

Solve the equation

$$u_{tt} - u_{xx} = 3e^x \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty, -\infty < t < \infty$$

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

Homogeneous solution  $u_h(x, t) = f(x+t) + g(x-t)$

Let particular solution  $u_p(x, t) = Ae^x \Rightarrow u_p(x, t) = -3e^x$

The general solution is  $u(x, t) = f(x+t) + g(x-t) - 3e^x$

1.  $u(x, 0) = 0 \Rightarrow f(x) + g(x) = 3e^x$

2.  $u_t(x, 0) = 0$

$$u_t(x, t) = f'(x+t) - g'(x-t) \Rightarrow f'(x) = g'(x)$$

$$f(x) = g(x) + c$$

$$\text{we have } f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(3e^x + c), g(x) = \frac{1}{2}(3e^x - c)$$

Since the problem does not provide additional boundary conditions, we can

assume  $c=0$  for simplicity. Thus,  $f(x) = \frac{3}{2}e^x, g(x) = \frac{3}{2}e^x$

The general solution is :

$$u(x, t) = f(x+t) + g(x-t) - 3e^x = \frac{3e^x}{2}(e^t + e^{-t}) - 3e^x = 3e^x(\cosh t - 1)$$