

# Lect 11 Continuum Mechanics - Wave (I)

point masses  $\longrightarrow$  rigid body  $\longrightarrow$  continuum mechanics  
 discrete, number of coordinates  $\longrightarrow$  elasticity of solids  
 fluid mechanics.

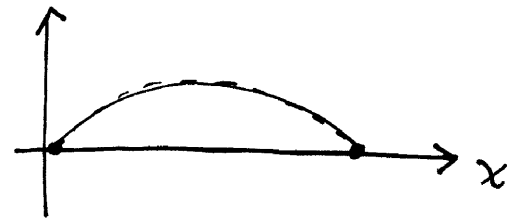
ordinary differential equation  $\longrightarrow$  partial differential Eq.

§1: Wave equation in one dimension

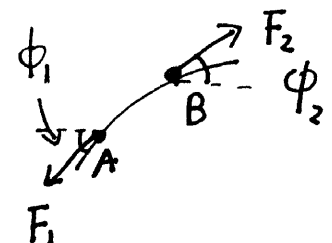
$$y = u(x)$$

a taut string  $y = u(x, t)$

displacement as a function of  $x, t$ .



Let us pick up a small segment AB



The magnitude of  $F_{1,2}$  are roughly the

same: tension  $T$ .

$$F_x^{net} = T(\cos \phi_2 - \cos \phi_1) \approx \frac{T}{2}(\phi_2^2 - \phi_1^2) \approx 0 \text{ (second order)}$$

$$F_y^{net} = T(\sin \phi_2 - \sin \phi_1) \approx T \cos \phi d\phi \quad (\phi_2 = \phi + d\phi)$$

$$\phi_1 = \phi$$

$$\tan \phi \approx \phi \approx \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

$$\cos \phi \approx 1$$

$$F_y^{\text{net}} \approx T d\phi \approx T \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} dx = T \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} dx = \Delta m a$$

$$= \cancel{\rho} \cdot \mu dx \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \quad \mu: \text{mass density}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{T}{\mu} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}}, \text{ where } c = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}}$$

wave equation.  $c$ : sound velocity. The more tight of the string, the higher of  $c$ .

§ Solution of wave equation

introduce  $\xi = x - ct$ ,  $\eta = x + ct \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = \frac{\xi + \eta}{2} \\ ct = \frac{-\xi + \eta}{2} \end{cases}$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial}{\partial ct} \frac{\partial ct}{\partial \xi} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial}{\partial ct} \right]$$

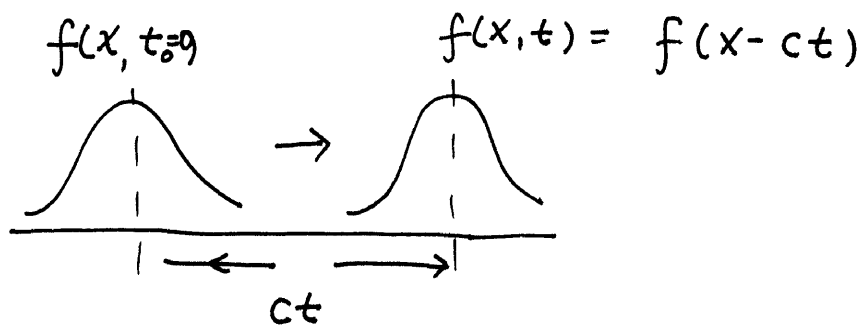
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial ct} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} = \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial ct^2} \right] \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = -4c^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \eta} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow u = f(\xi) + g(\eta)$ , where  $f(\xi), g(\eta)$  are arbitrary function of  $\xi, \eta$ .

$$= f(x-ct) + g(x+ct)$$

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right mover                      left mover



Example: evolution of a triangular wave.

second order differential Eq:  $\begin{cases} \text{initial } u(x, t_0) & a) \\ \text{initial velocity } \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(x, t_0) & b) \end{cases}$

a)  $u(x, t_0=0) = u_0(x) = f(x) + g(x)$

b)  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \Big|_{t=t_0} = 0$

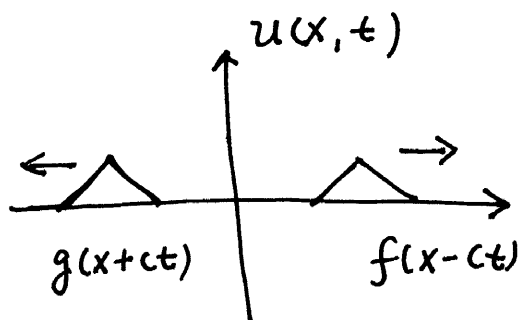
$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \Big|_{t=t_0} = \left( \frac{\partial f(x-ct)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial g(x+ct)}{\partial t} \right) \Big|_{t=t_0} = c \left[ + \frac{\partial f(x-ct)}{\partial ct} + \frac{\partial g(x+ct)}{\partial ct} \right]$$

$$= c \left[ -\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \right] \Big|_{t=t_0} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  ~~...~~  $\Rightarrow f(x) - g(x) = \text{const} = C$

$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{u_0(x) + C}{2}$

$g(x) = \frac{(u_0(x) - C)}{2}$



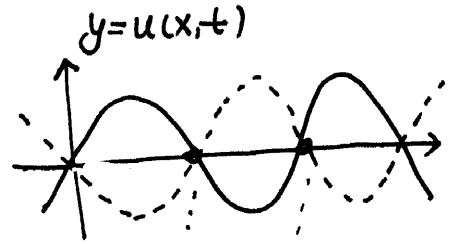
$\Rightarrow u(x, t) = [f(x-ct) + g(x+ct)] = \frac{1}{2} u_0(x-ct) + \frac{1}{2} u_0(x+ct)$

Example: Standing wave

if  $u = f(x-ct) + g(x+ct) = A [\sin(kx - \omega t) + \sin(kx + \omega t)]$

$= 2A \sin kx \cos \omega t$

$\Rightarrow$  the nodes do not change:



nodes  $x = \frac{n\pi}{k}$

§ Boundary condition: waves on a finite string

• First type boundary condition (Dirichlet)

$u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0.$



try  $u(x, t) = X(x) \cos(\omega t - \delta)$

separate variables

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

$\Rightarrow -\omega^2 X(x) \cos(\omega t - \delta) = c^2 \frac{d^2 X(x)}{dx^2} \cos(\omega t - \delta)$

$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 X(x)}{dx^2} = -k^2 X(x)$  where  $k = \frac{\omega}{c}$

$X(x) = B \cos kx + A \sin kx$ , ← Dirichlet BC  $\Rightarrow B = 0$

$k_n = \frac{n\pi}{L}, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$\Rightarrow u(x, t) = \sum_n A_n \sin k_n x \cos(\omega_n t - \delta_n)$

$\omega_n = \frac{n\pi}{L} c$

normal modes (Quantization)

fundamental

$x=0$

$L$



$n=1$

overtones



$n=2$

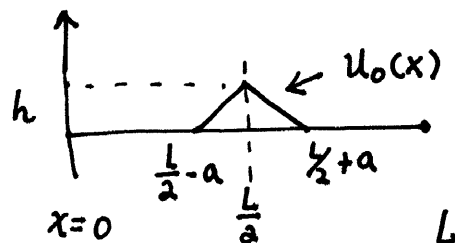


$n=3$

the same for Quantum mechanics particle wave function!

Example: the triangular wave in a finite string.

At  $t=0$



$$u(x,t) = \sum_n \sin k_n x (B_n \cos \omega_n t + C_n \sin \omega_n t)$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x,t) = \sum_n \sin k_n x \underbrace{(-B_n \sin \omega_n t + C_n \cos \omega_n t)}_{\omega_n}$$

$$\text{At } t=0, \Rightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_n \omega_n \sin k_n x \cdot C_n = 0$$

for all the  $x \Rightarrow C_n = 0.$

$$\Rightarrow u(x,t) = \sum_n B_n \sin k_n x \cos \omega_n t.$$

$$\text{At } t=0 \Rightarrow u(x,0) = \sum_n B_n \sin k_n x = u_0(x)$$

$$B_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L u_0(x) \sin \frac{\pi n x}{L} dx = \frac{2}{L} \int_{-\frac{L}{2}}^{\frac{L}{2}} u_0(x') \sin \left( \frac{\pi n}{L} x' - \frac{\pi n}{2} \right) dx' \quad (6)$$

$$x' = x - \frac{L}{2}$$

$u_0(x')$  is even

$$\Rightarrow B_{2m} = 0$$

$$B_{2m+1} = \frac{4}{L} \int_0^a u_0(x') (-1)^{m+1} \cos \left( \frac{(2m+1)\pi}{L} x' \right) dx'$$

The fundamental frequency  $\omega_1 = \frac{\pi}{L} c$

periodicity  $\tau = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_1}$

time-evolution:  $t=0$



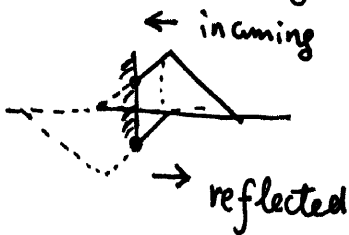
$t = \frac{\tau}{8}$



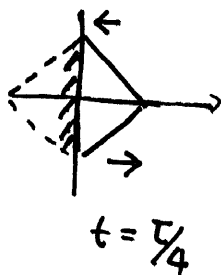
$t = \frac{\tau}{4}$



When reach boundary



interference



$t = \frac{\tau}{4}$

$t = \frac{3\tau}{8}$



$t = \frac{\tau}{2}$



### § 3D wave equation

$$1D: \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \longrightarrow 3D \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial z^2} \right)$$

p - pressure, sound wave

$$c = \sqrt{\frac{BM}{\rho_0}} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{bulk modulus} \\ \text{density} \end{array}$$

plane wave solution: (free-space)

① Certainly  $p = f(x-ct) + g(x+ct)$  remains a possible solution, which means its propagation along  $\pm \hat{x}$  direction.

Generally speaking, we can choose an arbitrary propagation direction  $\hat{n}$ .

$$p = f(\hat{n} \cdot \vec{r} - ct)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} = \nabla^2 = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla}$$

$$\nabla \cdot p = \frac{df}{d(\hat{n} \cdot \vec{r})} \hat{n} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \hat{n}, \Rightarrow \nabla(\nabla \cdot p) = -\frac{\hat{n}}{c} \nabla \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$\nabla^2 p = -\frac{\hat{n}}{c} \cdot \left( -\frac{\hat{n}}{c} \right) \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2}$$

In particular, the plane-wave  $p = \cos[k(\hat{n} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)]$



Spherical coordinate

$$\nabla_{\vec{r}}^2 = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} (r f) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \phi^2}$$

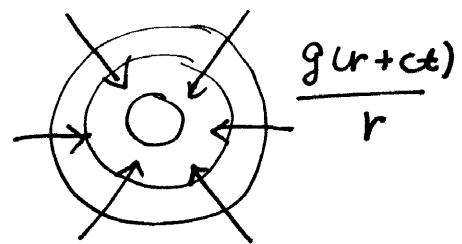
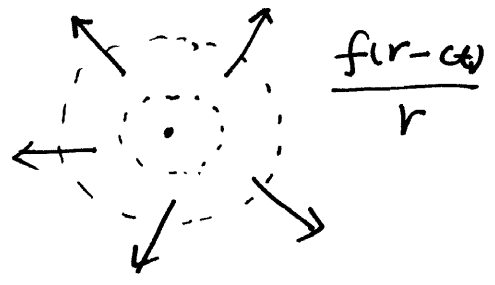
We can choose

$$r p(r, t) = f(r - ct) + g(r + ct)$$

$$\Rightarrow p(r, t) = \frac{1}{r} f(r - ct) + \frac{1}{r} g(r + ct)$$

out-going spherical wave

in-coming spherical wave



power  $\sim \int r^2 dr \left(\frac{1}{r}\right)^2$   
 no-power divergence.

Quantum mechanical

Schrödinger Eq

Kinetic energy

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi(\vec{r}, t) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) \psi(\vec{r}, t)$$

+ Boundary condition:  $+ V(\vec{r}, t) \psi(\vec{r}, t)$   
 potential

Free space  $V=0 \Rightarrow$  free-wave equation

Wave mechanics