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> plane_wave:=u(x,t)=A*exp(I*(k*x-omega*t));
plane_wave := u(x,t) = A e^{I(kx - \omega t)}
> eval(diff(u(x,t),t),t)=D*diff(u(x,t),x$2),plane_wave);
-IA \omega e^{I(kx - \omega t)} = -DA k^2 e^{I(kx - \omega t)}
> omega=solve(%,omega);
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$$\omega = -IDk^2$$

is the dispersion relation and the solution is

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> eval(plane_wave,%);
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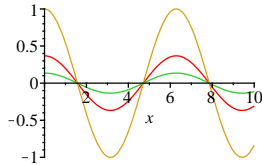
$$u(x,t) = A e^{I(kx + IDk^2t)}$$

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> expand(%);
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$$u(x,t) = \frac{A e^{I k x}}{e^{D k^2 t}}$$

thus the amplitude decays exponentially but the wave speed is 0.

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> plot({seq(eval(Re(rhs(%))),{D=1,A=1,k=1}),t={0,1,2}}),x=0..10);
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Note Re() is the real part.

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> eval(diff(u(x,t),t$2)-c^2*diff(u(x,t),x$2)=0,plane_wave);
-A \omega^2 e^{I(kx - \omega t)} + c^2 A k^2 e^{I(kx - \omega t)} = 0
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> omega=solve(%,omega);
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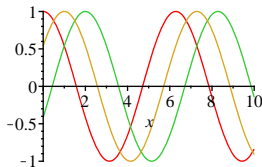
$$\omega = (c k, -c k)$$

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> eval(plane_wave,omega=c*k);
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$$u(x,t) = A e^{I(kx - ckt)}$$

Thus the amplitude remains constant. The wave travels with constant speed c.

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> plot({seq(eval(Re(rhs(%))),{c=1,A=1,k=1}),t={0,1,2}}),x=0..10);
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> eval(diff(u(x,t),t)+diff(u(x,t),x$3)=0,plane_wave);
-IA \omega e^{I(kx - \omega t)} - IA k^3 e^{I(kx - \omega t)} = 0
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> omega=solve(%,omega);
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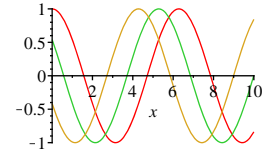
$$\omega = -k^3$$

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> eval(plane_wave,%);
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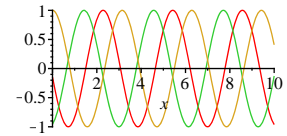
$$u(x,t) = A e^{I(kx + k^3t)}$$

In this case the speed of the wave depends on wave number (that is inversely of wave length). Amplitude remains constant.

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> plot({seq(eval(Re(rhs(%))),{A=1,k=2}),t={0,1,2}}),x=0..10);
# in this case the wave speed is 8X that of the above
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> eval(diff(u(x,t),t)=I*diff(u(x,t),x$2),plane_wave);
-IA \omega e^{I(kx - \omega t)} = -IA k^2 e^{I(kx - \omega t)}
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> omega=solve(%,omega);
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$$\omega = k^2$$

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> eval(plane_wave,%);
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$$u(x,t) = A e^{I(kx - k^2t)}$$

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> plot({seq(eval(Re(rhs(%))),{A=1,k=1}),t={0,1,2}}),x=0..10);
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