

CEE 6513
HW #5
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$$1. \begin{cases} U_{tt} = U_{xx} \\ U(x, t) = 0, t \leq 0, 0 \leq x \leq L \\ U(0, t) = f(t) = \begin{cases} 1 - \cos(2t) & 0 \leq t \leq \pi \\ 0 & \text{on} \end{cases} \\ U(L, t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

use central difference in space and time

$$\frac{U_j^{n+1} - U_j^n}{\Delta t} = \frac{U_{j+1}^n - U_{j-1}^n}{\Delta x}$$

$$U_j^{n+1} - 2U_j^n + U_j^{n-1} = \frac{U_{j+1}^n - 2U_j^n + U_{j-1}^n}{(\Delta x)^2} (\Delta t)^2$$

j: space index
n: time index

$$\Rightarrow U_j^{n+1} = r^2 [U_{j+1}^n - 2U_j^n + U_{j-1}^n] + 2U_j^n - U_j^{n-1}$$

where $r = \underbrace{c \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x}}_{\text{CFL number}}$, where $c=1$ and we set $r=1$

This is our update equation.

Since it's a 2-step method, to initialize we add a fictitious grid at U_j^{n-1} and $U_j^{-1} = [0, 0, \dots, 0]$

because the bar is at rest at $i=0$, thus also at rest at $i=-1$.

The 2 Dirichlet Boundary conditions are enforced at each time step.

The plot for $t=20, 40, 60, 80, 100$ are shown, but all lines overlap so you can only see $t=100$. To animate the wave motion, you can run section 2 in the matlab script.

Δt or δt is chosen to be < 0.5 to ensure sufficient sampling rate.

An additional plot using $L=6$ is shown to illustrate non-overlapping wave at different times