

§ Wave equation $u_{tt} - c^2 \Delta u = 0$

$$E(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2} u_t^2 + \frac{1}{2} c^2 u_x^2 \right) dx$$

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (u_t u_{tt} + c^2 u_x u_{xt}) dx = c^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (u_t u_{xx} + u_x u_{xt}) dx$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u_t u_{xx} dx = u_t u_x \Big|_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u_{tx} u_x dx = - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u_x u_{xt} dx \quad \text{integrate } u_t u_{xx} \text{ by parts and}$$

$$u_x, u_t \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } x \rightarrow \pm\infty$$

Thus, $\frac{dE}{dt} = 0$, the total energy is constant over time. ◦