

Complex Orthogonality

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$$\int_a^b \bar{\psi}(x) \phi(x) dx = 0$$

$\psi(x)$ and $\phi(x)$ are

$$\langle \psi, \phi \rangle = \int_a^b \psi(x) \phi(x) dx$$

inner product of ψ
and ϕ over $[a, b]$

$$\langle \psi, \phi \rangle = \int_a^b \bar{\psi}(x) \phi(x) dx$$

where $\overline{\psi(x)}$ is a complex conjugate of $\psi(x)$.

Here $\psi(x) = f(x) + ig(x)$

$f(x) = \text{Re } \psi(x)$ — real-valued functions
 $g(x) = \text{Im } \psi(x)$ — functions

$$\overline{\psi(x)} = f(x) - ig(x)$$

$z = x + iy$: complex number

$\overline{z} = x - iy$: complex conjugate of z

Note
$$\frac{e^{-i\frac{n\pi x}{L}}}{e^{i\frac{n\pi x}{L}}} = e^{-i\frac{n\pi x}{L}}$$

Claim Functions $e^{-i\frac{n\pi x}{L}}$, $n = -\infty, \dots, +\infty$ are orthogonal on $x \in [-L, L]$.

$$\square \int_{-L}^L \frac{e^{-i\frac{m\pi x}{L}} e^{-i\frac{n\pi x}{L}} dx = \int_{-L}^L e^{i\frac{m\pi x}{L}} e^{-i\frac{n\pi x}{L}} dx =$$

$$= \int_{-L}^L e^{i\frac{(m-n)\pi x}{L}} dx = \begin{cases} 2L, & m=n \\ [\dots], & m \neq n \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m \neq n \quad [\dots] &= \int_{-L}^L e^{i\frac{(m-n)\pi x}{L}} dx = \frac{L}{(m-n)\pi i} e^{i\frac{(m-n)\pi x}{L}} \Big|_{x=-L}^L \\ &= \frac{L}{(m-n)\pi i} [e^{i(m-n)\pi} - e^{-i(m-n)\pi}] \quad \text{⊖} \end{aligned}$$

$$e^{it} - e^{-it} = \cancel{\cos t} + i \sin t - [\cancel{\cos t} - i \sin t] = 2i \sin t$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{L}{(m-n)\pi i} \cdot \cancel{2i} \cdot \sin(\cancel{m-n})\pi = 0$$

$$\therefore \int_{-L}^L \frac{e^{-im\pi x}}{L} \cdot e^{-in\pi x} dx = \begin{cases} 2L, & m=n \\ 0, & m \neq n \end{cases}$$

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} C_n e^{-in\pi x} \Big| e^{\frac{-im\pi x}{L}} \int_{-L}^L$$

$$\int_{-L}^L f(x) e^{\frac{-im\pi x}{L}} dx \sim \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} C_n \int_{-L}^L e^{-in\pi x} e^{-i\frac{m\pi x}{L}} dx$$

$$= \begin{cases} 0, & m \neq n \\ 2L, & m = n \end{cases}$$

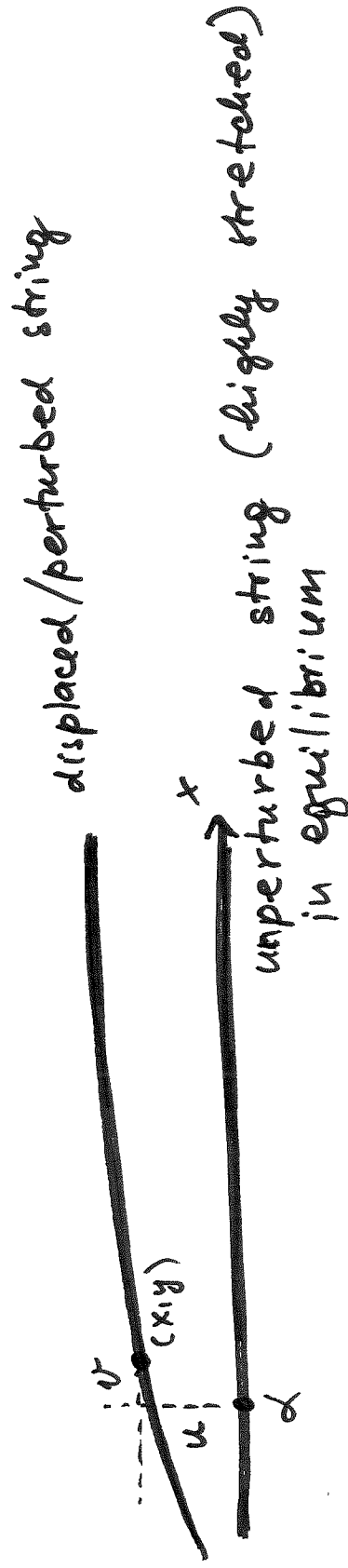
$$\therefore C_m = \frac{1}{2L} \int_{-L}^L f(x) e^{im\pi x/L} dx \quad \text{for all } m$$

same as
before
(see page 9 of
lecture 2.1)

Complex form of a Fourier series is a more compact form of the Fourier series, and more convenient to use.

Ch 4 Wave Equation

Vibrating String



Let α be the x-coordinate of a particle / point sitting on a string. The string is in equilibrium in which it is highly stretched.

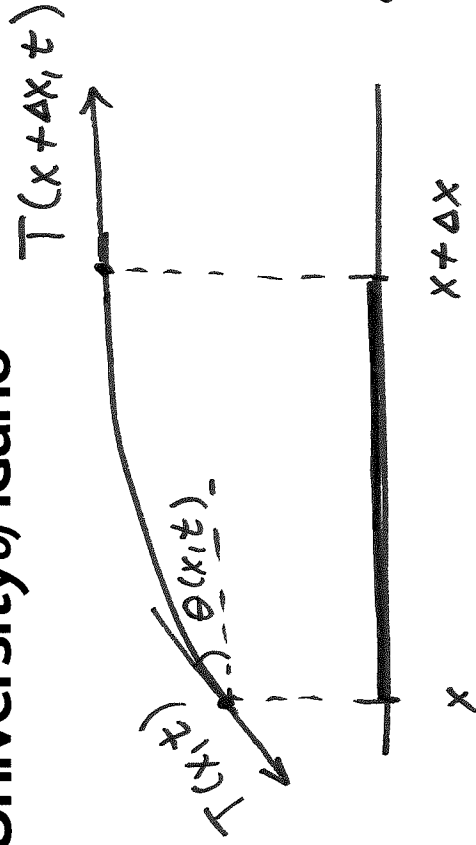
Now perturb the string. Let u and v be vertical and horizontal displacements of the particle. Assume that the slope of the perturbed string is small \Rightarrow we can neglect horizontal displacements and motion becomes completely vertical

$$v \approx 0$$

$$x \approx \alpha$$

$\therefore y = u(x, t)$ where $x = \alpha$

Goal: derive equation (PDE) that governs the evolution of $u(x, t)$. We will use 2nd Newton's law of motion: $\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$



Tensile force tries to stretch the string segment.

small segment of string

Assume that mass density $\rho_0(x)$ is known. Then the total mass on the interval $[x, x + \Delta x]$ is $\rho_0(x) \Delta x$. We assume that string is perfectly flexible \Rightarrow the rest of the string exerts no resistance to bending \Rightarrow that acts in the direction of the force on end points. This force is tension of the string. Its magnitude is $T(x, t)$. Other force is the body force (gravity). Denote it by $Q(x, t)$.

Let $\theta(x, t)$ be the angle between positive x -axis and tangent line to string.

$$y = u(x, t)$$

Slope of string:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \tan \theta = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$$

2nd Newton's law of motion: $m\vec{a} = \vec{F}$ (need vertical component)

$$\rho_0(x) \Delta x \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = T(x + \Delta x, t) \sin \theta(x + \Delta x, t)$$

$$- T(x, t) \sin \theta(x, t) + \rho_0(x) \Delta x \underbrace{Q(x, t)}_{\text{vertical body force per unit mass}}$$