

# Lessons 37, 38 Vib. String Prob. (36, 37, 38 due Wed.)

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

Wave Eqn

I.C.  $\begin{cases} u(x, 0) = f(x) \\ u_t(x, 0) = g(x) \end{cases}$       B.C.  $\begin{cases} u(0, t) = 0 \\ u(L, t) = 0 \end{cases}$

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

$$A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx \leftarrow \text{F. Sine Series for } f$$

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

Case:  $f(x)$  given, but  $g(x) \equiv 0$ . (Pluck)

Sol<sup>n</sup>  $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \cos \frac{cn\pi t}{L}$

$$\sin \alpha \cos \beta = \frac{1}{2} \sin(\alpha + \beta) + \frac{1}{2} \sin(\alpha - \beta)$$

$$\rightarrow = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} (x + ct) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} (x - ct)$$

Aha!  $= \frac{1}{2} f^*(\underset{\uparrow}{x+ct}) + \frac{1}{2} f^*(\underset{\uparrow}{x-ct})$

Really?  $u_t = \frac{1}{2} f'(x+ct)(c) + \frac{1}{2} f'(x-ct)(-c)$

$$u_{tt} = \frac{1}{2} f''(x+ct)c^2 + \frac{1}{2} f''(x-ct)(-c)^2$$

$$= c^2 u_{xx} \quad \checkmark$$

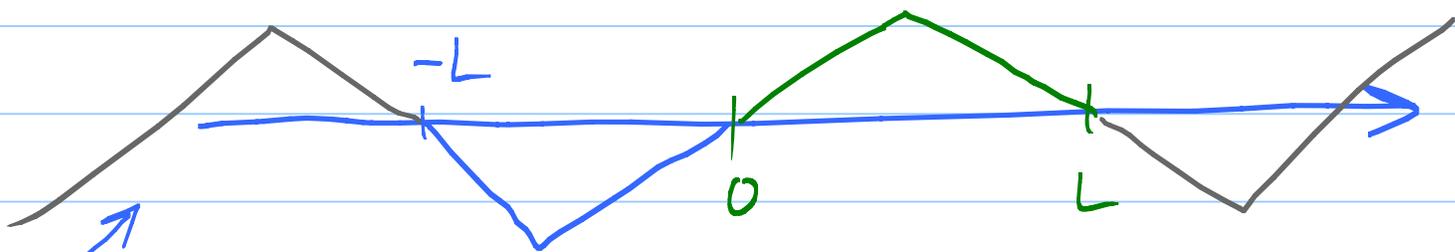
$$u(x,0) = \frac{1}{2} f(x) + \frac{1}{2} f(x) = f(x) \quad \checkmark$$

$$u_x(x,0) = \frac{1}{2} c f'(x) - \frac{1}{2} c f'(x) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$u(0,t) = \frac{1}{2} f(ct) + \frac{1}{2} f(-ct) = 0 \quad \text{? Yes!}$$

Important:  $f$  in the simple formula

is the sum of a Fourier Sine Series of  $f$  on  $[0, L]$ , and hence, it is the odd periodic extension of  $f$ .



This is the  $f$  ( $= f^*$  in the book) in simple formula.

General case where  $g(x) \neq 0$ .

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{2} [f(x+ct) + f(x-ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} [G(x+ct) - G(x-ct)]$$

where  $G(x) = \int_0^x g(u) du$  where  $g$  here

is the odd periodic extension of  $g$  on  $[0, L]$ . <sup>3</sup>

D'Alembert's sol<sup>n</sup>:  $c^2 u_{xx} = u_{tt}$

New variables:  $\begin{cases} v = x + ct \\ w = x - ct \end{cases}$

$$u_x = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial w} \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} = u_v \cdot 1 + u_w \cdot 1$$

$$u_{xx} = (u_v + u_w)_v \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + (u_v + u_w)_w \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}$$

$$u_{xx} = u_{vv} + 2u_{vw} + u_{ww}$$

assuming  $u$  is  $C^2$ -smooth so

Get  $u_{tt} = c^2 (u_{vv} - 2u_{vw} + u_{ww})$ , that  $u_{vw} = u_{wv}$

Plug into  $c^2 u_{xx} = u_{tt}$ . Boils down to  $u_{vw} = 0$ .

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w} \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial v} \right] \equiv 0.$$

Baby PDE:  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial v} = \text{fcn of other var} = K(v)$

Baby PDE:  $u = \int K(v) dv + C(w)$

$$u = \Phi(v) + \Psi(w)$$

$$\underline{u = \varphi(x+ct) + \psi(x-ct)}$$

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$$u(x, 0) = \varphi(x) + \psi(x) = \overset{\text{want}}{f(x)}$$

$$u_t(x, 0) = c\varphi'(x) - c\psi'(x) = \overset{\text{want}}{g(x)}$$

$$\varphi'(x) - \psi'(x) = \frac{1}{c}g(x)$$

$$(B) \quad \varphi(x) - \psi(x) = \frac{1}{c} \int_0^x g(u) du$$

$$(A) \quad \varphi(x) + \psi(x) = f(x)$$

$$\text{Add: } \varphi(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left( f(x) + \frac{1}{c} \int_0^x g(u) du \right)$$

$$(A) - (B) \quad \psi(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left( f(x) - \frac{1}{c} \int_0^x g(u) du \right)$$

Get the same sol<sup>n</sup> as above!