

I. Mathematical model for Green's function

$$u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}, \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty, \quad t > 0$$

with initial conditions

$$u(x, 0) = 0, \quad \dot{u}(x, 0) = \frac{1}{2a}[H(x-a) - H(x+a)]$$

Discuss the limiting case for $a \rightarrow 0$.

II. Mathematical model for Green's function

$$u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}, \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty, \quad t > 0$$

with initial conditions

$$u(x, 0) = 0, \quad \dot{u}(x, 0) = \delta(x)$$

III. Mathematical model for Green's function

$$\frac{\partial^2 U(x, s; t, \tau)}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 U(x, s; t, \tau)}{\partial x^2} = \delta(x-s)\delta(t-\tau), \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad t > 0$$

with initial conditions

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \tau} U(x, s; t, \tau) = 0$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \tau} \dot{U}(x, s; t, \tau) = 0$$

Table 1: Green's function for different one-dimensional PDEs

Equation	Governing Eq.	$U(x, s)$ or $U(x, s; t, \tau)$
Laplace	$\frac{\partial^2 U(x, s)}{\partial x^2} = \delta(x - s)$	$\frac{1}{2} x - s $
Heat	$\frac{\partial^2 U(x, s; t, \tau)}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial U(x, s; t, \tau)}{\partial t} = \delta(x - s)\delta(t - \tau)$	$\frac{-H(t-\tau)}{\sqrt{4\pi(t-\tau)}} e^{-\frac{(x-s)^2}{4(t-\tau)}}$
Wave	$\frac{\partial^2 U(x, s; t, \tau)}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 U(x, s; t, \tau)}{\partial x^2} = \delta(x - s)\delta(t - \tau)$	$\frac{1}{2c} H(x - s + c(t - \tau)) - \frac{1}{2c} H(x - s - c(t - \tau))$
Helmholtz	$\frac{\partial^2 U(x, s)}{\partial x^2} + k^2 U(x, s) = \delta(x - s)$	$\frac{1}{2k} \text{sink } x - s $

$U(x, s; t, \tau)$: response at space x when time t due to a unit source at space s when time τ

As $t \rightarrow \tau$, $U(x, s; t, \tau) = -\delta(x - s)$ for heat conduction

As $t \rightarrow \tau$, $\dot{U}(x, s; t, \tau) = \delta(x - s)$ for wave propagation