

A Fourier series of piecewise smooth $f(x)$ can always be integrated term by term, and the result is a convergent infinite series that always converges to the integral of $f(x)$ for $-L \leq x \leq L$ (even if the original Fourier series has jump discontinuities).

$$g(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) dx, \quad a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx, \quad b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx.$$

So if f is piecewise smooth we know the Fourier series converges pointwise to the periodic extension of f with the jump discontinuities replaced by the average value across each jump.

$$G(x) = \int_{-L}^x g(s) ds = \int_{-L}^x \left(a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi s}{L} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi s}{L} \right) ds$$

$$= a_0(x+L) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \int_{-L}^x \cos \frac{n\pi s}{L} ds + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \int_{-L}^x \sin \frac{n\pi s}{L} ds$$

$$\int_{-L}^x \cos \frac{n\pi s}{L} ds = \frac{L}{n\pi} \left. \sin \frac{n\pi s}{L} \right|_{-L}^x = \frac{L}{n\pi} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

$$\int_{-L}^x \sin \frac{n\pi s}{L} ds = -\frac{L}{n\pi} \left. \cos \frac{n\pi s}{L} \right|_{-L}^x = -\frac{L}{n\pi} \left(\cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} - \cos n\pi \right)$$

$$= \frac{L}{n\pi} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + \frac{L}{n\pi} (-1)^n$$

$$G(x) = a_0(x+L) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \frac{L}{n\pi} (-1)^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \frac{-L}{n\pi} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \frac{L}{n\pi} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

$$G(x) = \int_{-L}^x g(s) ds.$$

Converges because its alternating with general term going to zero...

Compare with the original Fourier series...

Note that since there is another n in the denominator these converge even better than before

recall

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

CHAPTER 4

Wave Equation: Vibrating Strings and Membranes

What have we done so far?

① Heat equation...

$$u_t = k u_{xx}$$

Type

parabolic equation.
(time evolution of something with dissipation)
dynamics problem

② Laplace equation

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$$

elliptic equation.
(stationary state of the 2D heat equation)
static problem

③ Wave equation.

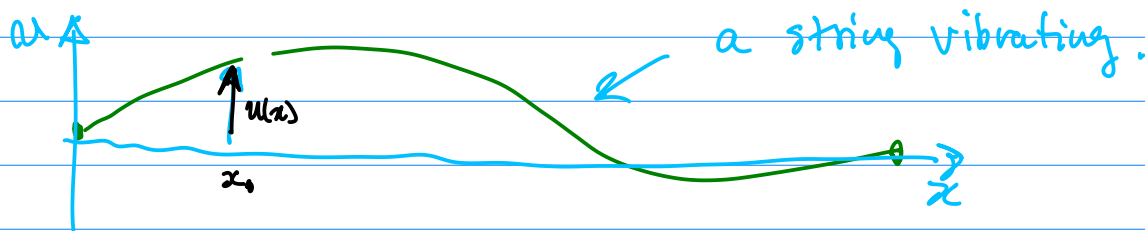
$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

hyperbolic equation
(time evolution of a conservation law)
dynamics problem

Derivation of The wave equation... by Newton's law

$$F = ma$$

Force mass acceleration.



Let $u(x,t)$ be the displacement of the string from its equilibrium position at time t .

velocity is $v(x,t) = \frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial t}$

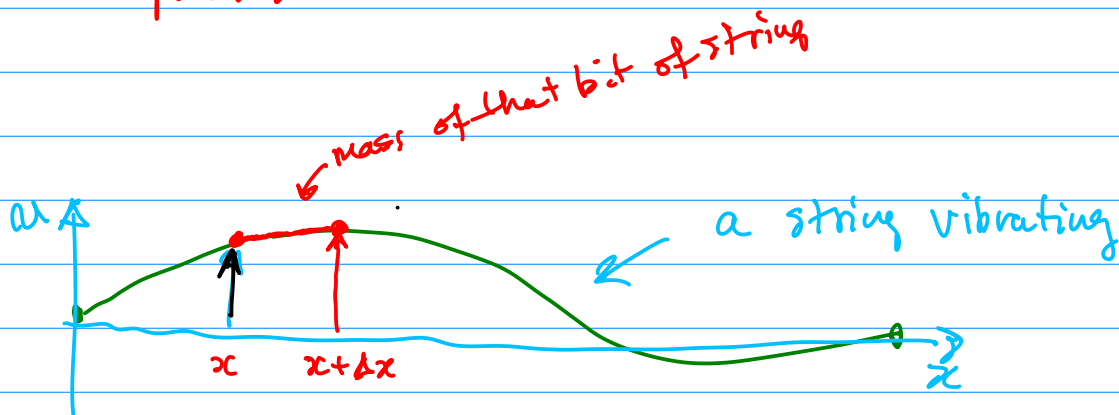
acceleration is $a(x,t) = \frac{\partial v(x,t)}{\partial t}$

Assume oscillations are small so the only displacement are in the vertical direction..



the point on the string here known to have when there was a large displacement of the string... Assume this doesn't happen..

Small displacement



Let ρ be the density of the string.

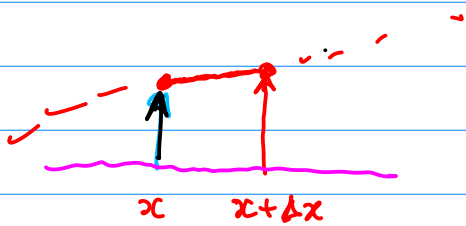
$$m = \int_x^{x+\Delta x} \rho(x) dx$$

Suppose density is constant. Then

$$m = \rho \Delta x$$

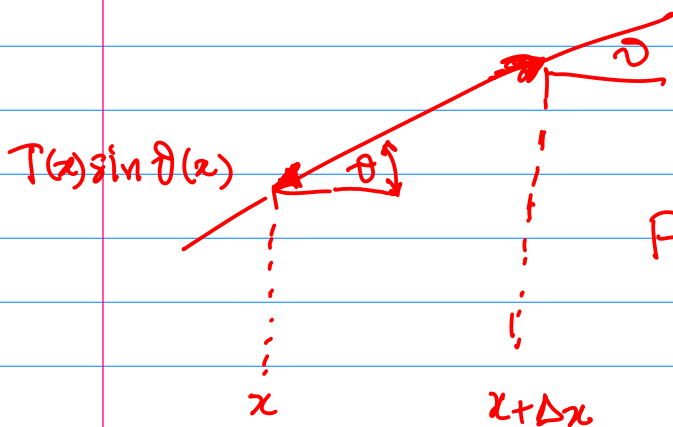
$$\text{Therefore } F = ma = \rho \Delta x \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$$

What about the force?



let T be the tension in the string

Since we assume the motion is up and down we neglect the left and right components of the tension (force).



$$T(x+\Delta) \sin \theta(x+\Delta)$$

$$F = T(x+\Delta) \sin \theta(x+\Delta) - T(x) \sin \theta(x)$$