

## Lecture Outline for Friday, Nov. 1, 2024

## 1. Wave equation example (continued)

$$v^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \quad 0 \leq x \leq L, \quad t \geq 0$$

with BCs  $u(0,t) = 0$ ,  $u(L,t) = 0$ , and ICs  $u(x,0) = f(x)$ , and  $\left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right|_{t=0} = g(x)$

a. Vibrations of string:  $v = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\rho}}$ , where  $T$  = tension in string,  $\rho$  = mass per unit length

b. Full solution to the PDE for the general case (linear combination of eigensolutions):

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

c. First BC led to

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

d. First time derivative needed to apply second initial condition:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ -A_n \frac{n\pi v}{L} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi vt}{L}\right) + B_n \frac{n\pi v}{L} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi vt}{L}\right) \right] \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$\text{Apply IC \#2: } \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right|_{t=0} = g(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ -A_n \frac{n\pi v}{L} (0) + B_n \frac{n\pi v}{L} (1) \right] \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$\text{or } g(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \frac{n\pi v}{L} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

Multiply by  $m$ th eigenfunction and weighting function [ $p(x) = 1$  again] and integrate over interval of interest to obtain

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

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e. Full solution to the PDE is

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

$$\text{with } A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx \quad \text{and} \quad B_n = \frac{2}{n\pi v} \int_0^L g(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

f. As with heat equation, the BCs typically determine the spatial eigenfunctions and the ICs typically determine the coefficients (using the orthogonality of the inner products) because the spatial problem is usually a BVP and the time problem is usually an IVP. EVPs are always BVPs.

## 2. Interpretation of wave equation solution

- a. What can we learn from it?
- b. Vibration modes and resonances; harmonically related
- c. *Matlab* simulation
- d. Standing waves vs. traveling waves. For example, consider the  $g(x) = 0$  (or  $B_n = 0$ ) case. Use the identity

$$\sin(a) \cos(b) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(a+b) + \frac{1}{2} \sin(a-b)$$

to obtain

$$\sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi vt}{L}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \sin\left[\frac{n\pi}{L}(x+vt)\right] + \frac{1}{2} \sin\left[\frac{n\pi}{L}(x-vt)\right]$$

e. Not modeled in this example:

- i. Acoustic coupling between strings and nearby non-fixed objects
- ii. Energy dissipation within string and nearby objects and due to air resistance
- iii. Scattering (reflections) from nearby objects
- iv. Presence of nearby objects, especially resonant cavities, which can affect sound perceived by listeners and can alter resonant frequencies somewhat
- v. Gravity