PH424/524: 1-Dimensional Waves

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The function $\psi(x,t)$ describes the displacement of a stretched string from its equilibrium position. Consider **only** the portion of the string between x = 0 and *L*, and find the function that describes its displacement at ALL times.

(Hint – this is not a single-wavelength/single frequency problem.)

1. Initial conditions:
$$\psi(x,t=0) = A \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right) \left(1 + \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{L}\right)\right) \qquad \frac{\partial \psi(x,t=0)}{\partial t} = 0$$

2. Boundary conditions: $\psi(x = 0, t) = 0$ $\psi(x = L, t) = 0$