

Last class: 1-dim wave equation



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

where  $c^2 = \frac{T}{S}$

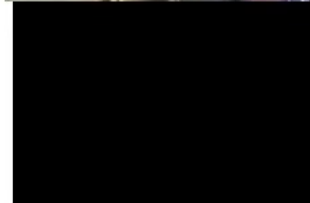
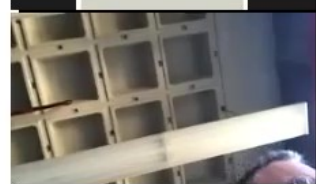
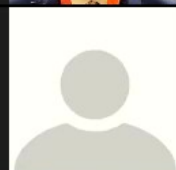
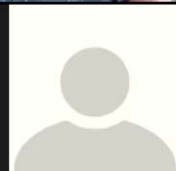
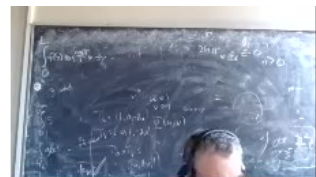
PDE

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

BC

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

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



General Solution:

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

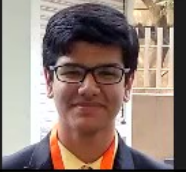
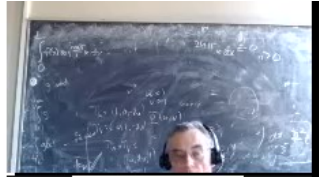
$A_n$ 's and  $B_n$ 's can be calculated from IC

$$f(x) = u(x,0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x$$

$$g(x) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x,0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \left( \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x \right) \frac{n\pi c}{L}$$

$$\Rightarrow A_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x$$

$$B_n \frac{n\pi c}{L} = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L g(x) \sin \frac{n\pi}{L} x$$



## Interpretation of Result

can rewrite

$$A_n \cos \frac{n\pi c}{L} x + B_n \sin \frac{n\pi c}{L} x =$$

as

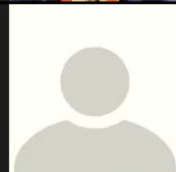
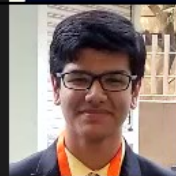
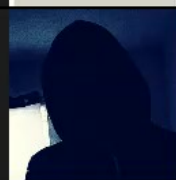
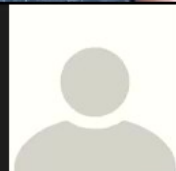
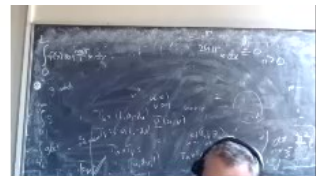
$$C_n \sin \left( \frac{n\pi c}{L} x + \theta_n \right)$$

where  $C_n = \sqrt{A_n^2 + B_n^2}$

$$\theta_n = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{A_n}{B_n} \right)$$

(idea: & we have  $\left( \frac{A_n}{C_n} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{B_n}{C_n} \right)^2 = 1$

$\rightarrow$  determines angle  $\theta_n$  s.t.  $\sin \theta_n = \frac{A_n}{C_n}$ ,  $\cos \theta_n = \frac{B_n}{C_n}$



use trig. identity

$$\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta + \sin \beta \cos \alpha$$

$C_n$  called amplitude

the bigger  $C_n \rightarrow$  the louder the sound  
for example of guitar string

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

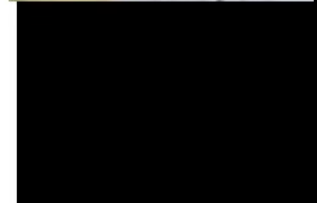
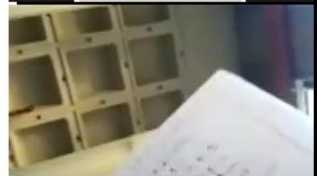
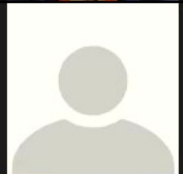
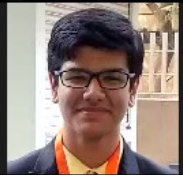
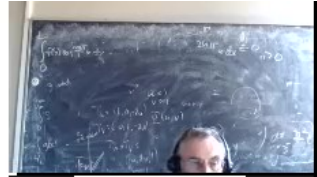
= frequency

the higher frequency  $\rightarrow$  the higher the pitch

$$c = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}}$$

to get higher pitch

- either tighten the tension
- use shorter string



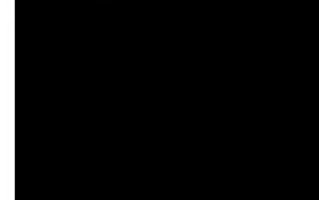
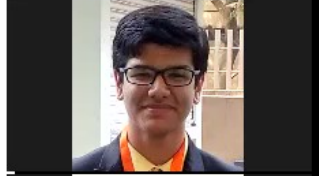
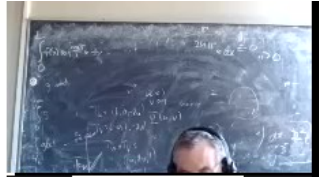
# Higher dimensional wave equation

prime example: membrane with fixed boundaries  
(e.g. part of a drum)

⇒ get 2-dimensional wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} \right)$$
$$= c^2 \nabla^2 u$$

$u(x, y, t)$  = movement of part of membrane at  $(x, y)$   
in  $z$ -direction at time  $t$



use same strategy as before

$$u(x,t) = h(t) \phi(x,y)$$

separate  
time and  
space variables

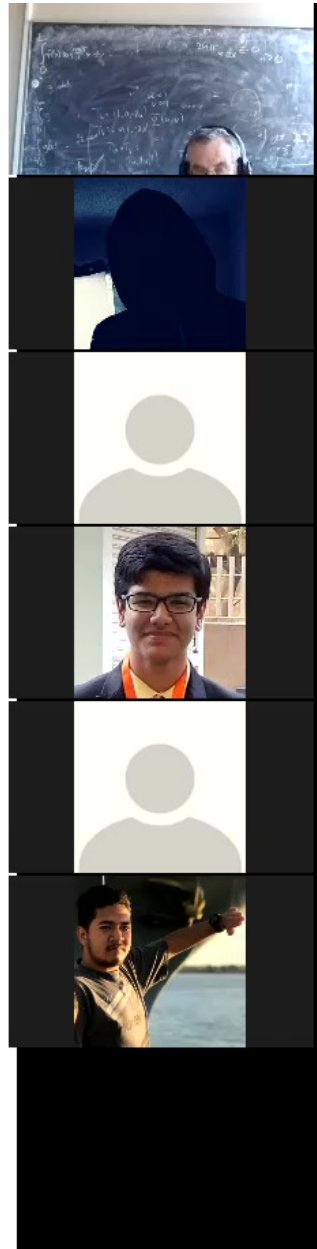
plug into PDE

$$h''(t) \phi(x,y) = c^2 \left( h(t) \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2}(x,y) + h(t) \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{c^2 h(t) \phi(x,y)}$$

$$\frac{h''(t)}{c^2 h(t)} = \frac{\frac{\partial^2 \phi(x,y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi(x,y)}{\partial y^2}}{\phi(x,y)} = -\lambda$$

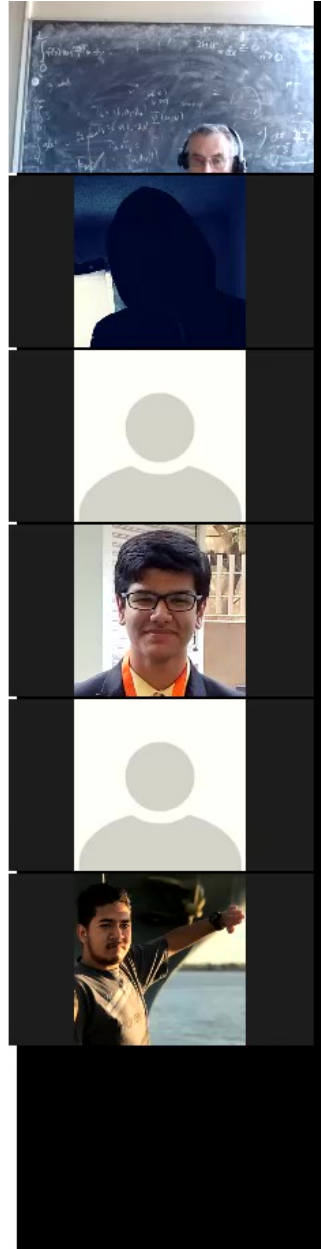
get ODE for  $h(t)$   
and PDE for  $\phi(x,y)$



$$h''(t) = -\lambda c^2 h(t)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial y^2} = -\lambda \phi$$

- want to use boundary conditions to calculate eigenvalues  $\lambda$  and eigenfunctions
- depends very much on shape of membrane!



### 7.3. Wave Equation for Rectangular Membrane

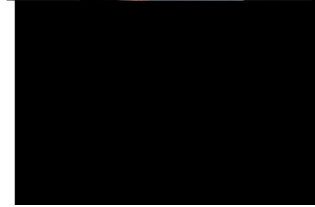
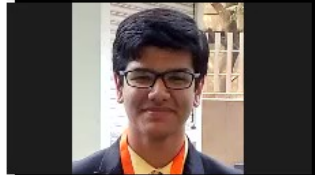
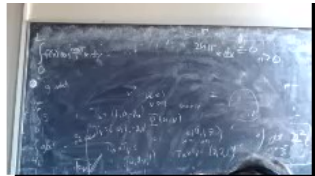


$\partial M =$  boundary of  $M$   
 $=$  4 sides of rectangle

boundary conditions:  $u|_{\partial M} = 0$  (short form)

explicitly:

$u(0, y, t) = 0$	$0 \leq y \leq H$	$t \geq 0$	} left and right side
$u(L, y, t) = 0$	$0 \leq y \leq H$		
$u(x, 0, t) = 0$	$0 \leq x \leq L$	$t \geq 0$	} bottom and top
$u(x, H, t) = 0$	"		





Translate into conditions for  $\phi$

$$\phi(0, y) = 0 = \phi(L, y) \quad 0 \leq y \leq H$$

$$\phi(x, 0) = 0 = \phi(x, H) \quad 0 \leq x \leq L$$

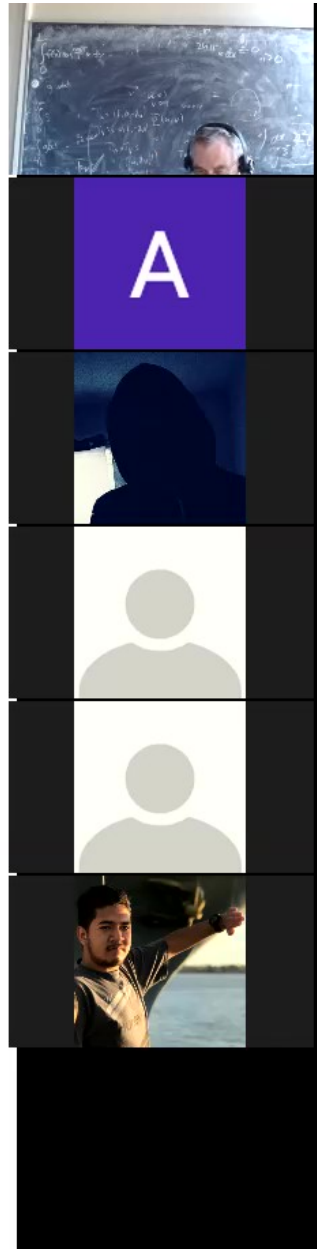
here: can further write  $\phi$  as a product of 2 functions

$$\phi(x, y) = f(x) g(y)$$

plug into PDE for  $\phi$ :  $\nabla^2 \phi = -\lambda \phi$

$$\Rightarrow f''(x)g(y) + f(x)g''(y) = -\lambda f(x)g(y) \quad \left| \frac{1}{f(x)g(y)} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f''(x)}{f(x)} + \frac{g''(y)}{g(y)} = -\lambda$$



Try to separate variables:

$$\frac{f''(x)}{f(x)} = -\lambda - \frac{g''(y)}{g(y)} = -\mu$$

$\Rightarrow$  get  $\boxed{\frac{f''(x)}{f(x)} = -\mu}$

and

$$\frac{g''(y)}{g(y)} = -\lambda - \underbrace{\frac{f''(x)}{f(x)}}_{=-\mu}$$

$\Rightarrow$   $\boxed{\frac{g''(y)}{g(y)} = -(\lambda - \mu)}$

