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# Time Dependent PDE

Heat equation  $\partial_t u = D \Delta u$

Wave eqn  $\partial_t^2 u = c^2 \Delta u$

1d linear advection  $\partial_t u + s \partial_x u = 0$

Initial value problem: give  $u(x, 0)$  &  
compute  $u(x, t)$  for  $t \geq 0$

Wave eqn: give  $u_0(x) = u(x, 0)$ ,  $v_0(x) = \partial_t u(x, 0)$   
(For now) Ignore boundary conditions.

Representative solutions.

→ Heat eqn  $u(x, t) = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{4\pi Dt})^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{|x|^2}{4Dt}}$

concentrated for small  $t$ , broader &

smoother for large  $t$ .

Larger  $D \Rightarrow$  faster spreading.

→ Wave eqn - 1d m  $\partial_t^2 u = c^2 \partial_x^2 u$

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$$u(x,t) = f(x+ct) + g(x-ct)$$

left moving wave      right moving

speed =  $c = \sqrt{c^2}$

Every soln has this form: fit initial data

$$t=0: u_0(x) = f(x) + g(x)$$

$$v_0(x) = \frac{d}{dt} u(x,0) = c(f'(x) - g'(x))$$

$$\frac{u_0'(x) + \frac{1}{c} v_0(x)}{2} = f'(x)$$

$$\frac{u_0'(x) - \frac{1}{c} v_0(x)}{2} = g'(x)$$

Wave eqn 3-D

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{t} \delta(|x| - ct)$$

spherically expanding sharp wave  
amplitude decreases as the wave  
spreads.



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Advection 
$$\frac{u_{j+1}^n - u_j^n}{\Delta t} + \frac{S}{2\Delta x} (u_{j+1}^n - u_{j-1}^n) = 0$$

Mode analysis

Fourier mode 
$$u_j^n = a_n e^{ikx_j}$$

$k$  = wave number.

$$\frac{a_{n+1} - a_n}{\Delta t} + \frac{S}{2\Delta x} a_n (e^{ik\Delta x} - e^{-ik\Delta x}) = 0$$

$$a_{n+1} = a_n \cdot \left( 1 - i \frac{\Delta t S}{\Delta x} \sin(k\Delta x) \right)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} \cdot S = CFL$$

= dimensionless measure of wave speed.

amplification factor = symbol

$$= m(k) = \left( 1 - i\lambda \sin(k\Delta x) \right)$$

stability / instability decided by

$$|m(k)| = \sqrt{m^* m}$$

$$= \sqrt{1 + \lambda^2 \sin^2(k\Delta x)}$$

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= larger than 1 so  $m$   $k$   
= unstable.

Heat eqn 1-D

$$u_j^{n+1} = u_j^n + \frac{D \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} (u_{j+1}^n - 2u_j^n + u_{j-1}^n)$$

$$a_{n+1} = a_n + \frac{D \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} (2 \cos(k \Delta x) - 2)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{D \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} = \text{dimensionless}$$

$m = \text{real}$

$\max_k m(k)$  when  $\cos = -1$ ,

$$|m| = |(1 - 4\lambda)| \leq$$

$$|m_{\max}| > 1 \text{ if } \lambda > \frac{1}{2}$$

CFL condition:  $\frac{D \Delta t}{\Delta x^2} \leq \frac{1}{2}$

$$\Delta t \leq \frac{\Delta x^2}{2D}$$

Wave eqn  $a_{n+1} = \left[ 2 + \frac{c^2 \Delta t^2}{\Delta x^2} (2 - 2 \cos(k \Delta x)) \right] a_n$   
 $\bar{a} a_{n-1}$

for each  $k$  there are 2 roots.

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Stability:  $\|u^n\|_{l^2} \leq C(t_n) \|u^0\|_{l^2}$

or  $\|u^n\|_{l^2} \leq C(t_n) (\|u^0\| + \|u_1\|)$

Consistency + stability  $\Rightarrow$  convergence

(as before)