

Sec. 5.1 The (Fourier) Coefficients, pp. 108-109.

#2, p. 108. Let $\varphi(x) = x^2$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$.

(a) Calculate its Fourier sine series.

(b) Calculate its Fourier cosine series.

$$(a) \quad b_n = \frac{\langle \varphi, \sin(n\pi x) \rangle}{\langle \sin(n\pi x), \sin(n\pi x) \rangle} = \frac{\int_0^1 \varphi(x) \sin(n\pi x) dx}{\int_0^1 \sin^2(n\pi x) dx}$$

$$\int_0^1 \sin^2(n\pi x) dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1 - \cos(2n\pi x)}{2} dx = \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{4n\pi} \sin(2n\pi x) \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore b_n &= 2 \int_0^1 x^2 \sin(n\pi x) dx \quad \leftarrow \begin{cases} \text{Parts: } U = x^2, dV = \sin(n\pi x) dx \\ \Rightarrow dU = 2x dx, V = -\frac{\cos(n\pi x)}{n\pi} \end{cases} \\ &= 2 \left(\frac{-x^2 \cos(n\pi x)}{n\pi} \right) \Big|_0^1 + \frac{4}{\pi n} \int_0^1 x \cos(n\pi x) dx \quad \leftarrow \begin{cases} \text{Parts: } U = x, dV = \cos(n\pi x) dx \\ \Rightarrow dU = dx, V = \frac{\sin(n\pi x)}{n\pi} \end{cases} \\ &= \frac{2(-1)^n}{n\pi} + \frac{4}{n\pi} \left(\frac{x \sin(n\pi x)}{n\pi} \right) \Big|_0^1 - \frac{4}{(n\pi)^2} \int_0^1 \sin(n\pi x) dx \\ &= \frac{2(-1)^n}{n\pi} + \frac{4}{(n\pi)^3} \cos(n\pi x) \Big|_0^1 \\ &= \frac{2(-1)^n}{n\pi} + \frac{4}{(n\pi)^3} \left[(-1)^n - 1 \right] \end{aligned}$$

this factor is 0 if n is even
and -2 if n is odd.

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$$\frac{2}{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \sin(n\pi x)}{n} - \frac{8}{\pi^3} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\sin((2k+1)\pi x)}{(2k+1)^3}$$

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#2, p.108 (b)

$$a_n = \frac{\langle \varphi, \cos(n\pi x) \rangle}{\langle \cos(n\pi x), \cos(n\pi x) \rangle} = \frac{\int_0^1 \varphi(x) \cos(n\pi x) dx}{\int_0^1 \cos^2(n\pi x) dx}$$

$$(n \geq 1) \int_0^1 \cos^2(n\pi x) dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1 + \cos(2n\pi x)}{2} dx = \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{\sin(2n\pi x)}{4n\pi} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore a_n = 2 \int_0^1 x^2 \cos(n\pi x) dx$$

$$= \frac{2x^2 \sin(n\pi x)}{n\pi} \Big|_0^1 - \frac{4}{n\pi} \int_0^1 x \sin(n\pi x) dx$$
$$= \frac{4x \cos(n\pi x)}{(n\pi)^2} \Big|_0^1 - \frac{4}{(n\pi)^2} \int_0^1 \cos(n\pi x) dx$$

$$= \frac{4(-1)^n}{(n\pi)^2} \quad (n \geq 1)$$

$$a_0 = \frac{\langle \varphi, 1 \rangle}{\langle 1, 1 \rangle} = \frac{\int_0^1 \varphi(x) dx}{\int_0^1 1^2 dx} = \int_0^1 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{3}$$

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$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \cos(n\pi x)}{n^2}$$

Parts: $U = x^2$, $dV = \cos(n\pi x) dx$
 $\Rightarrow dU = 2x dx$, $V = \frac{\sin(n\pi x)}{n\pi}$

Parts: $U = x$, $dV = \sin(n\pi x) dx$
 $\Rightarrow dU = dx$, $V = \frac{-\cos(n\pi x)}{n\pi}$

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#3, p. 108. Consider the function $\varphi(x) = x$ on $(0, l)$. On the same graph, sketch the following functions.

- (a) The sum of the first three (nonzero) terms of its Fourier sine series.
 - (b) The sum of the first three (nonzero) terms of its Fourier cosine series.
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In examples 3 and 4 of Sec. 5.1 it is shown that the Fourier sine and cosine series of φ are, respectively,

$$\frac{2l}{\pi} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1} \sin(m\pi x/l)}{m}$$

and

$$\frac{l}{2} - \frac{4l}{\pi^2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\cos((2k+1)\pi x/l)}{(2k+1)^2}.$$

The first three (nonzero) terms of the respective series are

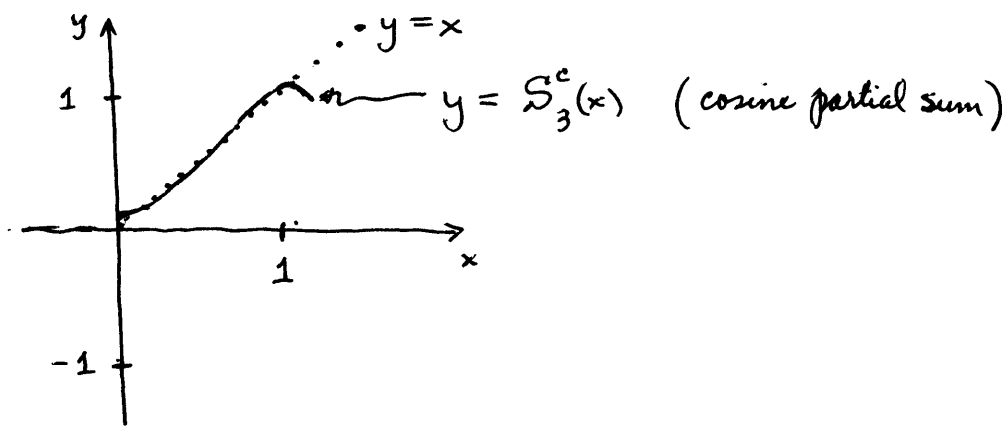
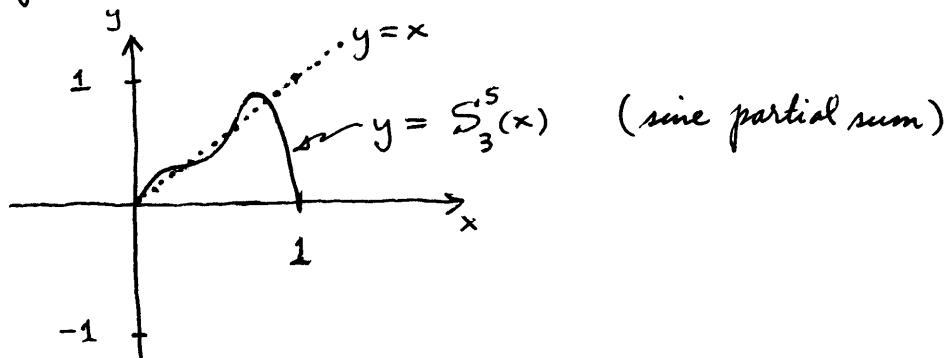
$$S_3^s(x) = \frac{2l}{\pi} \left(\sin(\pi x/l) - \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\pi x/l) + \frac{1}{3} \sin(3\pi x/l) \right)$$

and

$$S_3^c(x) = \frac{l}{2} - \frac{4l}{\pi^2} \left(\cos(\pi x/l) + \frac{1}{9} \cos(3\pi x/l) \right).$$

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#3, p.108 (cont.) Using a graphical calculator we find the following graphs when $l = 1$.



#5, p.108. Consider the Fourier sine series of $\varphi(x) = x$ on $(0, l)$:

$$\frac{2l}{\pi} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1} \sin(m\pi x/l)}{m} = \frac{2l}{\pi} \left(\sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{l}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi x}{l}\right) + \dots \right).$$

(See example 3 of Sec. 5.1 for details of this computation.) Assume that the series can be integrated term-by-term, a fact that will be shown later (cf. Theorem 2 of Sec. 5.4).

(a) Find the Fourier cosine series of the function

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#5, p.108 (cont.) $x^2/2$. Find the constant of integration that will be the first term in the cosine series.

(b) Then by setting $x=0$ in your result, find the sum of the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{n^2}.$$

We also assume that $\varphi(x) = x$ on $(0, l)$ is equal to its Fourier sine series there:

$$(*) \quad t = \frac{2l}{\pi} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1} \sin(m\pi t/l)}{m} \quad \text{if } 0 \leq t < l.$$

(See Theorem 4(i) of Sec. 5.4.) If $x \in [0, l)$ then, by integrating

(*) over $[0, x]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^2}{2} &= \int_0^x t \, dt = \int_0^x \left(\frac{2l}{\pi} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1} \sin(m\pi t/l)}{m} \right) dt \\ &= \frac{2l}{\pi} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{m} \int_0^x \sin(m\pi t/l) \, dt \\ &= \frac{2l}{\pi} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{m} \left[-\frac{l}{m\pi} \cos\left(\frac{m\pi t}{l}\right) \right] \Bigg|_{t=0}^{t=x} \\ &= \frac{2l^2}{\pi^2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m \cos(m\pi x/l)}{m^2} + C \end{aligned}$$

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#5, p. 108 (cont.) where $c = \frac{2l^2}{\pi^2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{m^2}$.

But c must also be the ^{zeroth} Fourier cosine coefficient of $x^2/2$ on $(0, l)$. Thus

$$c = \frac{\langle x^2/2, 1 \rangle}{\langle 1, 1 \rangle} = \frac{\int_0^l x^2/2 \, dx}{\int_0^l 1^2 \, dx} = \frac{l^3/6}{l}$$

$$c = l^2/6.$$

Equating the two expressions for c gives

$$\frac{l^2}{6} = c = \frac{2l^2}{\pi^2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{m^2};$$

$$\text{i.e. } \boxed{\frac{\pi^2}{12}} = \frac{l^2}{6} \cdot \frac{\pi^2}{2l^2} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{m^2}.$$

Note also that the expression $c = l^2/6$ can be substituted in the formula for $x^2/2$ on $(0, l)$ at the bottom of the previous page to yield its Fourier cosine series:

$$\boxed{\frac{x^2}{2} = \frac{l^2}{6} + \frac{2l^2}{\pi^2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m \cos(m\pi x/l)}{m^2}}, \quad x \in (0, l).$$

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- #6, p. 108 (a) By the same method (as #5), find the sine series of x^3 .
(b) Find the cosine series of x^4 .
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Using the result of #5,

$$\frac{x^2}{2} = \frac{l^2}{6} + \frac{2l^2}{\pi^2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m \cos(m\pi x/l)}{m^2}, \quad x \in [0, l),$$

and integrating we find

$$(*) \quad \frac{x^3}{6} = \frac{l^2 x}{6} + \frac{2l^2}{\pi^2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{l (-1)^m \sin(m\pi x/l)}{m\pi \cdot m^2} + C$$

for $x \in [0, l)$. Substituting the previous result (Example 3, Sec. 5.1)

$$x = \frac{2l}{\pi} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1} \sin(m\pi x/l)}{m}, \quad x \in [0, l),$$

into (*) and simplifying yields

$$\frac{x^3}{6} = \frac{l^3}{3\pi} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1} \sin(m\pi x/l)}{m} + \frac{2l^3}{\pi^3} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m \sin(m\pi x/l)}{m^3} + C$$

$$\boxed{x^3 = \frac{2l^3}{\pi^3} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (-1)^m \left(\frac{6}{m^3} - \frac{\pi^2}{m} \right) \sin(m\pi x/l) + C'}$$

Setting $x=0$, we find that $C'=0$ above.

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#6, p. 108 (b) (cont.)

Integrating term-by-term the Fourier sine series for x^3 yields

$$\frac{x^4}{4} = \frac{2l^3}{\pi^3} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (-1)^m \left(\frac{6}{m^3} - \frac{\pi^2}{m} \right) \left[-\cos(m\pi x/l) \right] \frac{l}{m\pi} + c$$

$$(**) \quad x^4 = \frac{8l^4}{\pi^4} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{m+1} \left(\frac{6}{m^4} - \frac{\pi^2}{m^2} \right) \cos(m\pi x/l) + c'$$

for $x \in [0, l)$. Setting $x = 0$ gives

$$\frac{8l^4}{\pi^4} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (-1)^m \left(\frac{6}{m^4} - \frac{\pi^2}{m^2} \right) = c'$$

Also, c' must be the zeroth Fourier cosine coefficient of x^4 on $[0, l)$:

$$c' = \frac{\langle x^4, 1 \rangle}{\langle 1, 1 \rangle} = \frac{\int_0^l x^4 dx}{\int_0^l 1^2 dx} = \frac{l^5/5}{l} = \frac{l^4}{5}$$

Equating the two expressions for c' yields

$$(+)$$
$$\frac{48l^4}{\pi^4} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{m^4} + \frac{8l^4}{\pi^2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{m^2} = \frac{l^4}{5}$$

Substituting the result from #5(b) into (+) gives

$$\frac{48}{\pi^4} \cdot \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{m^4} + \frac{8}{\pi^2} \cdot \frac{\pi^2}{12} = \frac{1}{5},$$

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#6, p.108(b) (cont.) and simplifying yields

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{m^4} = \frac{\pi^4}{48} \left(\frac{1}{5} - \frac{2}{3} \right) = \frac{-7\pi^4}{720}$$

This is the answer to #7.

Substituting the expression $c' = l^4/5$ into (**) produces

$$x^4 = \frac{l^4}{5} + \frac{8l^4}{\pi^4} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{m+1} \left(\frac{6}{m^4} - \frac{\pi^2}{m^2} \right) \cos(m\pi x/l)$$

for $x \in [0, l)$.

#7, p.108. Put $x=0$ in exercise #6(b) to deduce the sum of the series

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{m^4} .$$

(Solution above.)

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#8, p. 108. A rod has length $l=1$ and constant $k=1$. Its temperature satisfies the heat equation. Its left end is held at temperature 0, its right end at temperature 1. Initially (at $t=0$) the temperature is given by

$$\varphi(x) = \begin{cases} 5x/2 & \text{if } 0 < x < 2/3, \\ 3-2x & \text{if } 2/3 < x < 1. \end{cases}$$

Find the solution (i.e. the temperature as a function of position x and time t), including the coefficients.

Mathematical Model:

(*) $u_t - u_{xx} = 0$ for $0 < x < 1, 0 < t < \infty,$

(**) $u(0, t) = 0$ and $u(1, t) = 1$ for $t \geq 0$

(***) $u(x, 0) = \varphi(x) = \begin{cases} 5x/2 & \text{if } 0 < x < 2/3, \\ 3-2x & \text{if } 2/3 < x < 1. \end{cases}$

Note: Direct application of the method of separation of variables fails because the nonhomogeneous boundary condition $u(1, t) = 1$ does not lead to an eigenvalue problem. (Try it, you'll see what I mean.) Therefore, we seek the steady-state solution

$$u(x, t) = U(x) \quad (\text{independent of time } t)$$

to the above problem. The substitution $v(x, t) = u(x, t) - U(x)$ will then lead to a problem with homogeneous boundary conditions, and hence one solvable by separation of variables.

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#8, p. 108 (cont.) The steady-state solution $u(x,t) = U(x)$ to (*)-(**)

solves $0 - U'' = 0$ for $0 < x < 1$ (*)'

$$U(0) = 0 \text{ and } U(1) = 1. \quad (**')$$

The general solution to the ODE (*)' is $U(x) = c_1 x + c_2$. The B.C.'s (**') imply $c_2 = 0$ and $c_1 = 1$. Thus $U(x) = x$ is the steady-state solution to (*)-(**).

Make the substitution $v(x,t) = u(x,t) - U(x) = u(x,t) - x$ in the problem (*)-(**)-(***). This results in the problem

$$(\dagger) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} v_t - v_{xx} = 0 \text{ for } 0 < x < 1, 0 < t < \infty, \\ v(0,t) = \overbrace{u(0,t)}^0 - \overbrace{U(0)}^0 = 0 \\ \text{and} \\ v(1,t) = \underbrace{u(1,t)}_1 - \underbrace{U(1)}_1 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \text{ for } t \geq 0,$$
$$v(x,0) = u(x,0) - U(x) = \overbrace{\varphi(x)}^{\text{Call this } \varphi(x)} - x = \begin{cases} \frac{3x}{2} & \text{if } 0 < x < \frac{2}{3}, \\ 3-3x & \text{if } \frac{2}{3} < x < 1. \end{cases}$$

We use separation of variables to solve (\dagger). The form $v(x,t) = X(x)T(t)$ leads to

$$T'(t) + \lambda T(t) = 0,$$

$$X''(x) + \lambda X(x) = 0, \quad X(0) = X(1) = 0.$$

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#8, p. 108 (cont.) The eigenvalues are $\lambda_n = (n\pi)^2$, $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$, and the corresponding eigenfunctions are $X_n(x) = \sin(n\pi x)$, $n=1, 2, 3, \dots$

Therefore

$$v(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin(n\pi x) e^{-(n\pi)^2 t} \quad (b_1, b_2, \dots \text{ arbitrary consts.})$$

is a formal solution to the homogeneous part of (†). To satisfy the initial condition $v(x, 0) = \psi(x) = \begin{cases} 3x/2 & \text{if } 0 < x < 2/3, \\ 3-3x & \text{if } 2/3 < x < 1, \end{cases}$

we need to choose the constants b_1, b_2, \dots to be the Fourier sine coefficients of ψ :

$$b_n = \frac{\langle \psi, \sin(n\pi \cdot) \rangle}{\langle \sin(n\pi \cdot), \sin(n\pi \cdot) \rangle} = \frac{\int_0^1 \psi(x) \sin(n\pi x) dx}{\int_0^1 \sin^2(n\pi x) dx} \leftarrow 1/2$$

$$b_n = 2 \int_0^1 \psi(x) \sin(n\pi x) dx = 2 \int_0^{2/3} \frac{3x}{2} \sin(n\pi x) dx + 2 \int_{2/3}^1 (3-3x) \sin(n\pi x) dx.$$

Integrating by parts (as indicated), we find

$$b_n = \frac{-3x \cos(n\pi x)}{n\pi} \Big|_0^{2/3} + \frac{3}{n\pi} \int_0^{2/3} \cos(n\pi x) dx + \frac{-6(1-x) \cos(n\pi x)}{n\pi} \Big|_{2/3}^1 - \frac{6}{n\pi} \int_{2/3}^1 \cos(n\pi x) dx$$

$$= \cancel{\frac{-2 \cos(2n\pi/3)}{n\pi}} + \frac{3 \sin(n\pi x)}{(n\pi)^2} \Big|_0^{2/3} + \cancel{\frac{2 \cos(2n\pi/3)}{n\pi}} - \frac{6 \sin(n\pi x)}{(n\pi)^2} \Big|_{2/3}^1$$

$$= \frac{9 \sin(2n\pi/3)}{(n\pi)^2}.$$

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#8, p. 108 (cont.) Therefore

$$v(x,t) = \frac{q}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2n\pi/3) \sin(n\pi x) e^{-n^2\pi^2 t}}{n^2},$$

and hence

$$u(x,t) = v(x,t) + x$$

$$= x + \frac{q}{\pi^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin(2n\pi/3) \sin(n\pi x) e^{-n^2\pi^2 t}}{n^2}.$$

#10, p. 108. A string (of tension T and density ρ), with fixed ends at $x=0$ and $x=l$, is hit by a hammer so that $u(x,0) = 0$ for $x \in [0, l]$ and

$$u_t(x,0) = \begin{cases} v & \text{if } |x - \frac{l}{2}| \leq \delta, \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Find the solution explicitly in series form. Find the energy

$$E_n(h) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^l \left[\rho u_t^2(x,t) + T u_x^2(x,t) \right] dx$$

of the n^{th} harmonic $h = h_n$. Conclude that if δ is small (a

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#10, p. 108 (cont.) concentrated blow), each of the first few overtones has almost as much energy as the fundamental. She could say that the tone is saturated with overtones.

Mathematical Model:

- (*) $\rho u_{tt} - T u_{xx} = 0$ for $0 < x < l, 0 < t < \infty$,
- (**) $u(0, t) = u(l, t) = 0$ for $t \geq 0$,
- (***) $u(x, 0) = 0$ for $0 \leq x \leq l$,
- (****) $u_t(x, 0) = \psi(x) = \begin{cases} V & \text{if } |x - \frac{l}{2}| \leq \delta \\ 0 & \text{if } \delta < |x - \frac{l}{2}| \leq \frac{l}{2}. \end{cases}$

Separation of variables (i.e. $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$) leads to the formal solution

$$(†) \quad u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi ct}{l}\right)$$

to the homogeneous part of the problem: (*)-(**)-(***). Here $c = \sqrt{T/\rho}$ and c_1, c_2, \dots are arbitrary constants. Differentiating the formal solution with respect to t gives (formally)

$$u_t(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n\pi c c_n}{l} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi ct}{l}\right),$$

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#10, p.108 (cont.) so if (****) is to be satisfied, we must have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n\pi c_n}{l} &= n^{\text{th}} \text{ Fourier sine coefficient of } \psi \\ &= \frac{\langle \psi, \sin(n\pi(\cdot)/l) \rangle}{\langle \sin(n\pi(\cdot)/l), \sin(n\pi(\cdot)/l) \rangle} \\ &= \frac{\int_0^l \psi(x) \sin(n\pi x/l) dx}{\int_0^l \sin^2(n\pi x/l) dx} \leftarrow l/2 \\ &= \frac{2}{l} \int_{\frac{l}{2}-\delta}^{\frac{l}{2}+\delta} V \sin(n\pi x/l) dx \\ &= \frac{2V}{l} \left[-\frac{l}{n\pi} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) \right] \Bigg|_{\frac{l}{2}-\delta}^{\frac{l}{2}+\delta} \\ &= \frac{2V}{n\pi} \left[\cos\left[\frac{n\pi}{l}\left(\frac{l}{2}-\delta\right)\right] - \cos\left[\frac{n\pi}{l}\left(\frac{l}{2}+\delta\right)\right] \right]. \end{aligned}$$

We now apply the identity $\cos(B) - \cos(A) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{A-B}{2}\right)$

with $B = \frac{n\pi}{l}\left(\frac{l}{2}-\delta\right) = \frac{n\pi}{2} - \frac{n\pi\delta}{l}$

and $A = \frac{n\pi}{l}\left(\frac{l}{2}+\delta\right) = \frac{n\pi}{2} + \frac{n\pi\delta}{l}$.

Note that $\frac{A+B}{2} = \frac{n\pi}{2}$ and $\frac{A-B}{2} = \frac{n\pi\delta}{l}$. Therefore

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#10, p. 108 (cont.) $\frac{n\pi c c_n}{l} = \frac{4V}{n\pi} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi\delta}{l}\right) \quad (n=1, 2, 3, \dots)$

But $\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = 0$ if $n = 2m$ is even and $\sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) = (-1)^{m-1}$ if $n = 2m-1$ is odd. Thus

$$(H) \quad c_n = \frac{4lV}{c(n\pi)^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi\delta}{l}\right) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n=2m \\ & \text{is even,} \\ \frac{4lV(-1)^{m-1} \sin(2m-1)\pi\delta/l}{c\pi^2(2m-1)^2} & \text{if } n=2m-1 \\ & \text{is odd.} \end{cases}$$

substituting (H) into (f) gives

Consequently, $u(x,t) = \frac{4lV}{c\pi^2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m-1} \sin(2m-1)\pi\delta/l \sin(2m-1)\pi x/l \sin(2m-1)\pi ct/l}{(2m-1)^2}$

where $c = \sqrt{T/\rho}$.

The n^{th} harmonic of the series solution (f) is the n^{th} term:

$$h_n(x,t) = c_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi ct}{l}\right)$$

where c_n is given by (H). The energy of the n^{th} harmonic is

$$E(h_n)(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^l \left[\rho \left(\frac{\partial h_n}{\partial t} \right)^2 + T \left(\frac{\partial h_n}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right] dx.$$

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#10, p. 108 (cont.) Since

$$\frac{\partial h_n}{\partial t} = \frac{n\pi c_n}{l} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n\pi ct}{l}\right)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial h_n}{\partial x} = \frac{n\pi c_n}{l} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi ct}{l}\right),$$

upon substituting into the integral expression for $E(h_n)(t)$, we get

$$E(h_n)(t) = \frac{1}{2} \rho c^2 \left(\frac{n\pi c_n}{l}\right)^2 \cos^2\left(\frac{n\pi ct}{l}\right) \int_0^l \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) dx \\ + \frac{1}{2} T \left(\frac{n\pi c_n}{l}\right)^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi ct}{l}\right) \int_0^l \cos^2\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) dx.$$

$$\text{But } \rho c^2 = \rho \cdot \frac{T}{\rho} = T,$$

$$\int_0^l \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) dx = \int_0^l \left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi x}{l}\right) \right] dx = \frac{l}{2},$$

$$\text{and } \int_0^l \cos^2\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) dx = \int_0^l \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi x}{l}\right) \right] dx = \frac{l}{2}.$$

$$\text{Thus } E(h_n)(t) = \frac{Tl}{4} \left(\frac{n\pi c_n}{l}\right)^2 \cos^2\left(\frac{n\pi ct}{l}\right) + \frac{Tl}{4} \left(\frac{n\pi c_n}{l}\right)^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi ct}{l}\right) \\ = \frac{T n^2 \pi^2 c_n^2}{4l} \cdot \leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{constant,} \\ \text{(independent of } t \text{!)} \end{matrix}$$

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#10, p. 108 (cont.) Substituting the expression for c_n from (11) yields

$$\begin{aligned} E(h_n) &= \frac{T n^2 \pi^2}{4l} \left(\frac{4lV}{c(n\pi)^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi\delta}{l}\right) \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{4\rho l V^2}{(n\pi)^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi\delta}{l}\right) \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n=2m \text{ is even,} \\ \frac{4\rho l V^2}{(n\pi)^2} \sin^2\left(\frac{n\pi\delta}{l}\right) & \text{if } n=2m-1 \text{ is odd.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Suppose δ is "small", corresponding physically to a localized blow. Using the approximation $\sin \theta \approx \theta$ when θ is "small", we see that for the first few odd values of n that

$$E(h_n) \approx \frac{4\rho l V^2}{(n\pi)^2} \cdot \left(\frac{n\pi\delta}{l}\right)^2 = \frac{4\rho V^2 \delta^2}{l}$$

independent of n ! Thus the first few overtones ^{h_n} have almost the same energy as the fundamental $h_1 = h_1(x, t)$.

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#11, p. 109. On a string with fixed ends, show that if the center of a hammer blow is exactly at a node of the n^{th} harmonic (i.e. at a place where the n^{th} eigenfunction vanishes), the n^{th} overtone is absent from the solution.

The mathematical model for the problem will be (*)-(**)-(***) as in #10, p. 108, but the equation modeling the blow (****) will ^{need to} be modified. Note that the N^{th} eigenfunction is

$$\bar{X}_N(x) = \sin\left(\frac{N\pi x}{l}\right)$$

where $N \geq 1$ is an integer. The N^{th} eigenfunction has nodes in the interior of the interval $(0, l)$ at

$$x_k = \frac{kl}{N} \quad \text{where } k = 1, 2, \dots, N-1.$$

Suppose the blow were centered exactly at one of these nodes, say at $x_K = \frac{Kl}{N}$ where $1 \leq K \leq N-1$. Then the mathematical model for the problem is (*)-(**)-(***) from #10, p. 108, plus

$$(\text{****}') \quad u_t(x, 0) = \psi(x) = \begin{cases} V & \text{if } |x - \frac{Kl}{N}| \leq \delta, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

As in #10, p. 108, the series solution is

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#11, p. 109 (cont.)

$$(†) \quad u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{l}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi ct}{l}\right)$$

where $\frac{n\pi c c_n}{l} = n^{\text{th}}$ Fourier sine coefficient of ψ ($n=1,2,3,\dots$).

To show that the N^{th} overtone is absent from the solution, we must show that $c_N = 0$. In fact, we will show more, for we shall show that $0 = c_N = c_{2N} = c_{3N} = \dots$

Let $j \geq 1$ be an integer. Using the formula above for c_n with $n=jN$, and proceeding as in #10, p. 108 we find

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{jN\pi c c_{jN}}{l} &= (jN)^{\text{th}} \text{ Fourier sine coefficient of } \psi \text{ (given in (****))} \\ &= \frac{2}{l} \int_0^l \psi(x) \sin\left(\frac{jN\pi x}{l}\right) dx \\ &= \frac{2V}{l} \int_{\frac{Kl}{N} - \delta}^{\frac{Kl}{N} + \delta} \sin\left(\frac{jN\pi x}{l}\right) dx \\ &= \frac{2V}{l} \left[\frac{-l}{jN\pi} \cos\left(\frac{jN\pi x}{l}\right) \right] \Bigg|_{\frac{Kl}{N} - \delta}^{\frac{Kl}{N} + \delta} \end{aligned}$$

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#11, p.109 (cont.) Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{jN\pi c_{jN}}{l} &= \frac{2V}{jN\pi} \left[\cos\left(\overbrace{\frac{jN\pi}{l} \left(\frac{Kl}{N} - \delta\right)}^B\right) - \cos\left(\overbrace{\frac{jN\pi}{l} \left(\frac{Kl}{N} + \delta\right)}^A\right) \right] \\ &= \frac{4V}{jN\pi} \sin\left(\underbrace{j\pi K}_{\substack{\text{Integer} \\ \text{multiple of } \pi}}\right) \sin\left(\frac{jN\pi\delta}{l}\right) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, $c_{jN} = 0$ for all $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

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