

Section 9.6 - Part 2Vibrating Strings & the  
1D Wave EqnAnnouncements:

On line HW + AY due Today @ 11:59pm  
Office Hours Today @ 2:30-3:30pm  
on Zoom

Warm up:

Evaluate the following integral

$$\int_0^1 \sin(3\pi x) \sin(n\pi x) dx = ?$$

Hint: you may want to use orthogonality of  $\sin(nx)$ :

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(mx) \sin(nx) dx = \begin{cases} \pi & \text{if } m=n \\ 0 & \text{if } m \neq n \end{cases} *$$
Ans: make a  $u$  substitution

$$u = \pi x \quad n\pi x = nu$$

$$x = \frac{u}{\pi} \quad dx = \frac{du}{\pi} \quad 3\pi x = 3u$$

$$\int_0^1 \sin(3\pi x) \sin(n\pi x) dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin(3u) \sin(nu) du$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2} & \text{if } n=3 \\ 0 & \text{if } n \neq 3 \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } n=3 \\ 0 & \text{if } n \neq 3 \end{cases}$$

note  
interval is  $[0, \pi]$   
so integral  
is going to  
be  $\frac{1}{2}$  of  
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I. Vibrating Strings:

Last class we wrote down a BVP for a  
vibrating string



string of  
length  $L$   
fixed endpoints

BVP:

$$\begin{cases} y_{tt} = a^2 y_{xx} \\ y(0,t) = y(L,t) = 0 \\ y(x,0) = f(x) \\ \dots \end{cases}$$

$0 \leq x \leq L, t > 0$  (wave eqn)

(fixed endpoints)

(initial displacement)

(initial velocity)

$$\begin{cases} \ddot{y}(x,0) = f(x) \\ y_t(x,0) = g(x) \end{cases}$$

(initial displacement)  
(initial velocity)

Use Separation of Variables to derive

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

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

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

Solve an example

Ex:  $\begin{cases} y_{tt} = y_{xx} & 0 \leq x \leq 1, t > 0 \\ y(0,t) = y(1,t) = 0 \\ y(x,0) = -3 \\ y_t(x,0) = 5 \sin(3x) \end{cases}$

Here:  $a^2 = 1$ ,  $L = 1$ ,  $f(x) = -3$ ,  $g(x) = 5 \sin(3x)$

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

Calculate the  $A_n$

$$A_n = \frac{2}{1} \int_0^1 f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{1}\right) dx = 2 \int_0^1 (-3) \sin(n\pi x) dx$$

$$= -6 \left[ -\frac{1}{n\pi} \cos(n\pi x) \right]_0^1 = -6 \left[ \frac{(-1)^n}{n\pi} \cos(n\pi) - \frac{1}{n\pi} \cos(0) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -6 \left( -\frac{\cos(n\pi x)}{n\pi} \right)_0^1 = \frac{-6}{n\pi} \left[ -\cos(n\pi) + \cos(0) \right] \\
 &= \frac{-6}{n\pi} \left[ 1 - (-1)^n \right] = \begin{cases} \frac{-12}{n\pi} & \text{if } n \text{ odd} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \text{ even} \end{cases} = A_n
 \end{aligned}$$

Calculate the  $B_n$

$$B_n = \frac{2}{n\pi(1)} \int_0^1 g(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{1}\right) dx = \frac{2}{n\pi} \int_0^1 5 \sin(3\pi x) \sin(n\pi x) dx$$

$$= \frac{10}{n\pi} \int_0^1 \sin(3\pi x) \sin(n\pi x) dx$$

integral from  
warm up  
use orthogonality

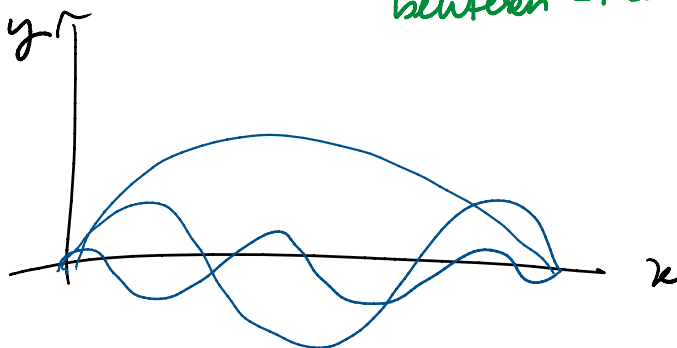
$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } n=3 \\ 0 & \text{if } n \neq 3 \end{cases}$$

$$B_n = \begin{cases} \frac{5}{n\pi} & \text{if } n=3 \\ 0 & \text{if } n \neq 3 \end{cases}$$

So full solution is

$$y(x,t) = \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \left( \frac{-12}{n\pi} \right) \cos(n\pi t) \sin(n\pi x) + \frac{5}{n\pi} \sin(3\pi t) \sin(3\pi x)$$

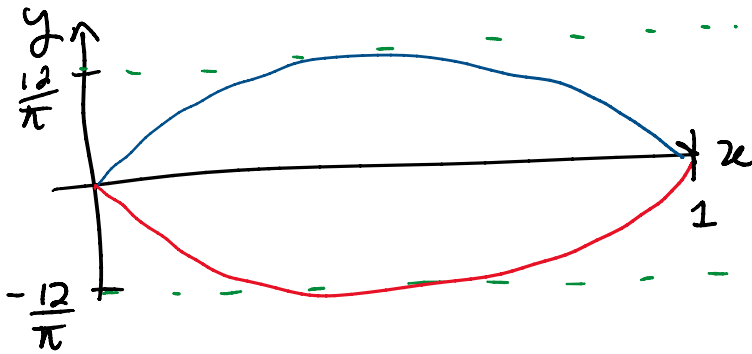
amplitude  
oscillate  
between -1 and 1



in  $x$   
 $\cos(n\pi t)$  when  
 $n$  is odd

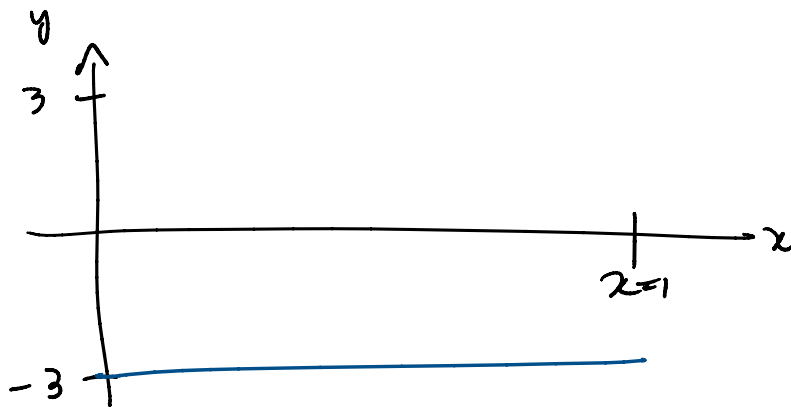
because  $\frac{1}{n}$  is  
coeff, largest  
term  $n=1, n=3, \dots$

$n=1$   $y(x,t) \sim \frac{-12}{\pi} \cos(\pi t) \sin(\pi x)$



@  $t=0$   
 $y(x,0) = \frac{-12}{\pi} \sin(\pi x)$

@  $t=1$   
 $y(x,1) = \frac{-12}{\pi} (-1) \sin(\pi x)$



@  $t=0$

## II. Separation of Variables:

works for the PDEs:

heat eqn

wave eqn

$$u_t = k u_{xx}$$

$$u_{tt} = a^2 u_{xx}$$

### Method:

1. Assume function can be written as a product of 2 single-variable functions

$$u(x,t) = \underline{X}(x) \underline{T}(t)$$

2. Plug into the PDE and collect  $x$  terms on one side and  $t$  terms on other

heat  $T' \quad X''$

wave  $T'' = X''$

$$\frac{T'}{kT} = \frac{\underline{X}''}{\underline{X}}$$

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

3. Set both sides equal to a separation constant  $(-\lambda)$  + we look at why

$$\frac{T'}{kT} = \frac{\underline{X}''}{\underline{X}} = -\lambda$$

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

4. Separate out into 2 ODEs

Heat:

$$\underline{X}'' + \lambda \underline{X} = 0$$

$$T' + \lambda k T = 0$$

wave

$$\underline{X}'' + \lambda \underline{X} = 0$$

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

5. Use the Boundary Conditions for  $u(x,t)$  to get endpoint conditions for  $\underline{X}$  (and sometimes  $T$ )

Heat:

homogeneous BC

$$\underline{X}(0) = \underline{X}(L) = 0$$

insulated endpoints

$$\underline{X}'(0) = \underline{X}'(L) = 0$$

wave eqn:

fixed string endpts:

$$\underline{X}(0) = \underline{X}(L) = 0$$

Problem A:

$$T'(0) = 0$$

Problem B:

$$T(0) = 0$$

6. Solve the ODEs. In the process, find value of  $\lambda$

Heat:

$$T_n = e^{-kn^2 \pi^2 t / L^2}$$

$$\lambda_n = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2}$$

wave:

$$\lambda_n = \frac{n^2 \pi^2}{L^2}$$

$$\underline{X}_n = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

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

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

Problem A:  
 $T_n = \cos\left(\frac{n\pi at}{L}\right)$

Problem B  
 $T_n = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi at}{L}\right)$

7. Then we have a family of solns:  
 $u_n(x, t) = X_n(x) T_n(t)$

Use the principle of superposition

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n X_n(x) T_n(t)$$

8. Lastly, use the remaining BC to find the coefficients  $c_n$

Heat Eqn:  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$  (assume homog. BC)

$$u(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) = f(x)$$

this is the F.S.S. of  $f(x)$   
the  $b_n$  are the Fourier coefficients

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

Q: Why do we choose  $-\lambda$  as the separation constant?

Heat eqn: this time, choose  $+\lambda$  as the separation constant

$$\begin{cases} u_t = k u_{xx} \\ u(0,t) = u(L,t) = 0 \\ u(x,0) = f(x) \end{cases} \quad \text{Homog. BC}$$

1. Let  $u(x,t) = \underline{X}(x)T(t)$

2. Plug into ODE:  $\frac{T'}{kT} = \frac{\underline{X}''}{\underline{X}}$

3. Choose  $+\lambda$  as the separation constant ( $\lambda > 0$ )

$$\frac{T'}{kT} = \frac{\underline{X}''}{\underline{X}} = +\lambda$$

4. Separate into 2 ODEs

$$\frac{\underline{X}''}{\underline{X}} = +\lambda$$

$$\frac{T'}{kT} = +\lambda$$

$$\underline{X}'' = \lambda \underline{X}$$

$$\underline{X}'' - \lambda \underline{X} = 0$$

sign is switched

$$T' - k\lambda T = 0$$

5. Find BC for  $\underline{X}$  and  $T$

homog BC  $\rightarrow \underline{X}(0) = \underline{X}(L) = 0$

no BC in  $T$

6. Solve the ODEs

$$\underline{X}'' - \lambda \underline{X} = 0$$

$$\underline{X}(0) = \underline{X}(L) = 0$$

Assume  $\underline{X} = e^{rx}$

characteristic eqn:  $r^2 - \lambda = 0$

real-valued roots ... )

Assume  $\Delta < 0$   
 characteristic eqn:  $r^2 - \lambda = 0$   
 roots:  $r = \pm \sqrt{\lambda}$

real-valued roots  
 (before  $r = \pm i\sqrt{\lambda}$ )

general solution:  
 $\underline{X} = C_1 e^{\sqrt{\lambda}x} + C_2 e^{-\sqrt{\lambda}x}$

(before we had sines and cosines)

plug in endpoint conditions

$$\underline{X}(0) = 0 = C_1 e^0 + C_2 e^{-0} = C_1 + C_2$$

$$\rightarrow C_2 = -C_1$$

$$\rightarrow \underline{X}(x) = C_1 [e^{-\sqrt{\lambda}x} - e^{\sqrt{\lambda}x}]$$

$$= C_1 2 \sinh(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$$

$$\sinh(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$$

2nd endpoint:

$$\underline{X}(L) = 0 = C_1 [e^{\sqrt{\lambda}L} - e^{-\sqrt{\lambda}L}]$$

$$e^{\sqrt{\lambda}L} (e^{\sqrt{\lambda}L}) = (e^{-\sqrt{\lambda}L}) e^{\sqrt{\lambda}L}$$

$$\ln(e^{2\sqrt{\lambda}L}) = \ln(1)$$

$$2\sqrt{\lambda}L = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \sqrt{\lambda} = 0$$

$$\boxed{\lambda = 0}$$
~~$$\Rightarrow$$~~

that says

$$\underline{X}(x) = C_1 e^{0x} - C_1 e^{0x} = 0$$

if  $\lambda = 0$ ,  $\underline{X} \equiv 0$

$$u(x,t) = \underline{X}(x) T(t) = 0 \cdot T(t) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$



WANT: non zero solutions to the heat eqn.  
→ Need to choose separation constant  $-\lambda$

A: Because we have the homogeneous BC  
 $u(0,t) = u(L,t) = 0$   
and so we get the endpoint conditions  
 $\underline{X}(0) = \underline{X}(L) = 0$

so we want to choose separation constant  $-\lambda$

so that  $\underline{X}'' + \lambda \underline{X} = 0$

and  $r = \pm i\sqrt{\lambda}$

and  $\underline{X} = C_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} x) + C_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} x)$

and then  $\underline{X}(L) = 0$  has non zero solutions.