

ANSWER on Question #78896 – Math – Differential Equations

QUESTION

Obtain a solution of the wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial t^2} = 16 \cdot \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2}$$

for $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ and $t > 0$ and the following boundary and initial conditions:

$$\begin{cases} u(0, t) = 0 \\ u(\pi, t) = 0 \end{cases} - \text{boundary conditions}$$

$$\begin{cases} u(x, 0) = x(\pi - x) \\ \frac{\partial u(x, 0)}{\partial t} = 0 \end{cases} - \text{initial conditions}$$

SOLUTION

0 STEP: separation of variables.

Let

$$u(x, t) = X(x)T(t) \rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (X(x)T(t)) = X(x) \cdot \frac{d^2(T(t))}{dt^2} = X(x) \cdot T''(t) \\ \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (X(x)T(t)) = T(t) \cdot \frac{d^2(X(x))}{dx^2} = X''(x) \cdot T(t) \end{cases}$$

Boundary conditions:

$$\begin{cases} u(0, t) = 0 \\ u(\pi, t) = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} u(0, t) = X(0)T(t) = 0, \forall t > 0 \\ u(\pi, t) = X(\pi)T(t) = 0, \forall t > 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \boxed{\begin{cases} X(0) = 0 \\ X(\pi) = 0 \end{cases}}$$

Then,

$$\frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial t^2} = 16 \cdot \frac{\partial^2 u(x, t)}{\partial x^2} \rightarrow X(x) \cdot T''(t) = 16 \cdot X''(x) \cdot T(t) \mid \times \frac{1}{16X(x)T(t)} \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{X(x) \cdot T''(t)}{16X(x)T(t)} = \frac{16 \cdot X''(x) \cdot T(t)}{16X(x)T(t)} \rightarrow \boxed{\frac{1}{16} \cdot \frac{T''(t)}{T(t)} = \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = -\lambda}$$

1 STEP: We solve the Sturm-Liouville problem.

(More information: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sturm%E2%80%93Liouville_theory)

In our case,

$$\begin{cases} \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = -\lambda \\ X(0) = 0 \\ X(\pi) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = -\lambda \rightarrow X''(x) = -\lambda X(x) \rightarrow X''(x) + \lambda X(x) = 0$$

Let us find the solutions of the given equation in the form

$$X(x) = e^{kx} \rightarrow X''(x) = k^2 \cdot e^{kx}$$

Then,

$$X''(x) + \lambda X(x) = 0 \rightarrow k^2 \cdot e^{kx} + \lambda e^{kx} = 0 \rightarrow e^{kx}(k^2 + \lambda) = 0 \rightarrow k^2 = -\lambda$$

$$k^2 = -\lambda \rightarrow \begin{cases} k_1 = \sqrt{-\lambda} = i\sqrt{\lambda} \\ k_2 = -\sqrt{-\lambda} = -i\sqrt{\lambda} \end{cases}$$

Then,

$$X(x) = C_1 e^{i\sqrt{\lambda}x} + C_2 e^{-i\sqrt{\lambda}x} \equiv A_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + A_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x)$$

$$\boxed{X(x) = A_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda}x) + A_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}x)}$$

$$X(0) = 0 = A_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} \cdot 0) + A_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} \cdot 0) = A_1 \cos(0) + A_2 \sin(0) = A_1 \cdot 1 + A_2 \cdot 0 \rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{A_1 = 0}$$

$$X(\pi) = 0 = A_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}\pi) \rightarrow \sin(\sqrt{\lambda}\pi) = 0 \rightarrow \sqrt{\lambda}\pi = \pi n, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\boxed{\lambda_n = n^2, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots}$$

Conclusion,

$$\boxed{\begin{cases} X_n(x) = A \cdot \sin(nx) \\ \lambda_n = n^2 \\ n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{cases}}$$

2 STEP: Finding the general solution.

$$\frac{1}{16} \cdot \frac{T''(t)}{T(t)} = \frac{X''(x)}{X(x)} = -\lambda_n \rightarrow \frac{1}{16} \cdot \frac{T''(t)}{T(t)} = -n^2 \rightarrow T''(t) = -16n^2 T(t) \rightarrow$$

$$T''(t) + 16n^2 T(t) = 0$$

Let us find the solutions of the given equation in the form

$$T(t) = e^{kt} \rightarrow T''(t) = k^2 \cdot e^{kt}$$

Then,

$$T''(t) + 16n^2 T(t) = 0 \rightarrow k^2 \cdot e^{kt} + 16n^2 e^{kt} = 0 \rightarrow e^{kt}(k^2 + 16n^2) = 0 \rightarrow k^2 = -16n^2$$

$$k^2 = -16n^2 \rightarrow \begin{cases} k_1 = \sqrt{-16n^2} = 4in \\ k_2 = -\sqrt{-16n^2} = -4in \end{cases}$$

Then,

$$T_n(x) = C_1 e^{4int} + C_2 e^{-4int} \equiv A_1 \cos(4nt) + A_2 \sin(4nt)$$

$$\boxed{T_n(x) = A_n^{(1)} \cos(4nt) + A_n^{(1)} \sin(4nt)}$$

Then,

$$u_n(x, t) = X_n(x) \cdot T_n(t) = (A \cdot \sin(nx)) \cdot (A_n^{(1)} \cos(4nt) + A_n^{(1)} \sin(4nt)) \rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{u_n(x, t) = (B_n^{(1)} \cos(4nt) + B_n^{(2)} \sin(4nt)) \sin(nx) - \text{particular solution}}$$

Conclusion,

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x, t) - \text{general solution}$$

$$\boxed{u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (B_n^{(1)} \cos(4nt) + B_n^{(2)} \sin(4nt)) \sin(nx)}$$

3 STEP: Determine the coefficients $B_n^{(1)}$ and $B_n^{(2)}$.

To do this, you must use the initial conditions.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u(x, 0)}{\partial t} &= 0 \rightarrow \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (B_n^{(1)} \cos(4nt) + B_n^{(2)} \sin(4nt)) \sin(nx) \right)_{t=0} &= \\ = \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-4nB_n^{(1)} \sin(4nt) + 4nB_n^{(2)} \cos(4nt)) \sin(nx) \right)_{t=0} &= \\ = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-4nB_n^{(1)} \sin(4n \cdot 0) + 4nB_n^{(2)} \cos(4n \cdot 0)) \sin(nx) &= \\ = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-4nB_n^{(1)} \cdot 0 + 4nB_n^{(2)} \cdot 1) \sin(nx) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 4nB_n^{(2)} \sin(nx) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$4nB_n^{(2)} = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{B_n^{(2)} = 0}$$

Conclusion,

$$\boxed{u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n^{(1)} \cos(4nt) \sin(nx)}$$

$$u(x, 0) = x(\pi - x) \rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, 0) &= \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n^{(1)} \cos(4nt) \sin(nx) \right)_{t=0} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n^{(1)} \cos(4n \cdot 0) \sin(nx) = \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n^{(1)} \cdot 1 \cdot \sin(nx) \rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n^{(1)} \sin(nx) = x(\pi - x) \end{aligned}$$

As we know

$$\int_0^{\pi} \sin(mx) \cdot \sin(nx) dx = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2}, & n = m \\ 0, & n \neq m \end{cases}$$

In our case,

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^{\pi} \times \left| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n^{(1)} \sin(nx) = x(\pi - x) \right| \times \sin(mx) dx \\ B_m^{(1)} &= \int_0^{\pi} x(\pi - x) \sin(mx) dx = \int_0^{\pi} (\pi x - x^2) \sin(mx) dx \rightarrow \\ B_m^{(1)} &= \int_0^{\pi} \pi x \sin(mx) dx - \int_0^{\pi} x^2 \sin(mx) dx = I_1 - I_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
I_1 &= \int_0^{\pi} \pi x \sin(mx) dx = \pi \cdot \int_0^{\pi} \underbrace{x}_u \cdot \underbrace{\sin(mx)}_{dv} dx = \left[\begin{array}{l} u = x \rightarrow du = dx \\ dv = \sin(mx) dx \\ v = \frac{-\cos(mx)}{m} \end{array} \right] = \\
&= \pi \cdot \left(-\frac{x \cdot \cos(mx)}{m} \Big|_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} \frac{-\cos(mx)}{m} dx \right) = \\
&= \pi \cdot \left(-\frac{\pi \cdot \cos(\pi m)}{m} - \left(-\frac{0 \cdot \cos(m \cdot 0)}{m} \right) + \frac{1}{m} \int_0^{\pi} \cos(mx) dx \right) = \\
&= \pi \cdot \left(-\frac{\pi \cdot (-1)^m}{m} + \frac{1}{m} \cdot \frac{\sin(mx)}{m} \Big|_0^{\pi} \right) = \pi \cdot \left(-\frac{\pi \cdot (-1)^m}{m} + \frac{\sin(m \cdot \pi)}{m^2} - \frac{\sin(m \cdot 0)}{m^2} \right) = \\
&= \pi \cdot \left(-\frac{\pi \cdot (-1)^m}{m} + 0 - 0 \right) = -\frac{\pi^2 \cdot (-1)^m}{m}
\end{aligned}$$

Conclusion,

$$I_1 = -\frac{\pi^2 \cdot (-1)^m}{m}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
I_2 &= \int_0^{\pi} \underbrace{x^2}_u \cdot \underbrace{\sin(mx)}_{dv} dx = \left[\begin{array}{l} u = x^2 \rightarrow du = 2x dx \\ dv = \sin(mx) dx \\ v = \frac{-\cos(mx)}{m} \end{array} \right] = \\
&= -\frac{x^2 \cdot \cos(mx)}{m} \Big|_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} \frac{-2x \cos(mx)}{m} dx = \\
&= -\frac{\pi^2 \cdot \cos(m\pi)}{m} - \left(-\frac{0^2 \cdot \cos(m \cdot 0)}{m} \right) + \frac{2}{m} \cdot \int_0^{\pi} x \cos(mx) dx = \\
&= -\frac{\pi^2 \cdot (-1)^m}{m} + \frac{2}{m} \cdot \int_0^{\pi} \underbrace{x}_u \cdot \underbrace{\cos(mx)}_{dv} dx = \left[\begin{array}{l} u = x \rightarrow du = dx \\ dv = \cos(mx) dx \\ v = \frac{\sin(mx)}{m} \end{array} \right] = \\
&= -\frac{\pi^2 \cdot (-1)^m}{m} + \frac{2}{m} \cdot \left(\frac{x \cdot \sin(mx)}{m} \Big|_0^{\pi} - \int_0^{\pi} \frac{\sin(mx)}{m} dx \right) =
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\frac{\pi^2 \cdot (-1)^m}{m} + \frac{2}{m} \cdot \left(\frac{\pi \cdot \sin(m\pi)}{m} - \frac{0 \cdot \sin(m \cdot 0)}{m} - \frac{1}{m} \int_0^\pi \sin(mx) dx \right) = \\
&= -\frac{\pi^2 \cdot (-1)^m}{m} + \frac{2}{m} \cdot \left(0 - 0 - \frac{1}{m} \cdot \left(-\frac{\cos(mx)}{m} \Big|_0^\pi \right) \right) = \\
&= -\frac{\pi^2 \cdot (-1)^m}{m} + \frac{2}{m^3} \cdot (\cos(m\pi) - \cos(m \cdot 0)) = \\
&= -\frac{\pi^2 \cdot (-1)^m}{m} + \frac{2}{m^3} \cdot ((-1)^m - 1) \\
&\boxed{I_2 = -\frac{\pi^2 \cdot (-1)^m}{m} + \frac{2}{m^3} \cdot ((-1)^m - 1)}
\end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
B_m^{(1)} = I_1 - I_2 &= -\frac{\pi^2 \cdot (-1)^m}{m} - \left(-\frac{\pi^2 \cdot (-1)^m}{m} + \frac{2}{m^3} \cdot ((-1)^m - 1) \right) \rightarrow \\
B_m^{(1)} &= -\frac{\pi^2 \cdot (-1)^m}{m} + \frac{\pi^2 \cdot (-1)^m}{m} - \frac{2}{m^3} \cdot ((-1)^m - 1) \rightarrow \\
&\boxed{B_m^{(1)} = \frac{-2 \cdot ((-1)^m - 1)}{m^3}}
\end{aligned}$$

As we know

$$\begin{cases} (-1)^m - 1 = 0, m = 2k, k = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots \\ (-1)^m - 1 = -2, m = 2k - 1, k = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots \end{cases} \rightarrow$$

$$\begin{cases} B_m^{(1)} = 0, m = 2k, k = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots \\ B_m^{(1)} = \frac{4}{m^3}, m = 2k - 1, k = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots \end{cases}$$

Conclusion,

$$\begin{aligned}
u(x, t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n^{(1)} \cos(4nt) \sin(nx) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{-2 \cdot ((-1)^n - 1)}{n^3} \right) \cos(4nt) \sin(nx) \\
&\boxed{u(x, t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4}{(2k-1)^3} \right) \cos(4(2k-1)t) \sin((2k-1)x)}
\end{aligned}$$

ANSWER:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{4}{(2k-1)^3} \right) \cos(4(2k-1)t) \sin((2k-1)x)$$