Ampere-Maxwell})$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \nabla \cdot (\epsilon E) = \rho \\ \nabla \cdot (\mu H) = 0. \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} (\text{Gauss}) \\ (\text{Gauss}) \end{array}$$

constraints on I.C. (B)

1861: Maxwell

1880: vector calculus (Gibbs)

Constitutive:  $D = \epsilon E$   
 $B = \mu H$

Dry air:  $\epsilon_0, \mu_0$

Total charge:  $\int \rho dV$   
Total current:  $\int j \cdot dS$



System form  $\psi = \begin{pmatrix} E \\ H \end{pmatrix}$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla \times \\ -\frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times & 0 \end{pmatrix} \psi + \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{\epsilon} \rho \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle \psi, \psi' \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \int (\epsilon E E' + \mu H H') dx$$

$$L = -L^* \Rightarrow E = \frac{1}{2} \int (\epsilon E^2 + \mu H^2) dx \text{ conserved}$$

Continuity eq.  $\nabla \cdot \frac{\partial \epsilon E}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot j$   
 Wave equation ( $j=0$ )

$$\nabla \cdot (F \times G) = G \cdot (\nabla \times F) - F \cdot (\nabla \times G)$$

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla \times \left( \frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times E \right) = -\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\mu} \nabla \times \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} \nabla \times H \right) = \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial t^2}$$

Either: potentials

$$\text{or: } \nabla \times \nabla \times \psi = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \psi) - \Delta \psi$$

$$\Delta E - \epsilon \mu \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial t^2} + \underbrace{\left( \frac{\nabla \mu}{\mu} \times (\nabla \times E) + \nabla \left( E \cdot \frac{\nabla \epsilon}{\epsilon} \right) \right)}_{\text{1st order junk}} = 0$$

1st order junk  
 $= 0$  when  $\epsilon, \mu$  const.

$$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon \mu}} \text{ speed of light}$$

Insist: waves when • 1st order system in time

1st order diff.  $L$  ( $L^* = -L$ )

or • 2nd order scalar (int)  
 2nd order diff. in  $x$

Answer: register!  
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1) Equations

2) Plane wave solutions - dispersion relations

Assume a time-harmonic dependence

$$\psi(x,t) = e^{-i\omega t} f_{\omega}(x)$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = L\psi \Rightarrow -i\omega f_{\omega} = L f_{\omega}$$

eigenvalue problem

2.1)  $\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} + c \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = 0$  ("one-way" wave eq.)  
 $c = \text{const.}$

$$L = -c \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

$$L f_{\omega} = \lambda_{\omega} f_{\omega} \quad f_{\omega}(x) = e^{ikx} \quad (\text{oscill. wave})$$

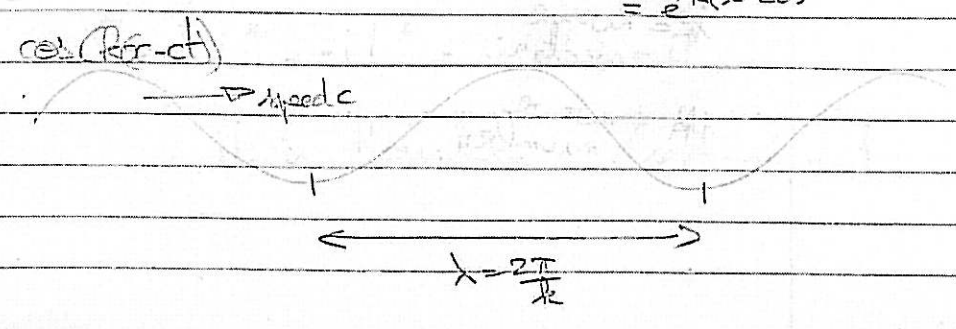
$\lambda_{\omega} = -ikc$

$\lambda_{\omega} = -ikc = -i\omega \Rightarrow \omega = kc$   
( $f_{\omega}$  is a generalized eigenfunction)  
 $\omega = \text{angular frequency}$   
 $k = \text{wave number}$   
 $\omega = kc : \text{dispersion relation.}$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} \quad (T = \text{period})$$
$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \quad (\lambda = \text{wavelength})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2\pi}{T} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} c \quad \lambda = cT$$

Solution:  $\psi(x,t) = e^{i(kx - \omega t)}$  with  $\omega = kc$   
 $\rightarrow$  plane wave solution  
 $= e^{ik(x - ct)}$



$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - c \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow u = e^{ik(x+ct)}$$

left-traveling wave

2.2) 
$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \kappa \nabla \cdot \frac{1}{\rho} \nabla u$$

$\kappa, \rho$  constant

$$= c^2 \Delta u \quad c = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{\rho}}$$

$$u(x,t) = e^{-i\omega t} f_{\omega}(x)$$

$$(-i\omega)^2 f_{\omega} = c^2 \Delta f_{\omega}$$

$$-\omega^2 f_{\omega} = c^2 \Delta f_{\omega}$$

ans:  $f_{\omega}(x) = e^{ik \cdot x}$

$$k = \begin{pmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \\ k_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-\omega^2 = c^2 (ik \cdot ik)$$

$$\omega^2 = c^2 |k|^2$$

characteristic equation

$$\omega = \pm |k|c$$

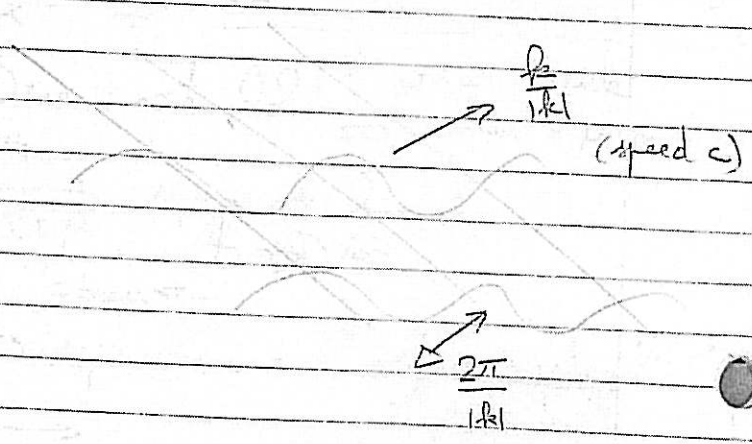
dispersion relations.

$$u(x,t) = e^{i(k \cdot x - \omega t)} \quad \text{with } \omega = \pm |k|c$$

$$= e^{ik \cdot (x \pm \frac{\rho}{\kappa} ct)}$$

$k$  = wave vector

$|k|$  = wave number.





$$2.31 \quad \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = L \psi, \quad L^* = -L$$

$L$  given in pseudodifferential form:  
(multiplication in the Fourier domain)

$$\hat{f}(k) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} e^{-ik \cdot x} f(x) dx$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^m} \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} e^{ik \cdot x} \hat{f}(k) dk$$

$$\nabla f(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^m} \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} e^{ik \cdot x} (ik) \hat{f}(k) dk$$

$$\Delta f(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^m} \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} e^{ik \cdot x} (-|k|^2) \hat{f}(k) dk$$

Translation invariant diff. op.:

$$L f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^m} e^{ik \cdot x} P(k) \hat{f}(k) dk$$

$L$  matrix with  
polynomial entries  
= dispersion matrix.

Non-transl. inv. diff. op.:  $P(x, k)$

$$\psi(x, t) = e^{-i\omega t} f_\omega(x)$$

$$-i\omega f_\omega = L f_\omega$$

$$\omega f_\omega = iL f_\omega$$

$(\omega, f_\omega)$  is an eigenvalue / eigenfunction pair for  $iL$

$$(iL)^* = \overline{iL}^* = -iL^* = -i(-L) = iL$$

$iL$  is Hermitian / self-adjoint.

$\Rightarrow \omega$  real-valued  
(not discrete)

$f_\omega$  orthogonal:  $(f_\omega, f_{\omega'}) = 0$ .

$\rightarrow$  4D form.

$$\text{e.g. } L = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} \\ -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\nabla \\ -\nabla & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(k) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -ik_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -ik_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -ik_3 \\ -ik_1 & -ik_2 & -ik_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad P(k)^\dagger = -P(k)$$

$$\text{try } L e^{ik \cdot x} \underline{\pi} = \int \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} e^{ik' \cdot x} P(k') \underline{\pi} F(e^{ik' \cdot x})(k') d^3 k'$$

$$F(e^{ik' \cdot x})(k') = \int e^{-ik' \cdot x} e^{ik' \cdot x} dx = \delta(k - k') (2\pi)^3$$

(approximate identity)

$$L e^{ik \cdot x} \underline{\pi} = \int e^{ik' \cdot x} P(k') \underline{\pi} \delta(k - k') dk'$$

matrix    vector

$$= e^{ik \cdot x} P(k) \underline{\pi}$$

In addition, let  $\underline{\pi}$  be a right eigenvector of  $P(k)$ :

$$P(k) \underline{\pi}_k = \lambda_k \underline{\pi}_k$$

$$\Rightarrow L e^{ik \cdot x} \underline{\pi}_k = \lambda_k e^{ik \cdot x} \underline{\pi}_k$$

$$L f_\omega = -i\omega f_\omega$$

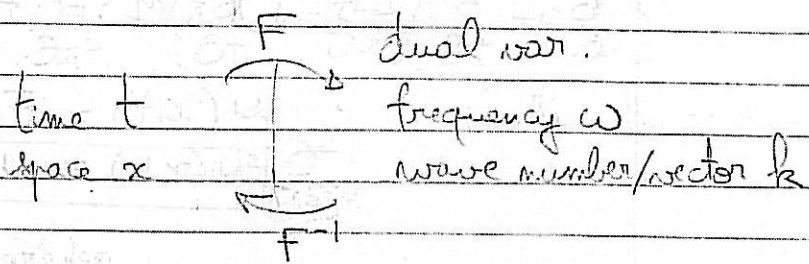
$\Rightarrow f_{\omega}(x) = e^{ik \cdot x}$  and  $\omega$  is det so that  $-i\omega$  is an eigenvalue of  $P(k)$ :

$$\det(i\omega I + P(k)) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} A\omega &= \lambda\omega \\ \omega \in \text{null}(A - \lambda I) \\ \det(A - \lambda I) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

characteristic equation  
 solutions  $\omega = \omega_j(k)$   
 dispersion relations  
 (all skew-Hermitian matrices are diagonalizable)

Concl.



waves like  $f(x \pm ct) \leftrightarrow$  dispersion relation  $\omega = \pm |k|c$

Characteristic eq.: restriction on  $\omega$  and  $k$  such that  $e^{i(k \cdot x - \omega t)}$  is a solution

Last x-imp.:

$$L f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{ik \cdot x} P(x, k) \hat{f}(k) dk$$

(microlocal analysis)

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### 3) Traveling wave solutions

$$\begin{aligned} 3.11 \quad & \left| \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + c \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} &= 0 \\ u(x, 0) &= u_0(x) \end{aligned} \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \eta &= x + ct \\ \eta &= x - ct \end{aligned}$$



$$x = \frac{\xi + \eta}{2}$$

$$t = \frac{1}{c} \left( \frac{\xi - \eta}{2} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial t}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + c \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + c \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2c} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \xi} = 0 \quad U(\xi, \eta) = u(x(\xi, \eta), t(\xi, \eta))$$

$$\Rightarrow U(\xi, \eta) = F(\eta)$$

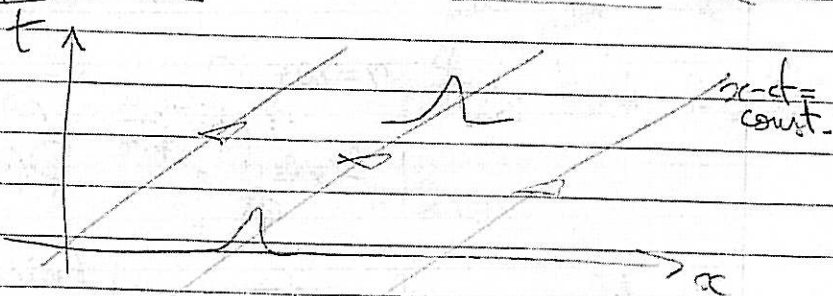
$$u(x, t) = F(x - ct)$$

$$u(x, t) = u_0(x - ct)$$

general solution to the eq.

$\eta$  is called a characteristic coordinate  
 → along which total derivatives appear

$\eta = \text{const.}$  is a characteristic curve (and the PDE turns into an ODE.)



right-traveling waves.

$u_0$  = initial data

other choices of boundary data:  
 cannot be specified on the  
 characteristic curve.

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Remark  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - c \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0 \Rightarrow u = G(x+ct)$   
left-moving waves.

3.21  $\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0 \\ u(x,0) = u_0(x) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x,0) = u_1(x). \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} \xi &= x+ct \\ \eta &= x-ct \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2c \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + c \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \\ -2c \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - c \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - c \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + c \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)$$

(only when  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ )

$$= -4c^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi \partial \eta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} = f(\eta)$$

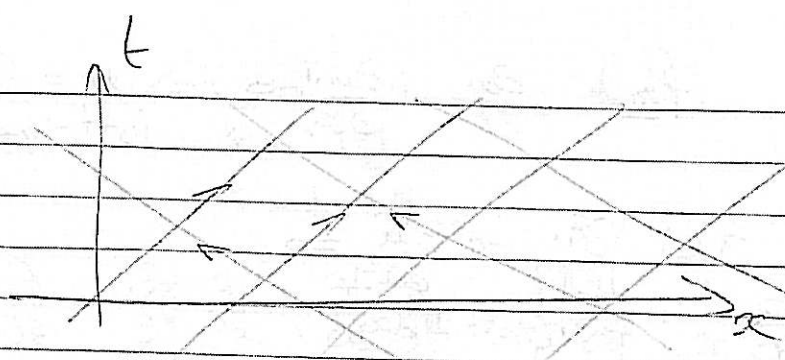
$$u = \int^\eta f(\eta') d\eta' + G(\xi)$$

$$= F(\eta) + G(\xi)$$

$$u(x,t) = F(x-ct) + G(x+ct)$$

Fit I.C.  $\Rightarrow u(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} (u_0(x-ct) + u_0(x+ct))$   
 $+ \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} u_1(y) dy$

d'Alembert's formula, 1746.



$x-ct = \text{const}$   
 $x+ct = \text{const}$

Double family of characteristics  
 $\xi = \text{const}$ ;  $\eta = \text{const}$   
 Cannot prescribe data on either characteristics.

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$A^* = A$

$A^* = A^T$

$A v = \lambda v$

$u \cdot v = u^* v$   
 $= \sum u_i v_i$

$\forall u, v \quad A u \cdot v = (A u)^* v$   
 $= u^* A^* v$   
 $= u \cdot A^* v$

Real eigenvalues

If  $A v = \lambda v$   
 $A^* = A$

$v^* A v = v^* \lambda v = \lambda v^* v$

$\parallel \quad \parallel$   
 $= -\lambda v^* v$

$(A v)^* v$

$\parallel$   
 $(A v)^* v$

$\parallel$   
 $\lambda v^* v$

$\lambda = -\lambda \Rightarrow \lambda \text{ real}$

If  $A^* = -A \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow \lambda = -\lambda$

$\Rightarrow \lambda \text{ imag}$



# Orthog. eigenvectors

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$$T A A^* = A, \quad A \psi = \lambda \psi$$

$$A \psi = \mu \psi \quad \mu \neq \lambda$$

$$\psi^* A \psi = \psi^* A^* \psi$$

$$\lambda \psi^* \psi = (A \psi)^* \psi$$

$$\lambda \psi^* \psi = \bar{\mu} \psi^* \psi$$

$$\lambda \psi^* \psi = \mu \psi^* \psi$$

$$(\lambda - \mu) \psi^* \psi = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi^* \psi = 0 \quad (\mu \neq \lambda)$$

orthog.

Plane wave solutions.  $\left| \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \Delta u \right|_{u_0, u_1}$

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{\pm} \int_{\mathbb{R}} g_{\pm}(k) e^{i(kx - \omega_{\pm} t)} dk \quad \omega_{\pm} = \pm |k|c$$

is also a solution (only  $g_{\pm}$ )

$$u(x,0) = u_0(x) = \int [g_+(k) + g_-(k)] e^{ikx} dk$$

$$\Rightarrow g_+(k) + g_-(k) = \hat{u}_0(k) (2\pi)^{-n}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x,0) = u_1(x) = \int [g_+(k) - g_-(k)] |k|c e^{ikx} dk$$

$$\Rightarrow g_+(k) - g_-(k) = \frac{\hat{u}_1(k)}{|k|c} (2\pi)^{-n}$$

$$\Rightarrow g_{\pm}(k) = \frac{1}{2} (2\pi)^{-n} \left[ \hat{u}_0(k) \pm \frac{\hat{u}_1(k)}{|k|c} \right]$$

Can accommodate  $u_0, u_1$   
 $\Rightarrow$  general solution of WVE

Only works when  $c = f(x) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . (1)  
 Not always useful.

## Back to characteristics

3.3 ( )  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = r(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{1}{p(x)} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)$   $x \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $c^2(x) = \frac{r}{p}$   $u(x, 0) = u_0$   $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = u_1$

Choose  $\xi(x, t), \eta(x, t)$  such that  $U$  solves

$$\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} + p(x) \frac{\partial U}{\partial \xi} + q(x) \frac{\partial U}{\partial \eta} + r(x) U = 0$$

(First canonical form of the PDE)

$$\Rightarrow " U(\xi, \eta) \approx F(\xi) + G(\eta) "$$

Singularities of  $U$  propagate along  $\xi = \text{const}$  or  $\eta = \text{const}$ .

(...)

$$\alpha(x) \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial \xi^2} + \beta(x) \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} + \gamma(x) \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial \eta^2} + \dots = 0$$

$$c^2(x) = \frac{r}{p}$$

$$\alpha(x) = \left( \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial t} \right)^2 - c^2(x) \left( \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} \right)^2 = 0$$

$$\gamma(x) = \left( \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} \right)^2 - c^2(x) \left( \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial x} \right)^2 = 0$$

Characteristic eqn.

solutions:

$$\xi = x + c(x)t$$

$$\eta = x - c(x)t$$

only approximate.

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = c(x(t))$$

$$\int \frac{dx}{c(x)} = t + \text{const.}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{c(x)} dx = t$$

$$\Rightarrow \xi(x,t) = \int \frac{1}{c(x)} dx - t$$



dual var (disp. rel.)

$$\omega^2 - c^2 k^2 = 0$$

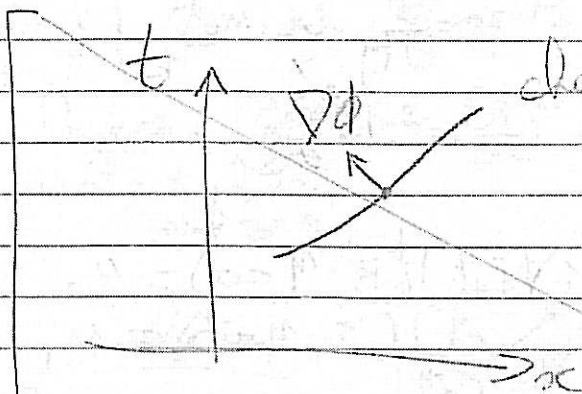
(c const. only)

Char. coord.

$$\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}\right)^2 - c^2 \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\right)^2 = 0$$

(c variable) OK

Char. eqn for  $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}$



$$\nabla_{(t,x)} \phi = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \end{pmatrix}$$

constrained by  $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = \pm c \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla \phi \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \pm c \end{pmatrix}$$

Also  $\nabla \phi \sim \begin{pmatrix} k \\ \omega \end{pmatrix}$  when  $\omega = \pm kc$

$\Rightarrow$  dual var. point  $\perp$  to char. curve

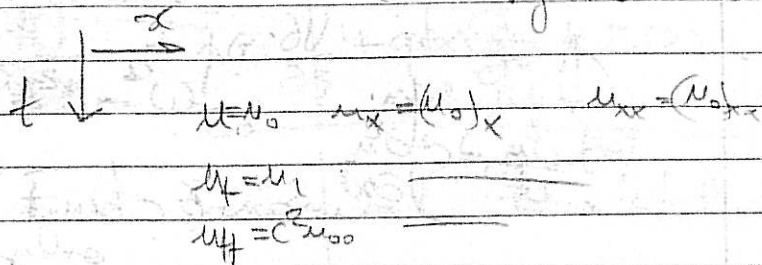


[ Do not make too much of  $w = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}$   $k = \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$  ]

Specify Cauchy data:  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$

a)  $u(x, 0) = u_0$   
 $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = u_1$

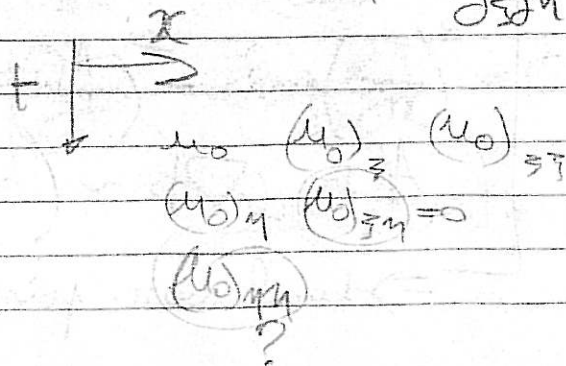
At time 0 determine all the P.D. of  $u$ :  
 (Cauchy-Kowal)



Here  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$  is not parallel to the char. it is normal to the Cauchy surface.

b)  $U(\xi, \eta = 0) = u_0$   
 $\frac{\partial U}{\partial \eta}(\xi, \eta = 0) = u_1$

eq:  $\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial \xi^2} = 0$



→ Can't solve eq. when Cauchy surface is characteristic.  
 → Need to have term with 2 derivatives normal to S in the (2<sup>nd</sup> order) eqn.

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09/24/07

Characteristics: wave/rays duality

ID  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \kappa(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{1}{\rho(x)} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$   
 I.C.  $c^2(x) = \frac{\kappa(x)}{\rho(x)}$

Characteristic variables  $\xi(x,t)$   
 $\eta(x,t)$

such that

• equation has no  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \xi^2}$  or  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \eta^2}$  terms

→ first conserved form  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} + \text{stuff} = 0$ .

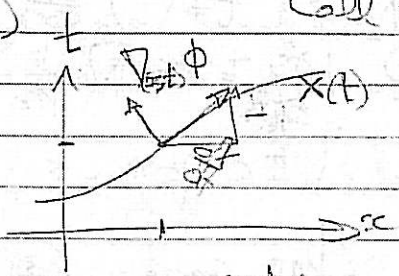
• Cauchy data cannot be posed on  $\{\eta = c\}$  or  $\{\xi = c\}$ : charact. curves

Get  $\left(\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial t}\right)^2 - c^2(x) \left(\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x}\right)^2 = 0$ : characteristic eqn

(same for  $\eta$ )

Call  $\phi = \xi$  or  $\eta$

Solution:



Say  $\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = c(x) \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$   
 (choose +)

normal vec:  $n = \begin{pmatrix} \partial \phi / \partial x \\ \partial \phi / \partial t \end{pmatrix}$

tang. vec:  $t = \begin{pmatrix} \partial \phi / \partial t \\ -\partial \phi / \partial x \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} \partial x / \partial t \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

↑  
 along direction

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx(t)}{dt} = \frac{\partial \phi / \partial t (x(t), t)}{\partial \phi / \partial x (x(t), t)} = -c(x(t))$$

Sep. var:  $\int \frac{dx}{c(x)} = t + C$

For each C, the locus of  $\int^x \frac{dx'}{c(x')} + t = C$  is a characteristic curve.  
Also,  $\phi(x, t) = C$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(x, t) = \int^x \frac{dx'}{c(x')} + t$$

Rule:  $\frac{dx}{dt} \neq \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} / \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$

instead, negative sign!

Comes from  $\phi(x(t), t) = C$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{\partial \phi / \partial t}{\partial \phi / \partial x}$$

Rule:  $t = \int_{x(0)}^{x(t)} \frac{dx'}{c(x')}$  is travel time to go from  $x(0)$  to  $x(t)$

nD  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2(x) \nabla \cdot \frac{1}{\rho(x)} \nabla u$   $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $c^2 = \frac{k}{\rho}$

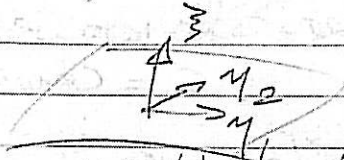
IC.

Char. coord.:  $(x_1, y_1, \dots, y_{m-1})$ , functions of  $x, t$   
Surfaces onto which we'll try to specify Cauchy data:

$$S = \{ (x, t) : \xi(x, t) = 0 \}$$



Coordinate locally perpendicular to S :  $\vec{\xi}$



Transform  $u(x,t) \rightarrow U(\vec{\xi}, \eta)$

Char. surface when  $\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial \xi^2}$  is absent from the transformed eq.

$$\alpha(\xi) \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial \xi^2} + \dots = 0$$

$$\text{with } \alpha(\xi) = \left( \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial t} \right)^2 - c^2(x) \left| \nabla_{\text{loc}} \xi \right|^2 = 0$$

$$\|v\| = \sqrt{v^t v} = \sqrt{2v^t v}$$

Characteristic eqn.  
Hamilton-Jacobi eqn.

Ex of solution when  $c(x) = c$  const.

1)  $\xi(x,t) = x \cdot k - \omega t$

when  $\omega = \|k\|c$

$$\nabla_{\vec{x}} \xi = k, \quad \|\nabla_{\vec{x}} \xi\|^2 = \|k\|^2$$

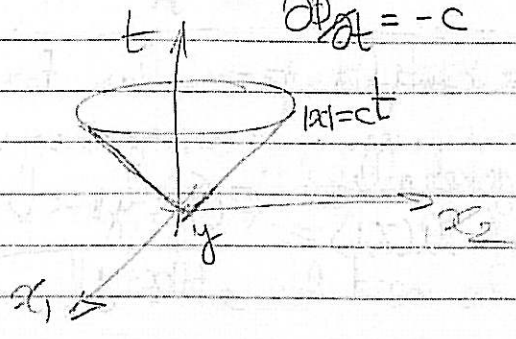
$$\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial t} = -\omega, \quad \omega^2 - \|k\|^2 c^2 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

(\$)\$ Gives rise to travel waves  $f(x \cdot k - \omega t)$  (travel wave)

2)  $\xi(x,t) = \|x-y\| - ct$

$$\nabla_{\vec{x}} \xi = \frac{x-y}{\|x-y\|}, \quad \|\nabla_{\vec{x}} \xi\| = \left\| \frac{x-y}{\|x-y\|} \right\| = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial t} = -c, \quad c^2 - 1 \cdot c^2 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

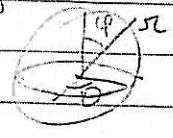


also,  $\exists(x,t) = \|x-y\| - ct$

4) Spherical wave solutions + Green's fn.  
( $c = \text{const}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^3$ )

$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \Delta u \rightarrow$  seek  $u$  radially symmetric  
*n=3: important*

Spherical coordinates -



$\Delta u = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \text{angular}$

$= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} (ru)$  when  $u$  is radial

$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (ru) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} (ru)$  ID!

$\Rightarrow ru(r,t) = F(r-ct) + G(r+ct)$   
 $u(r,t) = \frac{F(r-ct)}{r} + \frac{G(r+ct)}{r}$

outgoing      incoming

Outgoing spherical wave =

$u(r,t) = \frac{F(r-ct)}{r}$  for any (smooth)  $F$

(More complex formulas for cyl. waves)

More generally,  
 $u(x,t) = \frac{F(\|x-y\| - ct)}{\|x-y\|}$  is a sol.

Specialize  $F = \delta$ ,  $\frac{\delta(\|x-y\| - ct)}{\|x-y\|}$

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4.11 Initial conditions  $u(x, 0) = u_0(x)$

Superpositions of spherical waves:  
 try to find  $\psi$  such that

$$u(x, t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \psi(y) \frac{\delta(\|x-y\| - ct)}{\|x-y\|} dy$$

$$= \int \psi(y) \frac{\delta(\|x-y\| - ct)}{ct} dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{ct} \int_{\partial B_x^c(ct)} \psi(y) dy$$

$B_x^c(ct)$  = ball with center  $x$  radius  $ct$

transl.,  $\psi_{\text{transl.}}$ :  $\int_{\partial B_x^c(ct)} \psi(y) dy \rightarrow 4\pi c^2 \psi(x)$

$$\Rightarrow u(x, t) \rightarrow 4\pi ct \psi(x)$$

$\rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ .

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{ct^2} \int_{\partial B_x^c(ct)} \psi(y) dy + \frac{1}{ct} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\partial B_x^c(ct)} \psi(y) dy$$

$$\xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} -\frac{1}{c^2} 4\pi c^2 \psi(x) + \frac{1}{ct} \frac{d}{dt} (4\pi c^2 \psi(x))$$

$$= -4\pi c \psi(x) + 2 \cdot 4\pi c \psi(x)$$

$$= 4\pi c \psi(x)$$

• If  $u(x, 0) = 0$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = u_1(x),$$

$$\text{put } \psi(x) = \frac{1}{4\pi c} u_1(x),$$

$$\text{then } u(x, t) = \frac{1}{ct} \int_{\partial B_x^c(ct)} \frac{1}{4\pi c} u_1(y) dy$$

is the solution of WVE.



Also write

$$u(x,t) = t \cdot \int_{\partial B_x(ct)} u_1(y) dy$$

where  $\int$  is average:

$$\int_{\partial B_x(ct)} u_1(y) dy = \frac{1}{4\pi c^2 t} \int_{\partial B_x(ct)} u_1(y) dy$$

$$u(x,t) = \int u_1(y) \cdot \left[ \frac{\delta(\|x-y\| - ct)}{4\pi c^2 t} \right] dy$$

Green's function

Convolution w/ Green's function  
=  $t \times$  average over ball of  $t$   
radius  $ct$ .

• For  $u_0 \neq 0$ ,  $u_1 = 0$ , use a trick:  
if  $u$  is solution, then so is  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = w$   
(same as before)

$$\left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \Delta \right] \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \Delta \right] u = 0$$

$$\text{Use } u = \int \psi(y) \delta(\|x-y\| - ct) / \|x-y\| dy$$

Have already seen  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} w(x,t) = 4\pi c \psi(x)$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \Delta u$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = c^2 \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \Delta u$$

$$= c^2 \Delta \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u \quad \text{when } u \text{ is smooth}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x,t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} 4\pi c \psi(x) = u_0(x)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x,t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow 0} 0 = u_1(x)$$

$$\text{So } \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int \frac{u_0(y)}{4\pi c} \frac{\delta(\|x-y\| - ct)}{ct} dy$$

solves W.E. with  $u_0 \neq 0$   
 $u_1 = 0$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int u_0(y) G(x,y;t) dy$$

$$= \int u_0(y) \frac{\partial G}{\partial t}(x,y;t) dy$$

Complete solution to W.E.:

$$u(x,t) = \int u_0(y) \frac{\partial G}{\partial t}(x,y;t) dy$$

$$+ \int u_1(y) G(x,y;t) dy$$

where  $G(x,y;t) = \frac{\delta(\|x-y\| - ct)}{4\pi c^2 t}$

check  
deriv  
W.E.

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^2: G(x,y;t) = \frac{1/\sqrt{2\pi c}}{\sqrt{c^2 t^2 - \|x-y\|^2}} \quad (\$)$$

Homework: check (Whitham, Folland)

Relate to Huygens's principle?

Next: Inhomog. eq.,  
Helmholtz eq., + its charact. eq.,  
Reflections

+ Pick up later w/ geom. optics

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Folland & Whittman

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \Delta u = 0, & x \in \mathbb{R}^n \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) & \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = u_1(x) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \Delta u = 0 \\ \Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \Delta \end{cases}$$

(d'Alembert's eqn)

$$u(x, t) = \int u_0(y) \frac{\partial G}{\partial t}(x, y; t) dy + \int u_1(y) G(x, y; t) dy$$

$$\text{where } G(x, y; t) = \frac{\delta(\|x-y\| - ct)}{4\pi c^2 t}$$

Can specify  $G(x, y; t) = 0$  for  $t < 0$

Then (Duhamel, random solution) principle

$$\text{Inhomogeneous problem: } \begin{cases} \Delta u = f(x, t) \\ u_0 = u_1 = 0 \end{cases} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, t > 0$$

$$\text{Then } u(x, t) = \int_0^t \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} G(x, y; t-s) f(y, s) dy ds$$

Pf. Check  $\otimes$  solves IVE.

For each  $s$ , consider

$$\begin{cases} \Delta v_s = 0 \\ v_s(x, 0) = 0 & \frac{\partial v_s}{\partial t}(x, 0) = f(x, s) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Then } v_s(x, t) = \int G(x, y; t) f(y, s) dy$$

$$u(x, t) = \int_0^t v_s(x, t-s) ds$$



$$u(x, 0) = \int_0^0 = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, t) = \cancel{v_1(x, t-s)} \Big|_{s=t}^0 + \int_0^t \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial t}(x, t-s) ds$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = \int_0^0 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}(x, t) &= \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial t}(x, t-s) \Big|_{s=t}^0 + \int_0^t \frac{\partial^2 v_1}{\partial t^2}(x, t-s) ds \\ &= f(x, t) + \int_0^t c^2 \Delta v_1(x, t-s) ds \\ &= f(x, t) + c^2 \Delta \int_0^t v_1(x, t-s) ds \\ &= f(x, t) + c^2 \Delta u \end{aligned}$$

$$\square u = f \quad \square$$

Remark:  $G$  is called fundamental sol of  $\square u = f$ ,  
(retarded) propagator

$$\begin{aligned} G(x, y; t-s) &= 0 \quad \text{for } s > t \\ f(y, s) &= 0 \quad \text{for } s < 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$G(x, y; t-s) = g(x-y; t-s) \quad \text{where } g(x) = \frac{\delta(\|x\| - ct)}{4\pi c^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow u(x, t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g(x-y; t-s) f(y, s) dy ds \\ &= g \star_{ct} f \quad (\text{convolution}) \end{aligned}$$

Specialize to  $f(y, s) = \delta(y-x_0) \delta(s)$

$$\text{Then } u(x, t) = g(x-x_0; t) = G(x, x_0; t)$$

$\Rightarrow G(x, x_0; t)$  solves

$$\square_{x,t} G = \delta(x-x_0) \delta(t) \quad (\text{I.V.E})$$

Recap

$$\square u = f(x,t)$$

$$u = g \star f$$

$$\square G = \delta(x-x_0) \delta(t)$$

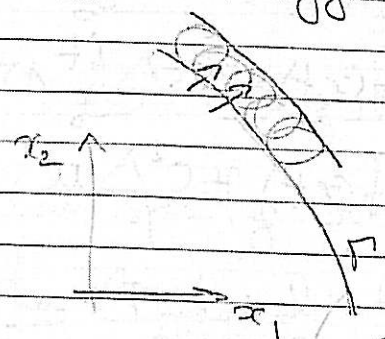
$$(\square g = \delta(x) \delta(t))$$

$$Ax = b$$

$$x = A^{-1}b$$

$$AA^{-1} = I$$

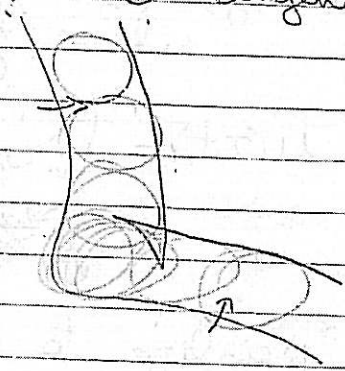
Remark Huygens's principle



locus of support  $(u, u)$   
 discontinuity / singularity  
 forcing  $f$  at  $(x, t)$

Solution at a later time:

supported / singular on the  
 envelope of circles of radius  
 $ct$  tangent to  $P$ .



May give rise  
 to swallowtail  
 patterns  
 (linked to caustics)

4) Spherical vol. / Green's fn.

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5) the Helmholtz equation  $[-\omega^2 - c^2 \Delta] u(x, \omega) = f(x, \omega)$  (HE)

• If  $u(x, t) = e^{-i\omega t} v(x, \omega)$ , then

$$0 = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \Delta u = -\omega^2 e^{-i\omega t} v - c^2 e^{-i\omega t} \Delta v$$

$$\Rightarrow [-\omega^2 - c^2 \Delta] v = 0.$$

• If  $u(x, t) = \int e^{-i\omega t} v(x, \omega) d\omega$ , (Fourier in time) then

$$0 = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \Delta u = \int (-\omega^2) e^{-i\omega t} v(x, \omega) d\omega - c^2 \int e^{-i\omega t} \Delta v(x, \omega) d\omega$$

$$\text{take inv. FT: } [-\omega^2 - c^2 \Delta] v = 0.$$

Compute FT in time of  $\square g(x, t) = \delta(x) \delta(t)$   
with  $g(x, t) = \frac{\delta(\|x\| - ct)}{4\pi c^2 t}$ .

$$F_t \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \Delta \right) g = \delta(x) F_t \delta$$

$$(-\omega^2 - c^2 \Delta) F_t g = \delta(x) \quad \text{call } \phi = F_t g$$

$$\phi(x, \omega) = \int e^{-i\omega t} g(x, t) dt$$

$$= \int e^{-i\omega t} \frac{\delta(\|x\| - ct)}{4\pi c^2 t} dt$$

$$= \int e^{-i\omega t} \frac{\delta(\|x\| - ct)}{4\pi c \|x\|} dt \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \tau = ct$$

$$= \int e^{-i\frac{\omega}{c}\tau} \frac{\delta(\|x\| - \tau)}{4\pi \|x\|} d\tau$$

$$= \left[ \frac{e^{-i\frac{\omega}{c}\|x\|}}{4\pi \|x\|} \right] = \phi(x, \omega)$$



Thm.  $[-\omega^2 - c^2 \Delta] u = f(x, \omega)$

then  $u(x, \omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi(x-y, \omega) f(y, \omega) dy$

Proof.  $\phi(x, \omega)$  is the fundamental solution of the HE. It obeys  $(-\omega^2 - c^2 \Delta) \phi = \delta(x)$

PF.  $[-\omega^2 - c^2 \Delta] u(x, \omega) =$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} [-\omega^2 - c^2 \Delta] \phi(x-y, \omega) f(y, \omega) dy \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \delta(x-y) f(y, \omega) dy \\ &= f(x, \omega) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Ex.  $\omega=0$   $\phi(x) = \frac{1}{4\pi \|x\|}$  is fundam. sol. of  $-\Delta u = f$  (Poisson)

$$\Rightarrow u(x) = \int \frac{1}{4\pi \|x-y\|} f(y) dy$$

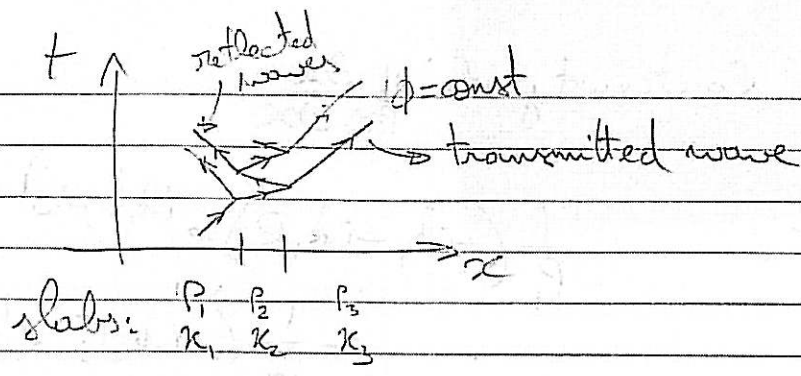
How: Fourier analysis of  $\phi, g$ .

### 6) Reflection - transmission (1D)

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial t^2} = \kappa(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{1}{\rho(x)} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \quad \kappa, \rho \text{ discontinuous}$$

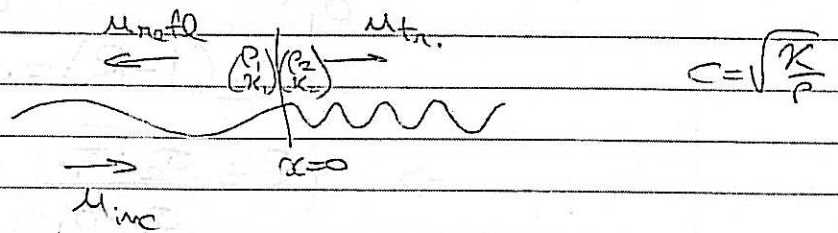
Char. eq:  $\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t}\right)^2 - \frac{\kappa}{\rho} \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}\right)^2 = 0$

$$\phi(x, t) = \int^x \sqrt{\frac{\rho(x')}{\kappa(x')}} dx' + t$$



At an interface  $(x,t)$  waves may break away and follow the other char. curve emanating from  $(x,t)$   
 $\Rightarrow$  reflected wave(s)

Analysis for plane waves: single scattering event.



$$u_{inc}(x,t) = e^{i(k_1 x - \omega t)} \quad k_1 = \frac{\omega}{c_1}$$

$$u_{refl}(x,t) = R e^{i(-k_1 x - \omega t)}$$

$$u_{tr}(x,t) = T e^{i(k_2 x - \omega t)}$$

$u$  continuous at  $x=0$ :  $u_{inc}(x,0) + u_{refl}(x,0) = u_{tr}(x,0) \Rightarrow 1 + R = T$

At  $x=0$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} - k_1(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$

Annotations:  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$  is labeled 'disc.',  $k_1(x)$  is labeled 'disc.',  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  is labeled 'disc.',  $\frac{1}{\rho}$  is labeled 'disc.', and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$  is labeled 'disc.'.

Continuity of  $\frac{1}{\rho(x)} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$

$$\frac{1}{\rho_1} (+ik_1 - ik_1 R) e^{ik_1 x - i\omega t}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\rho_2} (+ik_2 T) e^{ik_2 x - i\omega t}$$

$$\frac{\rho_1}{\rho_1} = \frac{\omega}{c_1 \rho_1} = \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{\kappa_1} \rho_1} = \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{\kappa_1} \rho_1} \quad (\text{same for } 1 \rightarrow 2)$$

Call  $\sqrt{\kappa \rho} = \sigma$ , the acoustic impedance (or Z)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\omega}{\sigma_1} (1 - R) = \frac{\omega}{\sigma_2} T$$

$$\sigma_2 (1 - R) = \sigma_1 T$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{R = \frac{\sigma_2 - \sigma_1}{\sigma_2 + \sigma_1}}, \quad \boxed{T = \frac{2\sigma_2}{\sigma_2 + \sigma_1}}$$

reflection coeff.      Transmission coeff.

Also,  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f(x - c_1 t) + R f(-x - c_1 t) \quad , x < 0 \\ f\left(\frac{c_1}{c_2}(x - c_2 t)\right) \quad , x > 0 \end{array} \right.$

is a solution  $\forall f$

Remark  $|R|^2 + |T|^2 = 1$

Remark Sign of R.