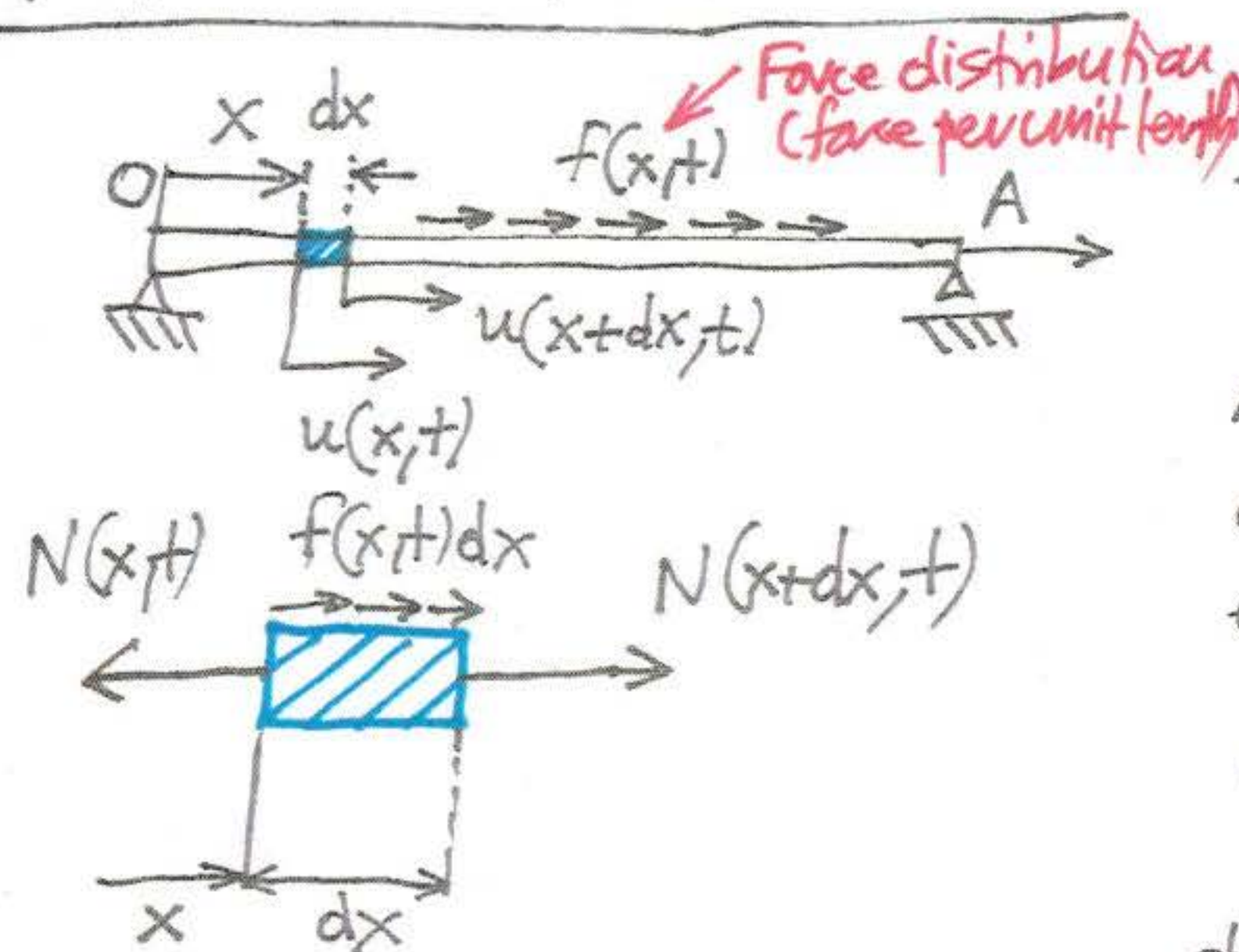


## B. Axial vibrations of elastic rods



Assume modulus of elasticity  $E$  and cross section  $A(x)$ . Assume  $m(x) = A(x) \cdot \rho$  mass per unit length of rod,  $\rho$  is density

Assuming linearly elastic material and small axial oscillations  $\Rightarrow$  infinitesimal linear elasticity in  $x$ -direction  $\Rightarrow$

$$\epsilon(x,t) = \frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial x}, \quad \sigma(x,t) = E \epsilon(x,t) \Rightarrow$$

Assume uniform distribution of stresses at each cross section

strain

$\Rightarrow$  Local axial force at position  $x$  is equal to  $N(x,t) = \sigma(x,t) A(x) = EA(x) \frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial x}$

Similarly at position  $x+dx$ , the local axial force is then given by,

$$N(x+dx,t) = EA(x+dx) \frac{\partial u(x+dx,t)}{\partial x}$$

Considering the differential element of length  $dx$  we write balance of forces in the  $x$ -direction  $\Rightarrow$

$$m(x)dx \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial t^2} = N(x+dx,t) - N(x,t) + f(x,t)dx \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow m(x)dx \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial t^2} = \frac{EA(x+dx) \frac{\partial u(x+dx,t)}{\partial x} - EA(x) \frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial x}}{dx} dx + f(x,t)dx \Rightarrow \text{As } dx \rightarrow 0,$$



$$m(x) \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial t^2} dx = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ EA(x) \frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial x} \right] dx + f(x,t) dx + O(dx^2) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{m(x) \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ EA(x) \frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial x} \right] + f(x,t)} \quad \text{Generalized wave equation!}$$

If  $m(x) = m$ ,  $EA(x) = EA$ ,  $f(x,t) = 0 \Rightarrow$  We get the classical wave equation

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}} \quad c^2 = \frac{E}{\rho}, \quad c \text{ is the speed of sound in the rod.}$$

↑ classical wave equation

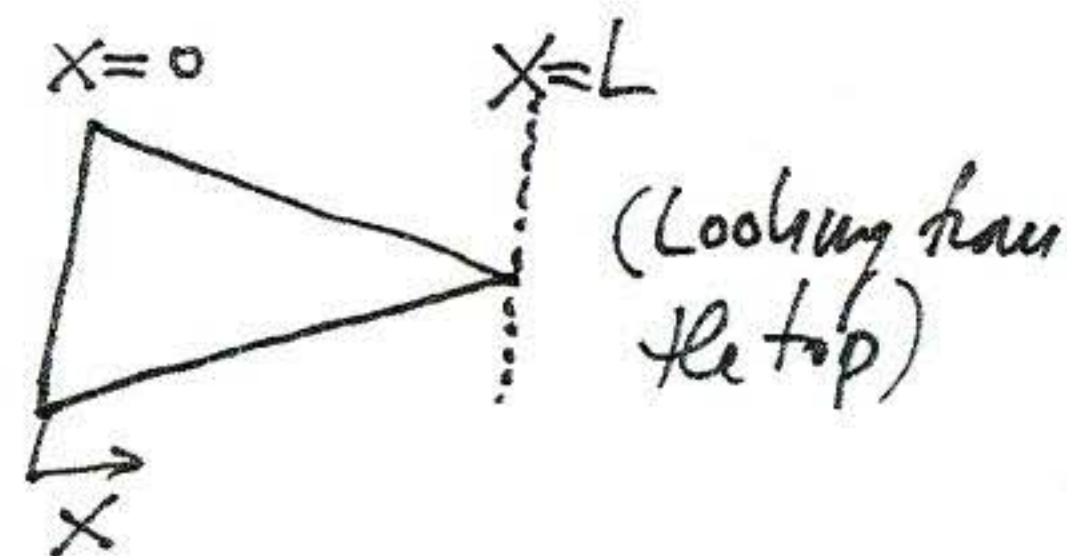
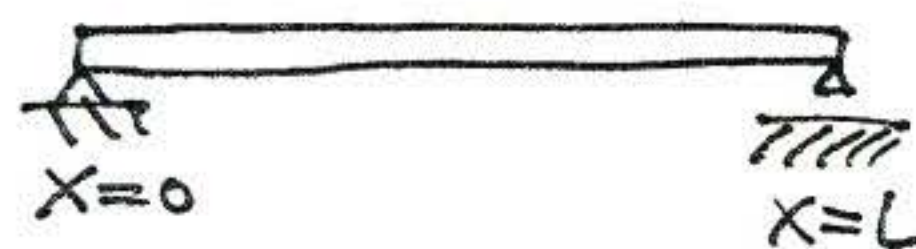
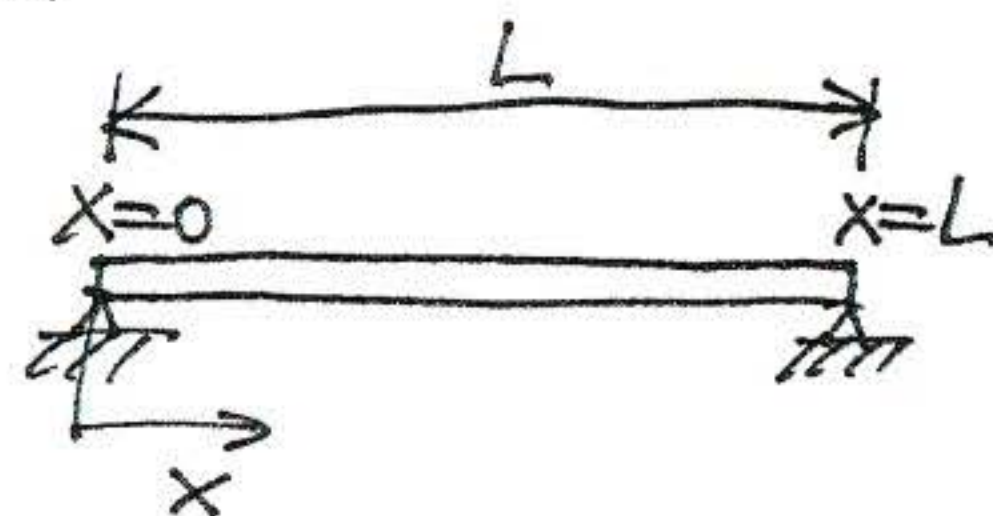
Discussing briefly boundary conditions,

Fixed end  $\Rightarrow u(0,t) = 0$  or  $u(L,t) = 0$

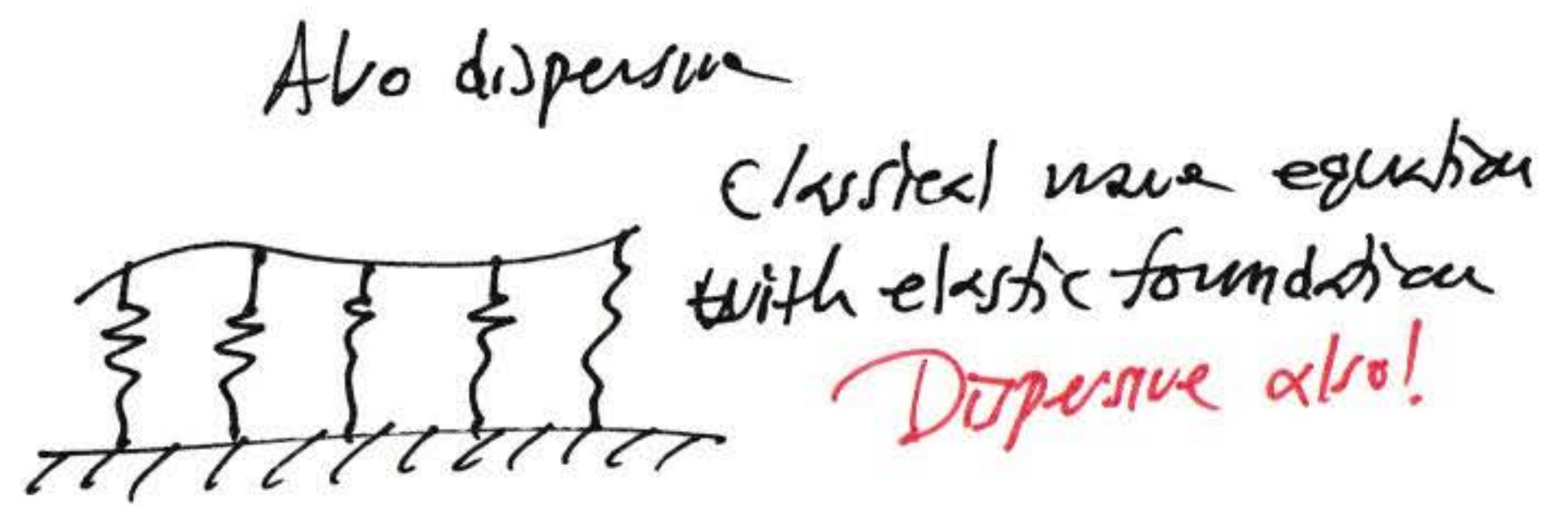
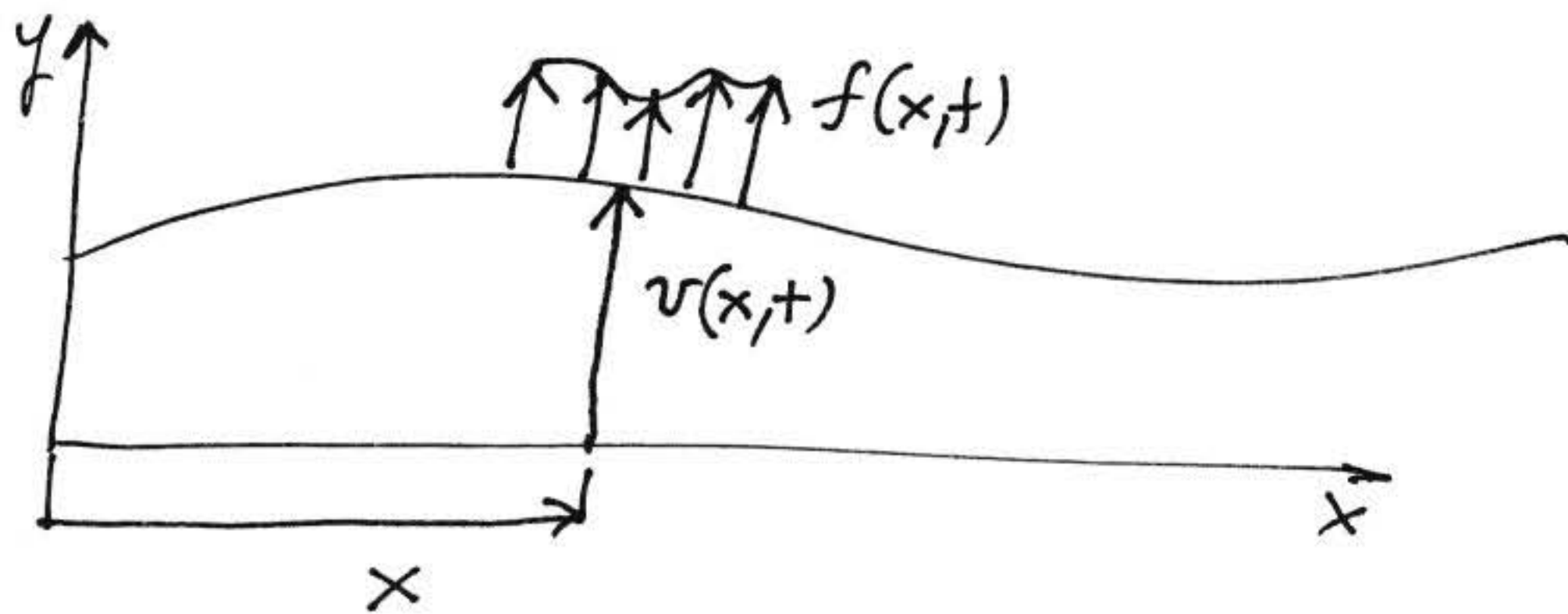
Free end  $\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow L} \left[ EA(x) \frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial x} \right] = 0 \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow$  If  $EA(L) \neq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial u(L,t)}{\partial x} = 0$

But if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow L} EA(x) = 0 \Rightarrow$  The full boundary condition should be taken into account







Non Dispersive medium

Generalized wave equation,  $m(x) \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ T(x) \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \right] + f(x,t) = 0$

If  $m(x)=m$ ,  $T(x)=T$ ,  $f(x,t)=0$ ,  $\rightarrow$  Classical wave equation

$$m \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} = T \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} = \underbrace{\left( \frac{T}{m} \right)}_{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2}$$



Represents a non-dispersive waveguide

For the classical wave equation, any applied disturbance propagates with the same velocity  $c$ .

For example, consider traveling wave Ansatz

$v(x,t) = A \cos(\omega t - kx)$   $\swarrow$  frequency  $\searrow$  wavenumber

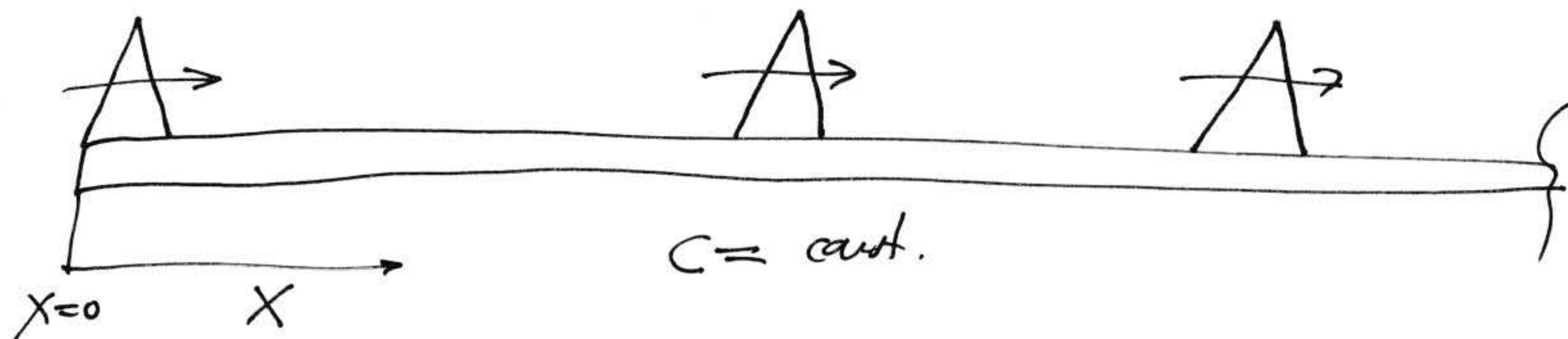
$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = -\omega A \sin(\omega t - kx) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial t^2} = -\omega^2 A \cos(\omega t - kx)$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = k A \sin(\omega t - kx) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} = -k^2 A \cos(\omega t - kx)$$

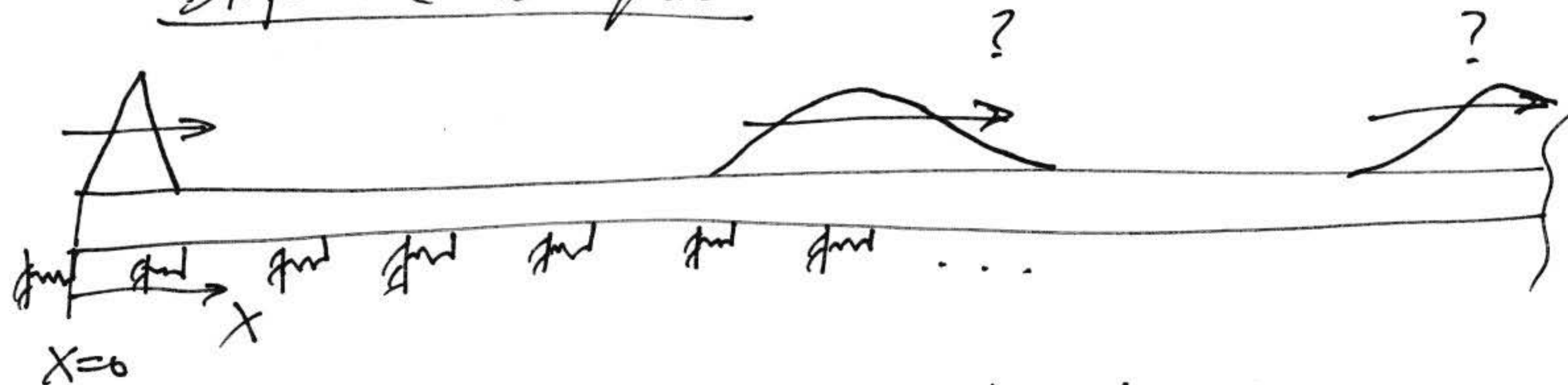
Substitute into ~~the~~ <sup>classical</sup> wave equation  $\Rightarrow -\omega^2 = c^2 k^2 \Rightarrow c^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{k^2} \Rightarrow \boxed{c = \frac{\omega}{k}}$



Non-dispersive waveguide: E.g., governed by wave equation  
classic



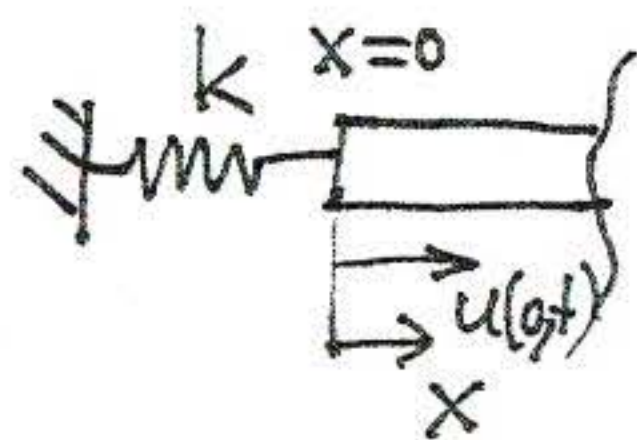
Dispersive waveguides



$c \neq \text{const}$  b/c depends on wave number  
or frequency

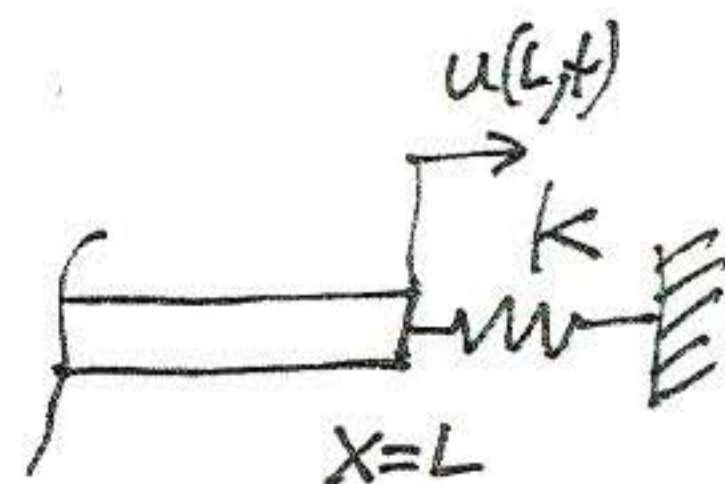


## Stiffness at the boundary



Performing balance of axial forces at  $x=0 \Rightarrow N(0,t) - ku(0,t) = 0 \Rightarrow$

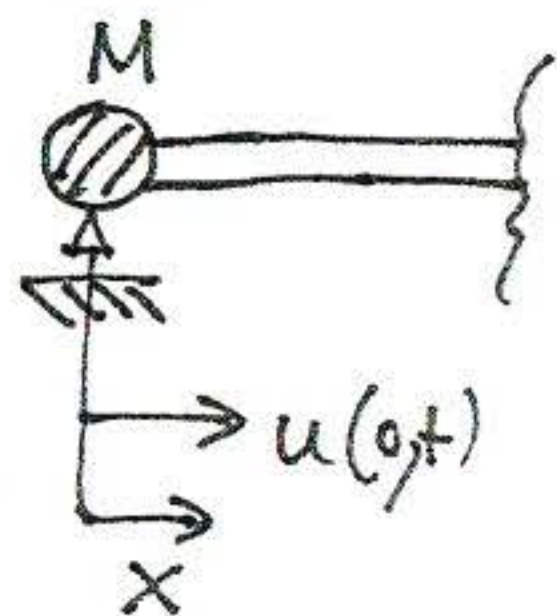
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{EA(0) \frac{\partial u(0,t)}{\partial x} - ku(0,t) = 0}$$



At the other end we can show that

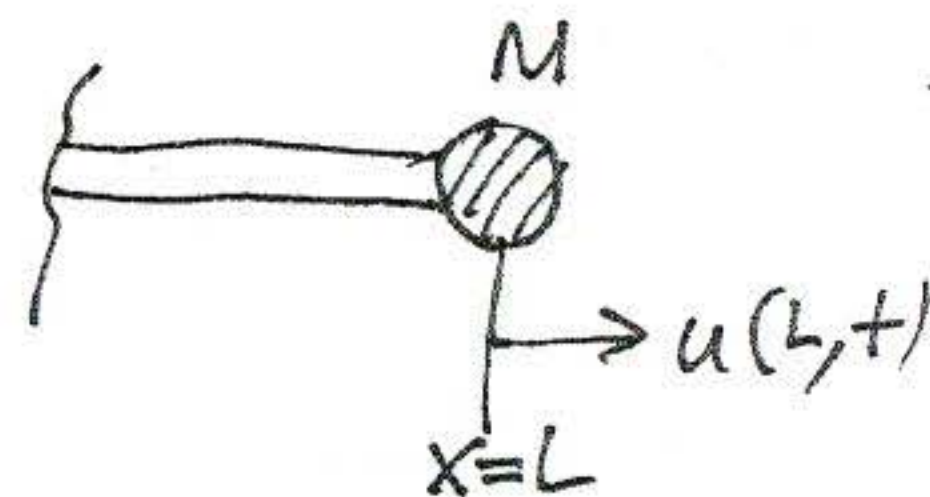
$$\boxed{EA(L) \frac{\partial u(L,t)}{\partial x} + ku(L,t) = 0}$$

## Inertia at the boundary



Perform again balance of axial forces at  $x=0 \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{EA(0) \frac{\partial u(0,t)}{\partial x} - M \frac{\partial^2 u(0,t)}{\partial t^2} = 0}$$



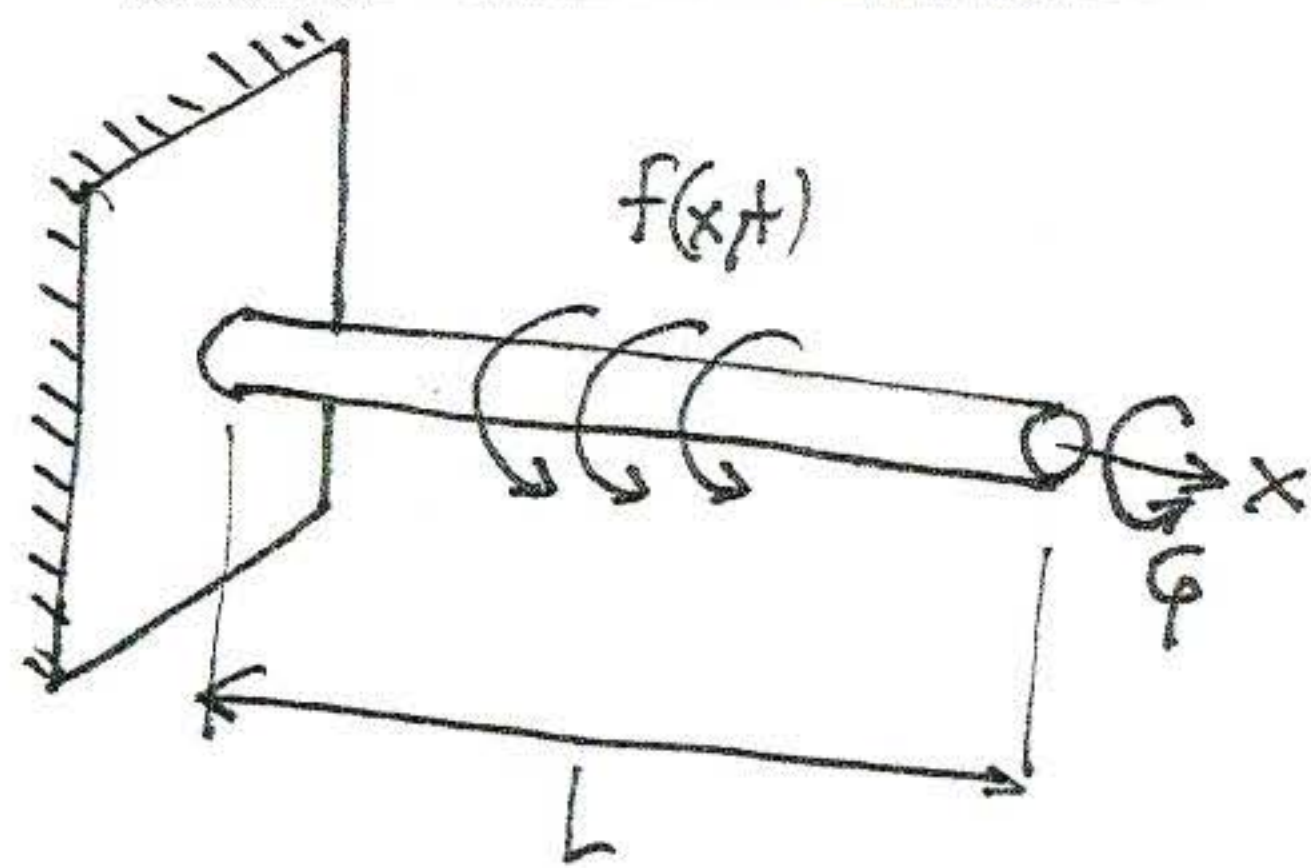
Then the BC becomes

$$\boxed{EA(L) \frac{\partial u(L,t)}{\partial x} + M \frac{\partial^2 u(L,t)}{\partial t^2} = 0}$$

Suggestion: Please try to recover these boundary conditions!



### C. Torsional vibrations of circular shafts



By performing balance of moments on a differential element of this system we can show that the torsional oscillations are governed by the generalized wave equation in the form:

$$\rho J_p(x) \frac{\partial^2 \phi(x,t)}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ G J_p(x) \frac{\partial \phi(x,t)}{\partial x} \right] + f(x,t)$$

Polar moment  
of inertia of the  
cross section at \$x\$

Modulus of  
torsional  
rigidity

Assuming a shaft with constant properties \$\Rightarrow \rho J\_p(x) = \rho J\_p \Rightarrow\$ Equation becomes the classic wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi(x,t)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \phi(x,t)}{\partial t^2}$$

\$c = \sqrt{\frac{G}{\rho}}\$ speed of sound in this medium

Brief overview of boundary conditions:

Fixed boundary: \$\phi(0,t) = 0\$ or \$\phi(L,t) = 0\$

Free boundary: \$\frac{\partial \phi(0,t)}{\partial x} = 0\$ or \$\frac{\partial \phi(L,t)}{\partial x} = 0\$