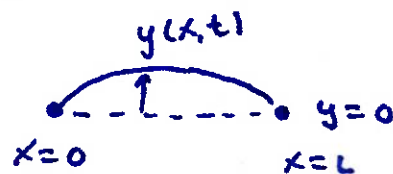


## Wave Eq. (part 2)

$$y_{tt} = a^2 y_{xx} \quad 0 < x < L \quad t > 0$$



$$y(0,t) = y(L,t) = 0 \quad \text{ends fixed}$$

$$y(x,0) = f(x) \quad \text{initial displacement}$$

$$y_t(x,0) = g(x) \quad \text{initial velocity}$$

last time:  $g(x) = 0$  (no initial velocity)

$$y(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi a t}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

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

today:  $f(x) = 0$  (no initial displacement)

$g(x) \neq 0$  some initial velocity ("Problem B")

same basic idea:  $y(x,t) = X(x)T(t)$

⋮

$$\frac{X''}{X} = \frac{T''}{a^2 T} = -\lambda$$

two ODEs:  $X'' + \lambda X = 0$

$$T'' + a^2 \lambda T = 0$$

same BCs:  $y(0,t) = 0 \rightarrow X(0) = 0$

$$y(L,t) = 0 \rightarrow X(L) = 0$$

same spatial solution:

$$\lambda_n = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} \quad n=1,2,3,\dots$$

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

$$T'' + a^2 \lambda T = 0$$

$$T'' + \frac{a^2 n^2 \pi^2}{L^2} T = 0$$

$$T(t) = A \cos\left(\frac{n\pi a}{L} t\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{n\pi a}{L} t\right)$$

$$\text{IC: } y(x, 0) = 0 \rightarrow \Delta(x) T(0) = 0 \rightarrow T(0) = 0 \quad (\text{last time: } T'(0) = 0)$$

$$\text{here, } A = 0$$

$$\text{so, } T_n = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi a}{L} t\right) \quad (\text{Problem A has } \cos\left(\frac{n\pi a}{L} t\right))$$

$$\text{for each } n, \quad y_n = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi a}{L} t\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right)$$

$$\text{general solution: } \boxed{y(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi a}{L} t\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right)}$$

$$\text{last IC: } y_t(x, 0) = g(x) \quad \text{initial velocity}$$

$$y_t(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n\pi a}{L} B_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi a}{L} t\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right)$$

$$g(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n\pi a}{L} B_n\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right) \quad \text{Fourier series w/ coefficients } \frac{n\pi a}{L} B_n$$

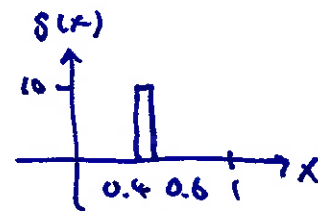
$$\frac{n\pi a}{L} B_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L g(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right) dx$$

$$\boxed{B_n = \frac{2}{n\pi a} \int_0^L g(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right) dx}$$

example A string w/  $L=1$  and  $a=1$  is initially at rest and is struck w/ a hammer of width 0.2 at the center w/ upward velocity of 10.



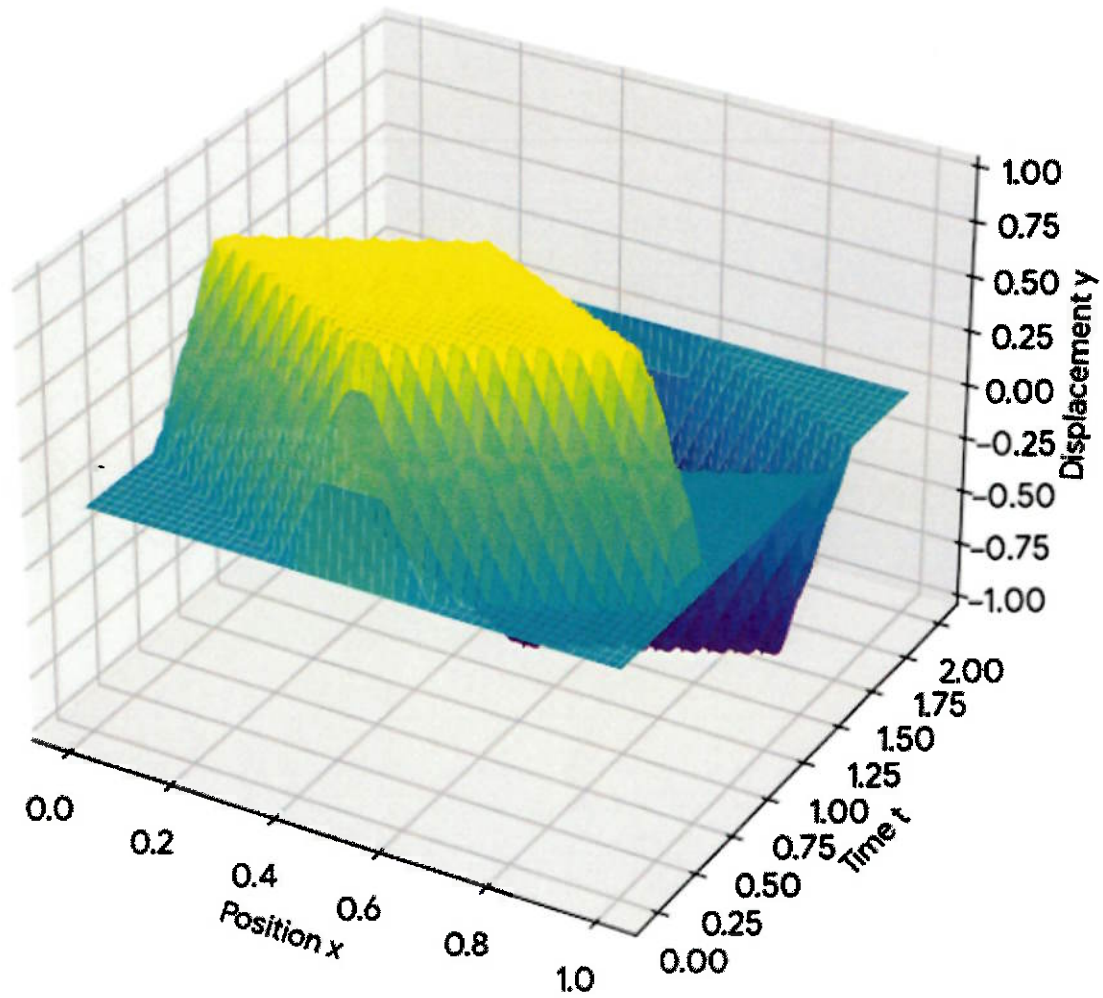
initial velocity  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 10 & 0.4 < x < 0.6 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$



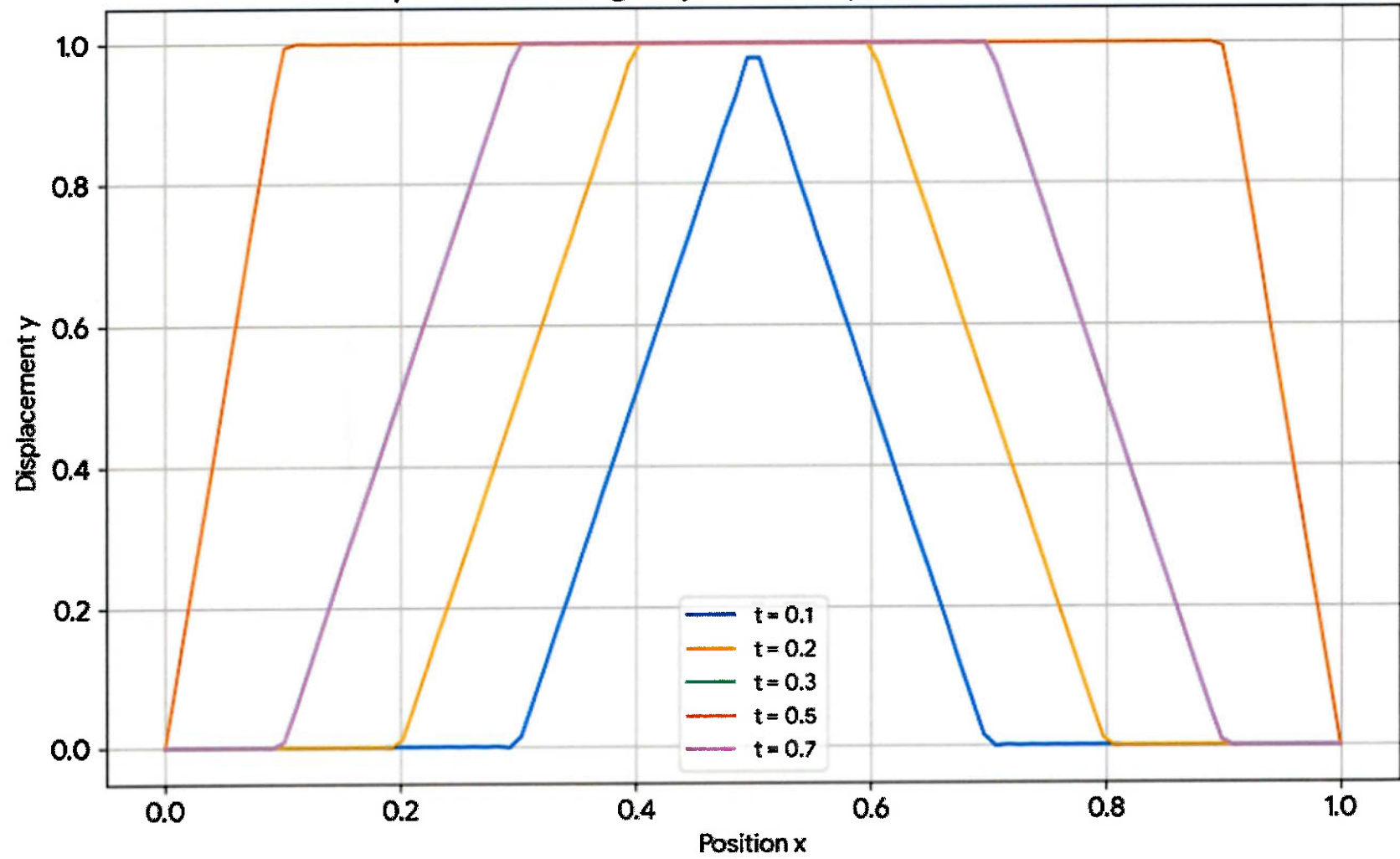
$$y(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{20}{n^2 \pi^2} \left[ \cos(0.4n\pi) - \cos(0.6n\pi) \right] \sin(\boxed{n\pi t}) \sin(n\pi x)$$

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frequency of each mode ( $n$ )

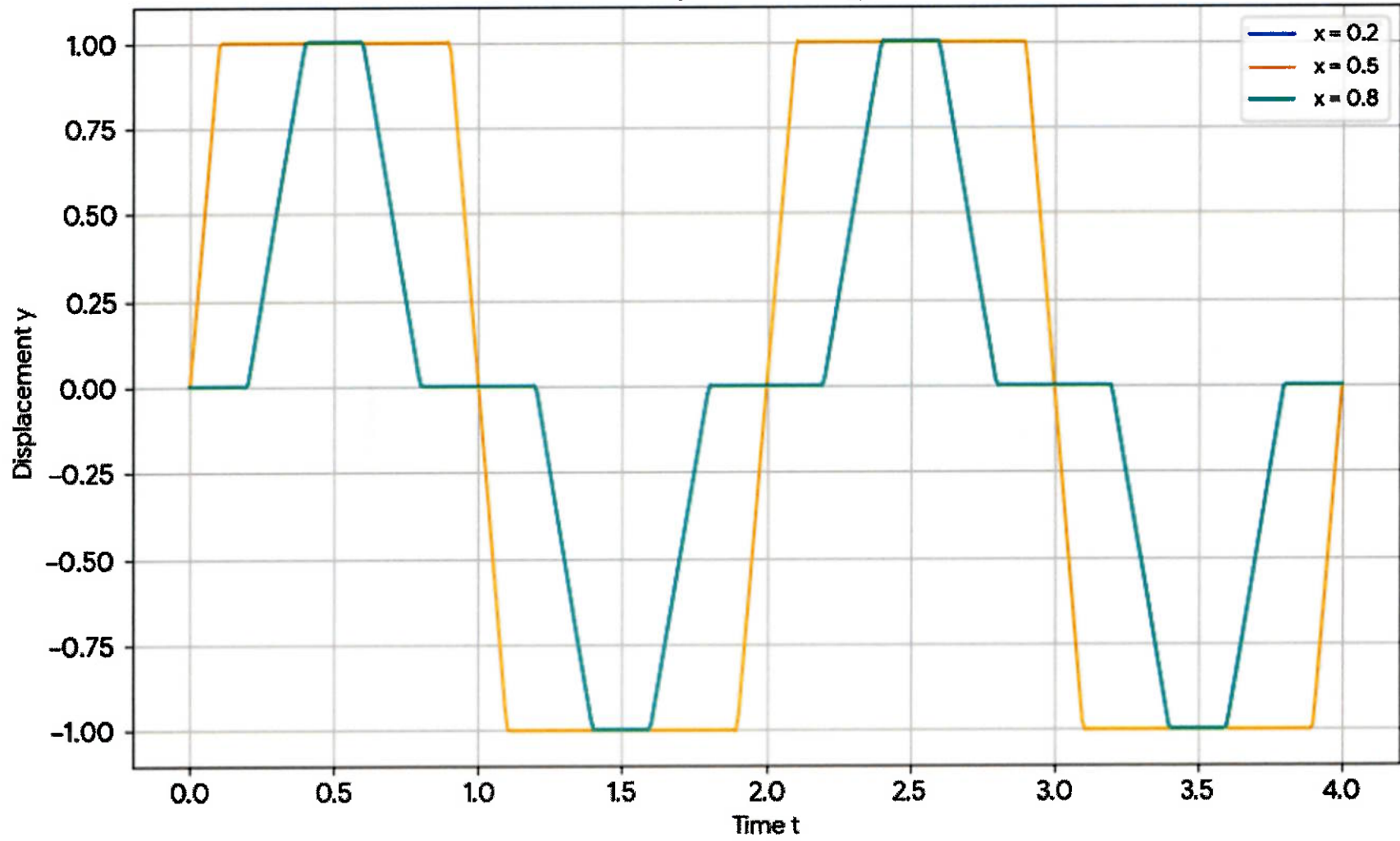
String Displacement  $y(x, t)$



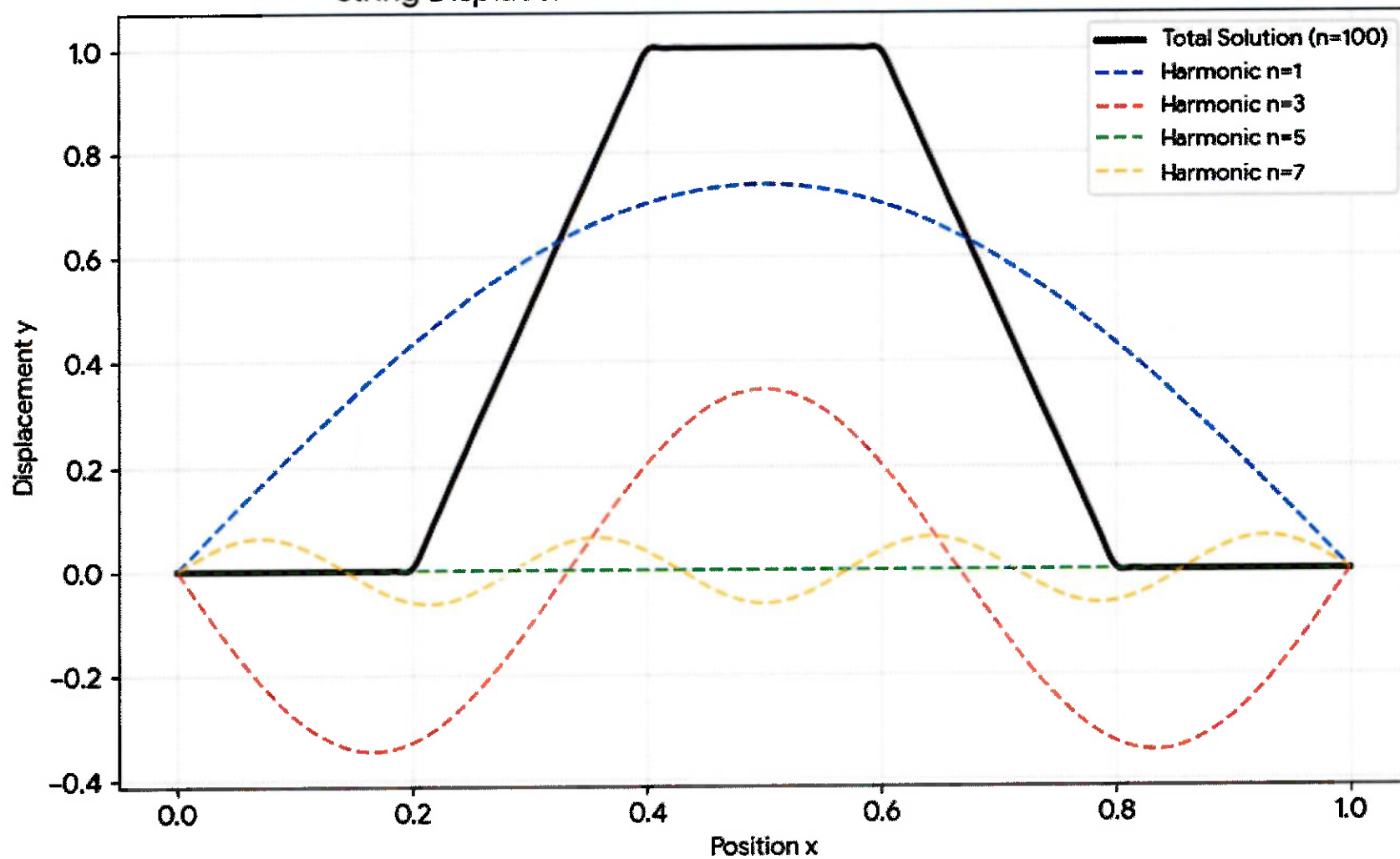
Snapshots of String Displacement  $y(x)$  at different times



Motion of Specific String Points  $y(t)$



String Displacement at  $t = 0.2$ : Total Solution vs. Harmonics



there are no even harmonics in that solution (even  $n$ 's)

why?



since we are hitting the string at center, the center of string must move, but even harmonics have center at rest so all even harmonics are "destroyed" (same if plucked)

on real piano, the hammer usually strikes at  $L/7$  or  $L/9$



eliminate  
multiples of 7  
(dissonant)

a struck string starts at zero displacement  $\rightarrow$  no initial sound  
(small delay before sound is made)

Problem A : displacement only

Problem B : velocity only

$$y_{tt} = a^2 y_{xx} \text{ is } \underline{\text{linear}}$$

so general problem : Problem A + Problem B (just add them)

for wind instrument, no string, sound is from pressure waves

$$\text{eg. } \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial t^2} = a^2 \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial x^2} \quad \text{same equation!}$$