

CH 14: OSCILLATIONS } BOTH INVOLVE WAVES  
CH 15: WAVE MOTION }

Q: IN CH 14, WHAT WAS ASSOCIATED WITH WAVES?

A: THE OBJECT'S MOTION  $\sim x(t) = A \cos(\omega t)$   
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Q: IN CH 15, WHAT WAS ASSOCIATED WITH WAVES?

A: THE OBJECT ITSELF IS A WAVE

Objective:

- I. Analyze the **Traveling Wave equation**  $y(x, t)$ 
  - ☐ By examining the equation  $y(x, t)$  in its different forms.
  - ☐ By creating 2 graphs: **position-graph** ( $y$  vs  $x$ ) & **time-graph** ( $y$  vs  $t$ )
- II. Solve problems that involve a **traveling wave**
  - ☐ By constructing our own equation  $y(x, t)$  to fit the situation.

Content Review:

[10mins]

- The **Traveling Wave equation**  $y(x, t)$  is a function of 2 variables:  $x$  and  $t$

$$y(x, t) = A \sin(kx + \omega t + \phi)$$

where the variables are:

$y$  = VERTICAL POSITION  $A$  = AMP.  $k$  = WAVE NUMBER  $x$  = HORIZONTAL POSITION  
 $\omega$  = ANG. FREQ.  $t$  = time  $\phi$  = PHASE-SHIFT  
"DISP. FROM EQUIL. ( $y=0$ )"

- For a wave traveling on a string, the velocity is given by

$$v_{\text{string}} = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}} \sim \sqrt{\frac{[N]}{[kg/m]}} = \sqrt{\frac{[kg \cdot m/s^2]}{[kg/m]}}$$

where  $T$  is the tension and  $\mu$  is the string's mass density (units of  $kg/m$ )

- For traveling waves in general, the velocity is given by

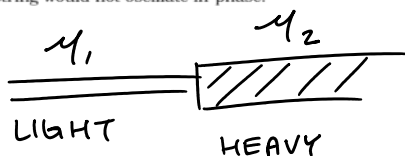
$$v = \lambda \cdot f = \frac{2\pi}{k} \cdot \frac{\omega}{2\pi} = \frac{\omega}{k}$$

$v = [m/s] \leftarrow \sqrt{[m^2/s^2]}$

where  $\omega$  is the angular frequency and  $k$  is the wave number

- For a string with 2 sections of **differing mass density** ( $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$ ), the tension  $T$  and frequency  $f$  throughout the string is constant.

- ☐ If tension was NOT the same, then the joint between the 2 sections would accelerate and disrupt the string's motion.
- ☐ If frequency was NOT the same, then the wave would not be a smooth wave i.e. different points of the string would not oscillate in-phase.



$$\begin{cases} \omega = 2\pi f \\ k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \end{cases}$$

$T_1 = T_2$  &  $f_1 = f_2$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $\omega_1 = \omega_2$

A sinusoidal wave traveling on a string in the negative  $x$  direction has amplitude 1.00 cm, wavelength 3.00 cm, and frequency 245 Hz. At  $t = 0$ , the particle of string at  $x = 0$  is displaced a distance 0.80 cm above the origin (equilibrium) and moving upward.

(i) Construct the equation representing this traveling wave as a function of  $x$  and  $t$

(ii) Plot the following 2 equations and describe their physical representation:

☐ Holding  $t = 0$  s, graph  $y(x, t)$  over distance  $x$ .

☐ Holding  $x = 5.00$  cm, graph  $y(x, t)$  over time  $t$ .

$y(x=0, t=0)$   
~ IN CENTIMETERS  
& SECONDS

3 UNKNOWN CONST.

■ Here is a link to [Desmos online graphing calculator](#)

(i) GENERAL FORM:  $y(x, t) = A \sin(kx + \omega t + \phi)$

$$y(x, t) = A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} x + 2\pi f t + \phi\right)$$

$$= (1.00 \text{ cm}) \sin\left((2.09 \text{ cm}^{-1}) x + (1540 \text{ rad/s}) t + \phi\right)$$

$$y(x=0, t=0) = (1.00 \text{ cm}) \sin(0 + 0 + \phi) = 0.80 \text{ cm}$$

$$\sin(\phi) = 0.80 \rightarrow \phi = \sin^{-1}[0.80]$$

$$= 0.93 \text{ rad}$$

$$\rightarrow \left[ y(x, t) = (1.00) \sin(2.09 x + 1540 t + 0.93) \right]$$

→ PLUG THIS EQN INTO DESMOS GRAPHING CALCULATOR

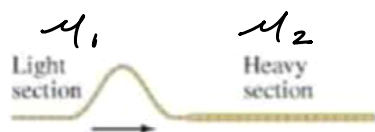
More info in this Desmos Graphing page: <https://www.desmos.com/calculator/exk0pji3zn>

A cord has 2 sections with linear mass densities of 0.10 kg/m and 0.20 kg/m. An incident wave given by  $D = (0.05 \text{ m}) \sin(7.5x - 12.0t)$ , where  $x$  is in meters and  $t$  in seconds, travels along the lighter cord.

(i) Determine wavelength on the lighter section of cord

(ii) Determine the tension in the cord

(iii) Determine the wavelength when the wave travels on the heavier section



(i) FIND  $\lambda_1$  (LIGHT)

$$\text{GIVEN: } D = 0.05 \sin(7.5x - 12t)$$

$$\text{GENERAL FORM: } D = A \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

GENERAL FORM:  $y = A \sin(kx - \omega t)$

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \rightarrow \lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k} = \frac{2\pi}{(7.5)} = 0.84\text{m}$$

(ii) FIND  $T$

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$\equiv$  MEANS "DEFINE"

$$\begin{cases} T_1 = T_2 \equiv T \\ f_1 = f_2 \equiv f \end{cases} \rightarrow \omega_1 = \omega_2 \equiv \omega$$

$$v = \frac{\omega}{k} \quad \text{AND} \quad v = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}}$$

NOTE: CAREFUL!!

$$\mu_1 \neq \mu_2 \quad v_1 \neq v_2$$

$$k_1 \neq k_2$$

$$\frac{\omega}{k} = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}} \rightarrow T = \mu \frac{\omega^2}{k^2}$$

FOR THIS PROBLEM,

$$T = T_1 = \mu_1 \frac{\omega^2}{k_1^2} = (0.10) \frac{(12)^2}{(7.5)^2} = 0.26 \text{ N}$$

THESE VALUES ARE PULLED FROM

$y(x, t) = 0.5 \sin(7.5x - 12t)$  WHICH HOLDS ONLY FOR THE LIGHT SECTION

(iii) FIND  $\lambda_2$

SINCE WE KNOW  $\lambda_1$ , WE CAN DO SOME RATIO  
CONSIDER:

$$v = f\lambda \rightarrow \lambda = \frac{v}{f} = \frac{1}{f} \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}}$$

$$\text{RATIO} = \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} = \frac{\frac{1}{f_2} \sqrt{\frac{T_2}{\mu_2}}}{\frac{1}{f_1} \sqrt{\frac{T_1}{\mu_1}}} = \frac{\cancel{\frac{1}{f}} \sqrt{\frac{\cancel{T}}{\mu_2}}}{\cancel{\frac{1}{f}} \sqrt{\frac{\cancel{T}}{\mu_1}}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2}}$$

$$\rightarrow \lambda_2 = \lambda_1 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2}} = (0.84) \sqrt{\frac{(0.10)}{(0.20)}} \\ = 0.59 \text{ m}$$