

Lecture8:

Example: consider the Sine-Gordon equation

$$u_{tt} - \frac{1}{c^2} u_{xx} = \sin(u), \quad (31)$$

we seek a solution of the form $u(x,t) = \phi(x - \mu t)$, $\xi = x - \mu t$, which corresponding to a wave travelling with a velocity μ and then, substitute in equation(31) to obtain an ODE for ϕ in the form

$$(1 - V^2)\phi'' = \sin(\phi) \quad (32)$$

where $V^2 = \frac{\mu^2}{c^2}$.

$$\phi' \phi'' = \frac{\sin(\phi)}{(1 - V^2)} \phi' \quad (33)$$

this equivalently

$$\frac{d}{d\xi} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d\phi}{d\xi} \right)^2 + \frac{\cos(\phi)}{1 - V^2} \right] = 0 \quad (34)$$

that is ;

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d\phi}{d\xi} \right)^2 + \frac{\cos(\phi)}{1 - V^2} = \beta \quad (35)$$

where β is integral constant. Solving for $\frac{d\phi}{d\xi}$ gives a first-order ODE

$$\frac{d\phi}{d\xi} = \sqrt{2A - \frac{2\cos(\phi)}{1 - V^2}}$$

we can separate the variable and then integrated to obtain

$$\int_{\phi_0}^{\phi} \frac{d\psi}{\sqrt{A - \cos\psi}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{1 - V^2}} \int_{\xi_0}^{\xi} d\eta \quad (36)$$

where $A = \beta\sqrt{1 - V^2}$. This result depends on the two parameters V ((or $\mu = cV$)), the velocity of the solution and β an integrating constant.

when $A=1$, a solitary wave solution exists for any velocity $0 < |V| < 1$ ((or $0 < |\mu| < c$)).

To simplify both sides of equation (6*) by using trigonometric identities, we have

$$\sqrt{\frac{2}{1-V^2}}(\xi - \xi_0) = \sqrt{2} \int_{\phi_0}^{\phi} \frac{d\psi}{2 \sin(\frac{\psi}{2})} = \sqrt{2} \log\left(\frac{\tan(\frac{\phi}{4})}{\tan(\frac{\phi_0}{4})}\right) \quad (37)$$

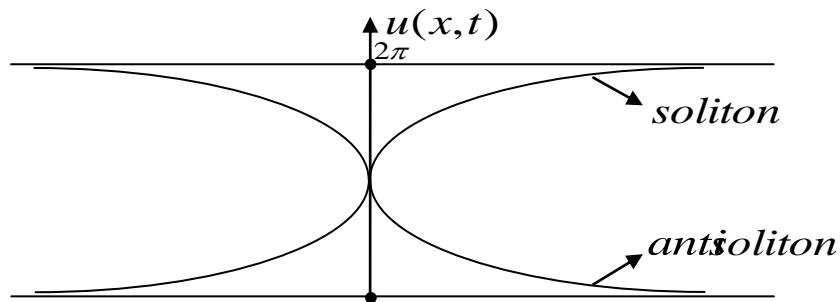
This leads to the solution of $\phi(\xi)$ as;

$$\phi(\xi) = 4 \tan^{-1}\left(\alpha e^{\frac{\xi - \xi_0}{\sqrt{1-V^2}}}\right)$$

where $\alpha = \tan(\frac{\phi_0}{4})$, and ξ_0 are constants of integration, which can be incorporated in several ways. when choose $\alpha=1$ and $\xi_0=0$ to obtain one simple solitary wave solution for $u(x,t)$ in the form;

$$u(x,t) = 4 \tan^{-1}\left(\alpha e^{\frac{x-Vt}{\sqrt{1-V^2}}}\right) \quad (38)$$

this is called soliton((kink)) solution of sine Gordon equation and represents a continuous profile with $u \rightarrow 0$, as $x \rightarrow -\infty$, and $u \rightarrow 2\pi$, as $x \rightarrow +\infty$ shown in the following figure.



the solution properties in the positive x - direction with velocity V .