

Consider the transport equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0 & (t, x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \\ u(0, x, y) = u_0(x, y) \end{cases}$$

Where $u_0(x, y)$ is a continuous function with $u_0(x, y) = 0$ for $|x| + |y| \geq 1$

(a) Solve the equation

(b) Prove that for fixed $t_0, y_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} u(t_0, x, y_0) = 0$

(a) $u = u(t, x, y)$

$$\frac{du}{ds} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \frac{dt}{ds} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{ds} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{ds}$$

Characteristic lines

$$\frac{dt}{ds} = 1, \frac{dx}{ds} = y, \frac{dy}{ds} = 0 \quad , \quad t=s \quad , \quad x = ys + x_0 = yt + x_0$$

$$\frac{du}{ds} = 0 \quad \text{along the characteristic lines}$$

The general solution $u(t, x, y) = u_0(x - yt, y)$

(b)