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About **PDE**:

Walter A. Strauss, Partial Differential Equations, An Introduction, 2nd Edition P.41

Show that the wave equation ($u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$) has the following invariance properties.

(a) Any translate $u(x-y, t)$, where y is fixed, is also a solution.

SOLUTION:

Let $v(x, t) = u(x - y_0, t)$, then $v_t = u_t(x - y_0, t)$, and $v_{tt} = u_{tt}(x - y_0, t) = c^2 u_{xx}(x - y_0, t)$

$v_x = u_x(x - y_0, t)$, $v_{xx} = u_{xx}(x - y_0, t)$,

So $v_{tt} = u_{tt}(x - y_0, t) = c^2(u_{xx}(x - y_0, t)) = c^2 v_{xx}$ Q.E.D.

(b) Any derivative, say u_x , of a solution is also a solution.

SOLUTION:

For $u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$, let $v = u_x$, then $v_{tt} = u_{xtt} = (u_{tt})_x = (c^2 u_{xx})_x = c^2 u_{xxx} = c^2 (u_x)_{xx} = c^2 v_{xx}$ Q.E.D.

(c) The dilated function $u(ax, at)$ is also a solution, for any constant a .

SOLUTION:

For $u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$, Let $v(x, t) = u(ax, at)$, then $v_t = au_t(ax, at)$, $v_{tt} = (au_t(ax, at))_t = a^2 u_{tt}(ax, at) = a^2 c^2 u_{xx}(ax, at)$,

$v_x = (u(ax, at))_x = au_x(ax, at)$, $v_{xx} = (au_x(ax, at))_x = a^2 u_{xx}(ax, at)$

So $v_{tt} = a^2 c^2 u_{xx}(ax, at) = c^2 (a^2 u_{xx}(ax, at)) = c^2 v_{xx}$ Q.E.D.