

# Chapter 4

## Generalized Wave Equation Related to the $L_m^k$ Operator

In this chapter, we study the operator  $L_m^k$  related to the generalized wave equation by using  $\epsilon$  approximation.

**Theorem 4.1** *Given the equation*

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} u(x, t) + c^2 L_m^k u(x, t) = 0, \quad (4.1)$$

where  $L_m^k$  is the product operator iterated  $k$ -times and is defined by

$$L_m^k = (-1)^{mk} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} \right)^m - \left( \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} \right)^m \right]^k$$

$p + q = n$  is the dimension of the  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  with initial conditions

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(x, 0) = g(x), \quad (4.2)$$

where  $u(x, t) \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $c$  is a positive constant,  $k$  and  $m$  are nonnegative integers,  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous functions and absolutely integrable for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then (4.1) has a unique solution

$$u(x, t) = f(x) * \psi(x, t) + g(x) * \phi(x, t) \quad (4.3)$$

and satisfy the condition (4.2) where  $\phi(x, t)$  is an inverse Fourier transform of

$$\widehat{\phi}(\xi, t) = \frac{\sin ct \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k}}{c \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k}}$$

and  $\psi(x, t)$  is an inverse Fourier transform of

$$\widehat{\psi}(\xi, t) = \cos ct \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \widehat{\phi}(\xi, t),$$

where  $r^2 = \xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 + \cdots + \xi_p^2$ ,  $s^2 = \xi_{p+1}^2 + \xi_{p+2}^2 + \cdots + \xi_{p+q}^2$  and  $r > s > 0$ . Moreover, if we put  $m = k = 1$  and  $q = 0$  in (4.1), then it become the generalized  $n$ -dimensional wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} u(x, t) - c^2 \Delta u(x, t) = 0.$$

**Proof.** By applying the Fourier transform defined by (2.19) to both side of (4.1), we obtain

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \hat{u}(\xi, t) + c^2 \left( \left( \sum_{i=1}^p \xi_i^2 \right)^m - \left( \sum_{j=p+1}^{p+q} \xi_j^2 \right)^m \right)^k \hat{u}(\xi, t) = 0. \quad (4.4)$$

Now, put  $r^2 = \xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 + \cdots + \xi_p^2$ ,  $s^2 = \xi_{p+1}^2 + \xi_{p+2}^2 + \cdots + \xi_{p+q}^2$  and let  $r > s > 0$ . Thus (4.4) becomes

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \hat{u}(\xi, t) + c^2 (r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k \hat{u}(\xi, t) = 0, \quad (4.5)$$

with the initial conditions

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(x, 0) = g(x).$$

Thus by (4.2), we have

$$u(\xi, 0) = \hat{f}(\xi) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(\xi, 0) = \hat{g}(\xi). \quad (4.6)$$

Now, we are solving the solution of (4.5) satisfies (4.6). Then

$$\hat{u}(\xi, t) = A(\xi) \cos ct \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k} + B(\xi) \sin ct \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \hat{u}(\xi, t)}{\partial t} &= -c \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k} A(\xi) \sin ct \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k} \\ &\quad + c \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k} B(\xi) \cos ct \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k}. \end{aligned}$$

By (4.6), we obtain  $\hat{u}(\xi, 0) = A(\xi) = \hat{f}(\xi)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \hat{u}(\xi, 0)}{\partial t} &= 0 + c \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k} B(\xi) = \hat{g}(\xi) \\ B(\xi) &= \frac{\hat{g}(\xi)}{c \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the solution of (4.5) satisfies (4.6) is

$$\begin{aligned}\widehat{u}(\xi, t) = & \widehat{f}(\xi) \cos ct \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k} \\ & + \frac{\widehat{g}(\xi)}{c \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k}} \sin ct \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k}\end{aligned}\quad (4.7)$$

or in the convolution form

$$u(x, t) = f(x) * \psi(x, t) + g(x) * \phi(x, t). \quad (4.8)$$

Thus (4.8) is a solution of (4.1) where  $\phi(x, t)$  is an inverse Fourier transform

of  $\widehat{\phi}(\xi, t) = \frac{\sin ct \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k}}{c \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k}}$  and  $\psi(x, t)$  is an inverse Fourier transform of

$\widehat{\psi}(\xi, t) = \cos ct \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \widehat{\phi}(\xi, t)$ . Since  $\widehat{\phi}(\xi, t)$  and  $\widehat{\psi}(\xi, t)$  can not be Lebesgue integrable, that is  $\widehat{\phi}, \widehat{\psi} \notin L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Thus we can not find the inverse  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  directly. But we can compute the inverse  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  by using the method of  $\epsilon$ -approximation. Let us defined  $\widehat{\phi}_\epsilon(\xi, t) = e^{-\epsilon c \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k}} \widehat{\phi}(\xi, t)$  and  $\widehat{\psi}_\epsilon(\xi, t) = e^{-\epsilon c \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k}} \widehat{\psi}(\xi, t)$ . Clearly,  $\widehat{\phi}_\epsilon(\xi, t) \rightarrow \widehat{\phi}(\xi, t)$ ,  $\widehat{\psi}_\epsilon(\xi, t) \rightarrow \widehat{\psi}(\xi, t)$  uniformly as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $\widehat{\phi}_\epsilon, \widehat{\psi}_\epsilon \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , then we can obtain the inverse  $\phi_\epsilon$  and  $\psi_\epsilon$  by applying (2.20) and we obtain  $\phi_\epsilon \rightarrow \phi$  and  $\psi_\epsilon \rightarrow \psi$  as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ . Now, by (2.20) we have

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_\epsilon(x, t) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i(\xi, x)} \widehat{\phi}_\epsilon(\xi, t) d\xi \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i(\xi, x)} e^{-\epsilon c \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k}} \frac{\sin ct \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k}}{c \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k}} d\xi\end{aligned}$$

and

$$|\phi_\epsilon(x, t)| \leq \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{e^{-\epsilon c \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k}}}{c \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k}} d\xi.$$

By changing to bipolar coordinates, we put

$$\xi_1 = r w_1, \xi_2 = r w_2, \dots, \xi_p = r w_p$$

and

$$\xi_{p+1} = s w_{p+1}, \xi_{p+2} = s w_{p+2}, \dots, \xi_p = s w_{p+q}, \quad p + q = n$$

where  $w_1^2 + w_2^2 + \cdots + w_p^2 = 1$  and  $w_{p+1}^2 + w_{p+2}^2 + \cdots + w_{p+q}^2 = 1$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi_\epsilon(x, t)| &\leq \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{e^{-\epsilon c \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k}}}{c \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k}} r^{p-1} s^{q-1} dr ds d\Omega_p d\Omega_q \\ &= \frac{\Omega_p \Omega_q}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \int_0^\infty \int_0^r \frac{e^{-\epsilon c \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k}}}{c \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k}} r^{p-1} s^{q-1} ds dr, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Omega_p = \frac{2\pi^{p/2}}{\Gamma(p/2)}$ ,  $\Omega_q = \frac{2\pi^{q/2}}{\Gamma(q/2)}$  are the surface area of the unit sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^p$  and  $\mathbb{R}^q$  respectively. Now, put  $s^m = r^m \sin \theta$ , thus  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $ds = \frac{r}{m} \cos \theta (\sin \theta)^{\frac{1-m}{m}} d\theta$ . Then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi_\epsilon(x, t)| &\leq \frac{\Omega_p \Omega_q}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \int_0^\infty \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{e^{-\epsilon c (r^m \cos \theta)^k}}{c (r^m \cos \theta)^k} [r (\sin \theta)^{-m}]^{q-1} \times \\ &\quad \frac{r}{m} \cos \theta (\sin \theta)^{\frac{1-m}{m}} r^{p-1} d\theta dr \\ &= \frac{\Omega_p \Omega_q}{m (2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \int_0^\infty \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{e^{-\epsilon c (r^m \cos \theta)^k}}{c (r^m \cos \theta)^k} r^{p+q-1} (\sin \theta)^{\frac{q-m}{m}} \times \\ &\quad \cos \theta d\theta dr. \end{aligned}$$

Put  $y = \epsilon c (r^m \cos \theta)^k = \epsilon c r^{mk} \cos^k \theta$ ,  $r^{mk} = \frac{y}{\epsilon c \cos^k \theta}$ ,  $dr = \frac{r dy}{mky}$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi_\epsilon(x, t)| &\leq \frac{\Omega_p \Omega_q}{m (2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \int_0^\infty \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\epsilon e^{-y} r^{n-1}}{y} (\sin \theta)^{\frac{q-m}{m}} \cos \theta \frac{r}{mky} dy d\theta \\ &= \frac{\Omega_p \Omega_q}{m^2 (2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \int_0^\infty \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{e^{-y} \epsilon}{ky^2} \left( \frac{y}{\epsilon c \cos^k \theta} \right)^{\frac{n}{mk}} (\sin \theta)^{\frac{q-m}{m}} \cos \theta dy d\theta \\ &= \frac{\Omega_p \Omega_q}{m^2 (2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \int_0^\infty \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{e^{-y} y^{\frac{n}{mk}-2}}{c^{\frac{n}{mk}} k \epsilon^{\frac{n}{mk}-1}} (\sin \theta)^{\frac{q}{m}-1} (\cos \theta)^{1-\frac{n}{m}} dy d\theta \\ &= \frac{\Omega_p \Omega_q}{m^2 (2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n}{mk} - 1)}{k \epsilon^{\frac{n}{mk}-1} c^{\frac{n}{mk}}} \int_0^{\pi/2} (\sin \theta)^{2(\frac{q}{2m})-1} (\cos \theta)^{2(1-\frac{n}{2m})-1} d\theta \\ &= \frac{\Omega_p \Omega_q}{2m^2 (2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n}{mk} - 1)}{k \epsilon^{\frac{n}{mk}-1} c^{\frac{n}{mk}}} \cdot \beta\left(\frac{q}{2m}, \frac{2m-n}{2m}\right) \\ &= \frac{\Omega_p \Omega_q}{2m^2 (2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n}{mk} - 1)}{k \epsilon^{\frac{n}{mk}-1} c^{\frac{n}{mk}}} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{q}{2m}) \Gamma(\frac{2m-n}{2m})}{\Gamma(\frac{2m-p}{2m})}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.9}$$

Similarly, we defined  $\hat{\psi}_\epsilon(\xi, t) = e^{-\epsilon c \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k}} \cos ct \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_\epsilon(x, t) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i(\xi, x)} \hat{\psi}_\epsilon(\xi, t) d\xi \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{i(\xi, x)} e^{-\epsilon c \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k}} \cos ct \sqrt{(r^{2m} - s^{2m})^k} d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_\epsilon(x, t)| &\leq \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-\epsilon c \sqrt{(r^{2m}-s^{2m})^k}} d\xi \\ &= \frac{\Omega_p \Omega_q}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \int_0^\infty \int_0^r e^{-\epsilon c \sqrt{(r^{2m}-s^{2m})^k}} r^{p-1} s^{q-1} ds dr, \end{aligned}$$

Now, put  $s^m = r^m \sin \theta$ , thus  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $ds = \frac{r}{m} \cos \theta (\sin \theta)^{\frac{1-m}{m}} d\theta$ . Then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_\epsilon(x, t)| &\leq \frac{\Omega_p \Omega_q}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \int_0^\infty \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{-\epsilon c (r^m \cos \theta)^k} [r (\sin \theta)^{-m}]^{q-1} \times \\ &\quad \frac{r}{m} \cos \theta (\sin \theta)^{\frac{1-m}{m}} r^{p-1} d\theta dr \\ &= \frac{\Omega_p \Omega_q}{m(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \int_0^\infty \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{-\epsilon c (r^m \cos \theta)^k} r^{p+q-1} (\sin \theta)^{\frac{q-m}{m}} \times \\ &\quad \cos \theta d\theta dr. \end{aligned}$$

Put  $y = \epsilon c (r^m \cos \theta)^k = \epsilon c r^{mk} \cos^k \theta$ ,  $r^{mk} = \frac{y}{\epsilon c \cos^k \theta}$ ,  $dr = \frac{r dy}{mky}$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_\epsilon(x, t)| &\leq \frac{\Omega_p \Omega_q}{m(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^\infty e^{-y} r^{n-1} (\sin \theta)^{\frac{q-m}{m}} \cos \theta \frac{r}{mky} dy d\theta \\ &= \frac{\Omega_p \Omega_q}{m^2(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-y}}{ky} \left( \frac{y}{\epsilon c \cos^k \theta} \right)^{\frac{n}{mk}} (\sin \theta)^{\frac{q-m}{m}} \cos \theta dy d\theta \\ &= \frac{\Omega_p \Omega_q}{m^2(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-y} y^{\frac{n}{mk}-1}}{k(\epsilon c)^{\frac{n}{mk}}} (\sin \theta)^{\frac{q}{m}-1} (\cos \theta)^{1-\frac{n}{m}} dy d\theta \\ &= \frac{\Omega_p \Omega_q}{m^2(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{mk}\right)}{k(\epsilon c)^{\frac{n}{mk}}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\sin \theta)^{2\left(\frac{q}{2m}\right)-1} (\cos \theta)^{2\left(1-\frac{n}{2m}\right)-1} d\theta \\ &= \frac{\Omega_p \Omega_q}{2m^2(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{mk}\right)}{k(\epsilon c)^{\frac{n}{mk}}} \cdot \beta\left(\frac{q}{2m}, \frac{2m-n}{2m}\right) \\ &= \frac{\Omega_p \Omega_q}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{mk}\right)}{k(\epsilon c)^{\frac{n}{mk}}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{q}{2m}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{2m-n}{2m}\right)}{2m^2 \Gamma\left(\frac{2m-p}{2m}\right)}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.10}$$

Now, from (4.8), we define

$$u_\epsilon(x, t) = f(x) * \psi_\epsilon(x, t) + g(x) * \phi_\epsilon(x, t). \tag{4.11}$$

Thus  $u_\epsilon(x, t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \psi_\epsilon(y, t) f(x - y) dy + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \phi_\epsilon(y, t) g(x - y) dy$

$$\begin{aligned} |u_\epsilon(x, t)| &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\psi_\epsilon(y, t)| |f(x - y)| dy + \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |\phi_\epsilon(y, t)| |g(x - y)| dy \\ &\leq \frac{\Omega_p \Omega_q}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{mk}\right)}{k(c\epsilon)^{\frac{n}{mk}}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{q}{2m}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{2m-n}{2m}\right)}{2m^2 \Gamma\left(\frac{2m-p}{2m}\right)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f(x - y)| dy \\ &\quad + \frac{\Omega_p \Omega_q}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{mk} - 1\right)}{k\epsilon^{\frac{n}{mk}-1} c^{\frac{n}{mk}}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{q}{2m}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{2m-n}{2m}\right)}{2m^2 \Gamma\left(\frac{2m-p}{2m}\right)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |g(x - y)| dy, \end{aligned}$$

by (4.9) and (4.10). Since  $f, g \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$  and let  $M = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |f| dy$  and  $N = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} |g| dy$  where  $M$  and  $N$  are constants. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} |u_\epsilon(x, t)| &\leq \frac{\Omega_p \Omega_q}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{mk}\right)}{k(c\epsilon)^{\frac{n}{mk}}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{q}{2m}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{2m-n}{2m}\right)}{2m^2 \Gamma\left(\frac{2m-p}{2m}\right)} M \\ &\quad + \frac{\Omega_p \Omega_q}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{mk} - 1\right)}{k\epsilon^{\frac{n}{mk}-1} c^{\frac{n}{mk}}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{q}{2m}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{2m-n}{2m}\right)}{2m^2 \Gamma\left(\frac{2m-p}{2m}\right)} N \\ \epsilon^{\frac{n}{mk}} |u_\epsilon(x, t)| &\leq \frac{\Omega_p \Omega_q}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{mk}\right)}{kc^{\frac{n}{mk}}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{q}{2m}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{2m-n}{2m}\right)}{2m^2 \Gamma\left(\frac{2m-p}{2m}\right)} M \\ &\quad + \frac{\epsilon \Omega_p \Omega_q}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{mk} - 1\right)}{kc^{\frac{n}{mk}}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{q}{2m}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{2m-n}{2m}\right)}{2m^2 \Gamma\left(\frac{2m-p}{2m}\right)} N \\ \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \epsilon^{\frac{n}{mk}} |u_\epsilon(x, t)| &\leq \frac{\Omega_p \Omega_q}{(2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{mk}\right)}{kc^{\frac{n}{mk}}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{q}{2m}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{2m-n}{2m}\right)}{2m^2 \Gamma\left(\frac{2m-p}{2m}\right)} M = K \text{ say,} \end{aligned}$$

where  $K$  is positive constant. Now  $u_\epsilon(x, t) \rightarrow u(x, t)$  as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ . Thus we obtain  $u(x, t) = O(\epsilon^{\frac{-n}{mk}})$  as the solution of (4.1) which is bounded by the  $\epsilon$ -approximation.

Now, if we put  $m = k = 1$  and  $q = 0$  in (4.1), then it become the generalized  $n$ -dimensional wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} u(x, t) - c^2 \Delta u(x, t) = 0.$$

This complete the proof. □

For the example, If we put  $n = 1, q = 0, m = 2, k = 1, c = 1/3$  in (4.1) and  $u(x, 0) = \sin(\sqrt{3}x)$ , we have the equation

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} u(x, t) + \frac{1}{9} \frac{\partial^4}{\partial x^4} u(x, t) = 0. \quad (4.12)$$

From (3.8) we obtain  $u(x, t) = \cos t \sin(\sqrt{3}x)$  is the solution of (4.12). Graphical solution shows below.



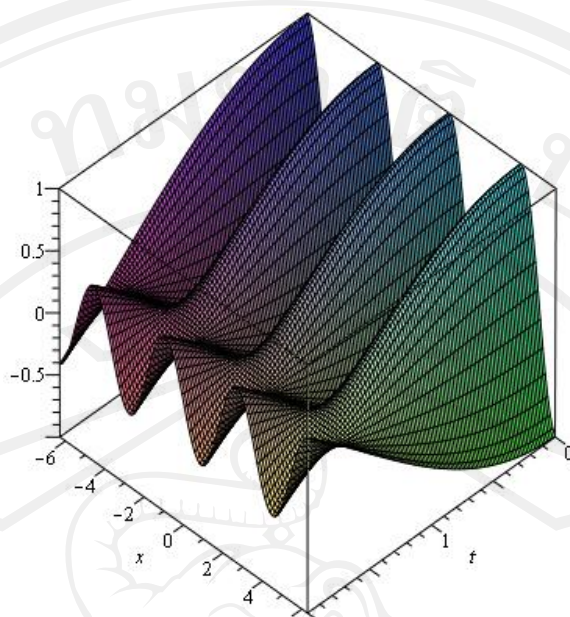


Figure 4.1: The solution  $u(x, t) = \cos t \sin(\sqrt{3}x)$ .

For another example, we put  $n = 2, q = 0, m = 2, k = 1, c = 1/2$  in (4.1) and  $u(x, 0) = 0$ , we have the equation

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} u(x, y, t) + \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right)^2 u(x, y, t) = 0. \quad (4.13)$$

then  $u(x, y, t) = \sin t \sin x \sin y$  is the solution of (4.13).