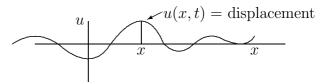
# Vibrating Strings and Heat Flow

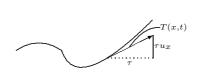
Consider an infinite vibrating string. Assume that the x-axis is the equilibrium position of the string and that the tension in the string at rest in equilibrium is  $\tau$ . Let u(x,t) denote the displacement at x at time t. Then the wave equation (in one space dimension) governs the motion.

"snap shot" at time t:



**Derivation.** (for small displacements). We make the following simplifying assumptions:

- the displacement of the string from equilibrium (and its slope) are small;
- each point on the string moves only in the vertical direction;
- the tension force T(x,t) in the string (i.e., the (vector) force which the part of the string to the right of x exerts on the part to the left of x, at time t) is tangential to the string and has magnitude proportional to the local stretching factor  $\sqrt{1+u_x^2}$ .



Since  $u_x = 0$  in equilibrium, the constant of proportionality is the equilibrium tension  $\tau$ . Thus the magnitude of T(x,t) is  $\tau \sqrt{1 + u_x(x,t)^2}$ , and the vertical component of T(x,t) is  $\tau u_x$ . Now consider the part of the string between x and  $x + \Delta x$ . The vertical component of Newton's second law (force = mass  $\times$  acceleration) applied to this part of the string is

force 
$$\max_{x} \underbrace{\operatorname{accel}}_{x} \underbrace{\operatorname{accel}}_{x} \underbrace{\operatorname{accel}}_{x} \underbrace{\operatorname{accel}}_{x} \underbrace{\operatorname{accel}}_{x} \underbrace{\operatorname{accel}}_{x} \underbrace{\operatorname{accel}}_{x}$$

where  $\rho$  is the density (mass per unit length; assumed constant). Dividing by  $\Delta x$  and taking the limit as  $\Delta x \to 0$ , we obtain

$$\tau u_{xx} = \rho u_{tt}$$
.

Normalizing units so that  $\rho = \tau$ , we obtain the wave equation (in one space dimension):

$$u_{tt} = u_{xx}$$
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## Solutions of $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$

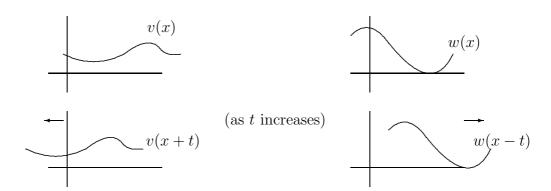
Change variables. Let y = x + t, z = x - t, so  $x = \frac{1}{2}(y + z)$ ,  $t = \frac{1}{2}(y - z)$ . Then

$$\partial_y = (\partial_y x) \, \partial_x + (\partial_y t) \, \partial_t = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_x + \partial_t) \,,$$
  
$$\partial_z = (\partial_z x) \partial_x + (\partial_z t) \partial_t = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_x - \partial_t) \,,$$

so  $u_y = \frac{1}{2}(u_x + u_t)$  and  $u_{yz} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_x - \partial_t)\frac{1}{2}(u_x + u_t) = \frac{1}{4}(u_{xx} - u_{tt})$ . In the new coordinates, the wave equation becomes simply  $u_{yz} = 0$ . Thus  $u_y$  is independent of z, i.e.,  $u_y = \widetilde{v}(y)$ . Integrating in y for each fixed z, we get u = v(y) + w(z) (where  $v(y) = \int \widetilde{v}(y) dy$ ). So any solution of the wave equation  $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$  is of the form

(\*) 
$$u(x,t) = v(x+t) + w(x-t).$$

Physically, this is a superposition of left-going and right-going waves:



**Observation**. The derivation above shows that any  $C^2$  function of x and t satisfying the wave equation is of the form (\*). Conversely, if v and w are  $C^2$  functions of one variable, it is easily checked that u(x,t) = v(x+t) + w(x-t) is a  $C^2$  solution of the wave equation. But if v and w are only continuous, v(x+t) + w(x-t) still makes sense; in what sense is this a solution of  $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$ ? We will see later in the course that the equation holds in the sense of distributions.

#### **Initial-Value Problem** (IVP) (or the Cauchy Problem)

If we think of the wave operator as an ordinary differential operator in time acting on functions of t taking values in functions of x (overlooking considerations arising from the fact that  $\partial_x^2$  is itself a differential operator), we "should" be able to determine u(x,t) for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $t \geq 0$  if we are given initial values u(x,0) and  $u_t(x,0)$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  (we need u and  $u_t$  at t = 0 since the equation is second-order in t).

**D'Alembert's Formula** (for the Cauchy Problem for  $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$ )

Consider the IVP: DE  $u_{tt} = u_{xx} \ (x \in \mathbb{R}, t \ge 0)$ 

$$IC \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} u(x,0) & = & f(x) \\ u_t(x,0) & = & g(x) \end{array} \right. \quad \left( x \in \mathbb{R} \right)$$

(To obtain a  $C^2$  solution u(x,t), it will suffice for  $f \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $g \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ .) We will separately analyze the cases  $g \equiv 0$  and  $f \equiv 0$ , and then use superposition.

Case 1.  $g \equiv 0$ .

$$IC \left\{ \begin{array}{rcl} u(x,0) & = & f(x) \\ u_t(x,0) & = & 0 \end{array} \right. (x \in \mathbb{R}).$$

We have u(x,t) = v(x+t) + w(x-t) for some  $v, w \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$ . By the IC,

$$v(x) + w(x) = u(x,0) = f(x)$$
  
 $v'(x) - w'(x) = u_t(x,0) = 0$ ,

so v and w differ by a constant. One solution is  $v(x) = w(x) = \frac{1}{2}f(x)$ . Any other solution is  $v(x) = \frac{1}{2}f(x) + c$  for some constant c. So the solution in Case 1 is

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{2}f(x+t) + \frac{1}{2}f(x-t).$$

Remark. For a solution u(x,t) of  $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$ , v and w are uniquely determined up to a constant. This is because if  $v_1(x+t) + w_1(x-t) = v_2(x+t) + w_2(x-t)$ , then  $v_1(x+t) - v_2(x+t) = w_2(x-t) - w_1(x-t)$  is independent of both y = x+t and z = x-t, and is thus a constant.

Case 2.  $f \equiv 0$ .

$$IC \begin{cases} u(x,0) = 0 \\ u_t(x,0) = g(x) \end{cases} (x \in \mathbb{R}).$$

Again, u(x,t) = v(x+t) + w(x-t) for some  $v, w \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$ . By the IC,

$$\begin{array}{rclcrcl} v(x)+w(x)&=&0\\ v'(x)-w'(x)&=&g(x) \end{array}. \qquad \text{Thus} \qquad \begin{array}{rclcrcl} w&=&-v\\ v'&=&\frac{1}{2}g \end{array}.$$

So  $v = \frac{1}{2} \int g$  and the solution in Case 2 is

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{x-t}^{x+t} g(s)ds.$$

Adding Cases 1 and 2, the solution of the IVP with IC  $\begin{cases} u(x,0) = f(x) \\ u_t(x,0) = g(x) \end{cases}$  is given by d'Alembert's formula:

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{2}f(x+t) + \frac{1}{2}f(x-t) + \frac{1}{2}\int_{x-t}^{x+t} g(s)ds.$$

Remarks.

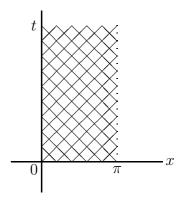


- (1) d'Alembert's formula gives an explicit demonstration of the *finite* domain of dependence of the solution of this IVP on the initial data (a general property of hyperbolic PDEs): for a fixed  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and fixed t > 0, u(x,t) depends only on f(x+t), f(x-t), and  $\{g(s): x-t \leq s \leq x+t\}$ .
- (2) d'Alembert's formula also provides a solution for negative t as well:  $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$  ( $x \in \mathbb{R}, t \leq 0$ ),  $\begin{cases} u(x,0) = f(x) \\ u_t(x,0) = g(x) \end{cases}$  ("final" conditions); like ODEs, hyperbolic PDEs in general can be advanced either in the +t direction or the -t direction.

# Initial-Boundary Value Problem (IBVP)

Consider now a finite string  $(0 \le x \le \pi)$  fixed at both ends, so  $u(0,t) = u(\pi,t) \equiv 0$ . Suppose the initial displacement is u(x,0) = f(x)  $(0 \le x \le \pi)$  (where  $f(0) = f(\pi) = 0$ ), and for simplicity suppose the initial velocity is  $u_t(x,0) = 0$   $(0 \le x \le \pi)$ . This models a "plucked" violin string (moved to position u(x,0) = f(x) at time t = 0, and then released with initial velocity  $u_t(x,0) = 0$ ). We obtain an IBVP with both initial conditions (IC) and boundary conditions (BC):

DE 
$$u_{tt} = u_{xx}$$
  $(0 \le x \le \pi, t \ge 0)$   
IC  $\begin{cases} u(x,0) &= f(x) \\ u_t(x,0) &= 0 \end{cases}$   $(0 \le x \le \pi)$   
BC  $\begin{cases} u(0,t) &= 0 \\ u(\pi,t) &= 0 \end{cases}$   $(t \ge 0)$ 



We will solve this IBVP in two ways: ① by d'Alembert's formula, and ② by Fourier series.

**Solution** ① (d'Alembert). Find functions v, w defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  so that

$$u(x,t) = v(x+t) + w(x-t)$$

satisfies the IC and BC. The BC u(0,t)=0 for  $t\geq 0$  gives 0=v(t)+w(-t) for  $t\geq 0$ , or w(t)=-v(-t) for  $t\leq 0$ . [Note that to define u(x,t) in the region  $0\leq x\leq \pi,\ t\geq 0$ , we only need to give v(s) for  $s\geq 0$  and w(s) for  $s\leq \pi$ . To simplify our calculations, we will find v and w defined on all of  $\mathbb{R}$ , so that u(x,t) satisfies the BC for  $t\leq 0$  too.] So we ask  $w(t)=-v(-t)(\forall t\in \mathbb{R})$ . Next, the BC  $u(\pi,t)=0$  (now  $\forall t\in \mathbb{R}$ ) gives  $0=v(\pi+t)+w(\pi-t)$ , so  $v(\pi+t)=-w(\pi-t)=v(t-\pi)$ , i.e.,  $v(t+2\pi)=v(t)(\forall t\in \mathbb{R})$ . So v is  $2\pi$ -periodic, and thus w(t)=-v(-t) is also  $2\pi$ -periodic. The IC  $u_t(x,0)=0$  ( $0\leq x\leq \pi$ ) gives

0 = v'(x) - w'(x) = v'(x) - v'(-x) for  $0 \le x \le \pi$ , i.e., v'(-x) = v'(x) for  $0 \le x \le \pi$ . Since v' is  $2\pi$ -periodic, we conclude that v' is an even function on  $\mathbb{R}$ . We may assume v(0) = 0 (if not, replace v by v(s) - v(0) and replace w by w(s) + v(0)). Then

$$v(-x) = \int_0^{-x} v'(s)ds = -\int_0^x v'(-s)ds = -\int_0^x v'(s)ds = -v(x)(\forall x \in \mathbb{R}),$$

so v is an odd function on  $\mathbb{R}$ ; moreover w=v since w(t)=-v(-t). Finally, the IC u(x,0)=f(x)  $(0\leq x\leq \pi)$  gives f(x)=v(x)+w(x)=2v(x), i.e.,  $v(x)=\frac{1}{2}f(x)$  for  $0\leq x\leq \pi$ . This completes the determination of v: it is the  $2\pi$ -periodic, odd function on  $\mathbb{R}$  which agrees with  $\frac{1}{2}f$  on  $[0,\pi]$ . So d'Alembert's solution can be summarized as follows: define  $\widetilde{f}(x)=f(x)$  for  $0\leq x\leq \pi$ ,  $\widetilde{f}(x)=-f(-x)$  for  $-\pi\leq x\leq 0$  (the odd extension of f from  $[0,\pi]$  to  $[-\pi,\pi]$ ), and then extend  $\widetilde{f}$  to be  $2\pi$ -periodic on  $\mathbb{R}$ . [Note: if  $f(0)=f(\pi)=0$  and  $f\in C^1[0,\pi]$ , then  $\widetilde{f}\in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ ; if in addition  $f\in C^2[0,\pi]$  and  $f''(0)=f''(\pi)=0$ , then  $\widetilde{f}\in C^2(\mathbb{R})$ .] We obtain d'Alembert's formula for the solution of this IBVP:

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \widetilde{f}(x+t) + \widetilde{f}(x-t) \right)$$

(remember, this is the special case where  $u_t(x,0) = 0$   $(0 \le x \le \pi)$ ).

**Solution 2** (Fourier series). We use separation of variables. We want to find simple harmonics of the string, that is, solutions of the form

$$u(x,t) = v(x)w(t)$$

(often called fundamental modes). The v and w here are not the same v and w as above. Using ' to mean  $\frac{d}{dx}$  for v, and also  $\frac{d}{dt}$  for w, the DE  $u_{tt} = u_{xx}$  becomes v(x)w''(t) = v''(x)w(t), or (wherever  $v(x)w(t) \neq 0$ )

$$\frac{w''(t)}{w(t)} = \frac{v''(x)}{v(x)}.$$

The LHS is independent of x and the RHS is independent of t, so both sides are equal to a constant; call it  $-\lambda$ .

We end up with ODEs for v and w:

$$v''(x) + \lambda v(x) = 0$$
  $(0 \le x \le \pi)$  "spatial ODE" 
$$w''(t) + \lambda w(t) = 0$$
  $(t \ge 0)$  "temporal ODE"

Applying the BC to the "spatial ODE", we get  $v(0) = v(\pi) = 0$ , leading to the following "eigenvalue problem": determine for which (in this case real) values of  $\lambda$  there exists a non-trivial (i.e., not  $\equiv 0$ ) solution v(x) of the boundary-value problem (BVP):

DE 
$$v'' + \lambda v = 0 \qquad 0 \le x \le \pi$$
BC 
$$v(0) = v(\pi) = 0.$$

Case (i)  $\lambda < 0$ . The general solution of  $v'' + \lambda v = 0$  is  $c_1 \cosh(\sqrt{-\lambda}x) + c_2 \sinh(\sqrt{-\lambda}x)$ .  $v(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0$ , and then  $v(\pi) = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = 0$ . No nontrivial solutions.

Case (ii)  $\lambda = 0$ . The general solution of v'' = 0 is  $v(x) = c_1 + c_2 x$ .  $v(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0$ , and then  $v(\pi) = 0 \Rightarrow c_2 = 0$ . No nontrivial solutions.

Case (iii)  $\lambda > 0$ . The general solution of  $v'' + \lambda v = 0$  is  $v(x) = c_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + c_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$   $v(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c_1 = 0$ . Then  $v(\pi) = 0$  (and  $c_2 \neq 0$  so v is nontrivial)  $\Rightarrow \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}\pi) = 0 \Rightarrow \sqrt{\lambda} \in \{1, 2, 3, \ldots\} \Rightarrow \lambda = n^2$  for  $n \in \{1, 2, 3, \ldots\}$ . These are the "eigenvalues" of this eigenvalue problem. The corresponding "eigenfunctions" are  $\sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x) = \sin(nx)$ .

Applying the homogeneous IC  $u_t(x,0) = 0$  to the "temporal ODE," we get w'(0) = 0. For  $\lambda = n^2$ , the general solution of  $w'' + \lambda w = 0$  is  $c_1 \cos nt + c_2 \sin nt$ . The IC w'(0) = 0 implies  $c_2 = 0$ , so  $w(t) = c_1 \cos nt$ . Thus the fundamental modes for this problem are

$$u_n(x,t) = \cos(nt)\sin(nx)$$
  $n \in \{1, 2, 3, \ldots\}.$ 

Linear combinations of these are also solutions of the DE, the BC, and the one IC  $u_t(x,0) = 0$ . To satisfy the IC u(x,0) = f(x) for  $0 \le x \le \pi$ , we represent f(x) in a Fourier sine series:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin(nx).$$

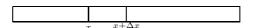
Then (provided this series converges appropriately),

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos(nt) \sin(nx)$$

satisfies the DE, the BC, and both IC. (See Problem 3 on Problem Set 7 for details).

### **Heat Flow**

Consider heat flow in a thin rod with insulated lateral surface.



Assume that the temperature u(x,t) is a function only of horizontal position x and time t. By Newton's law of cooling, the amount of heat flowing from left to right across the point x in time  $\Delta t$  is  $-\kappa \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x,t) \Delta t$  (proportional to the gradient of temperature), where the constant of proportionality  $\kappa$  is called the *heat conductivity* of the rod. So the net heat flowing *into* the part of rod between x and  $x + \Delta x$  in the time interval from t to  $t + \Delta t$  is

$$\kappa \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x + \Delta x, t)\Delta t - \kappa \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x, t)\Delta t.$$

The net heat flowing *into* this part of the rod in this time interval can also be expressed as

$$\underbrace{\rho \Delta x}^{\text{mass}} \cdot \underbrace{c}^{\text{specific heat}} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \Delta t},$$

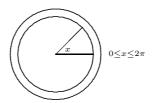
where  $\rho$  is the density (mass per unit length) of the rod, and c is the *specific heat* of the rod (the amount of heat needed to raise a unit mass by 1 unit of temperature). Equating these two expressions, dividing by  $\Delta t$  and  $\Delta x$ , and taking the limit as  $\Delta x \to 0$ , we obtain

$$\kappa u_{xx} = \rho c u_t$$
.

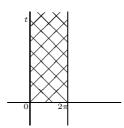
Normalizing units so that  $\rho c = \kappa$ , we obtain the *heat equation* (in one space dimension):

$$u_t = u_{xx}$$
.

Fourier considered circular rods of length  $2\pi$ , leading to the following IBVP with periodic BC:



IBVP: DE 
$$u_t = u_{xx}$$
  $0 \le x \le 2\pi, t \ge 0$   
IC  $u(x,0) = f(x)$   $0 \le x \le 2\pi$   
periodic BC 
$$\begin{cases} u(0,t) = u(2\pi,t) \\ u_x(0,t) = u_x(2\pi,t) \end{cases}$$
  $t \ge 0$ 



We can view u as defined on  $T \times [0, \infty)$  (where  $T = S^1$ ), or as a  $2\pi$ -periodic function of  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $t \geq 0$ .)

As with the wave equation, we separate variables and look for solutions of the form u(x,t) = v(x)w(t). The DE  $u_t = u_{xx}$  becomes v(x)w'(t) = v''(x)w(t), or (wherever  $v(x)w(t) \neq 0$ )

$$\frac{w'}{w} = \frac{v''}{v};$$

both sides are equal to a constant; call it  $-\lambda$ . The "spatial ODE" is

$$v''(x) + \lambda v(x) = 0$$

and the "temporal ODE" is

$$w'(t) + \lambda w(t) = 0, \quad (t > 0).$$

In this case our eigenvalue problem has periodic boundary conditions:

$$v'' + \lambda v = 0, \qquad (0 \le x \le 2\pi)$$

$$v(0) = v(2\pi), \qquad v'(0) = v'(2\pi).$$

Case (i).  $\lambda < 0$ . The only solution is  $v \equiv 0$ .

Case (ii).  $\lambda = 0$ . There is one linearly independent solution:  $v \equiv 1$ .

Case (iii).  $\lambda > 0$  We must have  $\lambda = n^2$  for  $n \in \{1, 2, 3, \ldots\}$ , now with two linearly independent solutions:  $\cos(nt)$  and  $\sin(nt)$  (see Problem 1 on Problem Set 7 for details). For  $\lambda = n^2$  (with  $n \in \{0, 1, 2, \ldots\}$ ), there is one linearly independent solution of  $w' + \lambda w = 0$ :  $w = e^{-\lambda t}$ . Thus the fundamental modes for this problem are:

$$u \equiv 1$$

and for  $n \in \{1, 2, 3, \ldots\}$ :

$$u(x,t) = e^{-n^2 t} \cos nt$$
, and  $u(x,t) = e^{-n^2 t} \sin nt$ .

To satisfy the IC u(x,0) = f(x) for  $0 \le x \le 2\pi$ , we represent f(x) in a Fourier series:

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx).$$

Then (provided this series converges appropriately)

$$u(x,t) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} e^{-n^2 t} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx)$$

satisfies the DE, the periodic BC, and the IC.

Remark. This form of the Fourier series of f (viewed as its  $2\pi$ -periodic extension) is equivalent to the complex exponential form

$$f(x) = \sum_{n = -\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{inx}.$$

For  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\cos nx = \frac{1}{2} \left( e^{inx} + e^{-inx} \right)$$
 and  $\sin nx = \frac{1}{2i} \left( e^{inx} - e^{-inx} \right)$ 

span the same two-dimensional subspace (over  $\mathbb{C}$ ) as

$$e^{inx} = \cos nx + i\sin nx$$
 and  $e^{-inx} = \cos nx - i\sin nx$ .

The coefficients are related as follows:  $c_0 = a_0$ , and for  $n \ge 1$ ,

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2}(a_n - ib_n), \qquad c_{-n} = \frac{1}{2}(a_n + ib_n),$$

$$a_n = c_n + c_{-n}, b_n = i(c_n - c_{-n}).$$

In the inner product

$$\langle g, f \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \overline{g(x)} f(x) dx$$

on  $L^2(S^1)$ , the set

$$\{1, \sqrt{2}\cos nx, \sqrt{2}\sin nx : n \ge 1\}$$

is a complete orthonormal set, giving us the following formulae for  $a_n$  and  $b_n$ :

$$a_0 = \langle 1, f \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx,$$

and for  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$a_n = 2\langle \cos nx, f \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cos nx dx,$$
  
$$b_n = 2\langle \sin nx, f \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin nx dx.$$

Caution. Many books will write

$$f(x) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx),$$

in which case

$$a_0 = 2\langle 1, f \rangle = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cos(0x) dx.$$

The solution u(x,t) expressed in terms of complex exponentials is

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{\xi \in \mathbb{Z}} \widehat{f}(\xi) e^{-\xi^2 t} e^{i\xi x}$$

where  $\widehat{f}(\xi) = \langle e^{ix\xi}, f \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) e^{-ix\xi} dx$ . Note that if  $f \in C^1(T)$  (or even f is continuous and piecewise  $C^1$  on T, meaning f' has only a finite number of jump discontinuities), then  $\widehat{f} \in l^1(\mathbb{Z})$ . Thus this series for u(x,t) converges absolutely and uniformly for  $x \in T$  and  $t \geq 0$ , and u(x,0) = f(x); moreover, for t > 0, this is a  $C^{\infty}$  solution of  $u_t = u_{xx}$ . This is a consequence of the rapid decay of  $e^{-\xi^2 t}$  as  $|\xi| \to \infty$  for t > 0. But for t < 0, we do not expect this series to converge unless  $|\widehat{f}(\xi)| \to 0$  extremely fast as  $|\xi| \to \infty$ . These properties are common for parabolic equations: the solution is smooth for t > 0, but we cannot go backwards in time.

Remark. As for the wave equation, we can also solve IBVP of the form

DE 
$$u_t = u_{xx}$$
  $(0 \le x \le \pi, t \ge 0)$   
IC  $u(x,0) = f(x)$   $(0 \le x \le \pi)$   
BC  $u(0,t) = 0,$   $u(\pi,t) = 0$   $(t \ge 0)$ 

(or with BC  $u_x(0,t) = 0$ ,  $u_x(\pi,t) = 0$ , etc.)