

Workbook



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The Wave Equation

Infinite Interval

Questions

1) Solve the following problem:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} & -\infty < x < \infty, t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = 0 \\ u_t(x, 0) = |x| \end{cases}$$

2) Solve the following problem:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} & (-\infty < x < \infty, t \geq 0) \\ u(x, 0) = 0, u_t(x, 0) = \frac{|x|}{1+x^2} \end{cases}$$

3) Solve the following problem:

$$\begin{aligned} u_{tt} &= u_{xx} + x^2 + t^2 & -\infty < x < \infty, t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) &= x, u_t(x, 0) = x \end{aligned}$$

4) Solve the following problem:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = a^2 u_{xx} & -\infty < x < \infty, t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = e^{-x} \\ u_t(x, 0) = x \end{cases}$$

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5) Solve the following problem:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = a^2 u_{xx} & -\infty < x < \infty, t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = \sin x \\ u_t(x, 0) = \cos x \end{cases}$$

6) Given that $u(x, t)$ is a solution of the following problem:

$$u_{tt} = u_{xx} \quad -\infty < x < \infty, t \geq 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 2 \\ 4 & x > 2 \end{cases}, \quad u_t(x, 0) = 0$$

Compute $\int_{-\infty}^4 u(x, 1) dx$

7) Given that $u(x, t)$ is a solution of the following problem:

$$u_{tt} = u_{xx} \quad -\infty < x < \infty, t \geq 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = 0, \quad u_t(x, 0) = e^{-|x|}$$

a) Find $u(x, t)$

b) Compute $\int_0^{10} u_x(x, 5) dx$

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8) Given that $u(x,t)$ is a solution of the following problem:

$$u_{tt} = u_{xx} \quad -\infty < x < \infty, t \geq 0$$

$$u(x,0) = \begin{cases} 1-x^2 & |x| < 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}, \quad u_t(x,0) = 0$$

a) Find $u(x,t)$

b) Compute $\int_0^2 u(x,1) dx$

9) Solve the following problem:

$$u_{tt} = u_{xx} + t \cos x \quad -\infty < x < \infty, t \geq 0$$

$$u(x,0) = 0 \quad u_t(x,0) = \cos x$$

Note: you may use the identity $\frac{\sin(a+b) - \sin(a-b)}{2} = \cos a \sin b$

10) Solve the following problem:

$$u_{tt} = u_{xx} - 2e^x \sin t \quad -\infty < x < \infty, t \geq 0$$

$$u(x,0) = \sin x \quad u_t(x,0) = 1$$

11)a) Show that the general solution to the equation $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$ is

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

b) Given continuously differentiable functions $a(t), b(t)$ satisfying

$$a(0) = b(0) = 0.$$

Solve the problem $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$ with conditions $u(t,t) = a(t), u(-t,t) = b(t)$.

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12) Solve the following problem:

$$u_{tt} = u_{xx} - 2u_t - u \quad -\infty < x < \infty, t \geq 0$$
$$u(x, 0) = \sin x \quad u_t(x, 0) = 0$$
$$u_{tt} = u_{xx} + F(x, t)$$

Hint: define $v(x, t) = u(x, t)e^{-(\alpha x + \beta t)}$ for suitable constants α, β .

13) Solve the following problem:

$$u_{tt} = u_{xx}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, t \geq \begin{cases} -\frac{3}{2}x & x < 0 \\ 0 & x > 0 \end{cases}$$
$$u\left(x, -\frac{3}{2}x\right) = 0 \quad (x < 0)$$

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

Hint: the general solution of $u_{tt} = a^2 u_{xx}$ is of the form
 $u(x, t) = f(x - at) + g(x + at)$.

14) Solve the following problem:

$$u_{tt} = \alpha^2 u_{xx} \quad (\alpha > 0) \quad -\infty < x < \infty, t \geq 0$$
$$u(x, 0) = 0 \quad u_t(x, 0) = |x|$$

15) Solve the following problem:

$$u_{tt} = u_{xx} \quad -\infty < x < \infty, t \geq 0$$
$$u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 1 - x^2 & |x| \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad u_t(x, 0) = 0$$

Answer Key

$$1) u(x,t) = \begin{cases} xt & x > t \\ \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + t^2) & -t < x < t \\ -xt & x < -t \end{cases}$$

$$2) u(x,t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} [\ln(1 + [x+t]^2) - \ln(1 + [x-t]^2)] & x > t \\ \frac{1}{4} [\ln(1 + [x-t]^2) + \ln(1 + [x+t]^2)] & -t < x < t \\ \frac{1}{4} [\ln(1 + [x-t]^2) - \ln(1 + [x+t]^2)] & x < -t \end{cases}$$

$$3) u(x,t) = x + xt + \frac{1}{6}t^4 + \frac{1}{2}x^2t^2$$

$$4) u(x,t) = e^{-x} \cosh(at) + xt$$

$$5) u(x,t) = \frac{(a+1)\sin(x+at) + (a-1)\sin(x-at)}{2a}$$

$$6) 8$$

$$7) \text{ a) } u(x,t) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{x+t} - e^{x-t}}{2} & x < -t \\ \frac{2 - e^{x-t} - e^{-x-t}}{2} & -t < x < t \\ \frac{e^{-x+t} - e^{-x-t}}{2} & x > t \end{cases}$$

$$\text{b) } \frac{-2 + 3e^{-5} - e^{-15}}{2}$$

$$8) \text{ a) } u(x,1) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{cases} 1 - (x+1)^2 & -2 < x < 0 \\ 1 - (x-1)^2 & 0 < x < 2 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{b) } \frac{2}{3}$$

$$9) u(x,t) = t \cos x$$

$$10) u(x,t) = \sin(x) \cos(t) + t + e^{-x} \sin t - e^{-x} \sinh t$$

11) a) Show

$$\text{b) } u(x,t) = a \left(\frac{t+x}{2} \right) + b \left(\frac{t-x}{2} \right)$$

$$12) u(x,t) = \sin(x) [\cos(t) + 2 \sin(t)] e^{-t}$$

$$13) u(x,t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \sin\left(\frac{x-t}{5}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \cos\left(\frac{x-t}{5}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \sin(x+t) - \frac{1}{2} \cos(x+t) & -\frac{2}{3}t \leq x < t \\ \frac{1}{2} [\sin(x-t) + \cos(x-t)] + \frac{1}{2} [\sin(x+t) - \cos(x+t)] & 0 \leq t \leq x \end{cases}$$

$$14) u(x,t) = \begin{cases} -xt & x < -\alpha t \\ \frac{x^2 + \alpha^2 t^2}{2\alpha} & -\alpha t \leq x \leq \alpha t \\ xt & x > \alpha t \end{cases}$$

$$15) u(x,t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1-(x+t)^2}{2} & -1-t \leq x \leq 1-t \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} + \begin{cases} \frac{1-(x-t)^2}{2} & -1+t \leq x \leq 1+t \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Semi-Infinite Interval

Questions

1) Given the following IBVP, find $u\left(x, \frac{1}{2}\right)$.

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} & 0 \leq x < \infty, t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) = 0 \\ u_t(x, 0) = g(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \\ u(0, t) = 0 \text{ (Dirichlet BC)} \end{cases}$$

2) Solve the following IBVP (initial/boundary value problem):

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} & 0 \leq x < \infty, t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) = x \\ u_t(x, 0) = g(x) = \sin x \\ u(0, t) = 0 \text{ (Dirichlet BC)} \end{cases}$$

3) Solve the following IBVP (initial/boundary value problem):

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

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4) Solve the following IBVP (initial/boundary value problem):

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} & 0 \leq x < \infty, t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) = x^2 \\ u_t(x, 0) = g(x) = \sin x \\ u_x(0, t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

5) Solve the following IBVP:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} & 0 \leq x < \infty, t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) = 2x^2 - x \\ u_t(x, 0) = g(x) = 4x + 1 \\ u(0, t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

6) Given the following two IBVPs:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} & 0 \leq x < \infty, t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = x^3 \\ u_t(x, 0) = 0 \\ u(0, t) = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} v_{tt} = v_{xx} & 0 \leq x < \infty, t \geq 0 \\ v(x, 0) = x^3 \\ v_t(x, 0) = 0 \\ v_x(0, t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Compute the limit $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u(1, t)}{v(1, t)}$

7) Solve the following wave equation:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} + t & 0 \leq x < \infty, t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = x \\ u_t(x, 0) = 0 \\ u(0, t) = \frac{1}{6}t^3 \end{cases}$$

8) Given that $u(x, t)$ is a solution of the following wave equation:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} + 2u_x + u & 0 \leq x < \infty, t \geq 0 & u_{tt} = u_{xx} + F(x, t) \\ u(x, 0) = e^{-x} \\ u_t(x, 0) = e^{-2x} \\ u(0, t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [e^x \cdot u(x, 2)]$. Hint: define $v(x, t) = u(x, t) \cdot e^{-(\alpha x + \beta t)}$

9) Solve the following wave equation:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} & 0 \leq x < \infty, t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = \sin^2 x \\ u_t(x, 0) = \sin x + 1 \\ u(0, t) = t \end{cases}$$

10) Given the following IBVP (initial/boundary value problem):

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = \alpha^2 u_{xx} \quad (\alpha > 0) & 0 \leq x < \infty, t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) = x^2 \\ u_t(x, 0) = g(x) = \sin^2 x \\ u(0, t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Answer Key

$$1) u\left(x, \frac{1}{2}\right) = \begin{cases} 0 & x > \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{3}{2} - x\right) & \frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{3}{2} \\ x & 0 < x < \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$2) u(x, t) = x + \sin(x) \sin(t)$$

$$3) u(x, t) = \begin{cases} x^2 + t^2 + \sin(x) \sin(t) & x > t \\ 2xt + \sin(x) \sin(t) & 0 < x < t \end{cases}$$

$$4) \begin{cases} x^2 + t^2 + \sin(x) \sin(t) & x \geq t \\ x^2 + t^2 + 1 - \cos(x) \cos(t) & 0 \leq x < t \end{cases}$$

$$5) u(x, t) = \begin{cases} 2(x+t)^2 - x + t & x \geq t \\ 8xt & 0 \leq x < t \end{cases}$$

$$6) 0$$

$$7) u(x, t) = x + \frac{1}{6}t^3$$

$$8) 1$$

$$9) u(x,t) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin^2(x+t) + \sin^2(x-t)}{2} + \sin(x)\sin(t) + t & x > t \\ \frac{\sin^2(x+t) - \sin^2(x-t)}{2} + \sin(x)\sin(t) + t & 0 < x < t \end{cases}$$

$$10) u(x,t) = \begin{cases} 2\alpha xt + \frac{x}{2\alpha} - \frac{\sin(2x)\cos(2\alpha t)}{4\alpha} & 0 \leq x < \alpha t \\ x^2 + \alpha^2 t^2 + \frac{t}{2} - \frac{\cos(2x)\sin(2\alpha t)}{4\alpha} & x \geq \alpha t \end{cases}$$

Finite, Interval, Homogeneous Equation

Questions

1) Solve the following Wave Equation using separation of variables.

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} & 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(\pi x) - 7 \sin(5\pi x) \\ u_t(x, 0) = 0 \\ u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

2) Solve the following Wave Equation using separation of variables.

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} & 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = 1 \\ u_t(x, 0) = 0 \\ u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0 \quad (\text{fixed endpoints}) \end{cases}$$

3) Solve the following Wave Equation using separation of variables.

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = 4u_{xx} & 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = -2x - 1 \\ u_t(x, 0) = 0 \\ u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

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4) Solve the following Wave Equation using separation of variables.

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = a^2 u_{xx} & 0 \leq x \leq L, \quad t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2L}x\right) \\ u_t(x, 0) = \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2L}x\right) + \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{2L}x\right) \\ \begin{matrix} \text{Neumann} & \text{Dirichlet} \\ u_x(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0 \end{matrix} \end{cases}$$

5) Solve the following Wave Equation using separation of variables.

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = a^2 u_{xx} & 0 \leq x \leq L, \quad t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{2L}x\right) \\ u_t(x, 0) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2L}x\right) \\ \begin{matrix} \text{Dirichlet} & \text{Neumann} \\ u(0, t) = u_x(L, t) = 0 \end{matrix} \end{cases}$$

6) Solve the following Wave Equation:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} & 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = 1 + \cos(\pi x) + \cos(3\pi x) \\ u_t(x, 0) = 1 \\ u_x(0, t) = u_x(1, t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

7) Solve the following Wave Equation:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} & 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = \cos(\pi x) \\ u_t(x, 0) = \cos(2\pi x) \\ u_x(0, t) = u_x(1, t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Answer Key

$$1) u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(\pi x) \cos(\pi t) - 7 \sin(5\pi x) \cos(5\pi t)$$

$$2) u(x, t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{-4}{\pi(2k-1)} \sin((2k-1)\pi x) \cos((2k-1)\pi t)$$

$$3) u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2 \frac{3(-1)^n - 1}{\pi n} \sin(n\pi x) \cos(2n\pi t)$$

$$4) u(x, t) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2L}x\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2L}at\right) + \frac{2L}{3\pi a} \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2L}x\right) \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2L}at\right) + \frac{2L}{5\pi a} \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{2L}x\right) \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{2L}at\right)$$

$$5) u(x, t) = \frac{2L}{\pi a} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2L}x\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2L}at\right) + \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{2L}x\right) \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{2L}at\right)$$

$$6) u(x, t) = 1 + t + \cos(\pi x) \cos(\pi t) + \cos(3\pi x) \cos(3\pi t)$$

$$7) u(x, t) = \cos(\pi x) \cos(\pi t) + \frac{1}{2\pi} \cos(2\pi x) \sin(2\pi t)$$

Finite, Interval, Nonhomogeneous Equation

Questions

1) Solve the following nonhomogeneous Wave Equation on a finite interval:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = a^2 u_{xx} + (t+1) \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{L}\right) - \frac{9x}{L} \sin(3t) & 0 \leq x \leq L, \quad t \geq 0 \\ u(x,0) = 0 & u_t(x,0) = \frac{3x}{L} \\ u(0,t) = 0 & u(L,t) = \sin(3t) \end{cases}$$

Hint: use a correction function of the form $w(x,t) = A(t) + B(t)x$

2) Solve the following nonhomogeneous Wave Equation on a finite interval:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = a^2 u_{xx} + \sin\frac{\pi x}{L} & 0 \leq x \leq L, \quad t \geq 0 \\ u(x,0) = 0 & u_t(x,0) = 0 \\ u(0,t) = 0 & u(L,t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

3) Solve the following nonhomogeneous Wave Equation on a finite interval:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = a^2 u_{xx} + t \sin\frac{2\pi x}{L} & 0 \leq x \leq L, \quad t \geq 0 \\ u(x,0) = \sin\frac{2\pi x}{L} & u_t(x,0) = 0 \\ u(0,t) = 0 & u(L,t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

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4) Solve the following nonhomogeneous Wave Equation on a finite interval:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = a^2 u_{xx} + \cos \frac{\pi x}{L} & 0 \leq x \leq L, \quad t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = \cos \frac{\pi x}{L} & u_t(x, 0) = 0 \\ u_x(0, t) = 0 & u_x(L, t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

5) Solve the following nonhomogeneous Wave Equation on a finite interval:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = a^2 u_{xx} + e^t & 0 \leq x \leq L, \quad t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = \cos \frac{\pi x}{L} & u_t(x, 0) = 0 \\ u_x(0, t) = 0 & u_x(L, t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Answer Key

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

$$2) u(x,t) = \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} \left[- \left(\frac{L}{\pi a} \right)^2 \cos \left(\frac{\pi a}{L} t \right) + \left(\frac{L}{\pi a} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$3) u(x,t) = \sin \frac{\pi x}{L} \cos \left(\frac{\pi a}{L} t \right) + \sin \frac{2\pi x}{L} \left[\left(\frac{L}{2\pi a} \right)^2 t - \left(\frac{L}{2\pi a} \right)^3 \sin \left(\frac{2\pi a}{L} t \right) \right]$$

$$4) u(x,t) = \cos \frac{\pi x}{L} \left\{ \left[1 - \left(\frac{L}{\pi a} \right)^2 \right] \cos \left(\frac{\pi a}{L} t \right) + \left(\frac{L}{\pi a} \right)^2 \right\}$$

$$5) u(x,t) = (e^t - t - 1) + \cos \frac{\pi x}{L} \cos \frac{\pi a t}{L}$$

Domain of Dependence

Questions

- 1) Given the following Wave Equation. Compute $u\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{1}{4}\right)$.

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} & 0 \leq x \leq 2, \quad t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = x & u_t(x, 0) = \cos x \\ u(0, t) = \cos t & u(2, t) = \sin t \end{cases}$$

- 2) Given the following Wave Equation. Compute $u\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}\right)$.

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} & 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = x(x-1) & u_t(x, 0) = 1 \\ u_x(0, t) = 0 & u_x(1, t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

- 3) Given the following two IBVPs on the domain $\{0 \leq x \leq 1, t \geq 0\}$

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} + e^{-t} \cos(\pi x) \\ u(x, 0) = \cos^2(\pi x) \\ u_t(x, 0) = -\sin^2(\pi x) \\ u_x(0, t) = u_x(1, t) = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} v_{tt} = v_{xx} + e^{-t} \cos(\pi x) \\ v(x, 0) = -\sin^2(\pi x) \\ v_t(x, 0) = \cos^2(\pi x) \\ v_x(0, t) = v_x(1, t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Determine which is greater: $u\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ or $v\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$

4) Given the following Wave Equation. Compute $u\left(1, \frac{1}{2}\right)$.

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} + t^2 & 0 \leq x \leq 2, \quad t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = 1 & u_t(x, 0) = 2 \\ u(0, t) = 1 & u(2, t) = 2 \end{cases}$$

Answer Key

1) $\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\right)$

2) $\frac{5}{16}$

3) $u\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) > v\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$

4) $2\frac{1}{192}$

Duhamel's Principle

Questions

1) Solve the following nonhomogeneous Wave Equation.

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} + \sin(\pi x) & 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = u_t(x, 0) = 0 \\ u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

2) Solve the following nonhomogeneous Wave Equation.

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = u_{xx} + \cos(\pi x) & 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = u_t(x, 0) = 0 \\ u_x(0, t) = u_x(1, t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

3) Use d'Alembert's formula for the homogeneous wave equation and Duhamel's principle

to prove the nonhomogeneous case of d'Alembert's formula.

I.e. show that the solution to the problem:

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} = a^2 u_{xx} + F(x, t) & -\infty < x < \infty, \quad t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) \\ u_t(x, 0) = g(x) \end{cases}$$

is:

$$u(x, t) = \frac{f(x+at) + f(x-at)}{2} + \frac{1}{2a} \int_{x-at}^{x+at} g(s) ds + \frac{1}{2a} \int_0^t \int_{x-a(t-\tau)}^{x+a(t-\tau)} F(s, \tau) ds d\tau$$

Answer Key

$$1) u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \sin(\pi x)[1 - \cos(\pi t)]$$

$$2) u(x, t) = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \cos(\pi x)[1 - \cos(\pi t)]$$

$$3) u(x, t) = \frac{f(x+at) + f(x-at)}{2} + \frac{1}{2a} \int_{x-at}^{x+at} g(s) ds + \frac{1}{2a} \int_0^t \int_{x-a(t-\tau)}^{x+a(t-\tau)} F(s, \tau) ds d\tau$$