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Wave on a Rotating String

A string of length L and mass per unit length λ is tied down at one end to a rod rotating at angular speed Ω , and the other end is left free. Assume that the rotation is fast enough so that gravity is negligible.



- (a) This string can oscillate in both the y direction, and the z direction. Show that y and z obey two different wave equations, and find the equation for each.
- (b) Find the normal modes and their associated frequencies.¹

¹The answer should involve Legendre polynomials.