

Heat.

Sound

Elastic strings, membranes

Waves

# Chapter 4: Wave Equations

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Solution to the IBVP?

$$\partial_{tt}u = \kappa \partial_{xx}u + Q(x, t), \quad \text{with } x \in (0, L), t \geq 0$$

$$\text{IC: } u(x, 0) = f(x), \partial_t u(x, 0) = g(x)$$

$$\text{BC: } u(0, t) = \phi(t), u(L, t) = \psi(t)$$

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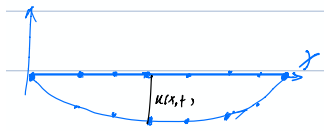
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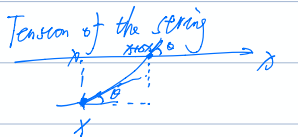
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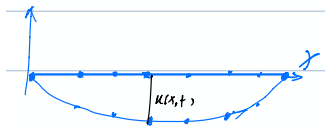


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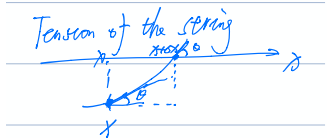
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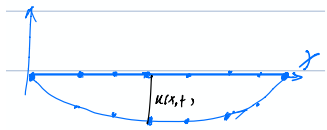
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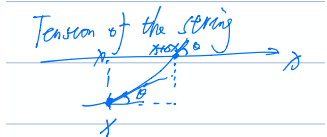
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If  $\rho(x) \equiv \rho_0$ ,  $T(x, t) \equiv T_0$  and  $Q(x, t) = 0$ , then

$$\partial_{tt}u = c^2 \partial_{xx}u, \quad c^2 = \frac{T_0}{\rho_0} \quad \text{WAVE equation}$$

$$\rho(x)\partial_{tt}u = T_0\partial_{xx}u + \rho(x)Q(x, t) \quad (4.2.7)$$

$$\rho(x)\partial_{tt}u = T_0\partial_{xx}u \quad (4.2.9)$$

- 4.2.1. (a) Using Equation (4.2.7), compute the sagged equilibrium position  $u_E(x)$  if  $Q(x, t) = -g$ . The boundary conditions are  $u(O) = 0$  and  $u(L) = 0$ .
- (b) Show that  $v(x, t) = u(x, t) - u_E(x)$  satisfies (4.2.9).

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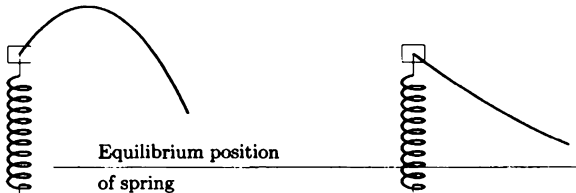
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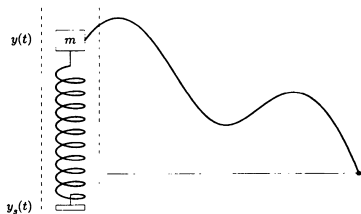
Question: which massless string is in space (or on earth)?



[Honey in space \(Youtube\)](#)

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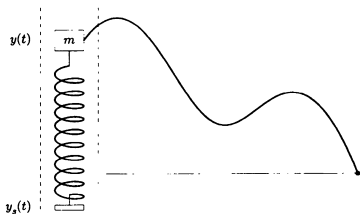


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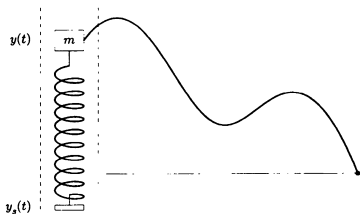
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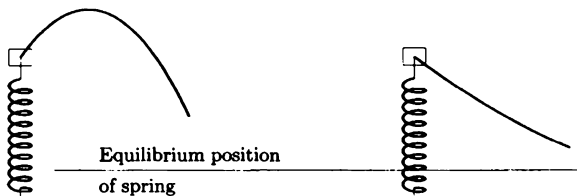
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Question: what about right end point  $u(L, t)$ ?

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Separation of variables v.s. method of eigenfunction expansion

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [a_n \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{L} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi ct}{L}] \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$$

**Is it a solution? conditions for TBTD**

**Uniqueness of solution?**



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### Interpretation: musical stringed instruments

- ▶ normal modes of vibration:  $[a_n \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{L} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi ct}{L}] \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$
- ▶ sound intensity (amplitude):  $\sqrt{a_n^2 + b_n^2}$
- ▶ circular frequency  $n\pi c/L$  (# of oscillations in  $2\pi$  unit time)

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**Standing wave:**  $\sin \frac{n\pi ct}{L} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L}$

**Traveling wave:** the standing wave = two traveling waves

$$\sin \frac{n\pi ct}{L} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} = \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\cos \frac{n\pi}{L}(x - ct)}_{\text{wave traveling to the right}} - \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\cos \frac{n\pi}{L}(x + ct)}_{\text{wave traveling to the left}}$$

- ▶ Recall that:  $\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta$
- ▶  $\cos \frac{n\pi}{L}(x - ct)$ : wave traveling to the right, with velocity  $c$
- ▶  $\cos \frac{n\pi}{L}(x + ct)$ : wave traveling to the left, with velocity  $c$

Standing and traveling wave (Wiki)

Wave equation (Hojun Lee's simulation)

4.4.3. Consider a slightly damped vibrating string that satisfies

$$\rho_0 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = T_0 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - \beta \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}.$$

- (a) Briefly explain why  $\beta > 0$ .
- \* (b) Determine the solution (by separation of variables) that satisfies the boundary conditions

$$u(0, t) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad u(L, t) = 0$$

and the initial conditions

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = g(x).$$

You can assume that this frictional coefficient  $\beta$  is relatively small ( $\beta^2 < 4\pi^2 \rho_0 T_0 / L^2$ ).

4.4.4. Redo Exercise 4.4.3(b) by the eigenfunction expansion method.

Question: Will there be a solution to the IBVP?

$$\partial_{tt}u = c^2\partial_{xx}u - \beta\partial_xu$$

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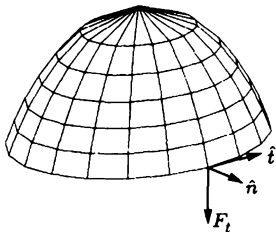
$$\partial_{tt}u = c^2 \nabla^2 u$$

2D wave equation:  $\nabla^2 u = (\partial_{xx} + \partial_{yy})u$

- ▶ The derivation of the equation: similar to the 1D string.
- ▶ Boundary treatment (Stokes' theorem)

$$\int \int \nabla \times \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{n} dA = \int \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{t} ds$$

where  $dA$  is differential surface area,  $ds$  is diff. arc length.



**Figure 4.5.1** Perturbed stretched membrane with approximately constant tension  $T_0$ . The normal vector to the surface is  $\hat{n}$  and the tangent vector to the edge is  $\hat{t}$ .