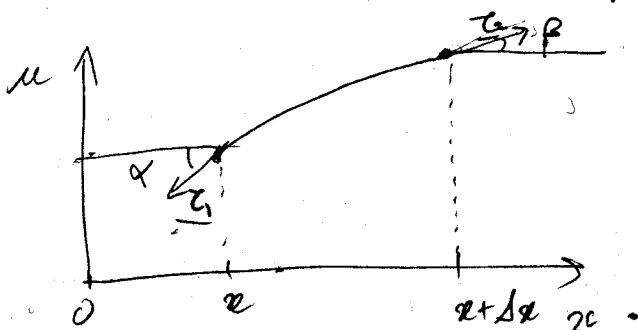


## § 3.2 Derivation of 1D Wave equation



- we have constant tension inside string ( $|z_1| = |z_2|$ ) because length of string changes in a negligible way with motion.
- we only need to look at vertical component as it can be argued that the horizontal movement is negligible

Idea: Newton's second law  $\Sigma F = ma$  on a piece of taut string.

$\rho$  = mass density kg/m of string (assumed constant).

mass  $\times$  acceleration:

$$\text{mass of segment } [x, x+\Delta x] \times \text{acc. of segment } [x, x+\Delta x]$$

$$= \rho \Delta x \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}(x, t)$$

sum of forces:

$$T \sin \beta - T \sin \alpha$$

Second law of motion:

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

$$\approx T(\tan \beta - \tan \alpha)$$

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

thus as  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\rho}{T} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \text{ where } c^2 = \frac{T}{\rho}}$$

why? because of def of derivative

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

note: since we are more interested in math here, you don't have to know this derivation.

### §3.3 Solution to 1D WEQ using sep of var

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1D WEQ:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0 \\ u(0, t) = 0; \quad u(L, t) = 0 \quad t > 0 \quad \text{boundary conditions} \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) \quad 0 < x < L \quad \text{init pos of string} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = g(x) \quad 0 < x < L \quad \text{init vel of string} \end{array} \right\} \text{init conditions}$$

Ⓛ If you understand the principle behind this you understand the whole book.

We use the method of separation of variables.

Idea: Seek solutions of the form

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

- plug ansatz into WEQ
- interpret and solve system of ODEs.
- solve original problem

Since  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = X''T$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = XT''$  the WEQ becomes:

$$XT'' = c^2 X''T \Leftrightarrow \frac{T''}{c^2 T} = \frac{X''}{X} \quad \forall x, t$$

the only way we can have  $f(t) = g(x) \forall x, t$  is if  $f(t) = g(x) = k \text{ const}$

Thus we get 2 ODEs:

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

i.e.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} X'' = kX \quad (1) \\ T'' = c^2 T \quad (2) \end{array} \right. + \text{Boundary conditions given by B.C. of WEQ.}$$

Start with (1):

B.C.  $u(0,t) = x(0)T(t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x(0) = 0$   
 $u(L,t) = x(L)T(t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x(L) = 0$

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

Solution of this ODE depends on sign of  $k$ : (see Appendix A.2 for a refresh on this)

• Case  $k = \mu^2 > 0$

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

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

$$X(L) = \frac{b \sinh \mu L}{\neq 0} = 0 \Rightarrow b = 0$$

$X(x) = 0$  (trivial solution so this is not interesting case).

• Case  $k = 0$

$$X(x) = ax + b$$

$$X(0) = b = 0$$

$$X(L) = aL = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$$

again trivial solution  $X(x) = 0$

• Case  $k = -\mu^2 < 0$ :

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

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

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

$\Rightarrow \mu_n = \frac{n\pi}{L}$  however can restrict to  $n \geq 1$  since  $X_n = -X_{-n}$ .

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

note: we take  $b=1$  to make everything easy.

Continue with (2):

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

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

$\lambda_n$  in book

Finally we get by construction that:

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

solves WEQ and  $u_n(0,t) = u_n(L,t) = 0$ .

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

WEQ = linear & homogeneous we can use superposition principle

Superposition principle = Any linear combination of  $u_n(x,t)$  satisfies  
1D WEQ + cdt° at end points.

To satisfy initial cdt° we look then for

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

\* Init cond°  $u(x,0) = f(x)$ .

$$u(x,0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x = f(x)$$

Thus  $b_n$  are coeff of  $2L$ -per odd expansion of  $f(x)$

(Sine Series) =

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

\* Init cond°  $u_t(x,0) = g(x)$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n\pi c}{L} b_n^* = \text{Sine series coeff of } g(x)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow b_n^* = \frac{2}{n\pi c} \int_0^L g(x) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x dx, \quad n \geq 1.$$

# Summary

The genl to IDWER:

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

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

*keep in mind: phase is dimensionless*

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

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

Example (see books example, here we do essentially problem 3.3.5)

IDWER with  $c=4$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ (1-x) & \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases} \quad (L=1)$$

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

We need to compute some series of  $f(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} b_n &= 2 \int_0^1 f(x) \sin(n\pi x) dx = 2 \int_0^{1/2} x \sin(n\pi x) dx + 2 \int_{1/2}^1 (1-x) \sin(n\pi x) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{n\pi} x \cos(n\pi x) \Big|_0^{1/2} + \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_0^{1/2} \cos(n\pi x) dx - \frac{2}{n\pi} (1-x) \cos(n\pi x) \Big|_{1/2}^1 - \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_{1/2}^1 \cos(n\pi x) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{(n\pi)^2} \left[ \sin(n\pi x) \Big|_0^{1/2} - \sin(n\pi x) \Big|_{1/2}^1 \right] = \frac{4}{(n\pi)^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

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

$n \equiv$	$\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right)$
0	0
1	1
2	0
3	-1

show Matlab implementation.