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one dimensional wave equation is given by

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \text{ where } c^2 = \frac{T}{m} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

T = Tension in the string

m = Mass per unit length of the string

Let  $u = X(x)T(t) \rightarrow$  (2)

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = X \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2} \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = T \frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2}$$

From one dimensional wave eq.

$$X \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2} = c^2 T \frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2}$$

Separating the variables,

$$\frac{1}{X} \frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2 T} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2} = -k^2 \text{ or } k^2 \text{ or } 0 \text{ (say)}$$

Case I:- When  $\frac{1}{X} \frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} = -k^2$  and  $\frac{1}{c^2 T} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2} = -k^2$

$$\frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial x^2} + k^2 X = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2} + k^2 c^2 T = 0$$

$$(D^2 + k^2)X = 0 \text{ and } (D^2 + k^2 c^2)T = 0$$

Auxiliary eq. are  $m^2 + k^2 = 0$  and  $m^2 + k^2 c^2 = 0$

$$m = \pm ki \text{ and } = \pm kci$$

$$X = C_1 \cos kx + C_2 \sin kx$$

$$T = C_3 \cos Ket + C_4 \sin Ket$$

$$u = XT$$

$$u = (C_1 \cos kx + C_2 \sin kx) (C_3 \cos Ket + C_4 \sin Ket)$$

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Case ii

When  $\frac{1}{x} \frac{\partial^2 x}{\partial x^2} = k^2$  and  $\frac{1}{c^2 T} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2} = k^2$

$$m = k^2 \text{ and } m^2 = k^2 c^2$$

$$m = \pm k \text{ and } m \pm kc$$

$$X = C_5 e^{kx} + C_6 e^{-kx}$$

$$T = C_7 e^{kct} + C_8 e^{-kct}$$

$$U = (C_5 e^{kx} + C_6 e^{-kx}) (C_7 e^{kct} + C_8 e^{-kct}) \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

Case iii

When  $\frac{1}{x} \frac{\partial^2 x}{\partial x^2} = 0$  and  $\frac{1}{c^2 T} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2} = 0$

$$m = 0, 0 \text{ and } m = 0, 0$$

$$X = C_9 + C_{10} x \text{ and } T = C_{11} + C_{12} t$$

Thus  $U = (C_9 + C_{10} x) (C_{11} + C_{12} t) \quad \text{--- (8)}$