EEC 130A
HW1 Solutions
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Problem 1.-

Problem 1.1 A 2-kHz sound wave traveling in the x-direction in air was observed to have a differential pressure $p(x,t) = 10$ N/m^2 at $x = 0$ and $t = 50\ \mu$s. If the reference phase of $p(x,t)$ is 36°, find a complete expression for $p(x,t)$. The velocity of sound in air is 330 m/s.

Solution: The general form is given by Eq. (1.17),

$$p(x,t) = A\cos\left(\frac{2\pi t}{T} - \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda} + \phi_0\right),$$

where it is given that $\phi_0 = 36°$. From Eq. (1.26), $T = 1/f = 1/(2\times 10^3) = 0.5$ ms. From Eq. (1.27),

$$\lambda = \frac{u_p}{f} = \frac{330}{2\times 10^3} = 0.165 \text{ m}.$$

Also, since

$$\begin{aligned} p(x=0,\ t=50\ \mu\text{s}) = 10\ (\text{N/m}^2) &= A\cos\left(\frac{2\pi\times 50\times 10^{-6}}{5\times 10^{-4}} + 36°\frac{\pi \text{ rad}}{180°}\right) \\ &= A\cos(1.26 \text{ rad}) = 0.31A, \end{aligned}$$

it follows that $A = 10/0.31 = 32.36$ N/m^2. So, with t in (s) and x in (m),

$$\begin{aligned} p(x,t) &= 32.36\cos\left(2\pi\times 10^6\frac{t}{500} - 2\pi\times 10^3\frac{x}{165} + 36°\right) \quad (\text{N/m}^2) \\ &= 32.36\cos(4\pi\times 10^3 t - 12.12\pi x + 36°) \quad (\text{N/m}^2). \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2.

Problem 1.7 A wave traveling along a string in the $+x$-direction is given by

$$y_1(x,t) = A\cos(\omega t - \beta x),$$

where $x = 0$ is the end of the string, which is tied rigidly to a wall, as shown in Fig. P1.7. When wave $y_1(x,t)$ arrives at the wall, a reflected wave $y_2(x,t)$ is generated. Hence, at any location on the string, the vertical displacement y_s is the sum of the incident and reflected waves:

$$y_s(x,t) = y_1(x,t) + y_2(x,t).$$

(a) Write an expression for $y_2(x,t)$, keeping in mind its direction of travel and the fact that the end of the string cannot move.

(b) Generate plots of $y_1(x,t)$, $y_2(x,t)$ and $y_s(x,t)$ versus x over the range $-2\lambda \le x \le 0$ at $\omega t = \pi/4$ and at $\omega t = \pi/2$.

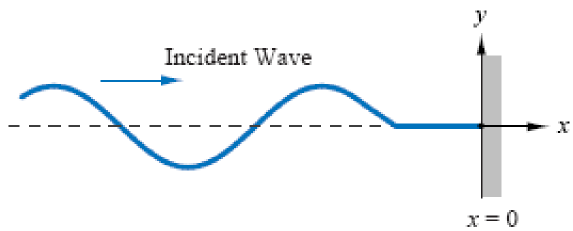

Figure P1.7: Wave on a string tied to a wall at $x = 0$ (Problem 1.7).

Solution:

(a) Since wave $y_2(x,t)$ was caused by wave $y_1(x,t)$, the two waves must have the same angular frequency ω, and since $y_2(x,t)$ is traveling on the same string as $y_1(x,t)$, the two waves must have the same phase constant β. Hence, with its direction being in the negative x-direction, $y_2(x,t)$ is given by the general form

$$y_2(x,t) = B\cos(\omega t + \beta x + \phi_0), \tag{1}$$

where B and ϕ_0 are yet-to-be-determined constants. The total displacement is

$$y_s(x,t) = y_1(x,t) + y_2(x,t) = A\cos(\omega t - \beta x) + B\cos(\omega t + \beta x + \phi_0).$$

Since the string cannot move at $x = 0$, the point at which it is attached to the wall, $y_s(0,t) = 0$ for all t. Thus,

$$y_s(0,t) = A\cos\omega t + B\cos(\omega t + \phi_0) = 0. \tag{2}$$

(i) Easy Solution: The physics of the problem suggests that a possible solution for (2) is $B = -A$ and $\phi_0 = 0$, in which case we have

$$y_2(x,t) = -A\cos(\omega t + \beta x). \tag{3}$$

(ii) Rigorous Solution: By expanding the second term in (2), we have

$$A\cos\omega t + B(\cos\omega t\cos\phi_0 - \sin\omega t\sin\phi_0) = 0,$$

or

$$(A + B\cos\phi_0)\cos\omega t - (B\sin\phi_0)\sin\omega t = 0. \tag{4}$$

This equation has to be satisfied for all values of t. At $t = 0$, it gives

$$A + B\cos\phi_0 = 0, \tag{5}$$

and at $\omega t = \pi/2$, (4) gives

$$B\sin\phi_0 = 0. \tag{6}$$

Equations (5) and (6) can be satisfied simultaneously only if

$$A = B = 0 \tag{7}$$

or

$$A = -B \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_0 = 0. \tag{8}$$

Clearly (7) is not an acceptable solution because it means that $y_1(x,t) = 0$, which is contrary to the statement of the problem. The solution given by (8) leads to (3).

(b) At $\omega t = \pi/4$,

$$y_1(x,t) = A\cos(\pi/4 - \beta x) = A\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda}\right),$$
$$y_2(x,t) = -A\cos(\omega t + \beta x) = -A\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda}\right).$$

Plots of y_1, y_2, and y_3 are shown in Fig. P1.7(b).

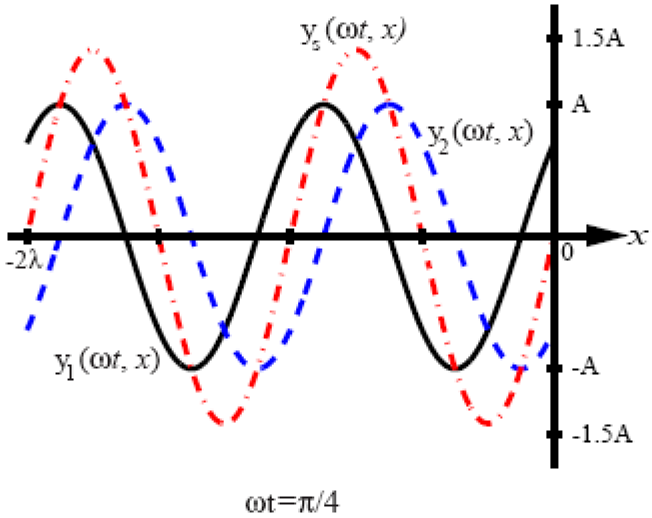

Figure P1.7: (b) Plots of y_1, y_2, and y_s versus x at $\omega t = \pi/4$.

At $\omega t = \pi/2$,

$$y_1(x,t) = A\cos(\pi/2 - \beta x) = A\sin\beta x = A\sin\frac{2\pi x}{\lambda},$$

$$y_2(x,t) = -A\cos(\pi/2 + \beta x) = A\sin\beta x = A\sin\frac{2\pi x}{\lambda}.$$

Plots of y_1, y_2, and y_3 are shown in Fig. P1.7(c).

Problem 3.

Problem 1.11 The vertical displacement of a string is given by the harmonic function:

$$y(x,t) = 2\cos(16\pi t - 20\pi x) \quad \text{(m)},$$

where x is the horizontal distance along the string in meters. Suppose a tiny particle were attached to the string at $x = 5$ cm. Obtain an expression for the vertical velocity of the particle as a function of time.

Solution:

$$y(x,t) = 2\cos(16\pi t - 20\pi x) \quad \text{(m)}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} u(0.05,t) &= \left.\frac{dy(x,t)}{dt}\right|_{x=0.05} \\ &= 32\pi\sin(16\pi t - 20\pi x)|_{x=0.05} \\ &= 32\pi\sin(16\pi t - \pi) \\ &= -32\pi\sin(16\pi t) \quad \text{(m/s)}. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 4.

Problem 1.13 The voltage of an electromagnetic wave traveling on a transmission line is given by $\upsilon(z,t) = 5e^{-\alpha z}\sin(4\pi \times 10^9 t - 20\pi z)$ (V), where z is the distance in meters from the generator.

(a) Find the frequency, wavelength, and phase velocity of the wave.

(b) At $z = 2$ m, the amplitude of the wave was measured to be 2 V. Find α.

Solution:

(a) This equation is similar to that of Eq. (1.28) with $\omega = 4\pi \times 10^9$ rad/s and $\beta = 20\pi$ rad/m. From Eq. (1.29a), $f = \omega/2\pi = 2 \times 10^9$ Hz $= 2$ GHz; from Eq. (1.29b), $\lambda = 2\pi/\beta = 0.1$ m. From Eq. (1.30),

$$u_{\mathrm{p}} = \omega/\beta = 2 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}.$$

(b) Using just the amplitude of the wave,

$$2 = 5e^{-\alpha 2}, \qquad \alpha = \frac{-1}{2\text{ m}} \ln\left(\frac{2}{5}\right) = 0.46 \text{ Np/m}.$$

Problem 5

Problem 1.22 If $z = 3 - j5$, find the value of $\ln(z)$.

Solution:

$$|z| = +\sqrt{3^2 + 5^2} = 5.83, \quad \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-5}{3}\right) = -59^\circ,$$

$$z = |z|e^{j\theta} = 5.83e^{-j59^\circ},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(z) &= \ln(5.83e^{-j59^\circ}) \\ &= \ln(5.83) + \ln(e^{-j59^\circ}) \\ &= 1.76 - j59^\circ = 1.76 - j\frac{59^\circ \pi}{180^\circ} = 1.76 - j1.03. \end{aligned}$$