

Selected solutions to problem set 5. ⑥

1. The eigenvalue problem is

$$\begin{cases} X'' = -\lambda X \\ X'(0) = 0 \\ X(L) = 0 \end{cases}$$

The general solution is

$$~~X(x)~~ \quad X(x) = C_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + C_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$$

$$X'(x) = -C_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + C_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$$

$$X'(0) = C_2 \sqrt{\lambda} = 0$$

implies $C_2 = 0$

$$C_1 \neq 0,$$

using $X(L) = 0$, we get

$$\sqrt{\lambda} \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} \cdot L) = 0$$

$$\sqrt{\lambda} L = \cancel{n\pi} \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi.$$

$$\text{So } \lambda_n = \frac{(\frac{1}{2} + n)^2 \pi^2}{L^2}$$

$$\text{and } \lambda_n(x) = \cos\left[\left(\frac{1}{2} + n\right) \frac{\pi x}{L}\right]$$

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2. We first find solutions using separation of variables

~~For~~ For solutions of the form

$$u(x,t) = X(x)T(t)$$

$$X\ddot{T} = \cancel{c^2} c^2 X'' \cdot T$$

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\ddot{T}}{T} = \frac{X''}{X} = -\lambda$$

$$\begin{cases} \ddot{T} = -c^2 \lambda T \\ X'' = -\lambda X \end{cases}$$

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Now we solve X using the condition

$$u_x(0,t) = u_x(\pi,t) = 0,$$

We get

$$\begin{cases} X'' = -\lambda X \\ X'(0) = 0 \\ X'(\pi) = 0. \end{cases} \quad (*)$$

claim: $\lambda \geq 0$. (This is similar to the argument in lecture notes)

Proof of claim: Multiply both sides by X , get

~~$$0 = \int_0^\pi X X'' dx$$~~

$$X X'' = -\lambda X^2$$

$$X X'' + \lambda X^2 = 0$$

So $0 = \int_0^\pi (X X'' + \lambda X^2) dx = \underbrace{X X'|_0^\pi}_{\text{integration by parts}} - \int_0^\pi (X')^2 dx + \lambda \int_0^\pi X^2 dx$

Since $X'X'|_0^\pi = 0$ by the condition, we have ⁽²⁾

$$0 = - \int_0^\pi (X')^2 dx + \lambda \int_0^\pi X^2 dx$$

$$\int_0^\pi (X')^2 dx = \lambda \cdot \int_0^\pi X^2 dx,$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda > 0.$$

so (*) has solutions (using the method for solving 2nd order ODEs) given by

$$X(x) = C_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + C_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$$

Differentiate get, $X'(x) = \cancel{C_1} - \sqrt{\lambda} C_1 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + C_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$.

By the boundary conditions, we get

$$X'(0) = C_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \cos(0) = 0$$

$$\text{so } C_2 = 0,$$

$$\text{and } C_1 \neq 0.$$

$$X'(\pi) = -\sqrt{\lambda} \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}\pi) = 0$$

$$\text{This implies } \sqrt{\lambda} \pi = n\pi$$

$$\lambda_n = n^2 \text{ are eigenvalues}$$

$$\text{and } X_n(x) = \cos(nx), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

To solve T , we have

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$$\ddot{T} = -\lambda_n c^2 T = -n^2 c^2 T,$$

~~S~~ when $n=0$, $T_0(t) = d_1 + d_2 t$

when $n \geq 1$, $T_n(t) = d_1 \cos(nct) + d_2 \sin(nct)$

$$\text{So } \begin{cases} U_n(x,t) = a_n \cos(nx) \cos(nct) + b_n \cos(nx) \sin(nct), & n \neq 0 \\ U_0(x,t) = a_0 + b_0 t, & n = 0 \end{cases}$$

And $U(x,t) = (a_0 + b_0 t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n \cos(nx) \cos(nct) + b_n \cos(nx) \sin(nct)]$

Now, use $U(x,0) = 0$, we get

$$a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) = 0,$$

$$\text{So } a_0 = 0, a_n = 0$$

$$\text{So } U(x,t) = b_0 t + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \cos(nx) \sin(nct)$$

~~Use $U_t(x,0) = 0$, we get~~

$$\text{So } \cancel{U(x,t)} U(x,t) = b_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (nc) b_n \cos(nx) \cos(nct)$$

$$\text{Thus } U_t(x,0) = b_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (nc) b_n \cos nx,$$

Using $U_t(x,0) = 0$, ~~we then get~~

$$= \cos^2 x = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2x.$$

we then get $b_0 = \frac{1}{2}$, $b_2 = \frac{1}{4c}$, $b_n = 0$ for $n \neq 0, 2$

So the solution is

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$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{2}t + \frac{1}{4c} \cos(2x) \sin(2ct).$$

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3, the Fourier coefficients are

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L |x| dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L x dx =$$

$$= \frac{1}{L} \cdot \frac{L^2}{2} = \frac{L}{2}$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^L |x| \cdot \cos\left(\frac{\pi n x}{L}\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L x \cos \frac{\pi n x}{L} dx$$

$$= \frac{2}{L} \cdot \frac{x \cdot L}{\pi n} \sin \frac{\pi n x}{L} \Big|_0^L - \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L \frac{L}{\pi n} \sin \frac{\pi n x}{L} dx$$

$$= \frac{-2}{L} \cdot \frac{-L^2}{(\pi n)^2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi n x}{L}\right) \Big|_0^L$$

$$= \frac{2L}{(\pi n)^2} [\cos(n\pi) - \cos(0)]$$

$$= \frac{2L}{(\pi n)^2} [(-1)^n - 1]$$

and thus $f(x) = \frac{L}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2L}{(\pi n)^2} [(-1)^n - 1] \cos\left(\frac{\pi n x}{L}\right)$

Solution to PS 5 Q6 :

Consider for $x \in [0, L]$ the wave equation

$$\begin{cases} U_{tt} - c^2 U_{xx} = 0, & x \in [0, L] \\ U(0, t) = 0, U_x(L, t) = 0 & \leftarrow \text{Mixed boundary conditions} \\ U(x, 0) = x, U_t(x, 0) = 0 & \leftarrow \text{Initial conditions} \end{cases}$$

Find the solution by separation of variables.

Step 1: As we did in the lecture notes,
we first consider solutions
of the form $U(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$.

The equation becomes $X \cdot \ddot{T} - c^2 X'' T = 0$
(upper dot is t derivative and "prime" is x derivative)

So $\frac{\ddot{T}}{c^2 T} = \frac{X''}{X}$ is independent of
both x and t .

Thus $\frac{\ddot{T}}{c^2 T} = \frac{X''}{X} = -\lambda$ is a constant.

This give 2 ODEs

$$\begin{cases} X'' + \lambda X = 0 & (a) \\ \ddot{T} + c^2 \lambda T = 0 & (b) \end{cases}$$

Using the boundary conditions

$u(0,t) = 0, u_x(L,t) = 0$, we get

$$X(0) = 0, X'(L) = 0$$

Combining with (a), get an eigenvalue problem

$$\begin{cases} X'' + \lambda X = 0 \\ X(0) = 0, X'(L) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (*)$$

Claim: $\lambda > 0$.

Proof of claim: Multiply (a) by X and integrate, get

$$\int_0^L X \cdot X'' + \lambda \int_0^L X^2 = 0$$

$$X \cdot X' \Big|_0^L - \int_0^L (X')^2 + \lambda \int_0^L X^2 = 0$$

Using the boundary conditions, we have

$$X \cdot X' \Big|_0^L = X(L)X'(L) - X(0)X'(0) = 0$$

Since $X \neq 0$ is non-trivial, we have $\lambda > 0$. #

Knowing $\lambda > 0$, the general solution to (*) is

$$X(x) = C_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + C_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$$

The first boundary conditions read

$$0 = C_1 \cdot \cos 0 + C_2 \sin 0 = C_1$$

C_1, C_2 cannot be both zero because X is non-trivial.

so $C_2 \neq 0$.

The second boundary condition is then

$$0 = x'(L) = C_2 \cdot \sqrt{\lambda} \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x) \Big|_{x=L} = C_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}L)$$

this implies $\sqrt{\lambda}L = \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi$, $n=1,2,\dots$

The eigenvalues are thus $\lambda_n = \frac{(\frac{1}{2}+n)^2 \pi^2}{L^2}$

The eigenfunctions are $x_n(x) = \sin(\sqrt{\lambda_n}x)$
 $= \sin\left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2}+n)\pi x}{L}\right)$

Knowing λ_n , we solve (b) and get

$$T_n(t) = a_n \cos\left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2}+n)\pi ct}{L}\right) + b_n \sin\left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2}+n)\pi ct}{L}\right)$$

The general solutions are

$$\begin{aligned} u(x,t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n(x) T_n(t) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin\left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2}+n)\pi x}{L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2}+n)\pi ct}{L}\right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2}+n)\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2}+n)\pi ct}{L}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Step 2: Next, we use the initial values to determine the a_n 's and b_n 's.

Differentiate the general solution with respect to t , we get

$$\begin{aligned} u_t(x,t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -\frac{a_n \cdot (\frac{1}{2}+n)\pi c}{L} \sin\left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2}+n)\pi x}{L}\right) \sin\left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2}+n)\pi ct}{L}\right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n \cdot (\frac{1}{2}+n)\pi c}{L} \sin\left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2}+n)\pi x}{L}\right) \cos\left(\frac{(\frac{1}{2}+n)\pi ct}{L}\right) \end{aligned}$$

The initial conditions then read (plugging in $t=0$)

$$x = u(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin \frac{(\frac{1}{2}+n)\pi x}{L} \quad (c)$$

$$p = u_t(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n - (\frac{1}{2}+n)\pi c}{L} \cdot \sin \frac{(\frac{1}{2}+n)\pi x}{L} \quad (d)$$

We get $b_n = 0$ for all n .

Multiply the equation (c) by $\sin \frac{(\frac{1}{2}+m)\pi x}{L}$
and integrate from 0 to L , get

$$\int_0^L x \cdot \sin \frac{(\frac{1}{2}+m)\pi x}{L} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \int_0^L \sin \frac{(\frac{1}{2}+n)\pi x}{L} \sin \frac{(\frac{1}{2}+m)\pi x}{L} \quad (e)$$

$$\text{Recall } \int_0^L \sin \frac{(\frac{1}{2}+n)\pi x}{L} \sin \frac{(\frac{1}{2}+m)\pi x}{L} = \begin{cases} \frac{L}{2} & , \quad n=m \\ 0 & , \quad n \neq m \end{cases}$$

(e) then gives

$$a_m = \left[\int_0^L x \cdot \sin \frac{(\frac{1}{2}+m)\pi x}{L} \right] \cdot \frac{2}{L}$$

$$= \left[\left. \frac{-x \cdot L \cdot \cos \frac{(\frac{1}{2}+m)\pi x}{L}}{(\frac{1}{2}+m)^2 \pi} \right|_0^L + \int_0^L \frac{L \cdot \cos \frac{(\frac{1}{2}+m)\pi x}{L}}{(\frac{1}{2}+m)\pi} dx \right] \cdot \frac{2}{L}$$

$$= \left[\frac{-L^2 \cos(\frac{1}{2}+m)\pi}{(\frac{1}{2}+m)^2 \pi} + 0 + \frac{L^2 \sin \frac{(\frac{1}{2}+m)\pi x}{L}}{(\frac{1}{2}+m)^2 \pi^2} \right] \cdot \frac{2}{L}$$

$$= \left[0 + 0 + \frac{L^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{2} + m\right)\pi}{\left(\frac{1}{2} + m\right)^2 \pi^2} - 0 \right] \cdot \frac{2}{L}$$

$$= \frac{8L \cdot (-1)^n}{(1+2m)^2 \pi}$$

And so

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{8L \cdot (-1)^n}{\pi^2 \cdot (1+2n)^2} \sin\left[\left(\frac{1}{2} + n\right) \frac{\pi x}{L}\right] \cos\left[\left(\frac{1}{2} + n\right) \frac{\pi ct}{L}\right]$$

PS 5 Q 2:

First consider solutions with separated variables

$$u(x,t) = X(x)T(t),$$

plug into the equation gives

$$X \cdot \ddot{T} - c^2 X'' T = 0$$

$$\frac{\ddot{T}}{cT^2} = \frac{X''}{X} = -\lambda \quad (*)$$

The 2nd identity in (*) together with the boundary conditions gives the eigenvalue problem

$$\begin{cases} X'' + \lambda X = 0 \\ X'(0) = 0, X'(\pi) = 0 \end{cases}$$

The general solutions for X are

$$X(x) = C_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + C_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x).$$

It's derivative is

$$X'(x) = -C_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + C_2 \sqrt{\lambda} \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$$

The first boundary condition gives

$$0 = X'(0) = C_2 \sqrt{\lambda},$$

This implies $C_2 = 0$ and $C_1 \neq 0$.

The second boundary condition then gives

$$0 = X'(\pi) = -C_1 \sqrt{\lambda} \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} \pi)$$

$$\text{Thus } \sqrt{\lambda} \pi = n\pi, \quad n=0,1,2,\dots$$

So eigenvalues are $\lambda_n = n^2$, $n=0,1,2,\dots$

eigenfunctions are $X_n(x) = \cos(nx)$

For $n \geq 1$, knowing λ_n , we can solve

$$\frac{T'}{c^2 \tau^2} = -\lambda \quad \text{and get}$$

$$T_n(t) = a_n \cos(cnt) + b_n \sin(cnt)$$

For $n=0$, i.e. $\lambda=0$, we also have

$$\text{we have } X_0(x) = \cos 0 = 1$$

and solving $T_0'' = 0$ gives $T_0 = a_0 + b_0 t$.

So the general solution is given by

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} X_n(x) T_n(t)$$

$$= a_0 + b_0 t + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx) \cos(cnt) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \cos(nx) \sin(cnt)$$

Its time derivative is

$$u_t(x,t) = b_0 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} cn \cdot a_n \cos(nx) \sin(cnt) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} cn \cdot b_n \cos(nx) \cos(cnt)$$

plug in $t=0$, we get

$$0 = u(x,0) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos(nx)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\cos 2x}{2} = u_t(x,0) = b_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C \cdot n \cdot b_n \cos(nx)$$

Thus we can determine the coefficients.

Using that $\sin mx \cos nx$ are independent if $m \neq n$, we get

$$a_n = 0 \text{ for all } n$$

$$b_n = 0 \text{ for all } n \text{ except for } n=0 \text{ or } 2$$

$$\text{and } b_0 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad C \cdot 2 \cdot b_2 = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow b_2 = \frac{1}{4C}$$

So the solution to this question is

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{2}t + \frac{1}{4C} \cos(2x) \sin(2Ct)$$

PS 5 Q4:

The Fourier series is (as defined in Week 6 notes)

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{\pi n x}{\pi}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{\pi n x}{\pi}\right)$$

$$\text{with } a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin x dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot (-\cos x) \Big|_0^{\pi}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{and } a_n &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{\pi} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |\sin x| \cos nx dx \\
 &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin x \cos nx dx
 \end{aligned}$$

We compute

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^{\pi} \sin x \cos nx dx &= -\cos x \cos nx \Big|_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} (-\cos x) (-n \sin nx) dx \\
 &= (-1)^n + 1 - n \int_0^{\pi} \cos x \sin nx dx \\
 &= (-1)^n + 1 - n \sin x \sin nx \Big|_0^{\pi} + n^2 \int_0^{\pi} \sin x \cos nx dx \\
 &= 1 + (-1)^n + n^2 \int_0^{\pi} \sin x \cos nx dx
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\int_0^{\pi} \sin x \cos nx dx = \frac{-1 - (-1)^n}{n^2 - 1}$

$$\text{and } a_n = \frac{2[-1 - (-1)^n]}{\pi \cdot (n^2 - 1)}$$

Noticing $f(x) = |x|$ is even, so all $b_n = 0$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\text{Thus } f(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2[-1 - (-1)^n]}{\pi \cdot (n^2 - 1)} \cos(nx)$$

