

Solutions: quiz 4, discussion section 11am

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1. We compute the partial derivatives u_{tt} and u_{xx} as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}u_t &= -a \cos(x - at) + \frac{a}{x + at} \quad \Rightarrow \quad u_{tt} = -a^2 \sin(x - at) - \frac{a^2}{(x + at)^2}, \\u_x &= \cos(x - at) + \frac{1}{x + at} \quad \Rightarrow \quad u_{xx} = -\sin(x - at) - \frac{1}{(x + at)^2}.\end{aligned}$$

So indeed we have that

$$a^2 u_{xx} = -a^2 \sin(x - at) - \frac{a^2}{(x + at)^2} = u_{tt}.$$

2. Taking $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$, we have

$$\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x^2 + y^2} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{r^3 \cos^3 \theta + r^3 \sin^3 \theta}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta + r^2 \cos^2 \theta} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} r(\cos^3 \theta + \sin^3 \theta) = 0.$$