

# Numerical approximation of the wave equation with variable coefficients

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## Abstract

We consider the problem of approximating the boundary control of the 1-D wave equation with variable coefficients. We introduce a semi-discrete model based on a mixed finite element method. Spectral analysis is used to show the existence of a uniformly bounded sequence of discrete controls which converges to the control of the continuous wave equation.