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Summarizing pages ①-④.

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

Define:

$$\xi = \xi(x, t) = x - ct, \quad \eta = \eta(x, t) = x + ct.$$

Inverse: $x = x(\xi, \eta) = \frac{\xi + \eta}{2}, \quad t = t(\xi, \eta) = \frac{\eta - \xi}{2c}$

Define:

$$\hat{u}(\xi, \eta) = u(x(\xi, \eta), t(\xi, \eta))$$

Inverse:

$$u(x, t) = \hat{u}(\xi(x, t), \eta(x, t))$$

We prove that

$$u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{u}_{\xi\eta}(\xi, \eta) = 0.$$

Integrating once w.r.t. η

$$\hat{u}_{\xi}(\xi, \eta) = f(\xi)$$

Integrating now w.r.t. ξ

$$\hat{u}(\xi, \eta) = \int f(\xi) d\xi + G(\eta) = F(\xi) + G(\eta).$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x, t) = \hat{u}(\xi(x, t), \eta(x, t)) = F(\xi(x, t)) + G(\eta(x, t)).$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{u(x, t) = F(x - ct) + G(x + ct)} \checkmark$$

All solutions of the wave equation are of the form:

$$u(x,t) = F(x-ct) + G(x+ct) \quad (6.0) \quad F, G \text{ arbitrary twice differentiable.}$$

We will prove that

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[f(x) - \frac{1}{c} \int_a^x g(\bar{x}) d\bar{x} \right] + K \quad (6.1)$$

$$\text{and } G(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[f(x) + \frac{1}{c} \int_a^x g(\bar{x}) d\bar{x} \right] - K. \quad (6.2)$$

To obtain (6.1) and (6.2) from (6.0), we use the IC's.

$$f(x) = u(x,0) = F(x) + G(x). \quad (6.3)$$

$$g(x) = u_t(x,0) = -cF'(x) + cG'(x). \quad (6.4)$$

Taking derivative of (6.3), multiplying it by $(-c)$ and adding to (6.4)

$$-cf'(x) = -cF'(x) - cG'(x)$$

$$g(x) = -cF'(x) + cG'(x)$$

$$\frac{-cf'(x) + g(x)}{-2cF'(x)} = -2cF'(x) \Rightarrow cF'(x) = \frac{1}{2}cf'(x) - \frac{1}{2}g(x)$$

Integrating $\int_a^x dx$

$$cF(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[cf(x) - \int_a^x g(\bar{x}) d\bar{x} \right] + \underbrace{cF(a) - \frac{1}{2}cf(a)}_{\tilde{K}}$$

or
$$F(x) = \frac{1}{2} f(x) - \frac{1}{2c} \int_a^x g(\bar{x}) d\bar{x} + K.$$

Substitution into (6.3)

$$G(x) = f(x) - F(x) = f(x) - \frac{1}{2} f(x) + \frac{1}{2c} \int_a^x g(\bar{x}) d\bar{x} - K$$

$$\Rightarrow G(x) = \frac{1}{2} f(x) + \frac{1}{2c} \int_a^x g(\bar{x}) d\bar{x} - K$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} U(x,t) &= F(x-ct) + G(x+ct) = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} f(x-ct) - \frac{1}{2c} \int_a^{x-ct} g(\bar{x}) d\bar{x} + \cancel{K} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} f(x+ct) + \frac{1}{2c} \int_a^{x+ct} g(\bar{x}) d\bar{x} - \cancel{K} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow U(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} [f(x-ct) + f(x+ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} g(\bar{x}) d\bar{x} \quad (7.1)$$

D'Alembert formula.

First, we will verify that (.1) is a solution of the wave equ.

$$u_t \stackrel{\text{Leibniz's rule}}{=} \frac{1}{2} \left[f'(x-ct)(-c) + f'(x+ct)(c) \right] + \frac{1}{2c} \left[g(x+ct) \cdot c - g(x-ct) \cdot (-c) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow u_{tt} = \frac{1}{2} \left[c^2 f''(x-ct) + c^2 f''(x+ct) \right] + \frac{1}{2c} \left[c^2 g'(x+ct) - c^2 g'(x-ct) \right]$$

Similarly,

$$u_{xx} = \frac{1}{2} \left[f''(x-ct) + f''(x+ct) \right] + \frac{1}{c} \left[g'(x+ct) - g'(x-ct) \right]$$

Thus,

$u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0 \checkmark$ and (4.1) is a soln. of the wave equation if $f(x)$ is twice differentiable and $g(x)$ has 1st derivative.

Eq. (4.1) also satisfies the I.C's., since

$$u(x,0) = \frac{f(x) + f(x)}{2} + \frac{1}{2c} \int_x^x \overset{0}{g(\bar{x})} d\bar{x} = f(x) \checkmark$$

$$u_t(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[-c f'(x-ct) + c f'(x+ct) \right] + \frac{1}{2c} \left[g(x+ct) \cdot c + c g(x-ct) \right]$$

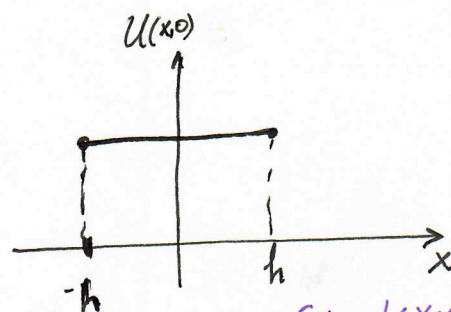
$$\Rightarrow u_t(x,0) = \frac{1}{2} \left[-c f'(x) + c f'(x) \right] + \frac{1}{2c} \left[c g(x) + c g(x) \right] = g(x) \checkmark$$

Leibniz rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\int_{f(x)}^{g(x)} h(t,x) dt \right] = \int_{f(x)}^{g(x)} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}(t,x) dt + h(t, g(x)) g'(x) - h(t, f(x)) f'(x).$$

Example. - Solve the IVP.

$$\begin{cases} U_{tt} = c^2 U_{xx}, & -\infty < x < \infty, \quad t > 0. \\ U(x, 0) = f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & |x| < h \\ 0, & |x| > h \end{cases} \\ U_t(x, 0) = g(x) \equiv 0. \end{cases}$$



D'Alembert's Soln.

$$U(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [f(x-ct) + f(x+ct)]$$

Notice that $f(x-ct) = \begin{cases} 1, & -h < x-ct < h \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$f(x+ct) = \begin{cases} 1, & -h < x+ct < h \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

In Region ①: $-h < x-ct < h$ and $-h < x+ct < h$

$$U(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [1 + 1] = 1.$$

In Region ②: $-h < x-ct < h$ and $x+ct > h$.

$$U(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [f(x-ct) + f(x+ct)] = \frac{1}{2}.$$

In Region ③: $x-ct < -h$ and $|x+ct| < h$.

$$U(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [f(x-ct) + f(x+ct)] = \frac{1}{2}.$$

In Region ④: $x-ct < -h$ and $x+ct > h$.

$$U(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [0 + 0] = 0.$$

In Region ⑤: $x-ct < -h$ and $x+ct < -h \Rightarrow U(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [0 + 0] = 0$

In Region ⑥: $x-ct > h$ and $x+ct > h \Rightarrow U(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [0 + 0] = 0.$

