

① Find the Solution of the initial value problem

$$u_{tt} - 3u_{xx} = 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, t > 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = x \sin x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$u_t(x, 0) = \cos 2x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Solution:

By D'Alembert's formula,

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[(x - \sqrt{3}t) \sin(x - \sqrt{3}t) + (x + \sqrt{3}t) \sin(x + \sqrt{3}t) \right] \\ + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \int_{x - \sqrt{3}t}^{x + \sqrt{3}t} \cos 2u \, du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[(x - \sqrt{3}t) \sin(x - \sqrt{3}t) + (x + \sqrt{3}t) \sin(x + \sqrt{3}t) \right] \\ + \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}} \left[\sin(x + \sqrt{3}t) - \sin(x - \sqrt{3}t) \right].$$

② Find the Solution of the initial boundary value problem

$$u_{tt} - 4u_{xx} = 0, \quad x > 0, t > 0$$

$$\text{Initial } \begin{cases} u(x, 0) = \sin^2 x, & x > 0 \\ u_t(x, 0) = 0, & x > 0. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{BC } \begin{cases} u(0, t) = 0, & t > 0. \end{cases}$$

Solution: By ^{using} D'Alembert's formula, we obtain,

$$u(x, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \left[\sin^2(x + 2t) - \sin^2(x - 2t) \right], & 0 \leq x < 2t \\ \frac{1}{2} \left[\sin^2(x + 2t) + \sin^2(x - 2t) \right], & x > 2t \end{cases}$$

③ Find the solution of the initial boundary value problem,

$$u_{tt} - 4u_{xx} = 0 \quad x > 0, t > 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = \sin x, \quad x \geq 0$$

$$u_t(x, 0) = x^2, \quad x \geq 0.$$

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Solution:

Again by the use of D'Alembert's formulae,

$$u(x, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} [\sin(2t-x) + \sin(2t+x)] + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{(x+2t)^3}{3} - \frac{(2t-x)^3}{3} \right), & 0 < x < 2t \\ \frac{1}{2} [\sin(x+2t) + \sin(x-2t)] + \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{(x+2t)^3}{3} - \frac{(x-2t)^3}{3} \right), & x > 2t. \end{cases}$$

④ Find the solution of the initial boundary value problem.

$$u_{tt} - u_{xx} = 0, \quad x > 0, t > 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right), \quad x \geq 0$$

$$u_t(x, 0) = 0, \quad x \geq 0$$

$$u_x(0, t) = 0, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Solution:

The solution is (using the formula obtained in the lecture).

$$u(x, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \left[\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}(t-x)\right) + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}(t+x)\right) \right], & x \leq t \\ \frac{1}{2} \left[\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}(x-t)\right) + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}(x+t)\right) \right], & x > t \end{cases}$$

$$u(x, t) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}t\right), \quad t \geq 0, x \geq 0.$$

5) Consider the pde $u_{tt} + \alpha u_{tx} + \beta u_{xx} = 0$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $t > 0$, where $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\lambda^2 + \alpha\lambda + \beta = 0$, has two distinct roots $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$. Then, use the transformation variables $\xi = x + c_1 t$ and $\eta = x + c_2 t$ to reduce the above pde to $u_{\xi\eta} = 0$.

Solution: first note that $\alpha = -(c_1 + c_2)$; $\beta = c_1 \cdot c_2$.

$$u_t = u_{\xi} \xi_t + u_{\eta} \eta_t$$

$$= c_1 u_{\xi} + c_2 u_{\eta}$$

$$u_{tt} = c_1^2 u_{\xi\xi} + 2c_1 c_2 u_{\xi\eta} + c_2^2 u_{\eta\eta}$$

$$u_x = u_{\xi} + u_{\eta}$$

$$u_{xt} = c_1 (u_{\xi\xi} + u_{\xi\eta}) + c_2 (u_{\xi\eta} + u_{\eta\eta})$$

$$= c_1 u_{\xi\xi} + (c_1 + c_2) u_{\xi\eta} + c_2 u_{\eta\eta}$$

$$u_{xx} = u_{\xi\xi} + 2u_{\xi\eta} + u_{\eta\eta}$$

now,

$$u_{tt} + \alpha u_{tx} + \beta u_{xx} = c_1^2 u_{\xi\xi} + 2c_1 c_2 u_{\xi\eta} + c_2^2 u_{\eta\eta} - (c_1 + c_2) [c_1 u_{\xi\xi} + c_2 u_{\eta\eta} + (c_1 + c_2) u_{\xi\eta}] + c_1 c_2 (u_{\xi\xi} + 2u_{\xi\eta} + u_{\eta\eta})$$

$$= 2c_1 c_2 u_{\xi\eta} - c_1 c_2 u_{\xi\xi} - c_1 c_2 u_{\eta\eta} - (c_1^2 + c_2^2 + 2c_1 c_2) u_{\xi\eta} + c_1 c_2 u_{\xi\xi} + c_1 c_2 u_{\eta\eta} + 2c_1 c_2 u_{\xi\eta}$$

$$= -(c_1 - c_2)^2 u_{\xi\eta}$$

Therefore $(c_1 - c_2)^2 u_{\xi\eta} = 0$, since $c_1 \neq c_2$ (distinct)

implies $u_{\xi\eta} = 0$

