

**Objective:** wave Eq. in  $\mathbb{R}^3$   
(general case)

(I) Wave Eq. in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$$(*) \begin{cases} u_{tt} = c^2 \Delta u, & \vec{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3, t > 0 \\ u(\vec{x}, 0) = f(\vec{x}), & \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \\ u_t(\vec{x}, 0) = g(\vec{x}), & \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \end{cases}$$

Claim: It is enough to solve a problem with  $f=0$

**Thm:** If  $\begin{cases} u_{tt} = c^2 \Delta u & \text{(PDE)} \\ u(\vec{x}, 0) = 0 & \text{(IC)} \\ u_t(\vec{x}, 0) = g(\vec{x}) \end{cases}$

then  $v = u_t$  solves

$$\begin{cases} v_{tt} = c^2 \Delta v \\ v(\vec{x}, 0) = g(\vec{x}) \\ v_t(\vec{x}, 0) = 0 \end{cases}$$

**Proof:**  $v = u_t$  ←

take  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$  on PDE of  $u$ .

$$u_{ttt} = c^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\Delta u)$$

$$(u_t)_{tt} = c^2 \Delta (u_t)$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{tt} = c^2 \Delta v$$

$$v(\vec{x}, 0) = u_t(\vec{x}, 0) = g(\vec{x})$$

$$v_t(\vec{x}, 0) = u_{tt}(\vec{x}, 0) \stackrel{\text{(PDE)}}{=} c^2 \Delta u(\vec{x}, 0) = c^2 \Delta (0) = 0$$

**RK:** If  $U_g(\vec{x}, t)$  is solution of  $(*)_1$ , then

$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} U_g$  is a solution

of  $\begin{cases} u_{tt} = c^2 \Delta u \\ u(\vec{x}, 0) = f \\ u_t(\vec{x}, 0) = 0 \end{cases}$

For  $(*)_1$ , we get

$$u(\vec{x}, t) = U_g(\vec{x}, t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (U_f)$$

**RK2:** D'Alembert's formula in 1-D can be put in above form  $\square$

(II) **Darboux Eq.**

Given a smooth function

$$h(\vec{x}) \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ [e.g., } h(\vec{x}) = u(\vec{x}, t)]$$

The spherical mean of radius  $a$  around  $\vec{x}$

$$M_h(a, \vec{x}) = \frac{1}{4\pi a^2} \int_{|\vec{y}-\vec{x}|=a} h(\vec{y}) dS_{\vec{y}}$$

$$\vec{y} - \vec{x} = a\vec{\eta} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{|\vec{\eta}|=1} h(\vec{x} + a\vec{\eta}) dS_{\vec{\eta}}$$

$$|\vec{y}-\vec{x}|=a$$



By continuity

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} M_h(a, \vec{x}) = h(\vec{x})$$

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} M_u(a, \vec{x}) = u(\vec{x})$$

**Thm: (Darboux Eq.)**

$M_h(a, \vec{x})$  satisfies

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial a^2} + \frac{2}{a} \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \right) M_h = \Delta_{\vec{x}} M_h$$

**Proof:** By def & Gauss's formula.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial a} M_h = \frac{1}{a^2} \Delta_{\vec{x}} \int_0^a M_h(r, \vec{x}) r^2 dr$$

[Exercise, see the solution of Ex 9.7]

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial a^2} M_h = \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \left[ \frac{1}{a^2} \Delta_{\vec{x}} \int_0^a M_h(r, \vec{x}) r^2 dr \right]$$

$$= \frac{-2}{a^3} \Delta_{\vec{x}} \int_0^a M_h(r, \vec{x}) r^2 dr + \frac{1}{a^2} \Delta_{\vec{x}} (M_h(a, \vec{x}) a^2)$$

$$= \frac{-2}{a^3} \cdot a^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial a} M_h + \Delta_{\vec{x}} (M_h)$$

$$= \frac{-2}{a} \frac{\partial}{\partial a} M_h + \Delta_{\vec{x}} (M_h)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2}{\partial a^2} M_h + \frac{2}{a} \frac{\partial}{\partial a} M_h = \Delta_{\vec{x}} (M_h)$$

(III) **General solution of  $M_u$**

**Thm:** If  $u$  satisfies

$$(*)_1 \begin{cases} u_{tt} = \Delta u, & \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3, t > 0 \\ u(\vec{x}, 0) = 0 & \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \\ u_t(\vec{x}, 0) = g(\vec{x}) \end{cases}$$

then  $M_u$  satisfies

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} M_u(a, \vec{x}, t) = \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial a^2} + \frac{2}{a} \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \right) M_u \\ M_u(a, \vec{x}, 0) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} M_u(a, \vec{x}, 0) = M_g(a, \vec{x}) \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** By Darboux Eq.

$$\left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial a^2} + \frac{2}{a} \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \right) M_u = \Delta_{\vec{x}} M_u$$

$$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Delta_{\vec{x}} \left[ \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{|\vec{\eta}|=1} u(\vec{x} + a\vec{\eta}, t) dS_{\vec{\eta}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{|\vec{\eta}|=1} \Delta_{\vec{x}} u(\vec{x} + a\vec{\eta}, t) dS_{\vec{\eta}}$$

$$\stackrel{(*)_1}{=} \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{|\vec{\eta}|=1} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} u(\vec{x} + a\vec{\eta}, t) dS_{\vec{\eta}}$$

$$= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \left[ \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{|\vec{\eta}|=1} u(\vec{x} + a\vec{\eta}, t) dS_{\vec{\eta}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} M_u \Rightarrow \text{(PDE)} M_u$$

$$\text{(IC)}_1: M_u(a, \vec{x}, 0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{|\vec{\eta}|=1} u(\vec{x} + a\vec{\eta}, 0) dS_{\vec{\eta}}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{(IC)}_u}{=} 0$$

$$\text{(IC)}_2: \frac{\partial}{\partial t} M_u(a, \vec{x}, 0)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{|\vec{\eta}|=1} u(\vec{x} + a\vec{\eta}, t) dS_{\vec{\eta}} \right] \Big|_{t=0}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{|\vec{\eta}|=1} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(\vec{x} + a\vec{\eta}, t) \Big|_{t=0} dS_{\vec{\eta}}$$

$$\stackrel{(*)_1}{=} \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{|\vec{\eta}|=1} g(\vec{x} + a\vec{\eta}) dS_{\vec{\eta}}$$

$$= M_g(a, \vec{x}) \quad \square$$

treat  $\vec{x}$  as parameter

$$M_u(a, t), \quad a \rightarrow +$$

$$M_u(a, \vec{x}, t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2ac} \int_{a-ct}^{a+ct} s \tilde{m}_g(s, \vec{x}) ds \quad (1)$$

where  $\tilde{m}_g$  is even extension of  $m_g$

$$\text{RK: } \int_{a-ct}^{a+ct} s \tilde{m}_g(s) ds = 0$$

since  $s \tilde{m}_g(s)$  is odd function

$$\int_{a-ct}^{a+ct} = \int_{a-ct}^{ct-a} + \int_{ct-a}^{a+ct}$$

$$= \int_{a-ct}^{ct-a} + \int_{ct-a}^{ct+a}$$

$$(1) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$M_u = \frac{1}{2ac} \int_{ct-a}^{ct+a} s \tilde{m}_g(s, \vec{x}) ds \quad (2)$$

(IV) **General solution of  $u$**

$$u(\vec{x}, t) = \lim_{a \rightarrow 0} M_u(a, \vec{x}, t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2ac} ct \tilde{m}_g(ct, \vec{x}) \cdot 2a$$

$$= t \tilde{m}_g(ct, \vec{x})$$

$$\stackrel{[t \geq 0]}{=} t m_g(ct, \vec{x})$$

**RK:** This is  $U_g(\vec{x}, t)$

$$\Rightarrow U_f = t m_f(ct, \vec{x})$$

**Summary:**

For  $(*)$  with  $f$  &  $g$

$$u(\vec{x}, t) = t m_g(ct, \vec{x})$$

$$+ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ t m_f(ct, \vec{x}) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi c^2 t} \int_{|\vec{y}-\vec{x}|=ct} g(\vec{y}) dS_{\vec{y}}$$

$$+ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[ \frac{1}{4\pi c^2 t} \int_{|\vec{y}-\vec{x}|=ct} f(\vec{y}) dS_{\vec{y}} \right]$$

physics:  $f=0$

$$|\vec{y}-\vec{x}|=ct_1$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$u=0$$

$$|\vec{y}-\vec{x}|=ct_2$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$u \neq 0$$

$$|\vec{y}-\vec{x}|=ct_3$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$u=0$$