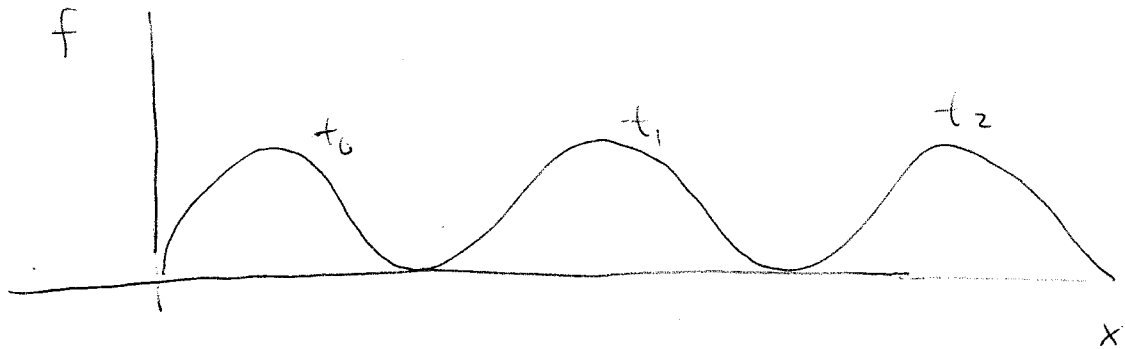


Waves (T&M ch 15, 16, 33)



$f(x-vt)$  moving in positive  $x$  direction with velocity  $v$

$v$  = wave speed

String

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{F_T}{\mu}}$$

$\rightarrow$  tension  
 $\rightarrow$  mass/length

guitar strings have a wide spectrum of tension

Sound

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma R T}{M}}$$

$\gamma$  = dependent on kind of gas

$R$  = universal gas const

$T$  = temperature

$M$  = molar mass

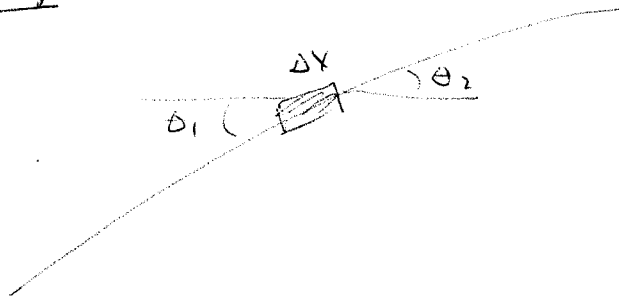
light

$$v = c$$

particle wave

$$v = v \leftarrow \text{velocity of particles}$$

String



y-component of  $F$   
acting on  $\Delta x$

$$= F_T \sin \theta_2 - F_T \sin \theta_1$$

$$\approx F_T (\tan \theta_2) - F_T \tan \theta_1$$

for small  $\theta$

$$\Rightarrow F_y \approx F_T \left( \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_2 - \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_1 \right)$$

$$= F_T \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \Delta x$$

But  $F_y = m a_y = m \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = \mu \Delta x \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2}$

$$\Rightarrow F_T \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \mu \Delta x \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{F_T}{\mu} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$$

↑  
 $v^2$

In general:

1-D wave equation  $v^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$

3D wave equation  $v^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2} \right) = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2}$

Let's go back to 1D case first:

Want to show  $y = g(x-vt)$  is a solution

Notation : guitar string : transverse wave

slinky

longitudinal wave



If  $y = g(x-vt) \equiv g(u)$  e.g.  $g = \sin(x-vt)$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial g}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -v \frac{\partial g}{\partial u}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial u^2} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}\right)^2 = v^2 \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial u^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial g}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial g}{\partial u}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial u^2}$$

$\Rightarrow y = g(x-vt)$  satisfies the wave equation

Similarly,  $y = g(x+vt)$  also ...

## Harmonic Waves

$$\sin(kx - \omega t) \quad \text{or} \quad e^{i(kx - \omega t)} \quad (\text{real part})$$

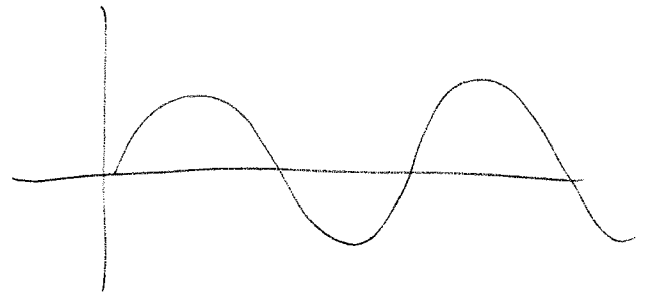
$$e^{i(kx - \omega t)} = e^{ik(x - vt)}$$

where  $\frac{\omega}{k} = v$

$$\Rightarrow \omega = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \cdot v$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\pi f = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} v$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{v = f\lambda}$$



$\Delta x = \lambda$  waves repeat  
itself

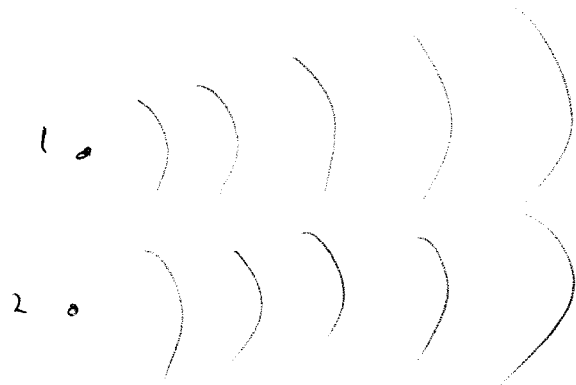
$$k\lambda = 2\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

"wave vector"

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## Interference



$$\begin{aligned}
 f &= f_1 + f_2 \\
 &= e^{i(kr_1 - \omega t)} + e^{i(kr_2 - \omega t)} \\
 &= e^{-i\omega t} (e^{i(kr_1 - \omega t)} + e^{i(kr_2 - \omega t)})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Intensity} = \frac{\text{power}}{\text{area}} \propto |f|^2$$

Why? Energy transfer via wave  $\propto |f|^2$

e.g. string  $y = A \sin(kx - \omega t)$

$$P = F_T v_y = -F_T \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t}$$

$$= -F_T [kA \cos(kx - \omega t)] [-A\omega \cos(kx - \omega t)]$$

$$= \cancel{\mu} \mu v^2 \omega^2 A^2 \cos^2(kx - \omega t)$$

$$\langle P \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \mu v^2 \omega^2 A^2$$

time average of  $\cos^2(kx - \omega t)$

$$= \frac{1}{2}$$

Back to interference

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Intensity} \propto |f|^2 &= \left| e^{-i\omega t} (e^{ikr_1} + e^{ikr_2}) \right|^2 \\
&= e^{-i\omega t} (e^{ikr_1} + e^{ikr_2}) e^{i\omega t} (e^{-ikr_1} + e^{-ikr_2}) \\
&= 1 + 1 + e^{ik(r_1-r_2)} + e^{-ik(r_1-r_2)} \\
&= 2 + 2 \cos[k(r_1-r_2)]
\end{aligned}$$

Constructive interference

$$k(r_1 - r_2) = m \cdot 2\pi$$

$$\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (r_1 - r_2) = 2\pi m$$

$$m \lambda = r_1 - r_2$$

integer

Destructive interference

$$k(r_1 - r_2) = (2m + 1) \pi$$

$$(m + \frac{1}{2}) \lambda = r_1 - r_2$$

half integer

For 3D waves

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Intensity} &= \frac{\text{Power}}{\text{area}} \\
&= \frac{\text{energy}}{\text{area} \cdot \text{time}} \\
&= \frac{\text{energy}}{\text{volume}} \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\propto v |f|^2 \quad \text{like we argued before}$$

Conservation of energy

$$\begin{aligned}
P &= I \cdot \text{area} \\
&= I \cdot 4\pi r^2 \\
&= \text{constant}
\end{aligned}$$

$$I = \frac{\text{constant}}{4\pi r^2} \propto v |f|^2$$

Spherical wave  $f \propto \frac{1}{r}$

$$f = \frac{e^{i(kr - \omega t)}}{r}$$