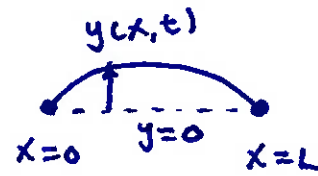


## Wave Eq. (part 2)

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



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

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

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

last time:  $g(x) = 0$ , displacement only ("Problem A")

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

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

today:  $f(x) = 0$  initial velocity only ("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:  $y(0,t) = 0 \rightarrow X(0)T(t) = 0 \rightarrow X(0) = 0$

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

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

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

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

IC: no initial displacement  $\rightarrow y(x, 0) = 0$

$$\Sigma(x)T(0) = 0 \rightarrow T(0) = 0$$

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

w/  $T(0) = 0 \rightarrow A = 0$

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

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

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

last IC:  $y_t(x, 0) = g(x)$

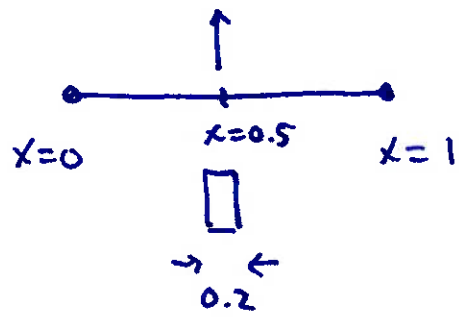
$$y_t(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n\pi a}{L} B_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi a}{L} t\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right)$$

$$g(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n\pi a}{L} B_n\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{L} x\right) \quad \text{sine series coeff: } \frac{n\pi a}{L} B_n$$

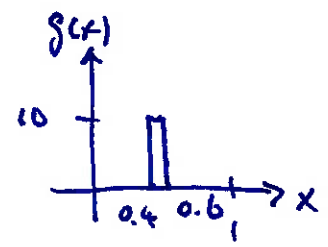
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example A string w/  $L=1$ ,  $a=1$  is initially at rest.  
 It is struck w/ a hammer width 0.2 at  $x=0.5$  (center of string)  
 w/ upward velocity of 10.



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

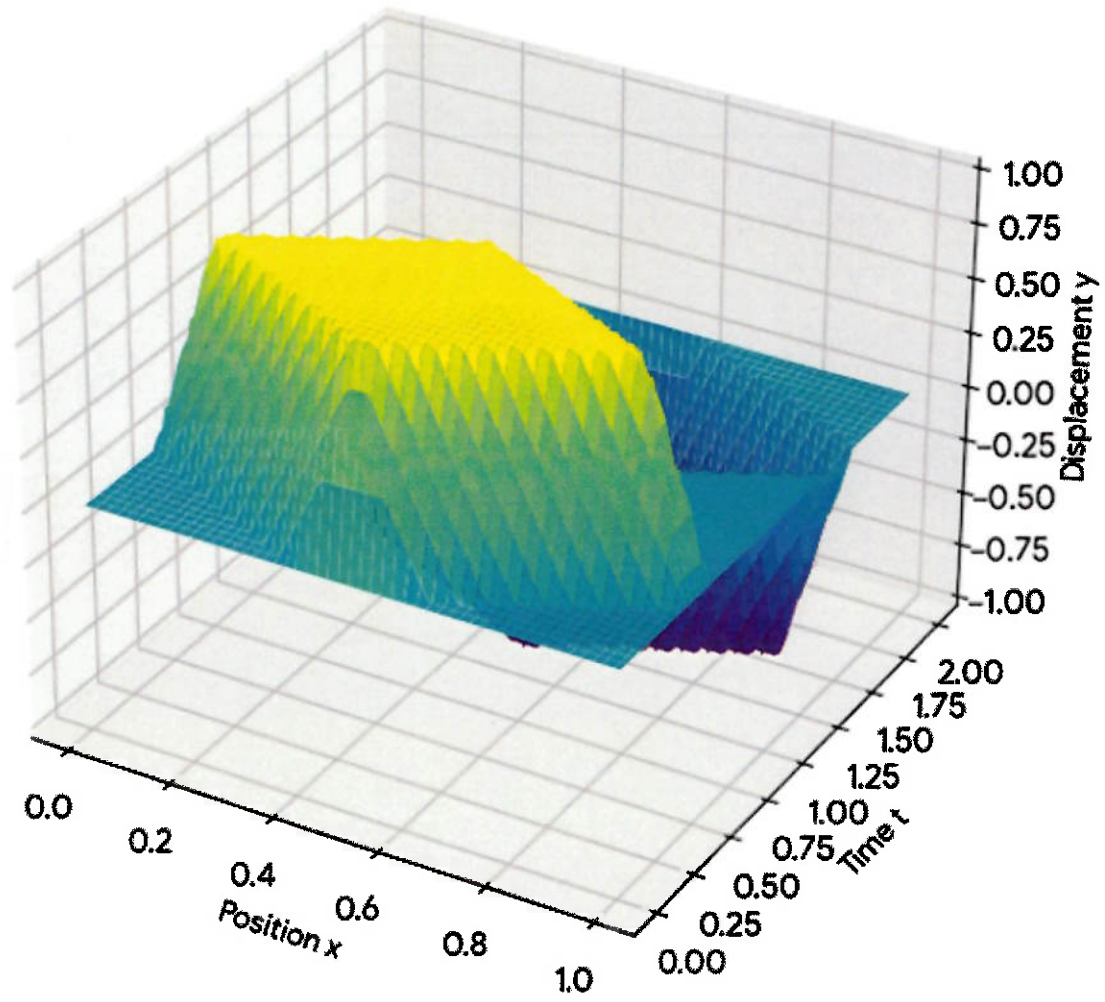


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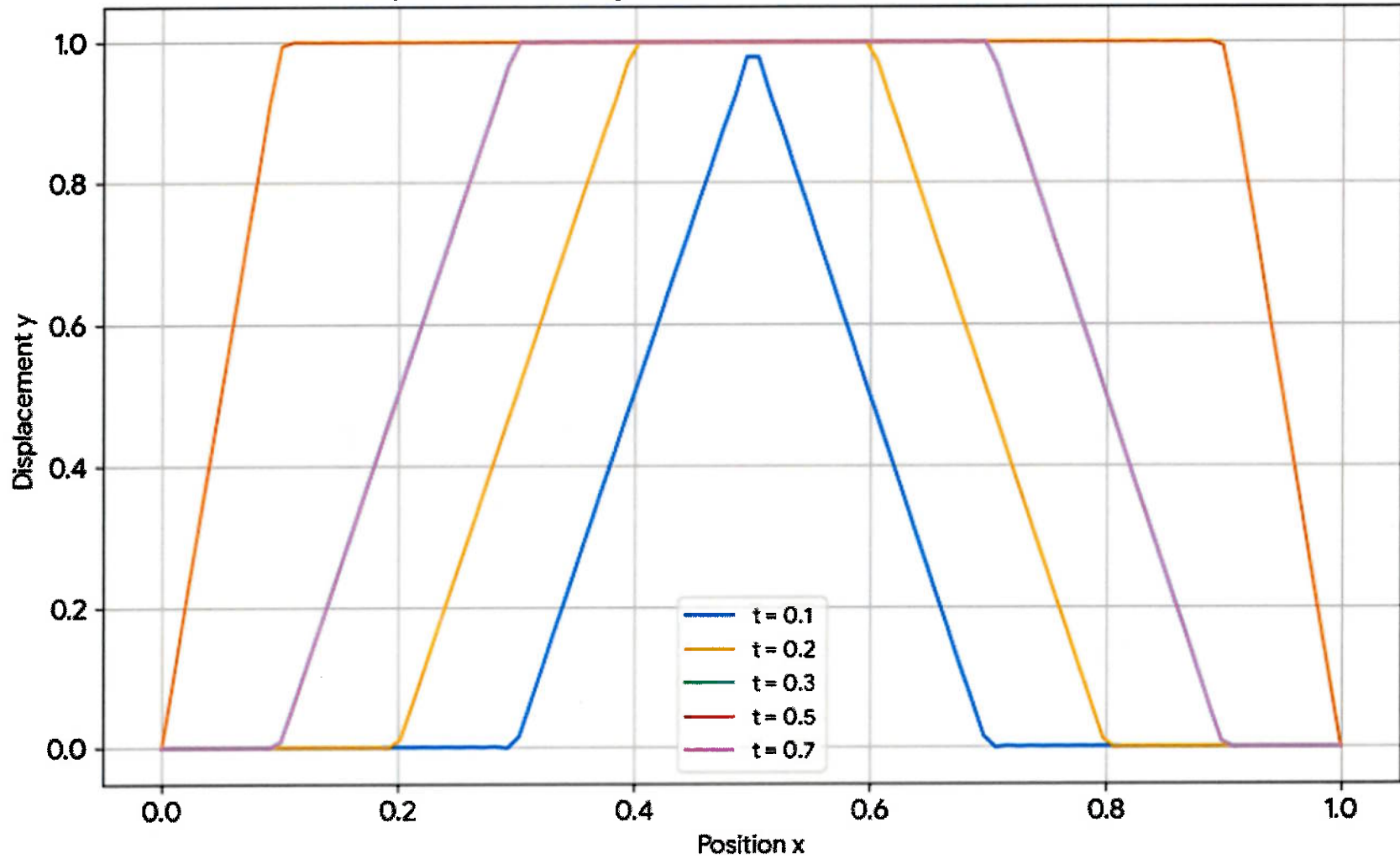
$$y(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{20}{n^2\pi^2} \left[ \cos(0.4n\pi t) - \cos(0.6n\pi t) \right] \sin(\boxed{n\pi}t) \sin(n\pi x)$$

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 freq. of each mode ( $n$ )

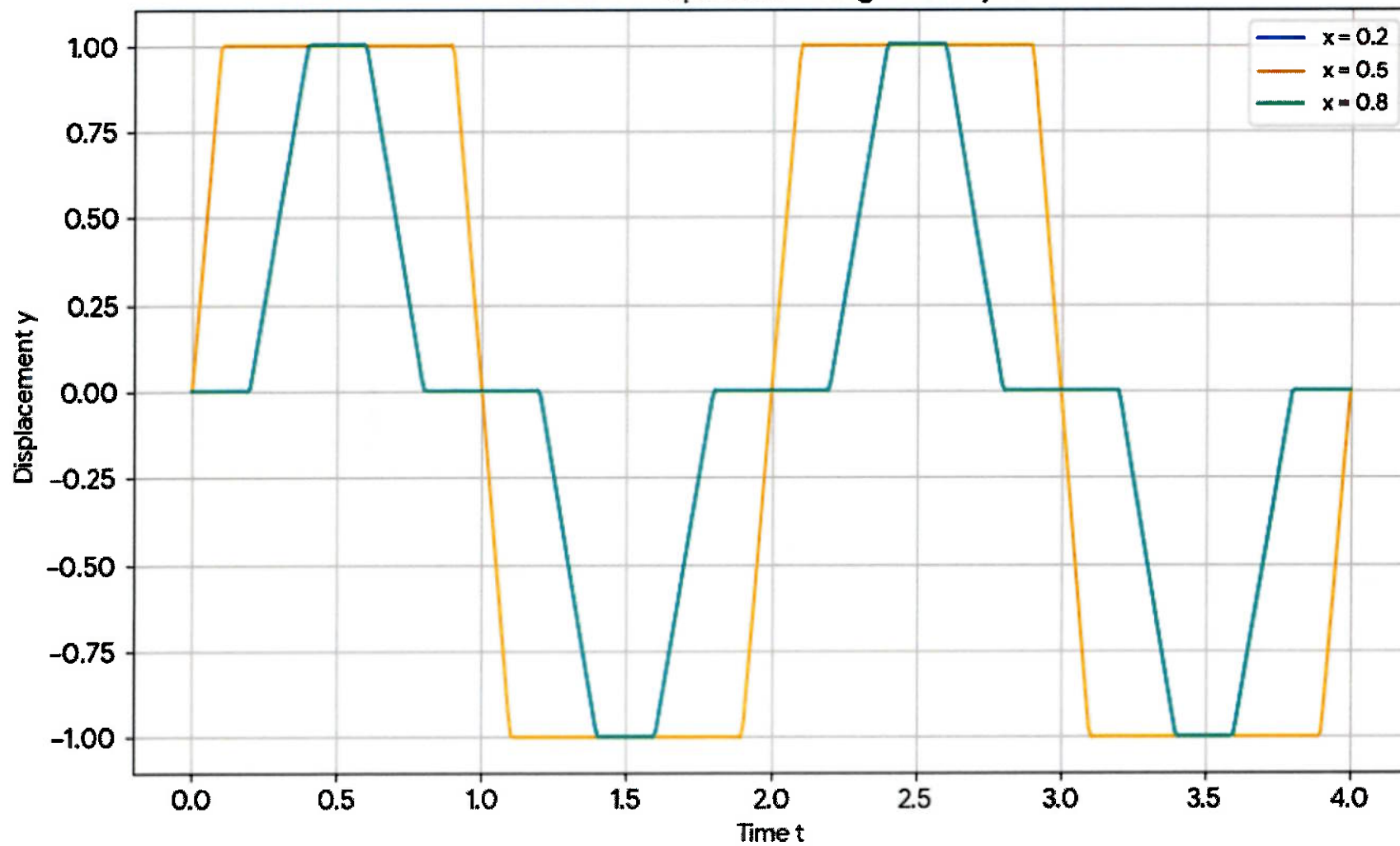
String Displacement  $y(x, t)$



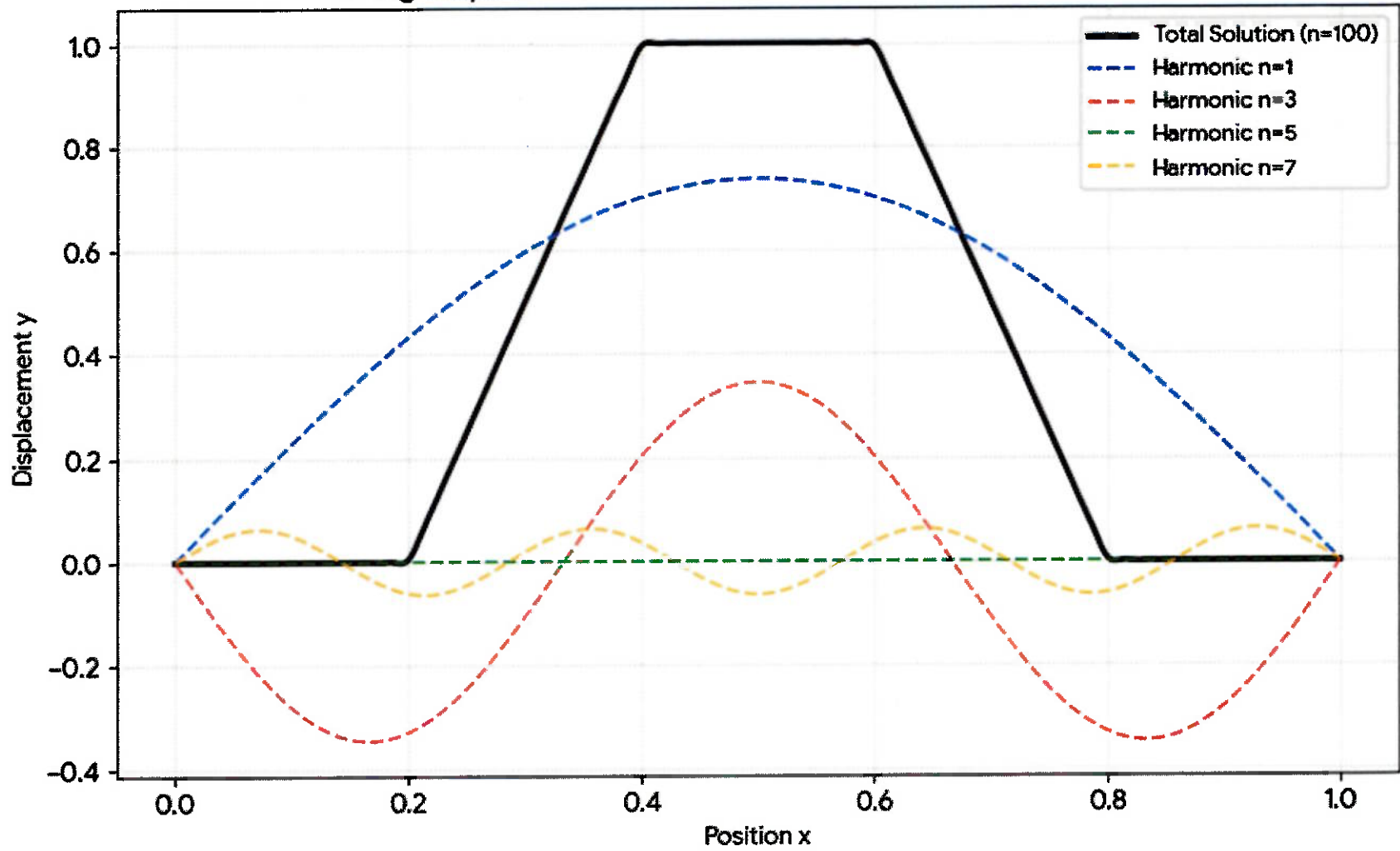
Snapshots of String Displacement  $y(x)$  at different times



Motion of Specific String Points  $y(t)$



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



the solution we got has no even harmonics (even  $n$ 's)

why (physically)?

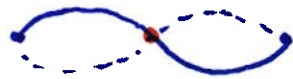
$n=1$



we hit the string at  $x=0.5$

→ puts that point in motion

$n=2$



notice for  $n = \text{even}$ , the  
center cannot move

$n=3$



hitting center = destroying all  
even modes

$n=4$



(same if displaced)

on a real piano the impact point is  $\frac{L}{7}$  or  $\frac{L}{9}$



eliminates all multiples of 7<sup>th</sup> mode  
because 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> sound  
dissonant

Problem A: displacement only

Problem B: velocity only

general case: simply add up the solution

because  $y_{tt} = a^2 y_{xx}$  is linear

sound from wind instruments  $\rightarrow$  pressure waves

$$\text{eg: } \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial t^2} = a^2 \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial x^2} \quad p(x,t) = \text{pressure}$$

same equation!