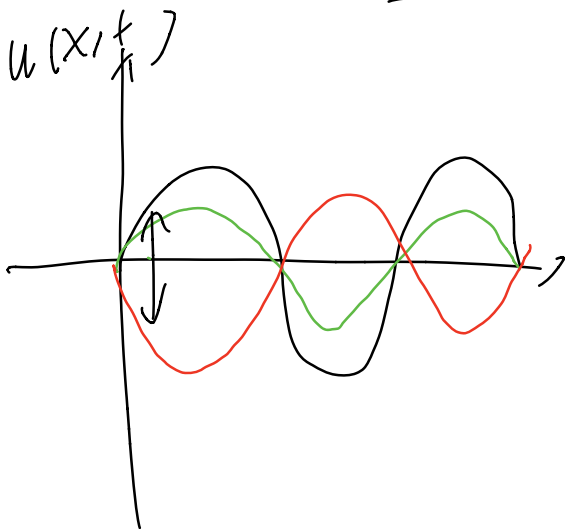


Normal mode:

$$\sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \cdot \left( A_n \cos \frac{n\pi c}{L} t + B_n \sin \frac{n\pi c}{L} t \right)$$

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Something depending  
on time.

How to write a travelling wave.?

$$\sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \cos \frac{n\pi c}{L} t$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} (x+ct) + \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} (x-ct) \right)$$

$$= F(x+ct) + G(x-ct)$$

$u(x, t) = f(x+ct)$  is the wave travelling  
from right to left.

Solution to  $u_t - cu_x = 0$ . (transport  
equation)  
(Read the solution to HW1)

$g(x-ct)$  is the wave travelling  
from left to right.

$$u_t + cu_x = 0$$

We want to find general solution to  
wave equation without any boundary  
conditions. (on the whole real line)

$$u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx} \quad -\infty < x < +\infty .$$

$$u(x, 0) = f(x)$$

$$u_t(x, 0) = g(x)$$

Inspired by solution to transport equation

we use the change of variables

$$X = x + ct \quad x = \frac{X + Y}{2}$$

$$Y = x - ct \quad t = \frac{X - Y}{2c}$$

Calculate  $u_{XY}$ .

$$u_x = u_X \frac{1}{2} + u_t \cdot \frac{1}{2c}$$

$$(u_x)_Y = (u_x)_X \cdot \frac{1}{2} + (u_x)_t \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2c}\right)$$

$$(u_x)_Y = \left(u_X \frac{1}{2} + u_t \cdot \frac{1}{2c}\right)_X \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ + \left(u_X \frac{1}{2} + u_t \cdot \frac{1}{2c}\right)_t \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2c}\right)$$

$$= u_{xx} \cdot \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4c^2} u_{tt}.$$

$$= \frac{1}{4c^2} (c^2 u_{xx} - u_{tt}) = 0$$

↓  
from  $u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$

So  $u_{xy} = 0$ .

$$u_x = F'(x)$$

$$u = \int F'(x) + G(y)$$

$$= F(x) + G(y)$$

$$= F(x+ct) + G(x-ct)$$

Plug in initial conditions:

$$u(x, 0) = \frac{F(x) + G(x)}{2} = f(x)$$

$$u_t(x, 0) = \frac{c F'(x) - c G'(x)}{2} = g(x)$$

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$$\text{Integrate: } \frac{F(x) - G(x)}{2} = \frac{1}{c} \left( \int_0^x g(s) ds + c_0 \right)$$

solve  $F(x), G(x)$

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left( f(x) + \frac{1}{c} \left( \int_0^x g(s) ds + c_0 \right) \right)$$

$$G(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left( f(x) - \frac{1}{c} \left( \int_0^x g(s) ds + c_0 \right) \right)$$

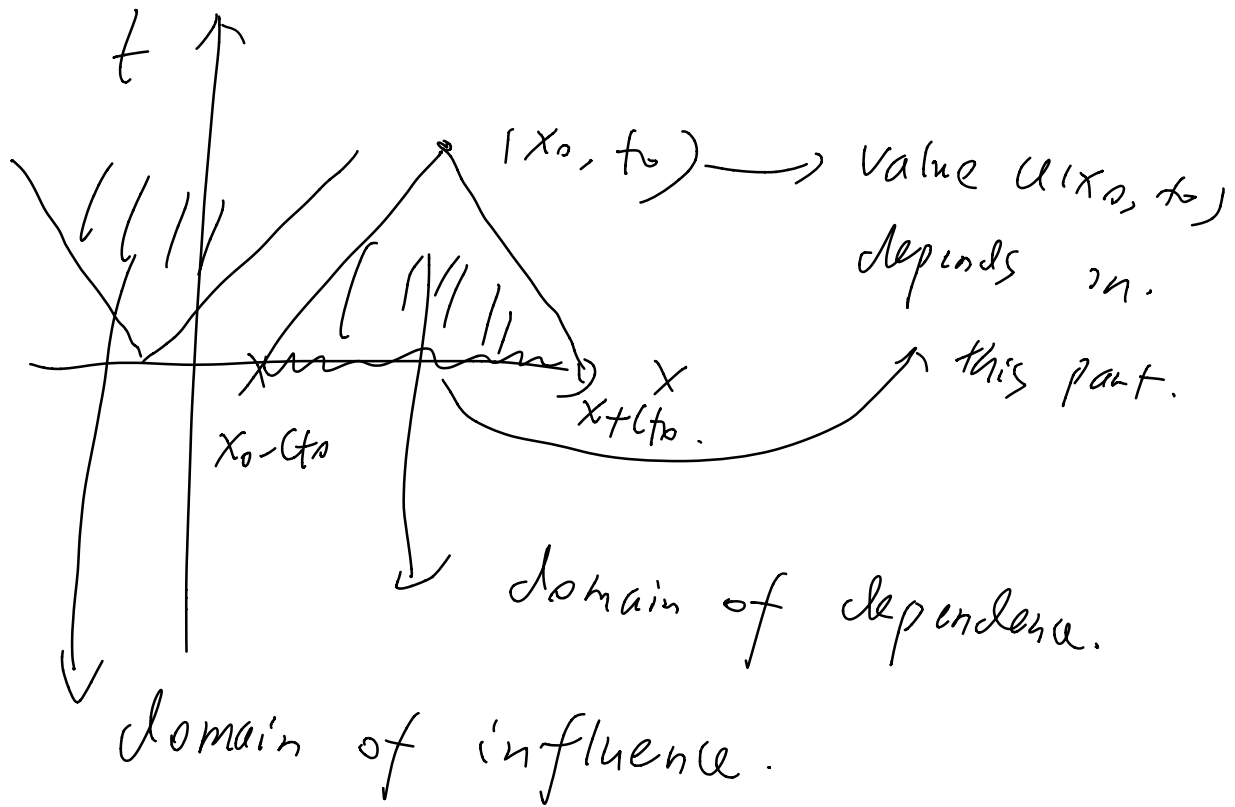
$$u(x, t) = F(x+ct) + G(x-ct)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( f(x+ct) + f(x-ct) \right)$$

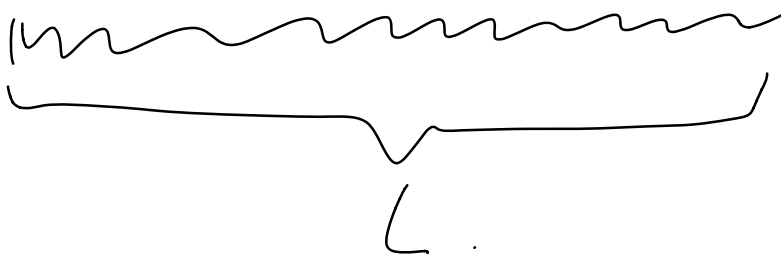
$$+ \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} g(s) ds.$$

d'Alembert's

formula.



derivation of wave equation  
 elastic wave.



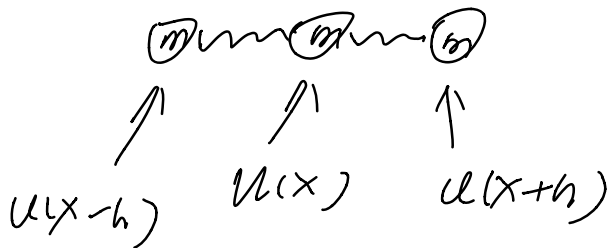
Newton's law  $F = ma$ .

Hooke's law  $F = k \Delta x$

Divide 

into  $N$  parts. Each part has

length  $h$ , mass  $m$ .



$$\bar{F} = m u_{tt}$$

$$F = k \cdot \left[ (u(x+h, t) - u(x, t)) - (u(x, t) - u(x-h, t)) \right]$$

$$m \cdot u_{tt} = k \left[ (u(x+h, t) - u(x, t)) - (u(x, t) - u(x-h, t)) \right]$$

$$h = \frac{L}{N}, \quad m = \frac{M}{N}, \quad K = k \cdot N.$$

$$\text{So } u_{tt} = \frac{K L^2}{M}.$$

$$\frac{1}{h^2} \left( (u(x+h, t) - u(x, t)) - (u(x, t) - u(x-h, t)) \right)$$

$$= \frac{K L^2}{M} u_{xx}$$

$$u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}.$$