

Lecture Outline for Wednesday, Nov. 1

1. Wave equation example

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

- a. Vibrations of string: $v = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\rho}}$, where T = tension in string, ρ = mass per unit length
- b. Typical BCs and ICs (two ICs because time problem is second order)

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

- c. Apply SOV method with $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$ to obtain

$$v^2 X''T = XT'' \rightarrow \frac{X''}{X} = \frac{T''}{v^2 T} = -\lambda \rightarrow X'' + \lambda X = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad T'' + v^2 \lambda T = 0$$

- d. The BCs $u(0, t) = 0 \rightarrow X(0) = 0$ and $u(L, t) = 0 \rightarrow X(L) = 0$ lead to the orthogonal spatial eigenfunctions

$$X_n(x) = c_2 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad \text{with} \quad \lambda_n = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 \quad \text{for} \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

- e. The T problem is an initial value problem involving the Fourier equation. The possible solution forms are

$$T_n(t) = c_4 \cos(v\sqrt{\lambda_n}t) + c_5 \sin(v\sqrt{\lambda_n}t) = c_4 \cos\left(\frac{n\pi vt}{L}\right) + c_5 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi vt}{L}\right)$$

or $T_n(t) = c_4 e^{iv\sqrt{\lambda_n}t} + c_5 e^{-iv\sqrt{\lambda_n}t},$

but the one that uses trigonometric functions is more convenient since it involves only real quantities.

- f. Each eigensolution to the full PDE with $A_n = c_2 c_4$ and $B_n = c_2 c_5$ has the form:

$$u_n(x, t) = X_n(x)T_n(t) = \left[A_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi vt}{L}\right) + B_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi vt}{L}\right) \right] \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right),$$

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- g. Each eigensolution u_n is a solution, but a linear combination of eigensolutions is also a solution. Full solution to the PDE for the general case:

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

First time derivative (needed when second initial condition is applied):

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

- h. Determination of coefficients in summation. Two sets of coefficients determined by two initial conditions (ICs):

Apply IC #1: $u(x, 0) = f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$

Multiply by m th eigenfunction and weighting function [$p(x) = 1$ in this case] and integrate over interval of interest:

$$\int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \int_0^L \sin\left(\frac{m\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

As we have already seen, this leads to

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

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

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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i. Full solution to the PDE is

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

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

j. 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).

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 $g(x) = 0$ (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

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_n}{2} \left[\sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L} + \frac{n\pi vt}{L}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L} - \frac{n\pi vt}{L}\right) \right] \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{A_n}{2} \left\{ \sin\left[\frac{n\pi}{L}(x+vt)\right] + \sin\left[\frac{n\pi}{L}(x-vt)\right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$