

## 12.1 PDE.

(Superposition)

Ⓐ  $u_1, u_2$ : two solutions of a homogeneous linear PDE in some region  $D$

Ⓑ For any  $C_1, C_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

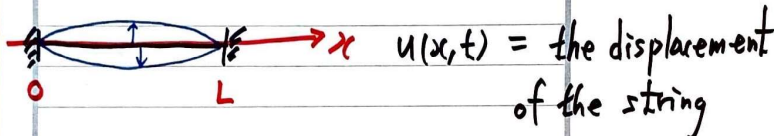
$u(x) = C_1 u_1(x) + C_2 u_2(x)$  is also a solution of the PDE in  $D$ .

## 12.2 Wave equation

### 12.3 Wave equation: Separation of variables

$$u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0:$$

(Notation:  $u_t = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$ ,  $u_x = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ )  
 $u_{tt} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$ ,  $u_{xx} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$



$c > 0$ : the wave speed.

### Initial Boundary value problem (IBVP)

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - c^2 u_{xx} = 0, & 0 < x < L, t > 0 \\ u(0,t) = 0, & u(L,t) = 0 \\ u(x,0) = f(x), & u_t(x,0) = g(x), & 0 < x < L \end{cases}$$

(Separation of variables)

Let  $u(x,t) = F(x)G(t)$

$$u_{tt} = F(x)G''(t), \quad u_{xx} = F''(x)G(t)$$

$$u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx} \text{ iff } \underline{F(x)G''(t)} = c^2 \underline{F''(x)G(t)}$$

Assume  $u(x,t) \neq 0$   
iff  $f(x) \neq 0$  or  $g(t) \neq 0$

$$\frac{\cancel{F(x)} G''(t)}{\cancel{F(x)} G(t)} = \frac{C^2 \cancel{F''(x)} \cancel{G(t)}}{\cancel{F(x)} \cancel{G(t)}}$$

$$\frac{G''(t)}{C^2 G(t)} = \frac{F''(x)}{F(x)} = \text{constant} \stackrel{\text{let}}{=} k$$

$$(1) F'' = kF \quad (2) G'' = kC^2 G$$

$$\text{BC: } u(0,t) = F(0)G(t) = 0 \text{ for any } t > 0 \\ \therefore F(0) = 0$$

$$u(L,t) = F(L)G(t) = 0 \text{ for any } t > 0 \\ \therefore F(L) = 0$$

$$(1) F'' - kF = 0, \quad F(0) = 0, \quad F(L) = 0$$

(SL)

$$r^2 - k = 0: \quad r = \pm \sqrt{k}$$

$$\textcircled{1} k > 0: \quad F(x) = C_1 e^{\sqrt{k}x} + C_2 e^{-\sqrt{k}x}$$

$$F(0) = C_1 + C_2 = 0 \leftarrow \text{BC}: \quad C_2 = -C_1$$

$$F(L) = C_1 e^{\sqrt{k}L} + C_2 e^{-\sqrt{k}L} = 0 \leftarrow \text{BC}$$

$$C_1 (e^{\sqrt{k}L} - e^{-\sqrt{k}L}) = 0 \quad \text{since } \neq 0: \quad C_1 = 0, \quad C_2 = 0$$

$$F(x) \equiv 0 \text{ for any } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\uparrow$  identically zero

**No eigenfunctions.**

$$\textcircled{2} k = 0: \quad F'' = 0 \quad F(x) = C_1 x + C_2$$

$$F(0) = C_2 = 0 \leftarrow \text{BC}, \quad F(x) = C_1 x$$

$$F(L) = C_1 L = 0 \downarrow: \quad C_1 = 0,$$

**No eigenfunctions.**

$$\textcircled{3} k < 0: \quad \text{Let } h = -k \text{ iff } k = -h$$

$$r = \pm \sqrt{k} = \pm \sqrt{-h} = \pm \sqrt{h} i$$

$$F(x) = C_1 \cos(\sqrt{h}x) + C_2 \sin(\sqrt{h}x).$$

$$F(0) = C_1 = 0 \checkmark \text{BC} : F(L) = C_2 \sin(\sqrt{h}L)$$

$$F(L) = C_2 \sin(\sqrt{h}L) = 0 : C_2 \neq 0$$

$$\sin(\sqrt{h}L) = 0 : \sqrt{h}L = n\pi > 0$$

$$\sqrt{h} = \frac{n\pi}{L} : h = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 : k = -\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2$$

$$\text{Let } F_n(x) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right), k_n \stackrel{\text{let}}{=} -\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2$$

$$(2) G'' = k C^2 G = -\left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 C^2 G$$

$$G'' + \left(\frac{cn\pi}{L}\right)^2 G = 0$$

$$r^2 + \left(\frac{cn\pi}{L}\right)^2 = 0 : r = \pm \frac{cn\pi}{L} i$$

$$G_n(t) \stackrel{\text{let}}{=} A_n \cos\left(\frac{cn\pi}{L}t\right) + B_n \sin\left(\frac{cn\pi}{L}t\right)$$

$n=1, 2, 3, \dots$

IC:

$$\text{Let } U_n(x, t) = F_n(x) G_n(t),$$

$$U_n(x, t) = \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \left[ A_n \cos\left(\frac{cn\pi t}{L}\right) + B_n \sin\left(\frac{cn\pi t}{L}\right) \right]$$

$$U(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n(x, t)$$

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

$$A_n = ? \quad B_n = ?$$

$$U(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) = f(x) \checkmark \text{IC}$$

$(0 < x < L)$

: the Fourier sine series of  $f(x)$

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

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

$$U_t(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \left(\frac{cn\pi}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) = g(x)$$

$\checkmark \text{IC}$

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



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

Remark:  $g(x) \equiv 0$  i.e.  $u_t(x, 0) = 0, 0 < x < L$

$$B_n = 0, n = 1, 2, \dots$$

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

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

(d'Alembert formula)  $u_t(x, 0) = g(x) \equiv 0$

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [f(x+ct) + f(x-ct)]$$

(pf)  $\sin(\alpha) \cos(\beta) = \frac{1}{2} [\sin(\alpha+\beta) + \sin(\alpha-\beta)]$

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

(Ex 1) p 551  $g(x) = 0, 0 < x < L$

$y = f(x)$

$u(x, t) = \frac{f(x+ct) + f(x-ct)}{2}$

$= \frac{1}{2} [f(x - (-ct)) + f(x - ct)]$

translation of  $f_0(x)$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{L}x, & 0 < x < \frac{L}{2} \\ \frac{2}{L}(L-x), & \frac{L}{2} < x < L \end{cases}$$

