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It is noted that there is a tension T in the string. This tension would be cumulative, held up over the length of the string. That means that each miniscule part of the string (call it dx) would have a tension acting on it (call it T) from each side. The difference between the two sides would be the angle at which it acts. Suppose that a tiny piece of the string dx experiences a force from each side, one from the left and one from the right. The forces would have some nearly identical (albeit not identical) magnitude (T), but different directions (\hat{T}_1 and \hat{T}_2 , respectively). Each of these would exert a force on the piece of string. We can apply Newton's second law to this as well.

$$\vec{F} = \hat{T}_1 T + \hat{T}_2 T = \vec{a} dm \quad (1)$$

We do not have a known mass, but we do have a known density of this string. We can get the mass of a tiny part of the string from that, which we can substitute into the above equation.

$$dm = \mu dx \quad (2)$$

$$(\hat{T}_1 + \hat{T}_2) T = \vec{a} \mu dx \quad (3)$$

The acceleration can also be expressed in terms of a second derivative.

$$\vec{a} = \frac{\partial^2 \vec{y}}{\partial t^2} \quad (4)$$

$$(\hat{T}_1 + \hat{T}_2) T = \frac{\partial^2 \vec{y}}{\partial t^2} \mu dx \quad (5)$$

This being a 2D wave, we can separate the tension vectors into both x and y components. These would be dependant on their separate vectors' angles with the horizontal. Since both are unit vectors, we only need to consider the sines and cosines, so no magnitudes.

$$\hat{T}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta_1) \\ \sin(\theta_1) \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

$$\hat{T}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta_2) \\ \sin(\theta_2) \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

$$\hat{T}_1 + \hat{T}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta_1) \\ \sin(\theta_1) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta_2) \\ \sin(\theta_2) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta_1) + \cos(\theta_2) \\ \sin(\theta_1) + \sin(\theta_2) \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

In the case of strings, the values of θ_1 and θ_2 are immeasurably small, so we can estimate and approximate the values of their sines and cosines.

$$\cos(\theta) \rightarrow 1; \sin(\theta) \rightarrow \theta \quad (9)$$

Bear in mind as well that the x -values of the tension forces are in opposite directions, so if ever these cosines are added together, we can set them both to be

equal to 1 and cancel them out. Furthermore, the values of θ are approximately equal to the difference in y -value of the piece of string.

$$\hat{T}_1 + \hat{T}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 1 \\ \theta_1 + \theta_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ dy \end{pmatrix} \quad (10)$$

The values of T also do change. The difference in tension would be directly proportional to the slope of the line at that specific point.

$$T' = \frac{dy}{dx} T \quad (11)$$