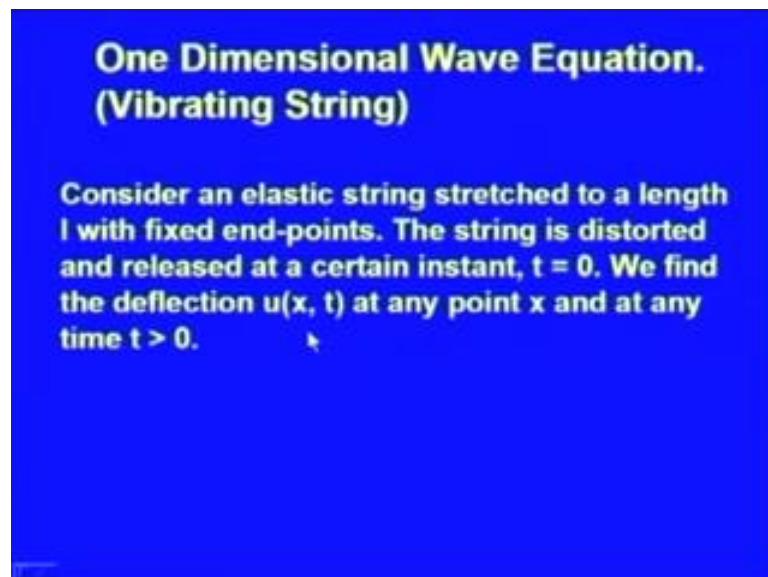


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Lecture - 12
One Dimensional Wave Equation

Dear viewers, in my lecture today, we shall discuss the One Dimensional Wave Equation and its solution by the product method and D'Alembert's method. We shall take a uniform elastic string tightly stretched between two fixed points and consider its transverse vibrations under reasonable assumptions. We shall see that it gives us the equation $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$, where $u(x, t)$ denotes the displacement of the string at a distance x and at time t . This equation as we know from classification of partial differential equations is a hyperbolic partial differential equation. So, we shall discuss its solution by taking the product method and then by the classification by the D'Alembert's method.

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Let us consider an elastic string stretched to a length l with fixed end points, the string is distorted and released at a certain instant we state that instant as t equal to 0 and then we will discuss the deflection, which we denote by $u(x, t)$ at any point x and at a time t greater than 0 of the instant.

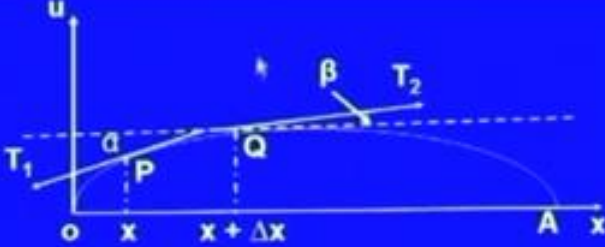
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Assumptions:

- (i) The string is homogeneous;
- (ii) The string is perfectly elastic and does not offer any resistance to bending;
- (iii) The weight of the string in stretched stage is negligible;
- (iv) The motion of the string is a small transverse vibration;
- (v) The higher powers of u and u_x are negligible.

The assumptions are the string is homogeneous it is perfectly elastic and does not offer any resistance to bending. The weight of the string in the stretched stage is negligible the motion of the string is a small transverse vibration the higher powers of u and $\frac{\Delta u}{\Delta x}$ which we have denoted by u_x are negligible that is the higher powers of u and its slope $\frac{\Delta u}{\Delta x}$ are negligible.

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Consider the motion of an element PQ of length Δs .

Forces acting on PQ:

Tensions T_1 and T_2 along the tangents at P and Q.

Let us consider the motion of an element PQ of length Δs the forces that are obtain on this element or the tensions at the points P and Q, which at along the tangents T_1 is

the tension at the point P and T 2 is the tension at the point Q. Since, the string is perfectly elastic it does not offer any resistance to bending.

Now, when we resolve these forces T 1 and T 2 horizontally and vertically, then the horizontal force horizontal component of the force T 1 will be T 1 cos of alpha horizontal component of the force T 2 will be T 2 cos of beta. So, we shall have T 1 cos of alpha equal to T 2 cos of beta, because there is no horizontal a long horizontal direction, then they are equal and then in the vertical direction there is a movement only in the transverse direction of the elastic string.

So, T 1 cos of alpha mews s t be equal to T 2 cos of beta and in the vertical direction, that is along the by axis. We have m delta s is the mass of the element PQ m delta s into delta square u over delta t square equal to this is a and here, we will have vertical component of T 2 will be t 2 sin of beta where the vertical component of T 1 will be T 1 sin of alpha, so T2 sin of beta minus T 1 sin of alpha.

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Let $u(x, t)$ be the vertical displacement at time t and point x .

Resolving the tensions horizontally and vertically, we have

$$T_2 \sin \beta - T_1 \sin \alpha = m \Delta s \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$$

and

$$T_2 \cos \beta - T_1 \cos \alpha = 0,$$

since there is no horizontal acceleration.

So, we shall have the equations of motion as if $u(x, t)$ denotes the vertical displacement at time t and at a distance point x , then after resolving the tensions horizontally and vertically we have T 2 sin beta minus T 1 sin of alpha equal to m delta s into delta square u over delta t square and T 2 cos beta equal to T 1 cos of alpha because there is no horizontal acceleration.

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The second equation shows that for every element of the string

$$T_2 \cos \beta = T_1 \cos \alpha = \text{constant} = T, \text{ say.}$$

From the above equations of motion, we get

$$\frac{m \Delta s}{T} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{T_2 \sin \beta}{T_2 \cos \beta} - \frac{T_1 \sin \alpha}{T_1 \cos \alpha}$$
$$= \tan \beta - \tan \alpha.$$

We know that $\tan \alpha$ and $\tan \beta$ are the slopes of the curve at x and $x + \Delta x$ i.e.

Now, the second equation $T_2 \cos \beta - T_1 \cos \alpha = 0$ shows that for every element of this string $T_2 \cos \beta$ is equal to $T_1 \cos \alpha$ and so we can take it as a constant say T . Now, from the above equations of motion we have then $m \Delta s \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{T_2 \sin \beta}{T_2 \cos \beta} - \frac{T_1 \sin \alpha}{T_1 \cos \alpha}$. Let us divide the equation first equation by T , then $m \Delta s$ by T into $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{T_2 \sin \beta}{T \cos \beta} - \frac{T_1 \sin \alpha}{T \cos \alpha}$ that is T we can take us $T_2 \cos \beta$.

So, $\frac{T_2 \sin \beta}{T \cos \beta} - \frac{T_1 \sin \alpha}{T \cos \alpha}$ here we take the value of T as $T_1 \cos \alpha$. So, we have $\frac{T_1 \sin \alpha}{T_1 \cos \alpha}$ and then the right hand side becomes right hand side of this equation becomes $\tan \beta - \tan \alpha$ and from the figure it is clear that $\tan \alpha$ and $\tan \beta$ are the slopes of the curve at the point x and at the point $x + \Delta x$.

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$$\tan\alpha = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_x, \quad \tan\beta = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_{x+\Delta x}$$

By our assumption $\Delta s = \Delta x$, to a first approximation. Hence

$$\frac{m\Delta s}{T} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \tan\beta - \tan\alpha$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{m}{T} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \left[\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_{x+\Delta x} - \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)_x \right]$$

And therefore, tan alpha is equal to the partial derivative of u with respect to x at x and tan beta will be the partial derivative of u with respect to x at x plus delta x that is this slopes at x and at x plus delta x and by our assumption delta s is equal to delta x to a first order approximation. Hence m delta s over delta m delta s over T delta square u over delta t square is equal to tan beta minus tan of alpha, which implies that m delta square u over delta t square m over T delta square u over delta t square is equal to tan beta minus tan alpha that is delta u over delta x at x plus tan alpha minus delta u over delta x at x divided by delta x.

Now, as delta x goes to 0 the right hand side of this equation the right hand side of this equation that is 1 over delta x delta u over delta x at x plus delta x minus delta u over delta x at x will tend to delta x square u over delta x square and m over T are we will take it to the right side, so it will become T over m, T over m is the physical constant T over m is positive. So, we will write we can write it as c square and that will lead as to the partial differential equation delta square u over delta t square equal to c square delta u square over delta x square.

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Since,

$$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta x} \left[\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_{x+\Delta x} - \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \right)_x \right] = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}.$$

We obtain the following linear partial differential equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad \left(c^2 = \frac{T}{m} \right),$$

known as one-dimensional wave equation. Since T/m is positive, we write it as c^2 .

So, since this expression as delta x goes to 0 tends to delta square u over delta x square, we obtain the following linear partial differential equation delta square u over delta t square equal to c square delta square u over delta x square, which is known as given dimensional wave equation further, because c T over m the physical constant T over m is positive, we may take it this as the square of c. So, we have the differential equation as u t t equal to c square into u x x.

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Boundary Conditions:

- (i) $u(0, t) = 0$, for all t;
- (ii) $u(l, t) = 0$, for all t.

Initial Conditions:

If the initial shape of the string is that of a curve $u = f(x)$ and it is released from rest, then

- (i) $u(x, 0) = f(x)$;
- (ii) $\partial u / \partial t = 0$ when $t = 0$,

Now, the boundary conditions in every for the in this case are $u(0, t) = 0$, because at the ends they are the ends of the string are fixed. So, there is no displacement at the ends of the boundary string that is at $x = 0$ for all the time t there is no displacement. So, $u(0, t)$ is equal to 0 for their at the other end that is at $x = l$ for all the time t there is no displacement, so $u(l, t)$ is this is equal to 0.

The initial conditions are the if the initial shape of the string is that of a curve $u = f(x)$ and it is released from rest, then we have $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0$ when $t = 0$ here. We are assuming that the initial shape of the string is given by a curve say $u = f(x)$ and it is released from rest of there is the velocity $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$ is 0 at $t = 0$ and at $t = 0$ $u(x, t)$ is equal to $f(x)$

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Alternatively, one may take the initial conditions as

(i) $u(x, 0) = 0;$

(ii) $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = g(x)$ when $t = 0,$

In the most general case, one may consider

(i) $u(x, 0) = f(x);$

(ii) $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = g(x)$ when $t = 0.$

Now, another set of initial conditions may be taken as $u(x, 0)$ is equal to 0 and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = g(x)$, when t is equal to 0 that is initially there is no displacement in the string at time $t = 0$, $u(x, 0)$ is $u(x, t) = 0$, but the initial velocity of the string is given by a function of x , so that is $g(x)$. So, when at $t = 0$ the initial velocity is given by this $g(x)$ in the most general case one may take the initial conditions as the initial shape of the string is given by a curve that is the function $f(x)$ that is, so $u(x, 0)$ is equal to $f(x)$ and the initial velocity at the time $t = 0$ is also given by a function of x that is $g(x)$.

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**Solution by Separation of Variables
(Product Method).**

To solve $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$

subject to the conditions

(i) $u(0, t) = u(l, t) = 0$ for all t ;
(ii) $u(x, 0) = f(x)$, $\partial u / \partial t = g(x)$ when $t = 0$;

assume that $u(x, t) = F(x) T(t)$.

Then $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = F \ddot{T}$ and $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = F'' T$,

Now, let us solve this differential equation using the separation of variables method, which is also known as product method. So, we shall be solving this wave equation one dimensional wave equation subject to the conditions the $u(0, t) = u(l, t) = 0$, which are the two boundary conditions and the initial conditions we shall take as the most general case that is at the time t equal to 0 u is g is given by $f(x)$ and at time t equal to 0 the velocity is given by $g(x)$.

So, let us assume that the function u , then one function u can be written as the product of two functions one is a function of x another one is a function of t and. So, u is assume to be a f of a particular form it is a product of two functions one is a function of x and another one is a function of t that is why we call it a productive method or separation of variables method.

So, assume that $u(x, t) = F(x) T(t)$, then if you differentiate u partially with respect to t twice you will get $F(x) \ddot{T}(t)$. So, we had their dots represent the derivatives with respect to T and if you differentiated partially with respect to x twice, then you get $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = F''(x) T(t)$. So, F'' here represents the second derivative of F with respect to x . So, primes denote the derivatives with respect to x where the dots denotes derivative with respect to T .

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Hence

$$F \ddot{T} = c^2 F'' T,$$

or

$$\frac{\ddot{T}}{c^2 T} = \frac{F''}{F} = K \text{ (say).}$$

Thus we have

$$F'' - KF = 0$$

and

$$\ddot{T} - c^2 K T = 0.$$

And, now let us put the values of these u_{xx} and u_{tt} in the given one dimensional wave equation we will have $F \ddot{T} = c^2 F'' T$. We can separate the functions of x and T , so we shall have $\frac{\ddot{T}}{c^2 T} = \frac{F''}{F}$. Now, if you look at this equation $\frac{\ddot{T}}{c^2 T} = \frac{F''}{F}$, then $\frac{\ddot{T}}{c^2 T}$ is a function of T alone, while $\frac{F''}{F}$ is a function of x alone and they are equal such an equation is possible only when both are equal to a constant.

So, $\frac{\ddot{T}}{c^2 T} = \frac{F''}{F}$ must be equal to a constant, which we can take as say K . Then, we will have this will lead us to two ordinary differential equations of second order $F'' - KF = 0$ and $\ddot{T} - c^2 K T = 0$.

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Now

$$u(0, t) = F(0)T(t) = 0$$

and

$$u(l, t) = F(l)T(t) = 0$$

for all t .

If $T(t) = 0$, we get $u \equiv 0$ (inadmissible) so we take $T \neq 0$.

Then we have

$$F(0) = 0 \text{ and } F(l) = 0.$$

Now, we are having the boundary condition that $u(0, t)$ is equal to 0 and we have assumed that $u(x, t) = F(x)T(t)$. So, let us put x equal to 0 there, then what will happen we will get $u(0, t) = F(0)T(t)$, which is equal to 0. And, also we have $u(l, t) = 0$, so $u(l, t)$ is equal to $F(l)T(t) = 0$ for all the time T , now if T is equal to 0, then $u(x, t) = F(x)T(t)$ will give you u as identically 0 that is at for all the time t and for all x u is 0. So, this is an inadmissible case and so we will take T to be not equal to 0, and then one will have $F(0) = 0$ and $F(l) = 0$.

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If $K = 0$,

$$F'' - KF = 0 \Rightarrow F(x) = ax + b.$$

Using $F(0) = 0$ and $F(l) = 0$, we obtain $a = b = 0$.
Hence $F \equiv 0$ and therefore $u \equiv 0$.

If $K > 0$,

$$F'' - KF = 0 \Rightarrow F(x) = a_1 e^{\sqrt{K}x} + b_1 e^{-\sqrt{K}x}.$$

Again, $F(0) = F(l) = 0 \Rightarrow F \equiv 0 \Rightarrow u \equiv 0$.

Now, let us discuss the various cases, which occur due to the constant K the constant K may be 0 it may be positive it may be negative. So, we first discuss the case when K is 0, if K is 0 $f'' - Kf = 0$ will imply $f'' = 0$. So, that will give us after integration twice with respect to x it will lead as to $f(x) = ax + b$.

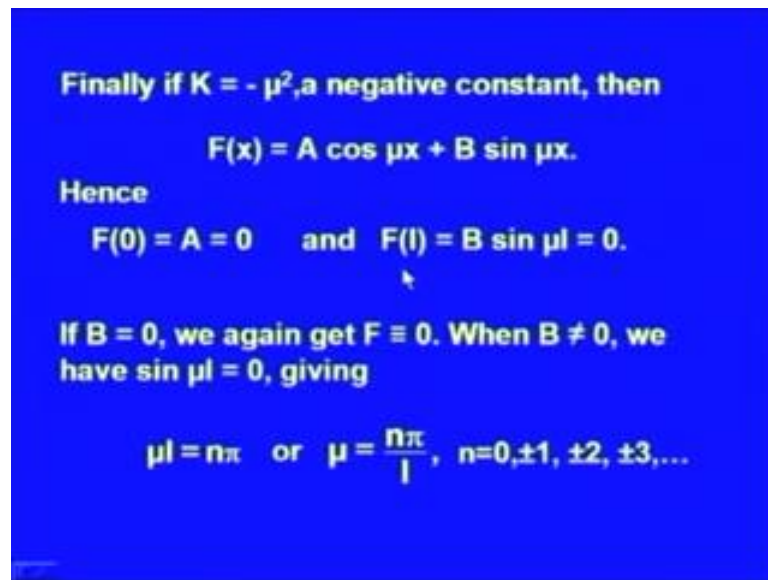
Now, we already have from the boundary conditions that $f(0) = 0$ and $f(1) = 0$. So, if we make use of these two conditions, then we shall have a and b both 0, and since a and b both are 0, $f(x)$ will be 0 for all values of x that is f is identically 0 and therefore, again u will be u being product of f and T will be identically 0.

So, this again inadmissible case now if k is taken to be positive then $f'' - Kf = 0$ will be giving us this homogeneous second order ordinary second order differential equation. So, we can write it is auxiliary equation as $m^2 - K = 0$, which will give us two values of m as $m = \pm \sqrt{K}$ they are both real and distinct.

And therefore, the complementary function will be equal to some constant that is a_1 times $e^{\sqrt{K}x}$ plus b_1 times $e^{-\sqrt{K}x}$ here the particular integral is 0, because the right hand side is 0. So, the general solution may be written as the complementary function plus particular integral that is $f(x) = a_1 e^{\sqrt{K}x} + b_1 e^{-\sqrt{K}x}$.

Now, again in order to determine a_1 and b_1 let us make use of $f(0) = 0$ and $f(1) = 0$. So, $f(1) - f(0) = 0$, then implies that $f(x) = 0$ for all values of x that is f is identically 0, which will imply that u is identically 0, so $K > 0$ is also not suitable.

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Finally if $K = -\mu^2$, a negative constant, then

$$F(x) = A \cos \mu x + B \sin \mu x.$$

Hence

$$F(0) = A = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad F(l) = B \sin \mu l = 0.$$

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If $B = 0$, we again get $F \equiv 0$. When $B \neq 0$, we have $\sin \mu l = 0$, giving

$$\mu l = n\pi \quad \text{or} \quad \mu = \frac{n\pi}{l}, \quad n=0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots$$

Let us now, consider K to be negative and since K is negative constant we can take it as negative of mu square. Then, the differential equation the second order differential equation for F leads us those to this solution $F(x)$ equal to $A \cos \mu x$ plus $B \sin \mu x$. Now, making use of $F(0) = 0$ it follows that A is equal to 0 and when you take $F(l) = 0$ we get $B \sin \mu l = 0$. Now, if you take here $B = 0$, then A and B both 0, will give you $F(x)$ equal to 0 for all values of x , which will give you u equal to 0 for all x and t , so B cannot be taken as 0, so the other possibility is that $\sin \mu l$ is equal to 0.

And, $\sin \mu l = 0$ then gives us $\mu l = n\pi$ or $\mu = \frac{n\pi}{l}$, where n can take all integral values 0 plus minus 1 plus minus 2 plus minus 3 and so on. If, you take n equal to 0 here, then μ is equal to 0 and $\mu = 0$ will give you K equal to 0 and we have seen that when K is equal to 0, we get the displacement function u as identically 0.

So, that case was not in a was not admissible and therefore, n is equal to 0 is ruled out here when, you take negative values of n , n equal to minus 1 minus 2 minus 3 and so on that is, then we know that \sin of minus theta is minus sin theta. So, what we will get they will get these solutions are negative they will get a same set of solutions except that will have a negative sign associated with it. So, we get nothing new, so that is why the

negative values of n can also be discarded, so we will say that μ is equal to $n\pi$ by l where n is a positive integer that is n is taking values 1, 2, 3, and so on.

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For $\mu = 0 \Rightarrow n = 0 \Rightarrow K = 0$ (already resolved).
 Also, it is sufficient to consider n positive because $\sin(-\theta) = -\sin \theta$.

Choosing $B = 1$ we obtain

$$F_n(x) = \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

With $K = -\mu^2$

$$\ddot{T} - c^2 K T = 0 \Rightarrow \ddot{T} + \lambda_n^2 T = 0,$$

where $\lambda_n = \frac{c n \pi}{l}$.

So, now, will it is sufficient to consider n as positive integer, because \sin minus theta is equal to minus sin theta. So, now, we can also take for simple convenience we can also take b equal to 1 and then we shall get these solutions as $\sin n\pi x$ over l where n takes values 1 2 3 and so on. So, each value of n is giving as a solution of the second order ordinary differential equation for F and so we denote them by $F_n(x)$, so $f_n(x)$ is equal to $\sin n\pi x$ over l when n takes values 1 2 3 and so on.

Where now, with k equal to minus μ square let us see, but do we get from the second differential equation that is the second order differential equation for T . So, T double dot minus c square $K T$ equal to 0, becomes T double dot plus λ_n square T equal to 0. Where λ_n is equal to $c n \pi$ over l after putting K equal to minus μ square and we have T double dot plus c square μ square into T equal to 0 and that will give us and μ is we have seen and π over l , so we will get λ_n equal to $c n \pi$ over l .

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The general solution of $\ddot{T} + \lambda_n^2 T = 0$ is

$$T_n(t) = B_n \cos \lambda_n t + C_n \sin \lambda_n t.$$

Thus the solution of the given wave equation is

$$u_n(x, t) = (B_n \cos \lambda_n t + C_n \sin \lambda_n t) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l},$$

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

Since the wave equation is linear and homogeneous we can superpose the above solutions and obtain the infinite series

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (B_n \cos \lambda_n t + C_n \sin \lambda_n t) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \quad (1)$$

So, this will give us this as the solution T double dot plus lambda n square T equal to 0 will give us the solution general solution as $T_n(t) = B_n \cos \lambda_n t + C_n \sin \lambda_n t$ for each value of n this differential equation will give as a solution. So, we can call this a solution for the nth equation as the equation for n is $T_n(t)$, so $T_n(t)$ is $B_n \cos \lambda_n t + C_n \sin \lambda_n t$ thus the solution of the given wave equation is $u(x, t) = (B_n \cos \lambda_n t + C_n \sin \lambda_n t) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$ and this is $F_n(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$ we had assume that $u(x, t) = F(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$, so from that we are getting this and n is taking values 1 2 3 and so on.

Now, since the wave equation is the linear or a partial differential equation of second order and it is homogeneous. So, we can superpose the above solutions a obtain the infinite series $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (B_n \cos \lambda_n t + C_n \sin \lambda_n t) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$ let us call it as equation number 1.

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$$u(x, 0) = f(x) \Rightarrow$$
$$u(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} = f(x).$$

This series is the half range expansion of $f(x)$ and the coefficients B_n are given by

$$B_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx. \quad (2)$$

Differentiating

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (B_n \cos \lambda_n t + C_n \sin \lambda_n t) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l},$$

Now, we have assume that the initial shape of these string elastic string is given by the corrupt u equal to $f x$. So, $u x 0$ equal to $f x$ implies if you put t equal to 0 in the equation number 1 what you get is $u x 0$ equal to sigma n equal to 1 to infinity $B_n \sin n \pi x$ over l which is equal to $f x$. Now, this series is the half range expansion of the function $f x$ this we know from the forever study of the Fourier series. So, this is the half range expansion of $f x$ and if you recall the in the case of the half range expansion the coefficients B_n is are given by 2 over l integral 0 to l $f x \sin n \pi x$ over l $d x$ this equation we call as equation 2.

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with respect to t and using $\dot{u}(x, 0) = g(x)$,
we get

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \lambda_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} = g(x)$$

giving us the Fourier sine series of $g(x)$.

Hence $C_n \lambda_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l g(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$

or $C_n = \frac{2}{c n \pi} \int_0^l g(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

as $\lambda_n = \frac{c n \pi}{l}.$ (3)

Now, if you differentiate this equation 1 that is the equation for $u(x, t)$ with respect to t partially, then what you get this is the equation 1 we differentiate we are going to differentiate it partially with respect to t in order to use the second condition $\frac{\Delta u}{\Delta t}$ at $t = 0$. So, with respect to t when you differentiate it what you get and u will that $\frac{\Delta u}{\Delta t}$ at $t = 0$ is $g(x)$ that is the initial velocity of the string is given by the function $g(x)$ we will have $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n \lambda_n \sin n \pi x / l = g(x)$ again giving us the Fourier sin series of the function $g(x)$.

And therefore, these $C_n \lambda_n$ will be equal to $2/l \int_0^l g(x) \sin n \pi x / l dx$. Now, let us put the value of λ_n here as $C_n \pi / l$ then we will get C_n as $2/C_n \pi \int_0^l g(x) \sin n \pi x / l dx$, where n takes values 1 2 3 and so on thus call it as equation number 3.

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Hence $u(x, t)$ given by (1) is a solution of the wave equation, where B_n and C_n are given by (2) and (3), provided the series in (1) converges and the series obtained by differentiating (1) twice w.r.t. x and t converge to $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ and $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$ and these are continuous.

It can be shown that if $f''(x)$ and $g''(x)$ exist in $0 < x < l$ and their one sided derivatives at $x = 0$ and $x = l$ are zero then the series in (1) converges to $u(x, t)$ which is continuous in both x and t .

Hence $u(x, t)$ given by the equation 1 is a solution of the wave equation, where B_n and C_n are given by equations 2 and 3, provided the series in one converges and the series obtained by differentiating one twice with respect to x and t converge to the sums $\frac{\Delta^2 u}{\Delta x^2}$ and $\frac{\Delta^2 u}{\Delta t^2}$ and these sums are continuous.

Now, it can be shown that if $f''(x)$ and $g''(x)$ exist in the interval 0 to 1 and their one sided derivatives at $x = 0$ that is $f'(0^+)$ and $g'(0^+)$ exist

prime l minus and g prime l minus are 0, then the series in one converges to $u(x, t)$, which is continuous in both x and t .

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The solution $u_n(x, t)$ ($n= 1,2,3,\dots$) are called the eigen functions and $\lambda_n=c n \pi/l$ are called the eigen values of the vibrating string and each u_n represents a harmonic motion of frequency $\lambda_n/2\pi=c n/2l$ cycles per unit time and is called the n th normal mode of the string.

The solution $u_n(x, t)$ and taking values 1, 2, 3, and so on are called the Eigen functions and λ_n is equal to $c n \pi$ over l are called the Eigen values of the vibrating string each u_n represents a harmonic motion of frequency λ_n over 2π λ_n is $c n \pi$ over l . So, λ_n over 2π is equal to $c n$ over $2 l$ cycles per unit time and is called the n th normal mode of the string.

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Example. Initial displacement and velocity of a homogeneous elastic string tightly stretched between the points $x = 0$ and $x = l$ are given by

$$u(x, 0) = 0, \quad \dot{u}(x, 0) = b \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi x}{l}\right).$$

Determine the motion of the string.

Solution. The motion is governed by the one dimensional wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}.$$

And the displacement at any time t is given by

Now, let us take an example based on the one dimensional wave equation, so initial displacement and velocity of a homogeneous elastic string tightly stretch between the points x equal to 0 and x equal to l are given by $u(x, 0) = 0$ and $u(x, 0) = b \sin^3 \frac{\pi x}{l}$.

So, we are given that the initial shape of the homogeneous velocity string is given by $u(x, 0) = 0$ that is we are given $f(x) = 0$ and we are given the initial velocity of the elastic string are the function of x given by $b \sin^3 \frac{\pi x}{l}$ and by our notation the initial velocity is $g(x)$. So, $g(x) = b \sin^3 \frac{\pi x}{l}$ here, we are to determine the motion of the given velocity the string, now we know that the motion is governed by the one dimensional wave equation $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$.

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$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (B_n \cos \lambda_n t + C_n \sin \lambda_n t) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$$

Since $u(x, 0) = f(x) = 0$, we get $B_n = 0$. Now we determine C_n as follows:

Since $\sin^3 \left(\frac{\pi x}{l} \right) = \frac{3}{4} \sin \left(\frac{\pi x}{l} \right) - \frac{1}{4} \sin \left(\frac{3\pi x}{l} \right)$,

We have

$$C_n = \frac{2}{cn\pi} \int_0^l g(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx,$$

$$= \frac{2}{cn\pi} \int_0^l b \sin^3 \left(\frac{\pi x}{l} \right) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$$

And, the displacement at any time t is given by $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \cos \lambda_n t + C_n \sin \lambda_n t \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$. Now, we are given that $u(x, 0) = f(x) = 0$, so when you put t equal to 0 here, what you get $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$, because when you put t equal to 0 this will vanish. So, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} = 0$ implies that $B_n = 0$ for all values of n , now we have to determine the values of C_n .

So, for that let us write $\sin^3 \frac{\pi x}{l}$ as $\frac{3}{4} \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} - \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{3\pi x}{l}$, because we know that $\sin^3 \theta$ is $3 \sin \theta - 4 \sin^3 \theta$. So, from that $\sin^3 \frac{\pi x}{l}$ may be written in this form, now this form will be very convenient to us in the evaluation of C_n , so we know that C_n is given by $\frac{2}{C_n \pi} \int_0^l g(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$ let us put the value of $g(x)$ we are given that $g(x)$ is equal to $b \sin^3 \frac{\pi x}{l}$.

So, C_n is equal to $\frac{2}{C_n \pi} \int_0^l b \sin^3 \frac{\pi x}{l} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$. Now, here when you put the value of $\sin^3 \frac{\pi x}{l}$ as $\frac{3}{4} \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} - \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{3\pi x}{l}$ then using the orthogonality of the sin functions $\sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$ over l over the interval 0 to l , will be able to determine the value of the constant C_n is very easily.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{2b}{c_n \pi} \int_0^l \left(\frac{3}{4} \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} - \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{3\pi x}{l} \right) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx \\
 &= \frac{2b}{c_n \pi} \int_0^l \frac{3}{4} \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx - \frac{2b}{c_n \pi} \int_0^l \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{3\pi x}{l} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx. \\
 &\Rightarrow C_n = 0 \text{ for all } n \text{ except } n = 1, 3. \\
 C_1 &= \frac{3b}{2c_1 \pi} \int_0^l \sin^2 \frac{\pi x}{l} dx \\
 &= \frac{3b}{4c_1 \pi} \int_0^l \left(1 - \cos \frac{2\pi x}{l} \right) dx = \frac{3bl}{4c_1 \pi}.
 \end{aligned}$$

As we shall see now, so c_n is equal to $\frac{2b}{c_n \pi} \int_0^l \left(\frac{3}{4} \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} - \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{3\pi x}{l} \right) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$, we have broken the right hand side into two parts corresponding to the two terms in the expression for $\sin^3 \frac{\pi x}{l}$. So, we have the right hand side as this and minus $\frac{2b}{c_n \pi} \int_0^l \frac{1}{4} \sin \frac{3\pi x}{l} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$.

Now, let us use the orthogonality of $\sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$ functions over the interval 0 to l , then $\frac{3}{4}$ is a constant. So, $\int_0^l \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$ will always be 0 for all values of n except n equal to 1 and here, $\int_0^l \sin \frac{3\pi x}{l} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$

$\int_0^l \sin n \pi x \, dx$ will be 0 for all values of n except n is equal to 3. So, if n is taking a value other than 1 or 3, then this integral will be 0. This integral will also be 0, so C_n will be equal to 0.

And therefore, C_n is 0 for all values of n except when n is taking values one or 3, so let us determine the value of C_n for n equal to 1 and the value of C_n for n equal to 3. So, first we take n equal to 1 to determine C_1 when we take n equal to 1 in the in here, then what will happen this will integral will vanish integral 0 to 1 $\sin^3 \frac{3\pi x}{l}$ by πx by 1 into $\sin \pi x$ by $l \, dx$, so C_1 will be equal to then $\frac{3b}{4c\pi} \int_0^l \sin^2 \frac{3\pi x}{l} \, dx$, which can be written as $\frac{3b}{4c\pi} \int_0^l (1 - \cos \frac{6\pi x}{l}) \, dx$ and when you evaluate the value of this integral and simplify it you get $\frac{3bl}{4c\pi}$ as the value of.

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and $C_2 = -\frac{b}{6c\pi} \int_0^l \sin^2 \frac{3\pi x}{l} \, dx$

$$= -\frac{b}{12c\pi} \int_0^l (1 - \cos \frac{6\pi x}{l}) \, dx = -\frac{bl}{12c\pi}$$

Hence the displacement is given by

$$u(x,t) = \frac{3bl}{4c\pi} \sin \frac{c\pi t}{l} \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} - \frac{bl}{12c\pi} \sin \frac{3c\pi t}{l} \sin \frac{3\pi x}{l}$$

$$= \frac{bl}{12c\pi} \left[9 \sin \frac{c\pi t}{l} \sin \frac{\pi x}{l} - \sin \frac{3c\pi t}{l} \sin \frac{3\pi x}{l} \right]$$

Similarly, we may compute the value of C_3 , which is given by minus b over $6c\pi$ integral 0 to l $\sin^2 \frac{3\pi x}{l}$ into dx , it is equal to minus b over $12c\pi$ integral 0 to l $1 - \cos \frac{6\pi x}{l}$ into dx , when you evaluate the value of this integral and simplify the value of C_3 comes out to be minus bl over $12c\pi$.

And, hence the displacement function $u(x,t)$ is given by $\frac{3bl}{4c\pi} \sin \frac{c\pi t}{l} \sin \frac{\pi x}{l}$ this is the term corresponding to C_1 and this the term corresponding to C_3 . So, we have minus bl over $12c\pi$ $\sin \frac{3c\pi t}{l} \sin \frac{3\pi x}{l}$

$\sin \frac{\pi x}{l}$, now which can further be written as $\frac{b}{12c} \sin \frac{\pi c t}{l} \sin \frac{\pi x}{l}$ into $\sin \frac{\pi x}{l} \sin \frac{3\pi c t}{l}$ into $\sin \frac{3\pi x}{l}$.

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Example. A tightly stretched flexible string has its ends fixed at $x = 0$ and $x = l$. At time $t = 0$, the string is given a shape defined by $f(x) = \mu x(l-x)$, where μ is a constant, and then released. Find the displacement of any point x of the string at any time $t > 0$.

Solution.
Initial conditions: $u = \mu x(l-x)$ and $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0$.

The solution is given by

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (B_n \cos \frac{n\pi c t}{l} + C_n \sin \frac{n\pi c t}{l}) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$$

Let us look at another example of a tightly stretched flexible string, which has its ends fixed at x equal to 0 and x equal to l . And, at time t equal to 0 the string is given a shape defined by the function $f(x) = \mu x(l-x)$, where μ is a constant and then released find the displacement of any point x of the string and at any time t greater than 0.

So, the initial conditions here are $u(x, 0) = \mu x(l-x)$ and the initial velocity that is $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$ at $t = 0$ is given to be 0. The solution is then given by $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (B_n \cos \frac{n\pi c t}{l} + C_n \sin \frac{n\pi c t}{l}) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$. Now, here we are given the function $g(x)$ as 0, so that will give as $C_n = 0$ for all values of n and we are given the function $f(x)$ as $\mu x(l-x)$. So, we will determine the value of B_n using the function $f(x) = \mu x(l-x)$.

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Hence the velocity is given by

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n\pi c}{l} (C_n \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{l} - B_n \sin \frac{n\pi ct}{l}) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}.$$

$\partial u / \partial t = 0$ at $t = 0 \Rightarrow C_n = 0.$

Using $u = \mu x(l-x)$ at $t = 0$, we get

$$\mu x(l-x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}.$$

$$\Rightarrow B_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l \mu x(l-x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$$

So, if you differentiate that expression for $u(x,t)$ $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n\pi c}{l} (C_n \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{l} - B_n \sin \frac{n\pi ct}{l}) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$. So, we are given that $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$ is equal to 0 at $t = 0$, if you put $t = 0$ here, these terms vanish and what we have is $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$ at $t = 0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n\pi c}{l} C_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$.

So, since $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$ is 0 at $t = 0$ it follows that C_n is 0, for all values of $n = 1, 2, 3$ and so on. And, using $u = \mu x(l-x)$ at $t = 0$ we get from the equation for $u(x,t)$ it follows that $\mu x(l-x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$ and which gives as $B_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l \mu x(l-x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx$ using the half range expansion of the function $\mu x(l-x)$.

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$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{2\mu}{l} \left[(x - x^2) \left(-\frac{l}{n\pi} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - (1 - 2x) \left(-\frac{l^2}{n^2\pi^2} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (-2) \left(\frac{l^3}{n^3\pi^3} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} \right) \right]_0^1 \\ &= \frac{2\mu}{l} \left[0 + 0 - \frac{2l^3}{n^3\pi^3} (\cos n\pi - 1) \right] \end{aligned}$$

So, that last integral then gives us one integration by parts 2μ by l into lx minus x square into minus l over $n\pi$ $\cos n\pi x$ over l minus l minus $2x$ into minus l square over n square π square into $\sin n\pi x$ over l plus minus 2 into l cube over n cube π cube $\cos n\pi x$ over l the limits of integration are 0 and l .

So, here when you put the limit is l and 0 , but you get on simplification you get B_n as 2μ over l into this becomes 0 , when you put x equal to l and you put this 0 . So, for both the upper and lower limit is this expression this expression gives as 0 , we have 0 plus 0 . And, when you put x equal to l here, in the third term on the right side, but you get is minus $2l$ cube over n cube π cube into $\cos n\pi$ and then you get when you put the lower limit you get plus $2l$ cube over n cube π cube into 1 .

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$$= \frac{4\mu l^2}{n^3 \pi^3} (1 - \cos n\pi) = \begin{cases} \frac{8\mu l^2}{n^3 \pi^3} & \text{when } n \text{ is odd} \\ 0 & \text{when } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Hence the required displacement is

$$u = \frac{8\mu l^2}{\pi^3} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2m-1)^3} \sin \frac{(2m-1)\pi x}{l} \cos \frac{(2m-1)\pi ct}{l}$$

So, we have the right hand side like this which is equal to $4 \mu l^2$ over $n^3 \pi^3$ into $1 - \cos n\pi$. Now, let us look at the case when n is an odd positive integer $\cos n\pi$ will be equal to minus 1. So, $1 - \cos n\pi$ will be equal to 2 and therefore, we get the value of B_n as $8 \mu l^2$ over $n^3 \pi^3$ if n is an odd integer, but if you take n to be an even integer, then $\cos n\pi$ is equal to 1 so will get B_n as 0, so the value of B_n is 0 when n is an even positive integer.

Hence, we get the required displacement function $u(x, t)$ as $8 \mu l^2$ over π^3 , now in the we have seen that B_n is 0 when n is even and it is $8 \mu l^2$ over $n^3 \pi^3$, when n is odd. So, when n is an odd integer let us take n to be equal to $2m - 1$, so when m takes values 1, 2, 3 and so on, so then u will be equal to $8 \mu l^2$ over π^3 sigma m takes values from 1 to infinity n is replaced by $2m - 1$. So, we will get 1 over this n is $2m - 1$, so 1 over $(2m - 1)^3$ into $\sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$ becomes $\sin \frac{(2m - 1)\pi x}{l}$ and $\cos \frac{n\pi ct}{l}$ becomes $\cos \frac{(2m - 1)\pi ct}{l}$.

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Example. A tightly stretched violin string of length l and fixed at both ends is plucked at $x = l/3$ and assumes initially the shape of a triangle of height a . Find the displacement u at any distance x and any time t after the string is released from rest.

Solution.

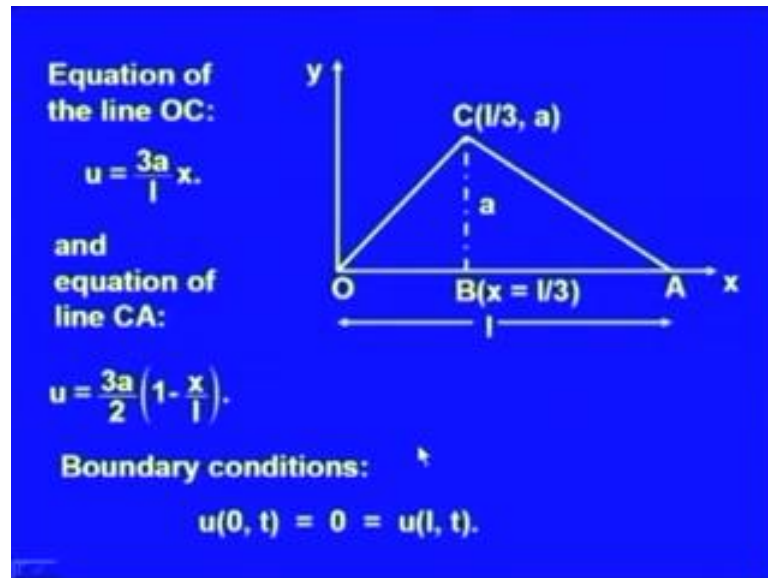
The one dimensional wave equation is

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2},$$

Now, let us discuss one more example before, we discuss the solution for the one dimensional wave equation. Here we are considering a tightly stretched violin string of length l , which is fixed at both its ends and is plucked at x equal to $l/3$ it assumes initially the shape of a triangle of height a , at x equal to $l/3$ we have to find the displacement function u at any distance x and at a time t after the string is released from rest.

So, we are given that the initial velocity of the string is $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0$ at $t = 0$ and we are given that $u(x, 0)$ is given by the triangle of height a at x equal to $l/3$. So, let us again discuss the solution of the one dimensional wave equation, which is governing the motion of the stretched violin string the equation is $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$.

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So, this is the shape of the triangle at x equal to l by 3 , we have assumed that this thing is plugged and it assumes height A . So, now, let us find the equation of the line segment OC equation of the line segment OC will be u equal to $3a$ by l into x at x equal to 0 , we know that u is equal to 0 and at x equal to l by 3 they are given that the height of the triangle is A .

So, u is equal to a at x equal to l by 3 and therefore, the equation of OC is u equal to $3a$ by l into x ; similarly, the equation of the line segment ca will be u equal to $3a$ by 2 into 1 minus x by l , when x is equal to l we know that u is equal to 0 there is no displacement at the end x equal to l that is A and at x equal to l by 3 u is equal to a . So, when you put x is equal to l by 3 here, we get 1 minus 1 by 3 that is 2 by 3 multiplied with $3a$ by 2 gives you u as a . So, the u equal to $3a$ by 2 into 1 minus x by l is the equation of the line segment CA the boundary conditions are as usual $u(0, t) = 0$ and $u(l, t) = 0$.

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Initial condition:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0 \text{ at } t = 0.$$

and

$$u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} \frac{3a}{l}x, & 0 \leq x < l/3 \\ \frac{3a}{2}\left(1 - \frac{x}{l}\right), & l/3 \leq x \leq l. \end{cases}$$

We have

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (B_n \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{l} + C_n \sin \frac{n\pi ct}{l}) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}.$$

Now, the initial condition that is given to assist that this thing is released from rest, so $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$ is 0 at t equal to 0 and it is initially in the shape of the triangle, we have found the equation of the equations of the triangle, the two sides of it that is OC and CA this is OC. So, the $u(x, 0)$ equal to $\frac{3a}{l}x$ when $0 \leq x < l/3$ and it is $\frac{3a}{2}\left(1 - \frac{x}{l}\right)$ when $l/3 \leq x \leq l$. Now, we have the solution of the one dimensional wave equation as $u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (B_n \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{l} + C_n \sin \frac{n\pi ct}{l}) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l}$.

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We know that

$$C_n = \frac{2}{cn\pi} \int_0^l g(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx.$$

Since $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0$ at $t = 0$, we have $g(x) = 0$ which implies that $C_n = 0$ for all n .

Further

$$B_n = \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx.$$
$$= \frac{2}{l} \left[\int_0^{l/3} \frac{3ax}{l} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx + \int_{l/3}^l \frac{3a}{2} \left(1 - \frac{x}{l}\right) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} dx \right]$$

Since $\frac{\Delta u}{\Delta t}$ is 0 at $t = 0$, C_n and c_n is given by $\frac{2}{c_n \pi} \int_0^1 g(x) \sin n\pi x \, dx$ it follows that c_n is equal to 0 for all values of n . Because, the very initial velocity at $t = 0$ we have represented by $g(x)$ and we are given the initial velocity as 0, so $g(x)$ is 0 and so C_n is 0 for all values of n the value of B_n is given by $\frac{2}{l} \int_0^1 f(x) \sin n\pi x \, dx$ we have the expression for $f(x)$ over the interval 0 to $l/3$ is $3ax$ by 1 over the interval $l/3$ to l is $3a(2l - x)$. So, we have broken this integral into two parts 0 to $l/3$ and $l/3$ to l and substituted the values of $f(x)$ over these intervals.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{3a}{l^2} \left[\int_0^{l/3} 2x \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \, dx + \int_{l/3}^l (l-x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \, dx \right] \\
 &= \frac{3a}{l^2} \left\{ \left(\frac{-2l}{n\pi} x \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} + \frac{2l^2}{n^2 \pi^2} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \right) \Big|_0^{l/3} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \left(-\frac{l^2}{n\pi} \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. - \frac{l}{n\pi} \left(-x \cos \frac{n\pi x}{l} + \frac{l}{n\pi} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \right) \right) \Big|_{l/3}^l \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, the right hand side of B_n then gives us $\frac{3a}{l^2} \int_0^{l/3} 2x \sin n\pi x \, dx + \frac{1}{l^2} \int_{l/3}^l (l-x) \sin n\pi x \, dx$. When we integrate it by parts the first integral what we get is $-\frac{2l}{n\pi} x \cos n\pi x \, dx + \frac{2l^2}{n^2 \pi^2} \sin n\pi x \, dx$ these are the integrates of integration 0 and $l/3$. And then we have after integrating the second integral by parts, we have $-\frac{l^2}{n\pi} \cos n\pi x \, dx - \frac{l}{n\pi} \left(-x \cos n\pi x \, dx + \frac{l}{n\pi} \sin n\pi x \, dx \right)$ and l are the limits of integration.

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On simplification we get

$$B_n = \frac{9a}{n^2 \pi^2} \sin \frac{n\pi}{3}$$

Hence the solution is

$$u(x, t) = \frac{9a}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sin \frac{n\pi}{3} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{l} \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{l}$$

When you simplify this, you get the value of B_n as $9a$ over n square π square $\sin n$ pi by 3. And hence, the solution of the given a problem is $u(x, t)$ equal to $9a$ by π square $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sin n$ pi by 3 into $\sin n$ pi x by l into $\cos n$ pi c t over l .

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d'Alembert's Solution of the Wave Equation.

The wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad \left(c^2 = \frac{T}{m} \right)$$

can be solved by a change of the independent variables x and t .

Now, we are going to discuss the d'Alembert's solution of the wave equation, so as let us we call the wave equation it is $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$, where we have by c^2 we have where c^2 is equal to $\frac{T}{m}$ by

m. Now, we are going to show that it can be solved by a change of the independent variables and the independent variables as we know are x and t here.

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Define new independent variables v and z such that

$$v = x + ct, z = x - ct.$$

Then $v_x = 1, z_x = 1.$

Hence $u_x = u_v v_x + u_z z_x = u_v + u_z;$

$$u_{xx} = u_{vv} + 2u_{vz} + u_{zz};$$

Similarly $u_{tt} = c^2 (u_{vv} - 2u_{vz} + u_{zz}).$

So, let us define a new set of independent variables v and z such that v is equal to x plus ct and z is equal to x minus ct . Now, from these relations we it follows that when you differentiate we partially with respect to x , you get $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x}$ as 1 and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ we have denoted by v_x . So, v_x is equal to 1 similarly $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ that is z_x is equal to 1.

Now, using the chain rule of partial differentiation we can, then write u_x that is $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$, since u is a function of x and t and x and t are functions of v and z u is a function of v and z . So, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$ by chain rule will be $\frac{\partial u}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$, now making use of v_x is equal to 1 and z_x is equal to 1 it follows that the partial derivative of u with respect to x that is u_x is equal to $\frac{\partial u}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial z}$ that is $u_v + u_z$.

Now, when we apply this operator $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ and u again and u_x we get u_{xx} is equal to $u_{vv} + 2u_{vz} + u_{zz}$. And similarly, we can show that u_{tt} comes out to be equal to $c^2 (u_{vv} - 2u_{vz} + u_{zz})$, because for this u_{tt} we will meet the values of v_t and z_t and v_t is that is $\frac{\partial v}{\partial t}$ comes out to be c $\frac{\partial z}{\partial t}$ comes out to be $-c$. So, we can follow the same procedure as we

have done for finding u_{xx} if you follow the same procedure for u_{tt} it comes out to be this.

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Substituting the values of u_{xx} and u_{tt} in the given wave equation, we obtain

$$u_{vz} = 0.$$

Integrating this equation with respect to z , we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial v} = h(v),$$

where $h(v)$ is an arbitrary function of v .

Integrating again, we have

$$u = \int h(v) dv + \phi(z),$$

where $\phi(z)$ is an arbitrary function of z .

And, substituting these values of u_{xx} and u_{tt} in the given wave equation that is $u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}$ it tells out that u_{vz} is equal to 0 that is $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial v \partial z} = 0$, when we integrate this equation with respect to z what we will have $\frac{\partial u}{\partial v}$ is equal to $h(v)$ where $h(v)$ is an arbitrary function of v alone.

Now, when we integrate this equation again with respect to v , we will have u that is $u = \int h(v) dv + \phi(z)$, which we have denoted by $\phi(z)$ $\phi(z)$ is an arbitrary function of z , so here constant of integration is the function of z .

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We may write

$$u = \psi(v) + \varphi(z)$$

or

$$u = \psi(x + ct) + \varphi(x - ct).$$

This solution is known as d'Alembert's solution of the wave equation after the French mathematician Jean-le-Rond d'Alembert's (1717-1783).

And, thus u may be written as $\psi(v) + \varphi(z)$ ψ is integral of $h(v)dv$ here, or we may write u as $\psi(x + ct) + \varphi(x - ct)$, because we have written v for $x + ct$ and we have written z for $x - ct$, so u is equal to $\psi(x + ct) + \varphi(x - ct)$. Now, this is this solution of the wave equation is known as the d'Alembert's solution of the wave equation after the French mathematician Jean-le-Rond d'Alembert's.

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Determination of ψ and φ :

Suppose $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ and $\dot{u}(x, 0) = 0$.

Differentiating $u = \psi(x + ct) + \varphi(x - ct)$ with respect to t , we get

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c\psi'(x + ct) - c\varphi'(x - ct).$$

Thus $\dot{u}(x, 0) = c\psi'(x) - c\varphi'(x) = 0$

and $u(x, 0) = \psi(x) + \varphi(x) = f(x)$.

Now, let us find the values of the arbitrary function ψ and φ , let us assume that $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ and $\dot{u}(x, 0) = 0$. So, initially the string is released

from rest and it is a it is shaped is initially given by the function $f(x)$, let us differentiate u equal to $\psi(x+ct) + \phi(x-ct)$ with respect to t we will get $\frac{\delta u}{\delta t}$ equal to c into $\psi'(x+ct) - c$ into $\phi'(x-ct)$, where the prime c are denote the derivative with respect to $x+ct$ and the derivative with respect to $x-ct$.

Thus $u|_{t=0}$ equal to, so when you put here, t equal to 0 what you get $\frac{\delta u}{\delta t}$ at t equal to 0 gives $u|_{t=0}$ will be equal to c times $\psi'(x) - c$ times $\phi'(x)$ and we are given that $u|_{t=0}$ is equal to 0 this condition. So, $u|_{t=0}$ equal to 0 gives you c times $\psi'(x) - c$ times $\phi'(x) = 0$, and when you put here t equal to 0 in this what you get $u|_{t=0}$ equal to $\psi(x) + \phi(x)$ and we are given $u|_{t=0}$ equal to $f(x)$, so $\psi(x) + \phi(x) = f(x)$. Now, from these two equations we are now going to determine the known functions arbitrary functions $\phi(x)$ and $\psi(x)$.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 c\psi'(x) - c\phi'(x) &= 0 \Rightarrow \phi = \psi + k. \\
 \text{Substituting this in } \psi(x) + \phi(x) &= f(x), \text{ we get} \\
 2\psi + k &= f, \text{ or } \psi = \frac{f - k}{2}. \\
 \text{Hence the solution becomes} \\
 u &= \psi(x + ct) + \psi(x - ct) + k \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}f(x + ct) - \frac{1}{2}k + \frac{1}{2}f(x - ct) - \frac{1}{2}k + k \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}[f(x + ct) + f(x - ct)].
 \end{aligned}$$

So, c times $\psi'(x) - c$ times $\phi'(x) = 0$ gives you $\phi = \psi + k$. This give we can divide by c and then you have $\psi'(x) - \phi'(x) = 0$ integrate with respect to x we will have $\phi(x) = \psi(x) + k$ this k is an arbitrary constant. Now, let us substitute this value of ϕ in the other equation $\psi(x) + \phi(x) = f(x)$ what we will $2\psi + k = f$ or we may say that ψ is equal to $\frac{f - k}{2}$.

And hence, the solution becomes u equal to $\psi(x+ct) + \phi(x-ct)$ becomes $\psi(x-ct) + k$ from this equation and let us put the value of ψ here now. So, $\psi(x+ct)$ gives you $\frac{1}{2}[f(x+ct) - k]$ that is half of $f(x+ct)$ minus half k and $\psi(x-ct)$ when you find from here, what you get is half of $f(x-ct)$ plus half of k and then plus k here, so this gives you half of $f(x+ct)$ plus half of $f(x-ct)$.

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If the initial velocity $g(x)$ is not identically zero, we obtain the solution as

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [f(x+ct) + f(x-ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} g(s) ds.$$

Now, if we assume that the initial velocity $g(x)$ is not identically 0, then we shall obtain the solution of the wave equation as $u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [f(x+ct) + f(x-ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} g(s) ds$ this can be easily shown.

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Example. Find the deflection of a vibrating string of length $l=1$ with fixed ends starting with initial velocity zero and initial deflection $f(x) = k(x-x^3)$.

Solution. By d'Alembert's method, the solution is

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} [f(x+ct) + f(x-ct)].$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} k [x+ct - (x+ct)^3 + x-ct - (x-ct)^3]$$
$$= kx [1 - x^2 - 3c^2t^2].$$

Now, let us take an example on the d'Alembert's method, let us find the deflection of a vibrating string of length l equal to 1 with fixed ends starting with initial velocity 0 and initial deflection $f(x)$ equal to k times x minus x cube. Now, by d'Alembert's method, we know that the solution is given by $u(x, t)$ equal to half of $f(x+ct)$ plus $f(x-ct)$, so let us put the value of f here f is equal to k times x minus x cube. So, we will get $u(x, t)$ as half of k into $x+ct$ minus $(x+ct)$ whole cube plus $x-ct$ minus $(x-ct)$ whole cube, and if you simplify this expression you get the value of $u(x, t)$ as k into x into 1 minus x square minus $3c^2t^2$.

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Hence

$$u(x, t) = kx [1 - x^2 - 3c^2t^2]$$
$$\Rightarrow u(x, 0) = k(x - x^3) = f(x)$$

and

$$\dot{u}(x, 0) = [-6c^2kxt]_{t=0} = 0.$$

So, the initial conditions are satisfied. The boundary conditions also hold.

So, $u(x, t)$ comes out to be $kx \sin(1 - x^2 - 3c^2 t^2)$, which implies that when you put t equal to 0 here you get $u(x, 0)$ as $kx \sin(x^2)$ and which is nothing but the function $f(x)$. So, this solution of the wave equation satisfies the initial condition $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ and if you differentiated with respect to t and then put t equal to 0 what you get $u_t(x, 0) = -6c^2 kx \sin(x^2)$ at $t = 0$, which gives as the value 0, so it satisfies the other initial condition also.

And, so the boundary conditions also hold for the solution $u(x, t) = kx \sin(1 - x^2 - 3c^2 t^2)$ and so it gives us the a solution of the given problem. Now, in our lecture in our next lecture, we shall discuss one dimensional heat equation, which is $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ that equation we shall again solve by using the separation of variables method that is the product method, which we have discussed here, will there also we shall see that we I will have to use the half range expansion of the Fourier series for finding the constants b_n and c_n that be this all will done in our next lecture on one dimensional heat equation.

Thank you.