

# *Self-similar solution of a telegraph-type equation for heat propagation*

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# Outline

- **Motivation** (*infinite propagation speed with the diffusion/heat equation*)
- **A way-out** (*Cattaneo equ., different derivation of the telegraph eq. & properties*)
- **Derivation of a self-similar telegraph- type equation**
- **Two different kind of solutions & properties**

# Ordinary diffusion/heat conduction equation

$$\mathbf{q} = -k\nabla U(x, t), \quad \nabla \mathbf{q} = -\gamma \frac{\partial U(x, t)}{\partial t}$$

$U(x, t)$  temperature distribution  
Fourier law + conservation law

$$\begin{cases} u_t(x, t) - ku_{xx}(x, t) = 0 & -\infty < x < \infty, \quad 0 < t < \infty \\ u(x, t = 0) = \delta(x) \end{cases}$$

parabolic PDA, no time-reversal sym.

strong maximum principle ~ solution is smeared out in time

$$\Phi(x, t) = \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi kt}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{4kt}\right)$$

the fundamental solution:

general solution is

$$u(x, t) = \int \Phi(x - y, t) g(y) dy$$

$$u(x, 0) = g(x) \text{ for } -\infty < x < \infty \text{ and } 0 < t < \infty$$

kernel is non compact = inf. prop. speed

Problem from a long time ☹

$$u(x, t) = t^{-\alpha} f(x/t^\beta)$$

But have self-similar solution ☺

# *The wave equation*

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = g(x), \quad \frac{\partial u(x, 0)}{\partial t} = h(x)$$

- *hyperbolic PDA with finite wave propagation speed, time reversal symmetry*
- *the general d'Alembert solution is*

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [g(x - ct) + g(x + ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} h(\xi) d\xi$$

*which is a sum of two travelling waves*

# *Different derivations of the telegraph equ.*

- *Electrodynamics*
- *Random walk for diffusion*
- *Ad-hoc derivation from hydrodynamics for particle diffusion*
- *Cattaneo heat conduction equ.*

# Electrodynamics

- **Taking the Maxwell Equation for a medium**

$$\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{H}, \quad \mathbf{j} = \sigma \mathbf{E}$$

$$\rho = 0$$

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{H} = \frac{\epsilon}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + \frac{4\pi\sigma}{c} \mathbf{E} \quad (16.2)$$

$$\text{curl } \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\mu}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{H}}{\partial t} \quad (16.3)$$

$$\text{div } \mathbf{H} = 0 \quad (16.4)$$

$$\text{div } \mathbf{E} = 0 \quad (16.5)$$

- **Curl Eq 16.2 and plug into 16.3 use 16.4**

$$\Delta \mathbf{H} = \frac{\epsilon\mu}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \mathbf{H} + \frac{4\pi\mu\sigma}{c^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{H}$$

we have the telegraph eq.

other derivation is possible for two realistic wires with R,L,C

# Random walk for diffusion

deriv. is only for 1 dim, P probability

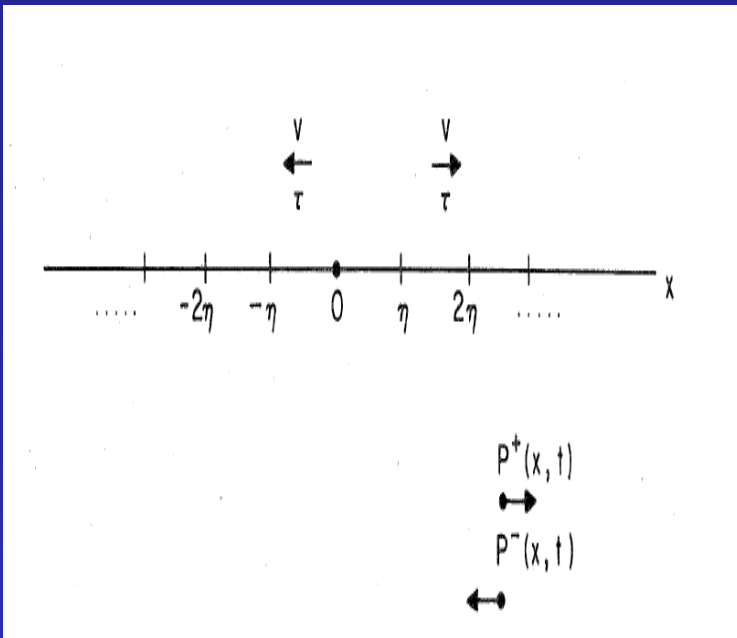
$$P(x,t) = P^+(x,t) + P^-(x,t)$$

$$P^+(x,t) = a P^+(x-\eta, t-\tau) + b P^-(x-\eta, t-\tau)$$

$$P^-(x,t) = a P^-(x+\eta, t-\tau) + b P^+(x+\eta, t-\tau)$$

$a = b = 1/2$  symmetric prob to right and left

$$P(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} P(x+\eta, t-\tau) + \frac{1}{2} P(x-\eta, t-\tau)$$



Expansion of the right-hand side in the powers of  $\eta$  and  $\tau$  yields

$$P(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ P(x,t) + \eta \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} - \tau \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \eta^2 \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2} - \eta \tau \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x \partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \tau^2 \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial t^2} + \dots \right]$$

$$P(x,t) = \eta \frac{\partial P}{\partial x} - \tau \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \eta^2 \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2} + \eta \tau \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x \partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \tau^2 \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial t^2} + O\{(\eta+\tau)^3\}$$

or

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\eta^2}{\tau} \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{2} \tau \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial t^2} + O\left\{ \frac{(\eta+\tau)^3}{\tau} \right\}$$

# Ad hoc derivation from a basic set of hydrodynamical equations

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_i} = 0$$

stationary continuity eq.

$$\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (u_i u_j) = -\rho^{-1} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i} + \nu \nabla^2 u_i + g_i$$

Navier-Stokes eq.

An instantaneous equation for conservative concentration,  $S$ , is written as

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (u_i S) = D \nabla^2 S$$

where  $D$  is the molecular diffusivity.

where  $(u_i S)$  is the turbulent flux

Idea no direct study of N-S but the diffusion

Reynolds decomposition  
average + fluct.

$$u_i = \bar{u}_i + u'_i$$

$$p = \bar{p} + p'$$

$$g_i = \bar{g}_i + g'_i$$

$$S = \bar{S} + S'$$

just plug them back



# *Ad hoc derivation from a basic set of hydrodynamical equations*

After some tedious algebra, and with neglecting terms we get

$$\frac{\partial^2 \bar{S}}{\partial t^2} + \tau^{-1} \frac{\partial \bar{S}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \overline{u'_i u'_j} \frac{\partial \bar{S}}{\partial x_j} \right) .$$

For stationary and isotropic turbulence,

$$\overline{u'_i u'_j} = \overline{u'^2} \delta_{ij} \equiv w^2 \delta_{ij}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{\partial^2 \bar{S}}{\partial t^2} + \tau^{-1} \frac{\partial \bar{S}}{\partial t} = w^2 \nabla^2 \bar{S} .$$

This is the telegraph equation in three-dimensional space.

the gradient is equal with a time scale times the turb. flux

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \overline{u'_i u'_j S'} \equiv \tau^{-1} \overline{u'_i S'} \quad (\tau \geq 0)$$

the time average of the velocity tensor is a scalar

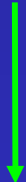
# Cattaneo heat conduction equ.

$$\tau \frac{\partial \mathbf{q}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{q} = -k \nabla T(x, t)$$

Cattaneo heat conduction law

$$\nabla \mathbf{q} = -\gamma \frac{\partial T(x, t)}{\partial t}$$

Energy conservation law



$$\frac{\partial^2 T(x, t)}{\partial t^2} + \frac{1}{\tau} \frac{\partial T(x, t)}{\partial t} = c^2 \nabla^2 T(x, t)$$

$T(x, t)$  temperature distribution

$\mathbf{q}$  heat flux

$k$  effective heat conductivity

$\gamma$  heat capacity

$\tau$  relaxation time

$c = \sqrt{k/\tau\gamma}$  is the sound of the transmitted heat wave.

# General properties of the solution

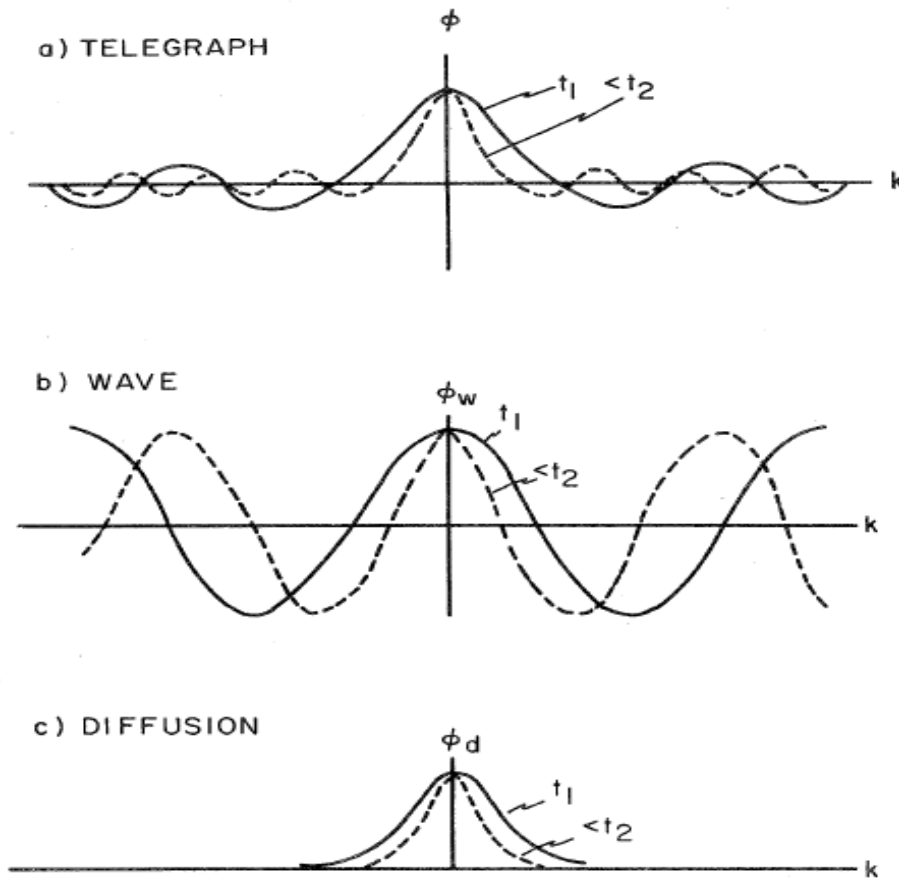


Figure 1. Behaviors in wavenumber space  
 a) Telegraph equation  
 b) Wave equation  
 c) Diffusion equation

decaying travelling waves

$$T(x, t) \propto e^{-\lambda t} f(x - ct)$$

$$T(x, t) = e^{-\lambda t} I_0 \left( \frac{\lambda}{2c} \sqrt{(c^2 t^2 - x^2)} \right)$$

Bessel function

Problem:

1) no self-similar diffusive solutions  $T(x, t) = t^{-\alpha} f(\eta)$   $\eta = \frac{x}{t^\beta}$

2) oscillations,  $T < 0$  ?

# *Our telegraph-like equation and self-similar solution*

Modifying the Cattaneo law and keeping in mind the Ansatz

$$T(x, t) = t^{-\alpha} f(\eta) \quad \text{with} \quad \eta = \frac{x}{t^\beta}$$

we got an equation

$$\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 T(x, t)}{\partial t^2} + \frac{a}{t} \frac{\partial T(x, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 T(x, t)}{\partial x^2}$$

There are differential eqs. for  $f(\eta)$  only for  $\alpha = \beta = +1$   
or  $\alpha = -2$  and  $\beta = +1$

# *Solution for Case I*

$$\alpha = \beta = +1$$

$$\epsilon(\eta^2 f(\eta))'' - a(\eta f(\eta))' = f''(\eta)$$

a total difference = conserved quantity

$$\epsilon(\eta^2 f(\eta))' - a\eta f(\eta) = f'(\eta) + c_1$$

There are two different cases:

$$c_1 = 0$$

or

$$c_1 \neq 0.$$

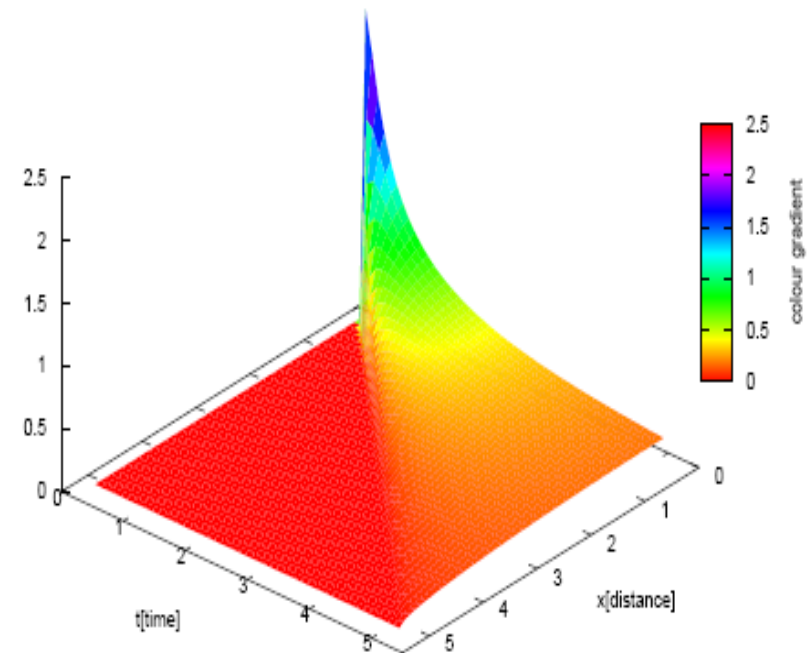
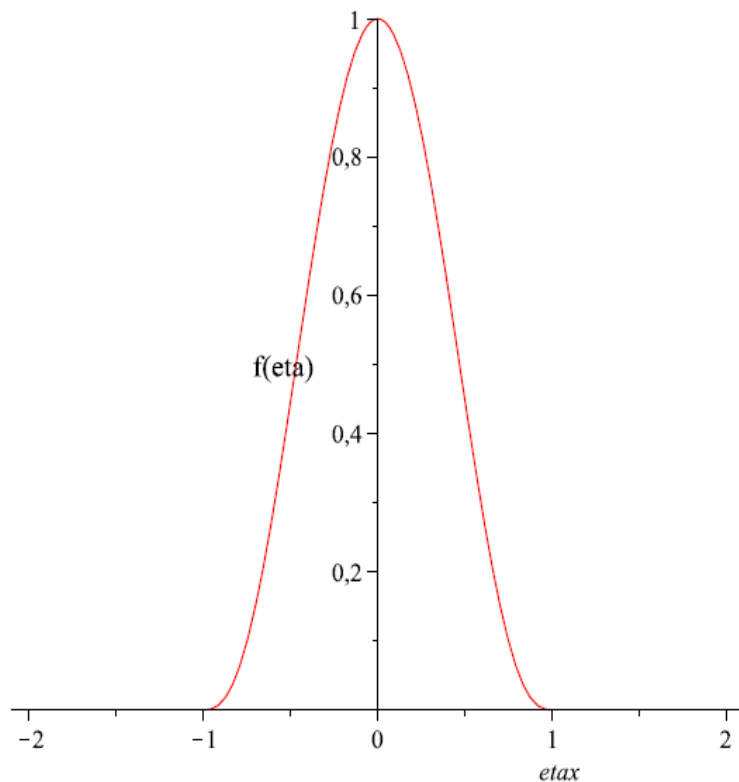
# Case I

$$c_1 = 0$$

$$a = 4.1, \epsilon = 1$$

$$f(\eta) = (1 - \epsilon\eta^2)^{\frac{a}{2\epsilon} - 1}$$

$$T(x, t) = \frac{1}{t} \left(1 - \epsilon \frac{x^2}{t^2}\right)^{\frac{a}{2\epsilon} - 1}$$



**2 Important new feature: the solution is a product of 2 travelling wavefronts**

**if  $a > 4\epsilon$ ,  $f'(\eta) = 0$**

**no flux conservation problem**

$$T(x, t) \sim U(x - ct)U(x + ct)$$

# Case I

$$c_1 \neq 0.$$

$$f(\eta) = (\epsilon\eta^2 - 1)^{\frac{a}{2\epsilon}-1} \left[ c_1 \{ \text{signum}(\epsilon\eta^2 - 1) \}^{\frac{a}{2\epsilon}-1} \{ -\text{signum}(\epsilon\eta^2 - 1) \}^{\frac{a}{2\epsilon}-1} \eta F(1/2, a/2/\epsilon; 3/2; \epsilon\eta^2) + c_2 \right]$$

- where  $F(a,b;c;z)$  is the hypergeometric function

$$F(a, b; c; z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n (b)_n z^n}{(c)_n n!} \quad a, b, c, z \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$(a)_n = \frac{\Gamma(a+n)}{\Gamma(a)} \quad (a)_0 = 1, \quad (a)_n = a(a+1)\cdots(a+n-1) \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

- some elementary functions can be expressed via  $F$
- In our case if  $\frac{a}{2\epsilon}$  Integer or Half-Integer are important the 4 basic cases:

$$\frac{a}{2\epsilon} = 0, \quad F\left(0, \frac{1}{2}; \frac{3}{2}; \epsilon\eta^2\right) = 1$$

$$\frac{a}{2\epsilon} = 1, \quad F\left(1, \frac{1}{2}; \frac{3}{2}; \epsilon\eta^2\right) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\epsilon\eta}} \ln\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{\epsilon\eta}}{1-\sqrt{\epsilon\eta}}\right)$$

$$\frac{a}{2\epsilon} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad F\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; \frac{3}{2}; \epsilon\eta^2\right) = \frac{\arccos(\sqrt{\epsilon\eta})}{\sqrt{\epsilon\eta}}$$

$$\frac{a}{2\epsilon} = \frac{3}{2}, \quad F\left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; \frac{3}{2}; \epsilon\eta^2\right) = \frac{1}{(1-\epsilon\eta^2)}$$

# Case I

*with the following recursion all the other cases can be evaluated*

$$(c-a)F(a-1, b, c; z) + (2a-c-az+z)F(a, b, c; z) + a(z-1)F(a+1, b, c; z) = 0$$

**two examples for negative parameters**

$$\frac{a}{2\epsilon} = -2, \quad \epsilon > 0 \quad F\left(-1, \frac{1}{2}; \frac{3}{2}; \epsilon\eta^2\right) = 1 - \frac{\epsilon\eta^2}{3}$$

$$\frac{a}{2\epsilon} = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad \epsilon > 0, \quad F\left(\frac{-1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; \frac{3}{2}; \epsilon\eta^2\right) = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ (1/2 - \epsilon\eta^2) \frac{\arcsin(\sqrt{\epsilon\eta})}{\sqrt{\epsilon\eta}} - \frac{\epsilon\eta^2 - 1}{2(1 - \epsilon\eta^2)^{1/2}} \right\}$$

**for non integer/half-integer values an infinite series comes out**

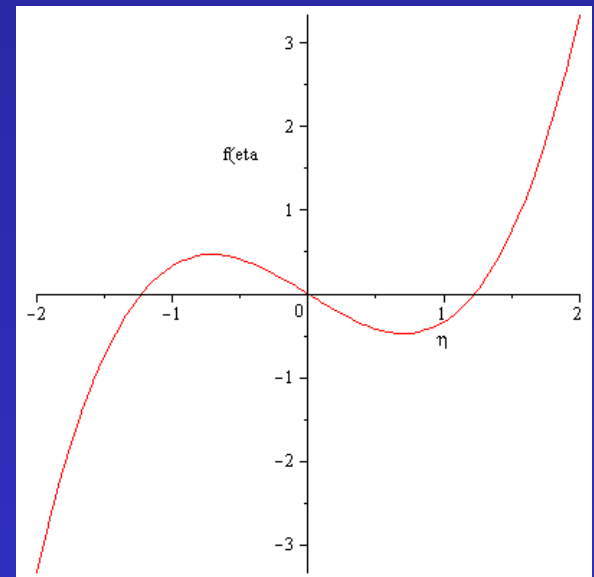
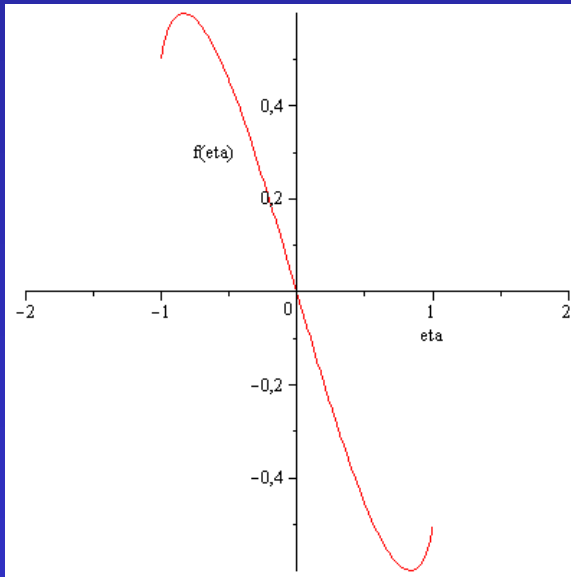


# Case I

- **what can we learn from this?**
- **Well, in some cases the domain and range of**
- **Hyperbolic feature, like the wave-equation**
- **in some cases the domain and range of**
- **parabolic feature**

$f(\eta)$  compact

$f(\eta)$  non-compact

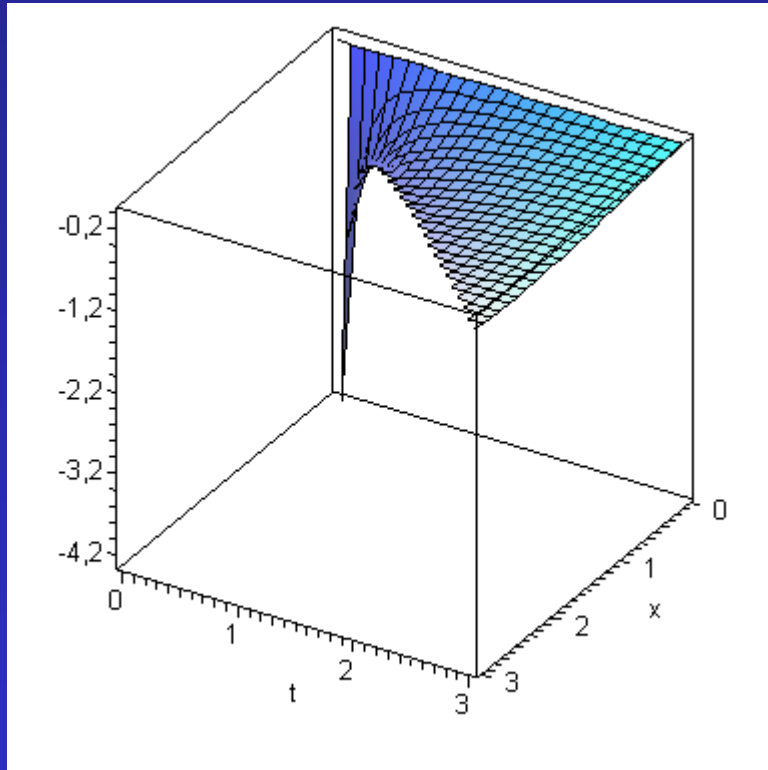


$${}_1F_1 \left( \left[ \frac{1}{2}, 2 \right], \left[ \frac{3}{2}, \eta^2 \right], \eta^2 \right) (\eta^2 - 1)$$

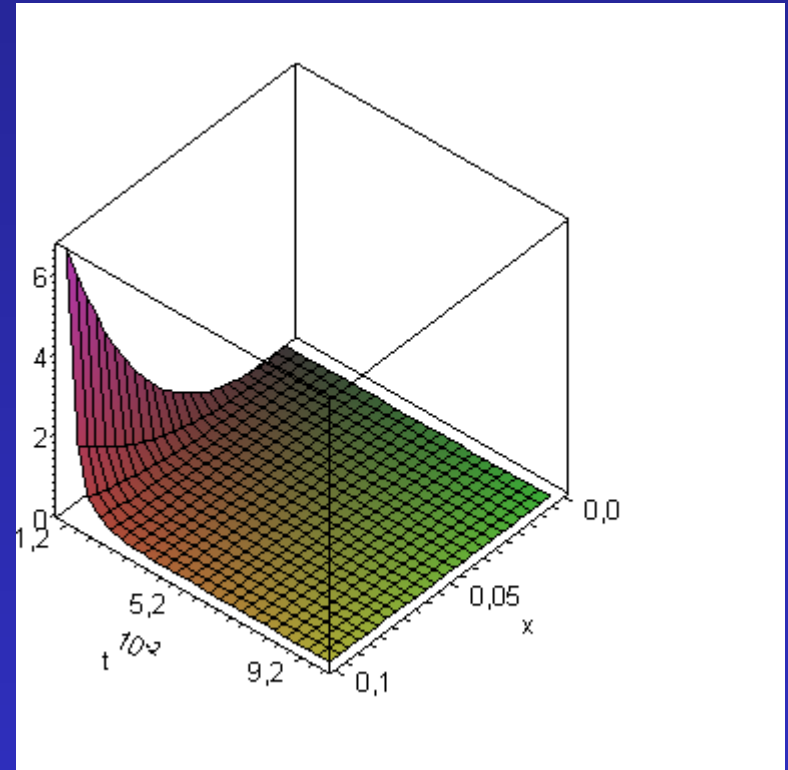
$$\frac{1}{\text{signum}(\eta^2 - 1)^{5/2}} \left( (-\text{signum}(\eta^2 - 1))^5 \right) {}_1F_1 \left( \left[ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{2} \right], \left[ \frac{3}{2}, \eta^2 \right], \eta^2 \right) (\eta^2 - 1)^{3/2}$$

only when  $\frac{a}{2\epsilon}$  is half integer

# The solution $T(x,t)$



$$\left( \left( \frac{1}{t} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{x}{t} \right) \text{hypergeom} \left( \left[ \frac{1}{2}, 2 \right], \left[ \frac{3}{2} \right], \left( \frac{x}{t} \right)^2 \right) \left( \left( \frac{x}{t} \right)^2 - 1 \right), x=0 \dots 3, t=0.1 \dots 3 \right)$$



$$\left( \frac{1}{\text{signum} \left( \left( \frac{x}{t} \right)^2 - 1 \right)^{5/2}} \left( \left( \frac{1}{t} \right) \cdot \left( -\text{signum} \left( \left( \frac{x}{t} \right)^2 - 1 \right) \right)^5 \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{x}{t} \right) \text{hypergeom} \left( \left[ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{2} \right], \left[ \frac{3}{2} \right], \left( \frac{x}{t} \right)^2 \right) \left( \left( \frac{x}{t} \right)^2 - 1 \right)^{3/2}, x=0 \dots 1, t=0.01 \dots 10 \right)$$

# Solution for Case II

$$\alpha = -2 \text{ and } \beta = +1$$

$$f''(\eta)[\epsilon\eta^2 - 1] - f'(\eta)\eta[2\epsilon + a] + 2f(\eta)[\epsilon + a] = 0.$$

$$f(\eta) = \left[ c_1 P_{\frac{-a}{2\epsilon}}^{\frac{a}{2\epsilon}+2}(\sqrt{\epsilon\eta}) + c_2 Q_{\frac{-a}{2\epsilon}}^{\frac{a}{2\epsilon}+2}(\sqrt{\epsilon\eta}) \right] (\epsilon\eta^2 - 1)^{\frac{a}{4\epsilon}+1},$$

$P_{-\frac{a}{2\epsilon}}^{\frac{4a+a}{2\epsilon}}(\sqrt{\epsilon\eta})$  and  $Q_{-\frac{a}{2\epsilon}}^{\frac{4a+a}{2\epsilon}}(\sqrt{\epsilon\eta})$  are the associated Legendre functions

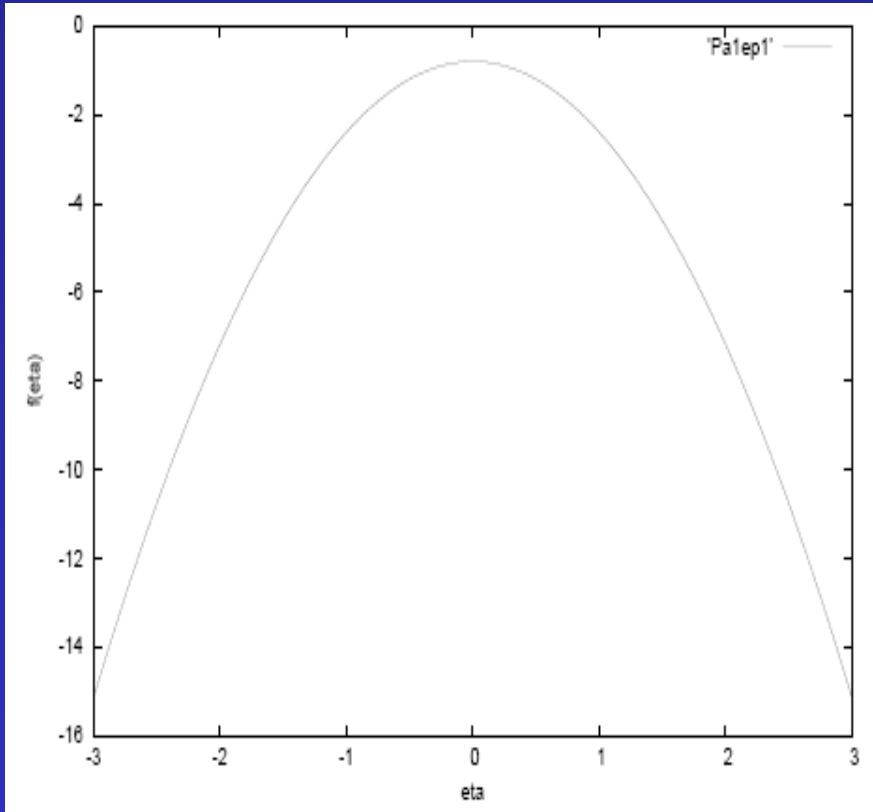
**For the regular solution:**

$$P_{\nu}^{\mu}(\sqrt{\epsilon\eta}) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\mu)} \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{\epsilon\eta}}{1-\sqrt{\epsilon\eta}} \right)^{\mu/2} F(-\nu, \nu+1; 1-\mu; 1/2 - \sqrt{\epsilon\eta}/2) \quad -1 < \sqrt{\epsilon\eta} < 1$$

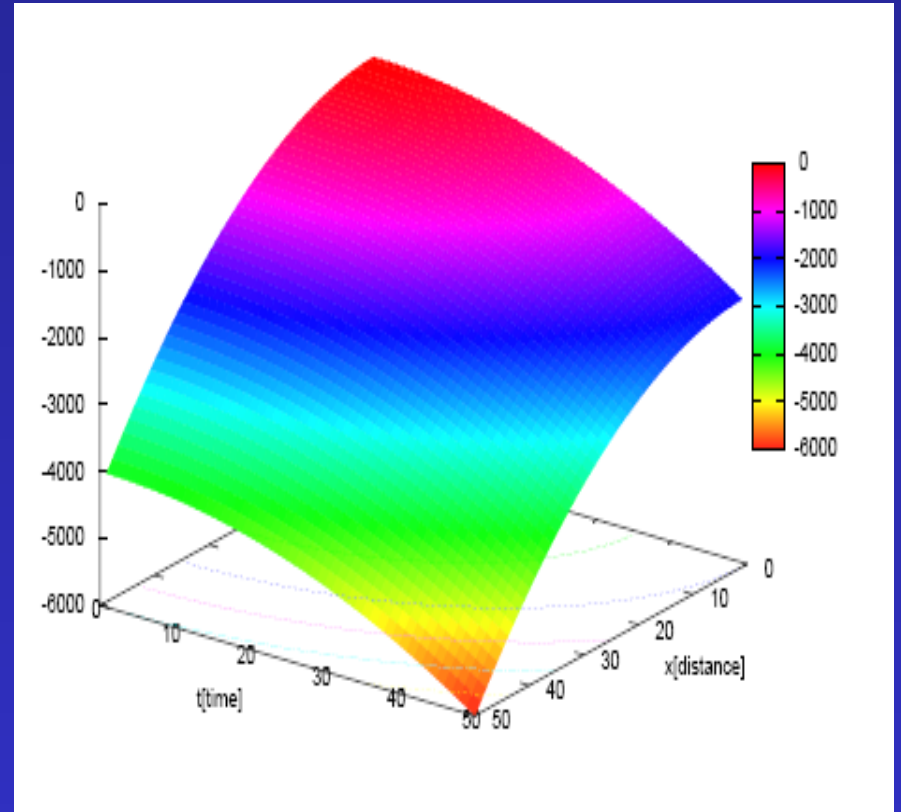
**After some algebra of the hypergeometric function we get:**

$$P_{-\frac{a}{2\epsilon}}^{\frac{a}{2\epsilon}+2}(\sqrt{\epsilon\eta})(\epsilon\eta^2 - 1)^{\frac{a}{4\epsilon}+1} = -2 \frac{([a + \epsilon]\eta^2 + 1)\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\left(-\frac{a}{2\epsilon}\right)}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{-a}{2\epsilon}\right)}. \text{ A second order polynomial } \textcircled{\text{B}}$$

# The regular solution



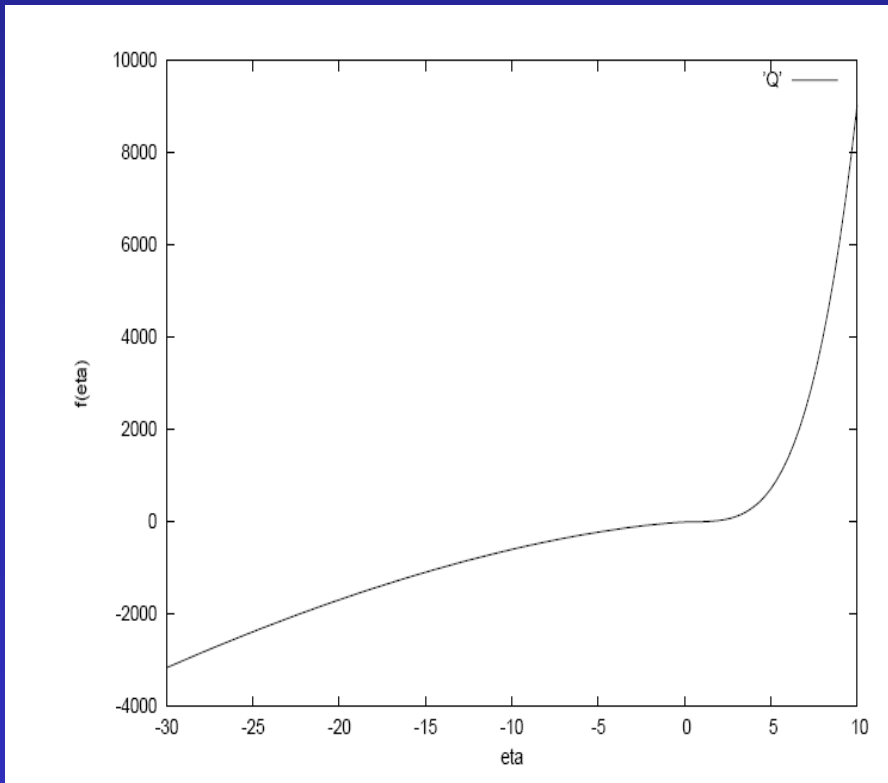
$$f(\eta) = P_{-\frac{a}{2\epsilon}}^{\frac{a}{2\epsilon}+2}(\sqrt{\epsilon}\eta)[\epsilon\eta^2 - 1]^{\frac{a}{4\epsilon}+1}$$



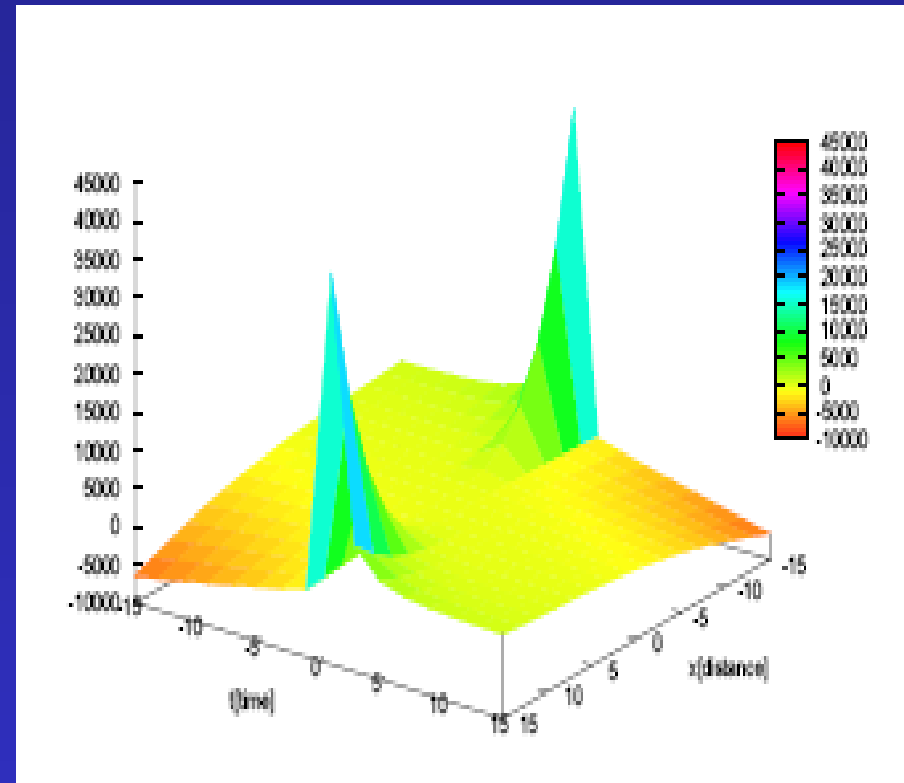
$$T(x, t) = t^2 P_{-\frac{a}{2\epsilon}}^{\frac{a}{2\epsilon}+2}(\sqrt{\epsilon x/t})[\epsilon(x/t)^2 - 1]^{\frac{a}{4\epsilon}+1} \text{ for } a = 1, \epsilon = 1$$

# The irregular solution

Till now it is not possible to write it in closed form



$$f(\eta) = Q \frac{\frac{a}{2\epsilon} + 2}{-\frac{a}{2\epsilon}} (\sqrt{\epsilon\eta}) [\epsilon\eta^2 - 1]^{\frac{a}{4\epsilon} + 1}$$



$$T(x, t) = t^2 Q \frac{\frac{a}{2\epsilon} + 2}{-\frac{a}{2\epsilon}} (\sqrt{\epsilon x/t}) [\epsilon(x/t)^2 - 1]^{\frac{a}{4\epsilon} + 1} \text{ for } a = 1, \epsilon = 1$$

both P and Q are non-compact solutions = parabolic property

# *Summary and Outlook*

*we presented various derivations and interpretation of the telegraph equation*

*As a new feature we presented a new telegraph-type equation with self-similar solutions*

*It has both **parabolic** and **hyperbolic** properties*

*further work is in progress to clear out the dark points and improve physical interpretation*