

# Solution of Spherical, Cylindrical wave equation with Eigen value and function



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Spherical wave equation

The wave eq<sup>n</sup>

$$u_{tt} - c^2(u_{xx} + u_{yy} + u_{zz}) = 0 \quad (1)$$

In spherical polar coordinates  $(r, \theta, \phi)$ ,

$$x = r \cos \theta \sin \phi$$

$$y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$z = r \cos \phi$$

the wave equation (1) takes the form

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \phi^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \quad (2)$$

Solutions of the equation (2) are called spherical symmetric waves if  $u$  depends on  $r$  and  $t$  only.

Therefore, the solution  $u = u(r, t)$  which satisfies the wave equation with spherical symmetry in three-dimensional space is

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Let  $U = ru(r, t)$  be the new dependent variable, then

$$\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial r^2} \quad (4)$$

We know that the one-dimensional (1-D) wave eqn  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$

and the general solution of the form

$$u(x, t) = \phi(x+ct) + \psi(x-ct)$$

(2)

Then, the general solution of the form eqn (4) reduce to

$$U(r, t) = \phi(r+ct) + \psi(r-ct) \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$u(r, t) = \frac{1}{r} \left[ \phi(r+ct) + \psi(r-ct) \right] \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

This solution contains only two progressive spherical waves traveling with constant velocity  $c$ . The terms involving  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  represent the incoming waves to the origin and the outgoing waves from the origin respectively.

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Therefore, the solution for only outgoing waves generated by a source

$$u(r, t) = \frac{1}{r} \psi(r - ct) \quad (7)$$

where  $\psi$  is to be determined from the properties of the source. In the case of fluid flows,  $u$  shows the velocity potential so that the limiting total flux through a sphere of ~~center~~ center at the origin

$$\begin{aligned} Q(t) &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} 4\pi r^2 u_r(r, t) \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} 4\pi r^2 \times \left\{ -\frac{1}{r^2} \psi(r - ct) + \frac{1}{r} \psi' \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$Q(t) = -4\pi \psi(-ct) \quad (8)$$

Note that:-

(3)

The source strength  $Q$  is the multiple or (product) of the surface area and normal surface velocity of the monopole.

The solution of the IVP with initial condition

$$u(\pi, 0) = f(\pi), \quad u_t(\pi, 0) = g(\pi), \quad \pi \geq 0 \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

Now from eqn (6) and (9), we have

$$u(\pi, 0) = f(\pi) = \frac{1}{\pi} [\phi(\pi) + \psi(\pi)]$$

$$\phi(\pi) + \psi(\pi) = \pi f(\pi) \quad \text{--- (10)}$$

$$u_t(\pi, 0) = \frac{c}{\pi} [\phi'(\pi) - \psi'(\pi)]$$

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$$\phi(\pi) - \psi(\pi) = \frac{1}{c} \int_{\pi_0}^{\pi} \alpha g(\alpha) d\alpha + k \quad \text{--- (12)}$$

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$$2\phi(\pi) = \pi f(\pi) + \frac{1}{c} \int_{\pi_0}^{\pi} \alpha g(\alpha) d\alpha + k$$

$$\phi(\pi) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \pi f(\pi) + \frac{1}{c} \int_{\pi_0}^{\pi} \alpha g(\alpha) d\alpha + k \right]$$

Similarly

$$\psi(\pi) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \pi f(\pi) - \frac{1}{c} \int_{\pi_0}^{\pi} \alpha g(\alpha) d\alpha - k \right]$$

Therefore,

$$u(\pi, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ (\pi + ct) f(\pi + ct) + (\pi - ct) f(\pi - ct) + \frac{1}{c} \left\{ \int_{\pi_0}^{\pi+ct} \alpha g(\alpha) d\alpha - \int_{\pi_0}^{\pi-ct} \alpha g(\alpha) d\alpha \right\} \right]$$

(4)

$$u(\eta, t) = \frac{L}{2\eta} \left[ (\eta + ct)f(\eta + ct) + (\eta - ct)f(\eta - ct) + \frac{1}{c} \int_{\eta - ct}^{\eta + ct} \alpha g(\alpha) d\alpha \right] \quad (13)$$

$$\eta \geq ct.$$

Therefore, when  $\eta < ct$ , then <sup>this</sup> solution fails because  $f$  and  $g$  are not defined for  $\eta < 0$ .

This initial value at  $t=0$ ,  $\eta \geq 0$  determine the solution  $u(\eta, t)$  only up to the characteristic  $\eta = ct$  in the  $\eta-t$  plane.

The solution for  $U(\eta, t)$

$$U(\eta, t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (\eta + ct)f(\eta + ct) + (\eta - ct)f(\eta - ct) + \frac{1}{c} \int_{\eta - ct}^{\eta + ct} \alpha g(\alpha) d\alpha \right]$$



$$U(\pi, t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (c\pi + ct) f(\pi + ct) + (\pi - ct) f(\pi - ct) + \frac{1}{c} \int_{\pi - ct}^{\pi + ct} \alpha g(\alpha) d\alpha \right] \quad (14)$$

when  $\pi \geq ct \geq 0$  and

$$U(\pi, t) = \frac{1}{2} [\Phi(ct + \pi) + \Psi(ct - \pi)], \quad \text{when } ct \geq \pi \geq 0 \quad (15)$$

where  $\Phi(ct) + \Psi(ct) = 0$ , for  $ct \geq 0$  (16)

Similarly

we can write eq<sup>n</sup> (15), then

$$U(\pi, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ (ct + \pi) f(ct + \pi) - (ct - \pi) f(ct - \pi) + \frac{1}{c} \int_{ct - \pi}^{ct + \pi} \alpha g(\alpha) d\alpha \right]$$

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## Cylindrical wave equation:

Let  $x = r \cos \theta$ ,  $y = r \sin \theta$ , and  $z = z$ , be cylindrical polar coordinates  $(r, \theta, z)$ , the wave equation ( $u_{tt} = c^2 u_{rr}$ )

Now assume the form

$$u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} u_r + \frac{1}{r^2} u_{\theta\theta} + u_{zz} = \frac{1}{c^2} u_{tt}$$
$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} u_{\theta\theta} + u_{zz} = \frac{1}{c^2} u_{tt}$$

— (1)  
if  $u$  depends only on  $r$  and  $t$ , then the above equation (1) becomes

$$u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} u_r = \frac{1}{c^2} u_{tt} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

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For a periodic solution in time

$$u(\pi, t) = F(\pi) e^{i\omega t} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{\partial u}{\partial \pi} = F'(\pi) e^{i\omega t}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = -\omega^2 F(\pi) e^{i\omega t}$$

putting the above values, eqn (2)

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \pi} \left( \pi \frac{\partial u}{\partial \pi} \right) = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \pi} \left[ \pi F'(\pi) e^{i\omega t} \right] = -\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} F(\pi) e^{i\omega t}$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \left[ 1 \cdot F'(\pi) e^{i\omega t} + F''(\pi) \pi e^{i\omega t} \right] + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} F(\pi) e^{i\omega t} = 0$$

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$$F''(\pi) + \frac{F'(\pi)}{\pi} + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} F(\pi) = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

which has the form of Bessel's equation.

The solution of eqn (4) is

$$F(\pi) = A J_0\left(\frac{\omega\pi}{c}\right) + B Y_0\left(\frac{\omega\pi}{c}\right) \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$F(\pi) = A_1 \left[ J_0\left(\frac{\omega\pi}{c}\right) + i Y_0\left(\frac{\omega\pi}{c}\right) \right] + B_1 \left[ J_0\left(\frac{\omega\pi}{c}\right) - i Y_0\left(\frac{\omega\pi}{c}\right) \right] \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

(Complex form)

The above eqn (6) can be rewritten as

$$F(\pi) = A_1 H_0^{(1)}\left(\frac{\omega\pi}{c}\right) + B_1 H_0^{(2)}\left(\frac{\omega\pi}{c}\right) \quad \text{--- (7)}$$



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$$F(\pi) = A_1 H_0^{(1)}\left(\frac{\omega\pi}{c}\right) + B_1 H_0^{(2)}\left(\frac{\omega\pi}{c}\right) \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

where

$$H_0^{(1)} = J_0\left(\frac{\omega\pi}{c}\right) + iY_0\left(\frac{\omega\pi}{c}\right) \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

$$H_0^{(2)} = J_0\left(\frac{\omega\pi}{c}\right) - iY_0\left(\frac{\omega\pi}{c}\right), \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

$H_0^{(1)}, H_0^{(2)}$  are Hankel functions defined by above expression eqn (8) & (9).

The Solution of 1-D wave

eqn

$$u(\pi, t) = \left[ A_1 H_0^{(1)}\left(\frac{\omega\pi}{c}\right) + B_1 H_0^{(2)}\left(\frac{\omega\pi}{c}\right) \right] e^{i\omega t}$$

We know that asymptotic expression for  $H_0^{(1)}$  and  $H_0^{(2)}$

$$\textcircled{7} H_0^{(1)}(\theta) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\theta}} e^{i(\theta - \frac{\pi}{4})}$$

$$H_0^{(2)}(\theta) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\theta}} e^{-i(\theta - \frac{\pi}{4})}$$

The general periodic solution to the given wave eqn in cylindrical coordinates

$$\psi(r, t) = \sqrt{\frac{2c}{\pi\omega}} \left[ A_1 e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{e^{i(\frac{\omega}{c})(\pi+ct)}}{\sqrt{\pi}} + B_1 e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{e^{-i(\frac{\omega}{c})(\pi-ct)}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right]$$

## Sturm-Liouville Theory

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$$a_1(x) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + a_2(x) \frac{dy}{dx} + [a_3(x) + \lambda] y = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{if } p(x) = e^{\int^x \frac{a_2(t)}{a_1(t)} dt},$$

$$q(x) = \frac{a_3(x)}{a_1(x)} p(x), \quad r(x) = \frac{p(x)}{a_1(x)} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

We obtain

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( p \frac{dy}{dx} \right) + (q + \lambda r) y = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

which is known as the

Sturm-Liouville equation  
where

$$L \equiv \frac{d}{dx} \left( p \frac{d}{dx} \right) + q$$

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the above eq<sup>n</sup> can be written as

$$L[y] + \lambda s(x)y = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

where  $\lambda$  is a parameter independent of  $x$ , and  $p, q$  and  $s$  are real-valued functions of  $x$ . The Sturm-Liouville equation is called regular in the interval  $[a, b]$  if the functions  $p(x)$  and  $s(x)$  are positive in the interval  $[a, b]$ .

For a given  $\lambda$ , there exist two L.I. solutions of a regular Sturm-Liouville



regular Sturm-Liouville  
equation in the interval  $[a, b]$ .

Now, eg<sup>n</sup> (4) rewriting

$$L[y] + \lambda r(x)y = 0, \quad a \leq x \leq b$$

with

— (5)

$$a_1 y(a) + a_2 y'(a) = 0,$$

$$b_1 y(b) + b_2 y'(b) = 0$$

] — (6)

where  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  and  
likewise  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  are not  
both zero and are given  
real numbers, is called a  
regular Sturm-Liouville  
system.

The values of  $\lambda$  for which  
the Sturm-Liouville system  
has a non-trivial solution

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are called the eigenvalues  
and the corresponding  
solutions are called the  
eigenfunctions.

~~Ex 1: Solve~~  
~~Solve~~

Solve the regular Sturm-  
Liouville problem

$$\textcircled{1} \quad y'' + \lambda y = 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \pi$$
$$y(0) = 0, \quad y'(\pi) = 0$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad x^2 y'' + x y' + \lambda y = 0$$
$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( x \frac{dy}{dx} \right) + \frac{1}{x} \lambda y = 0 \quad 1 \leq x \leq e$$
$$y(1) = 0, \quad y(e) = 0$$

$$(3) \quad y'' + \lambda y = 0, \quad -\pi \leq x \leq \pi$$

$$y(-\pi) = y(\pi), \quad y'(-\pi) = y'(\pi)$$

Let  $\phi(x)$  and  $\psi(x)$  be any real-valued integrable functions on an interval  $I$ . Then  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are said to be orthogonal on  $I$  with respect to a weight function  $p(x) > 0$ , iff

$$\langle \phi, \psi \rangle = \int_I \phi(x) \psi(x) p(x) dx = 0 \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

The interval  $I$  may be of infinite or it may be either open or closed at one or both ends of the finite interval



(10)

when  $\phi = \psi$  in eqn (7),  
 then the norm of  $\phi$

$$\|\phi\| = \left[ \int_I \phi^2 w(x) dx \right]^{1/2} \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

Th.1 Let the coefficients  $p, q$  and  $s$  in the Sturm-Liouville system be continuous in  $[a, b]$ . Let the eigenfunctions  $\phi_j$  and  $\phi_k$  corresponding to  $\lambda_j$  and  $\lambda_k$  be continuously differentiable. Then  $\phi_j$  and  $\phi_k$  are orthogonal with respect to the weight function  $s(x)$  in  $[a, b]$ .



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with respect to the weight  
function  $\rho(x)$  in  $[a, b]$ .

Th: All the eigenvalues of a  
regular Sturm-Liouville system with  
 $\rho(x) > 0$  are real.

Th: If  $\phi_1(x)$  and  $\phi_2(x)$  are any  
two solutions of the equation  
 $L[y] + \lambda \rho(x)y = 0$  on  $[a, b]$ , then  
 $\rho(x)W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x) = \text{constant}$ , where  
 $W$  is the Wronskian.

Th: An eigenfunction of a regular  
Sturm-Liouville is unique except  
for a constant factor.