

Hence applying Newton's second law:

$$\rho \Delta x \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \tau (\sin \beta - \sin \alpha) \approx \tau (\tan \beta - \tan \alpha)$$

$$= \tau \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x + \Delta x, t) - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x, t) \right)$$

Letting $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$:

$$\frac{\rho}{\tau} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}} = \text{W.E.Q.}$$

where $c^2 = \frac{\rho}{\tau} = \text{speed squared}$

(Note: $\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x + \Delta x, t) - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(x, t)}{\Delta x} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(x, t)$)

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§ 3.3 Solution of 1D W.E.Q using separation of variables

1D W.E.Q :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad 0 < x < L \\ u(0, t) = 0; \quad u(L, t) = 0 \quad t > 0 \quad (\text{B.C.}) \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = g(x) \end{array} \right\} 0 < x < L \quad (\text{I.C.})$$

If you understand the spirit of this section, you understand 90% of class

We will use (again and again) the very useful method of:
separation of variables.

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Idea: \downarrow from German "attempt", "approach"

- Use ansatz for solution.

$$u(x, t) = X(x) T(t)$$

(hence the name ... ansatz depends on problem, of course)

- plug ansatz into PDE
- interpret and solve a sys of ODEs
- go back to original problem

With this ansatz:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = X'' T \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = X T''$$

So WED becomes:

$$X T'' = c^2 X'' T$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{T''}{c^2 T} = \frac{X''}{X} \quad \text{for all } x, t.$$

$f(t) \qquad \qquad \qquad g(x)$

The only way we can have equality for all x, t is if
 $f(t) = g(x) = \text{constant } k$

Thus we get 2 ODEs: (coupled by the k)

$$\frac{X''}{X} = k \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{T''}{c^2 T} = k$$

$$\begin{cases} X'' = kX & (1) \\ T'' = kc^2 T & (2) \end{cases} \quad + \text{B.C. given by B.C. of WEO}$$

► Let us solve (1) first: (it looks easier)

$$\begin{cases} X'' = kX \\ X(0) = X(L) = 0 \end{cases}$$

B.C. $u(0,t) = X(0)T(t) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow X(0) = 0$
 $u(L,t) = X(L)T(t) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow X(L) = 0$

Solution of this ODE depends on sign of k

See Appendix A.2 for refresh

• case $k = \mu^2 > 0$

$$X(x) = a \cosh \mu x + b \sinh \mu x$$

$$X(0) = a = 0$$

$$X(L) = b \sinh \mu L = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0$$

$$\neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow X(x) = 0$
trivial solution,
no this case is not
interesting

Case $k=0$:

$$\begin{aligned} X(x) &= ax + b \\ X(0) &= b = 0 \\ X(L) &= aL = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0 \end{aligned}$$

again trivial sol
 $X(x) = 0$

Case $k = -\mu^2 < 0$

$$X(x) = a \cos \mu x + b \sin \mu x$$

$$X(0) = a = 0$$

$$X(L) = b \sin \mu L = 0 \Rightarrow \mu L = n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\mu_n = \frac{n\pi}{L}}$$

can restrict ourselves to $n \geq 1$
 since $X_n = -X_{-n}$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{X_n(x) = \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x}$$

where we took $b=1$ to make all subsequent expressions easier.

► Continue w/ eq (2)

$$T_n'' = - \left(c \frac{n\pi}{L} \right)^2 T_n \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{T_n(t) = b_n \cos \frac{c n \pi}{L} t + b_n^* \sin \frac{c n \pi}{L} t}$$

So sol to 1D WE Q w/ BC $u_n(0,t) = u_n(L,t) = 0$ is:

$$\boxed{u_n(x,t) = X_n(x) T_n(t) = \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \left(b_n \cos \frac{c n \pi}{L} t + b_n^* \sin \frac{c n \pi}{L} t \right)}$$

$u_n(x,t) =$ normal modes of wave equation.

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W.E.Q = linear and homogeneous, so we can use the superposition principle

Are we done? Not yet, we still need to take care of I.C.!

We look for solution of the form:

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \left(b_n \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} ct + b_n^* \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} ct \right)$$

* Init cond $u(x,0) = f(x)$

$$u(x,0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x = f(x) \quad \downarrow \text{I.C.}$$

+ thus b_n are coeff of $2L$ -per ODD expansion of $f(x)$
(same series)

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x dx \quad n \geq 1$$

* Init cond $u_t(x,0) = g(x)$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \right) \frac{n\pi c}{L} \left(-b_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} ct + b_n^* \cos \frac{n\pi}{L} ct \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow u_t(x,0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n\pi c}{L} b_n^* \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x$$

\parallel
 $g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n\pi c}{L} b_n^* = \text{same series coeff of } g(x)$$
$$= \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L g(x) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x dx$$

$$b_n^* = \frac{L}{n\pi c} \times \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L g(x) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x dx$$

$$2/(n\pi c)$$

Summary: The sol to 1D WEQ

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, & 0 < x < L, t > 0 \\ u(0,t) = u(L,t) = 0, & t > 0 \\ u(x,0) = f(x) & 0 < x < L \\ u_t(x,0) = g(x) & 0 < x < L \end{cases}$$

is

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \left[b_n \cos \frac{n\pi c t}{L} + b_n^* \sin \frac{n\pi c t}{L} \right]$$

where

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x dx$$

$$b_n^* = \frac{2}{cn\pi} \int_0^L g(x) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x dx$$

Example (see also book example, this is ~ 3.3.5)

1DWEQ with $c=4$, $f(x) = \begin{cases} x & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ (1-x) & \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$ (L=1)

$g(x) = 0 \Rightarrow b_n^* = 0$



We need to compute the series of $f(x)$:

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$$b_n = 2 \int_0^1 f(x) \sin n\pi x \, dx = 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} x \sin n\pi x \, dx + 2 \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 (1-x) \sin n\pi x \, dx$$

$$= -\frac{2}{n\pi} x \cos n\pi x \Big|_0^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos n\pi x \, dx$$

$$- \frac{2}{n\pi} (1-x) \cos n\pi x \Big|_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 - \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 \cos n\pi x \, dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{(n\pi)^2} \left[\sin n\pi x \Big|_0^{\frac{1}{2}} - \sin n\pi x \Big|_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 \right] = \frac{4}{(n\pi)^2} \sin \frac{n\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow u(x,t) = \frac{4}{\pi^2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)^2} \sin((2k+1)\pi x) \cos(4(2k+1)\pi t)$$

See Matlab implementation.

$n =$	$\sin n\pi/2$
0	0
1	1
2	0
3	-1