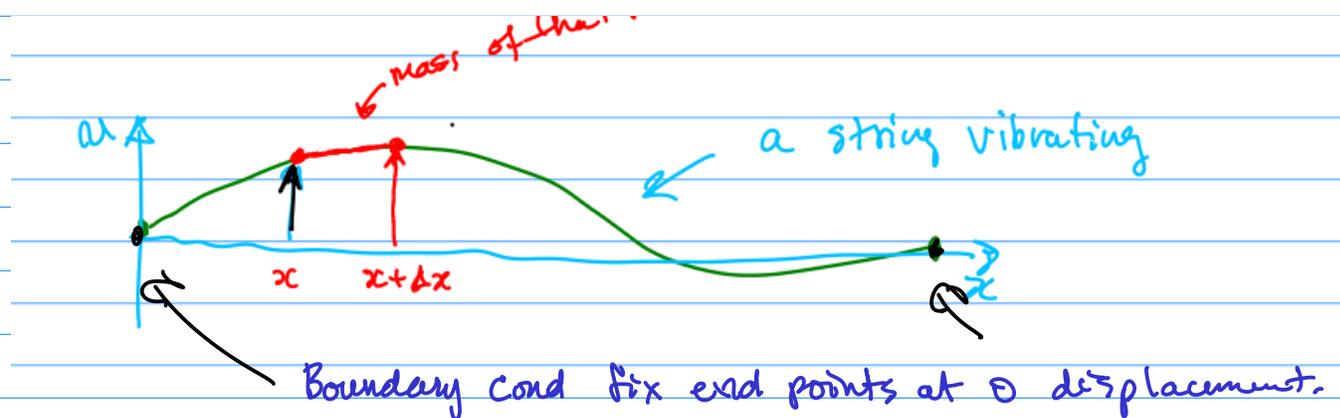


• Midterm on Friday March 15.

Covers up to section 3.6 (but not Chapter 4).

• Homework 4 due Wednesday.

I will turn off the upload link on Thursday and post my solutions.



$$F = ma$$

$$\text{mass: } m = \rho_0 \Delta x$$

$$\text{acceleration: } a = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\text{Force from tension: } F = T(x+\Delta) \sin \theta(x+\Delta) - T(x) \sin \theta(x)$$

Body force (gravity)

$$\text{(directly acting on the string)} \quad F = \rho_0 \Delta x a$$

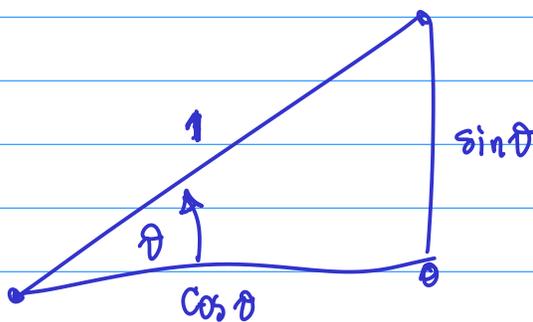
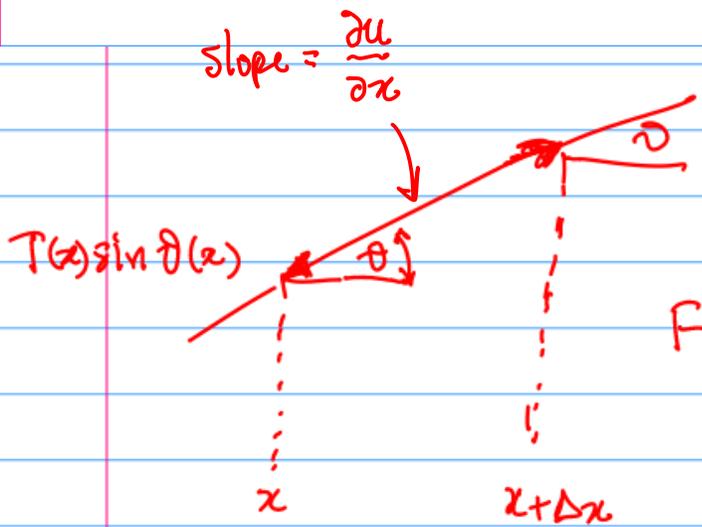
$$\rho_0 \Delta x \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = T(x+\Delta) \sin \theta(x+\Delta) - T(x) \sin \theta(x) + \rho_0 \Delta x a$$

Take  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$  to obtain a PDE.

$$\rho_0 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{T(x+\Delta x) \sin \theta(x+\Delta x) - T(x) \sin \theta(x)}{\Delta x} + \rho_0 Q$$

$$\rho_0 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \approx \frac{\partial}{\partial x} T(x) \sin \theta(x) + \rho_0 Q$$

want to express  $\theta$   
in terms of  $u$



$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \text{slope} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \tan \theta$$

$$\theta = \arctan \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

approximation of small oscillations...

$$\cos \theta = 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2} + \frac{\theta^4}{24} - \frac{\theta^6}{720} + \dots$$

$\cos \theta \approx 1$  if  $\theta$  is small..

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \text{slope} \approx \frac{\sin \theta}{1}$$

$$\rho_0 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \approx \frac{\partial}{\partial x} T(x) \sin \theta(x) + \rho_0 Q$$

Thus

$$\rho_0 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( T(x) \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right) + \rho_0 Q$$

Wave equation

First order approximation of the physical problem under the assumption of small amplitude vibrations.

Assume tension is constant in the string. (again a first order approx)

$$\rho_0 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = T_0 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \rho_0 Q$$

or

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

$$\text{here } c^2 = \frac{T_0}{\rho_0}$$

units:

both terms need same unit of measurement

$$[u] = [L]$$

$$\left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right] = \frac{[L]}{[T]} \quad \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right] = \frac{[L]}{[L]} = 1$$

$$\left[ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \right] = \frac{[L]}{[T]^2} \quad \left[ \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \right] = \frac{1}{[L]}$$

$$\frac{[L]}{[T]^2} = [c]^2 \frac{1}{[L]}$$

$$[c]^2 = \frac{[L]^2}{[T]^2}$$

$$[c] = \frac{[L]}{[T]}$$

↑  
a velocity.

Check that  $\frac{[\tau_0]}{[\rho_0]} = [c]^2$

at home...

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

Example suppose  $Q=0$  and then

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

for  $t \geq 0, x \in [0, L]$

Boundary conditions

$u(0, t) = 0 \quad u(L, t) = 0$  for  $t \geq 0$

homogeneous...

initial conditions

$u(x, 0) = f(x)$

for  $x \in [0, L]$

$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = g(x)$

for  $x \in [0, L]$

initial velocity

Idea: separation of variables...

$u(x, t) = f(x) h(t)$

plug it in...

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

$$\varphi(x) h''(t) = c^2 \varphi''(x) h(t)$$

Thus

$$\frac{h''(t)}{c^2 h(t)}$$

$$= \frac{\varphi''(x)}{\varphi(x)} = -\lambda$$

familiar with this part

Yields two ODEs

$$h''(t) = -c^2 \lambda h(t)$$

two initial conditions to satisfy by the superposition..

$$\varphi''(x) = -\lambda \varphi(x)$$

$$\varphi(0) = 0 \quad \varphi(L) = 0$$

first

$$\varphi(x) = a \cdot \cos \sqrt{\lambda} x + b \cdot \sin \sqrt{\lambda} x$$

$$\varphi(0) = a = 0$$

$$\varphi(L) = b \sin \sqrt{\lambda} L = 0$$

so either  $b = 0$  or  $\sin \sqrt{\lambda} L = 0$

means  $\varphi = 0$  so no an eigenfunction

Thus  $\sin \sqrt{\lambda} L = 0$  or  $\sqrt{\lambda} L = n\pi$  or  $\sqrt{\lambda} = \frac{n\pi}{L}$

Then

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

Fourier sine series..

Now solve the ODE for  $h$ .

$$h''(t) = -c^2 \lambda h(t)$$

General solution

$$\begin{aligned} h(t) &= A \cos c\sqrt{\lambda} t + B \sin c\sqrt{\lambda} t \\ &= A \cos \frac{cn\pi t}{L} + B \sin \frac{cn\pi t}{L} \end{aligned}$$

Superposition

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

Solve for  $A_n$  and  $B_n$   
using the initial conditions...

Initial condition

$$u(x,0) = f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \left( A_n \cos \frac{cn\pi \cdot 0}{L} + B_n \sin \frac{cn\pi \cdot 0}{L} \right)$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x,0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \left( -A_n \frac{cn\pi}{L} \cdot \text{whatever goes here} \right)$$

piecewise smooth  $f$  and smooth  $g$  means can diff. term by term.