

Wave equation

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Finding the solution of the wave equation

$$\partial_{x,x} \Psi[x, y, z, t] - \frac{1}{c^2} \partial_{t,t} \Psi[x, y, z, t] = 0$$

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The form of the 1D wave equation is

$$\text{equnde1D} = \partial_{x,x} \Psi[x, t] == \partial_{t,t} \Psi[x, t] / c^2$$

$$\Psi^{(2,0)}[x, t] == \frac{\Psi^{(0,2)}[x, t]}{c^2}$$

The solution of the above equation is

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DSolve[equnde1D, Ψ[x, t], {x, t}]
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$$\left\{ \left\{ \Psi[x, t] \rightarrow C[1] \left[t - \frac{\sqrt{c^2} x}{c^2} \right] + C[2] \left[t + \frac{\sqrt{c^2} x}{c^2} \right] \right\} \right\}$$

Rewriting the equation for the 3D case

$$\text{equnde3D} = \partial_{x,x} \Psi[x, y, z] + \partial_{y,y} \Psi[x, y, z] + \partial_{z,z} \Psi[x, y, z] == -\omega^2 \Psi[x, y, z] / c^2$$

$$\Psi^{(0,0,2)}[x, y, z] + \Psi^{(0,2,0)}[x, y, z] + \Psi^{(2,0,0)}[x, y, z] == -\frac{\omega^2 \Psi[x, y, z]}{c^2}$$

DSolve is not able to solve the problem because you can lose some solutions

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DSolve[equnde3D, Ψ[x, y, z], {x, y, z}]
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DSolve[Ψ(0,0,2)[x, y, z] + Ψ(0,2,0)[x, y, z] + Ψ(2,0,0)[x, y, z] == -  $\frac{\omega^2 \Psi[x, y, z]}{c^2}$ ,  
Ψ[x, y, z], {x, y, z}]
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Asking for the package where DSolve is

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Needs["Calculus`DSolveIntegrals`"]
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DSolve[equnde3D, Ψ[x, y, z], {x, y, z}]
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DSolve[Ψ(0,0,2)[x, y, z] + Ψ(0,2,0)[x, y, z] + Ψ(2,0,0)[x, y, z] == -  $\frac{\omega^2 \Psi[x, y, z]}{c^2}$ ,  
Ψ[x, y, z], {x, y, z}]
```

Using the variable separation method, we are searching for of solution like: $\Psi[x,y,z]=X[x]*Y[y]*Z[z]$, for a given frequency

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sep3 = equnde3D /. Ψ[x, y, z] → X[x] * Y[y] * Z[z] /.  
D[Ψ[x, y, z], {x, nx_}, {y, ny_}, {z, nz_}] →  
D[X[x] * Y[y] * Z[z], {x, nx}, {y, ny}, {z, nz}]
```

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Y[y] Z[z] X''[x] + X[x] Z[z] Y''[y] + X[x] Y[y] Z''[z] == -  $\frac{\omega^2 X[x] Y[y] Z[z]}{c^2}$ 
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Dividing equation from Step 3 to $X[x]*Y[y]*Z[z]$

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sep31 = Thread[1 / (X[x] * Y[y] * Z[z]) # &[sep3], Equal] // Simplify
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 $\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} + \frac{X''[x]}{X[x]} + \frac{Y''[y]}{Y[y]} + \frac{Z''[z]}{Z[z]} == 0$ 
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sep31[[1, 4]]
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$$\frac{Z''[z]}{Z[z]}$$

But

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eqz = sep31[[1, 4]] == -kz^2
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$$\frac{Z''[z]}{Z[z]} == -kz^2$$

Semnification of [ToRules\[expr\]](#) = takes logical combinations of equations, in the form generated by `Roots` and `Reduce`, and converts them to lists of rules, of the form produced by [Solve](#).

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eqxy = sep31 /. ToRules[eqz]
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$$-kz^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} + \frac{X''[x]}{X[x]} + \frac{Y''[y]}{Y[y]} == 0$$

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eqy = eqxy[[1, 4]] == -ky^2
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$$\frac{Y''[y]}{Y[y]} == -ky^2$$

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eqx = eqxy /. ToRules[eqy]
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$$-ky^2 - kz^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} + \frac{X''[x]}{X[x]} == 0$$

Solving the equation in $X[x]$, $Y[y]$ si $Z[z]$

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DSolve[eqx, X[x], x]
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$$\left\{ \left\{ X[x] \rightarrow C[1] \cos\left[\frac{x \sqrt{-c^2 ky^2 - c^2 kz^2 + \omega^2}}{c}\right] + C[2] \sin\left[\frac{x \sqrt{-c^2 ky^2 - c^2 kz^2 + \omega^2}}{c}\right] \right\} \right\}$$

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DSolve[eqy, Y[y], y]
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$$\{ \{ Y[y] \rightarrow C[1] \cos[ky y] + C[2] \sin[ky y] \} \}$$

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DSolve[eqz, Z[z], z]
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$$\{ \{ Z[z] \rightarrow C[1] \cos[kz z] + C[2] \sin[kz z] \} \}$$

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eqx[[1, 1]]
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$$-ky^2$$

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eqx[[1, 2]]
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$$-kz^2$$

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eqx[[1, 3]]
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$$\frac{\omega^2}{c^2}$$

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xrule = eqx[[1, 1]] + eqx[[1, 2]] + eqx[[1, 3]] -> kx^2
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$$-ky^2 - kz^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \rightarrow kx^2$$

Solutions are:

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sx = DSolve[eqx /. xrule, X[x], x] /. C -> Cx
sy = DSolve[eqy, Y[y], y] /. C -> Cy
sz = DSolve[eqz, Z[z], z] /. C -> Cz

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{ {X[x] -> Cos[kx x] Cx[1] + Sin[kx x] Cx[2] } }
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{ {Y[y] -> Cos[ky y] Cy[1] + Sin[ky y] Cy[2] } }
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{ {Z[z] -> Cos[kz z] Cz[1] + Sin[kz z] Cz[2] } }
```

General solution is

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Ψ[x_, y_, z_] := X[x] * Y[y] * Z[z] /. sx[[1]] /. sy[[1]] /. sz[[1]]
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Ψ[x, y, z]
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(Cos[kx x] Cx[1] + Sin[kx x] Cx[2])
(Cos[ky y] Cy[1] + Sin[ky y] Cy[2]) (Cos[kz z] Cz[1] + Sin[kz z] Cz[2])

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Initial and limits condition will able us to determine the coefficients :