

A sinusoidal wave propagates through a medium is represented by,

$$\psi(x, t) = A \sin(kx - \omega t + \delta)$$

Phase $\Rightarrow \delta$, Phase angle $\Rightarrow \phi = (kx - \omega t + \delta)$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} = -\omega$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = k$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \right|_{\phi} = \frac{\left. \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} \right|_x}{\left. \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right|_t} \quad e^{i(x - v_p t + \delta)}$$

Phase angle $\Rightarrow \phi = (kx + \omega t + \delta)$

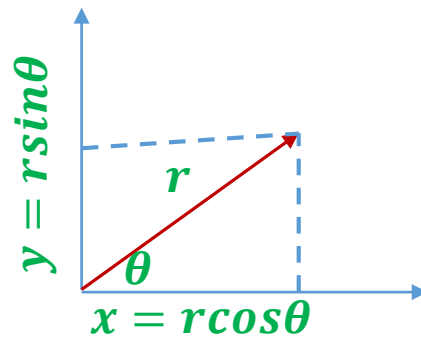
The LHS is the speed of propagation of the condition of constant phase (velocity of the wave):

$$\text{Phase velocity: } v_p = \mp \frac{\omega}{k}$$

$$\tilde{z} = x + iy$$

$$\tilde{z} = r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)$$

$$\tilde{z} = re^{i\theta}$$



$$\text{Re}(\tilde{z}) = r \cos \theta$$

$$\text{Im}(\tilde{z}) = r \sin \theta$$

$$\psi(x, t) = A \sin(kx - \omega t + \delta) = \text{Im}\{Ae^{i(kx - \omega t + \delta)}\}$$

$$\psi(x, t) = A \cos(kx - \omega t + \delta) = \text{Re}\{Ae^{i(kx - \omega t + \delta)}\}$$

$$\psi(x, t) = Ae^{i(kx - \omega t + \delta)} \text{ or } Ae^{i(kx + \omega t + \delta)}$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

At any instant of time, the surfaces joining all points of equal phase are known as **wavefronts**

If at a given time, all the surfaces on which **a disturbance has constant phase** form a set of planes, each generally perpendicular to the propagation direction then the wave is known as a plane wave.

To derive the expression for **a plane** that is perpendicular to a given vector \vec{k} and that passes through some point (x_0, y_0, z_0) , we write,

$$\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} \quad \vec{k} = k_x\hat{i} + k_y\hat{j} + k_z\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{R} = \vec{r} - \vec{r}_0 = (x - x_0)\hat{i} + (y - y_0)\hat{j} + (z - z_0)\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{R} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{for } \vec{R} \text{ perpendicular to } \vec{k}$$

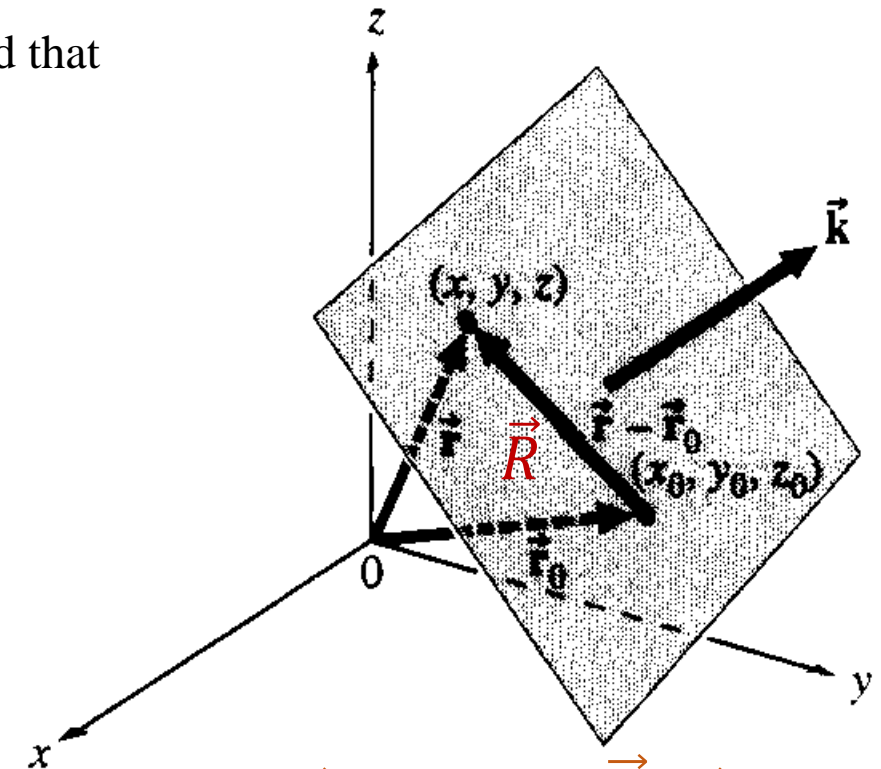
$$(x - x_0)k_x + (y - y_0)k_y + (z - z_0)k_z = 0$$

$$x_0k_x + y_0k_y + z_0k_z = xk_x + yk_y + zk_z$$

If we assume, for the fixed point $\vec{r}_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$, $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_0 = \text{constant}$ (say)

$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} = a, \text{ constant}$$

The plane is the locus of all points each of whose position vectors have a constant projection on \vec{k} .



$$\psi(\vec{r}) = A \sin(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r})$$

$$\psi(\vec{r}) = A \cos(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r})$$

$$\psi(\vec{r}) = A e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

Plane wave:

$$\psi(\vec{r}) = A \sin(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}) \quad \psi(\vec{r}) = A e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

The spatially repetitive nature of these harmonic functions can be expressed by

$$\psi(\vec{r}) = \psi\left(\vec{r} + \lambda \frac{\vec{k}}{k}\right) \quad A e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} = A e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} e^{i\lambda k}$$

$$e^{i\lambda k} = 1 = e^{i2\pi}$$

$$\vec{k} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \Rightarrow \text{wave number}$$

The disturbance on a wavefront is constant, so that after a time dt , if the front moves along \vec{k} a distance $d\vec{r}_k$ (r_k is the projection of \vec{r} along \vec{k}), we must have

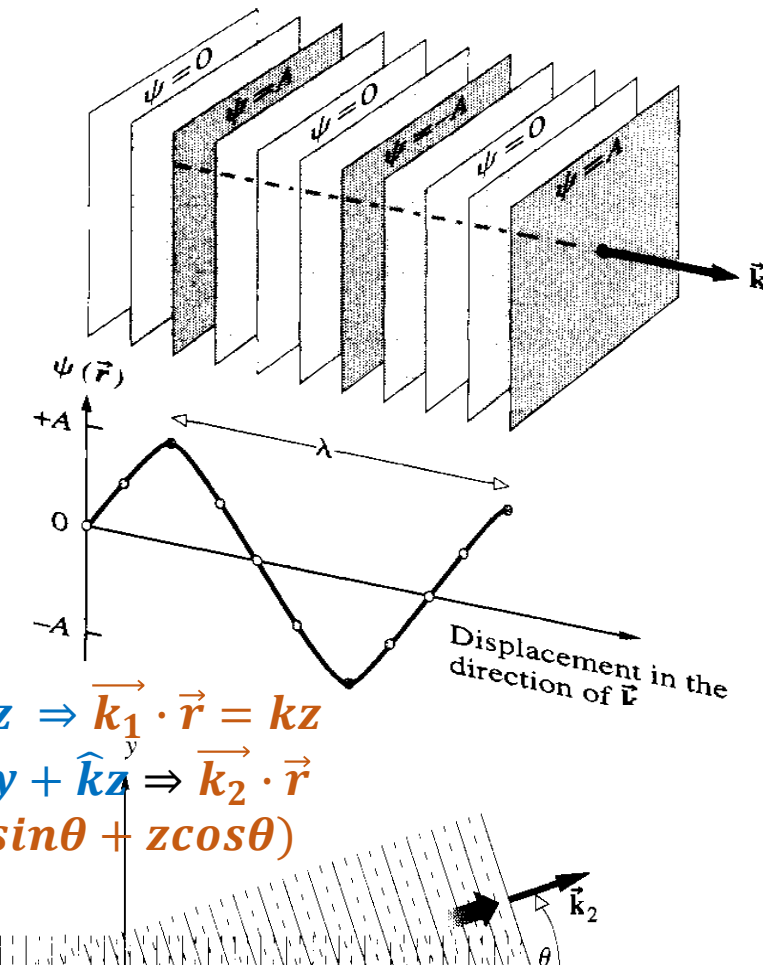
$$\psi(\vec{r}, t) = \psi(r_k + dr_k, t + dt) = \psi(r_k, t)$$

$$\psi(\vec{r}, t) = A e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} + \omega t)} = A e^{i(kr_k + kdr_k + \omega t + \omega dt)} = A e^{i(l$$

$$kdr_k + \omega dt = 0 \quad \frac{dr_k}{dt} = \pm \frac{\omega}{k} = \pm v_p$$

The special significance of these waves are:

1. physically, sinusoidal waves can be generated relatively simply by using some form of harmonic oscillator;
2. any three-dimensional wave can be expressed as a combination of plane waves, each having a distinct amplitude and propagation direction.



Spherical wave:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi(x, y, z, t)}{\partial t^2} = v^2 \nabla^2 \psi(x, y, z, t)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi(r, \theta, \phi, t)}{\partial t^2} = v^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[r^2 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \right] + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[\sin \theta \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \right] + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \phi^2} \right\}$$

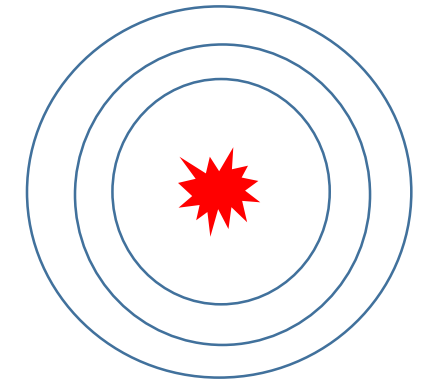
Since the system is spherically symmetric, $\psi(r, \theta, \phi, t) = \psi(r)$, only



$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = v^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[r^2 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \right] \right\} = v^2 \left\{ \frac{2}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial r^2} \right\}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 (r\psi)}{\partial r^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 (r\psi)}{\partial t^2}$$

$$r\psi(r, t) = f(r - vt)$$



Wave travelling in +ve

$$\psi(r, t) = \frac{1}{r} f(r - vt)$$

Wave travelling in -ve

$$\psi(r, t) = \frac{1}{r} g(r + vt)$$

The general solution $\psi(r, t) = \frac{C}{r} f(r - vt) + \frac{D}{r} g(r + vt)$

Harmonic spherical wave (which is a special case of the general solution) is

$$\psi(r, t) = \frac{A}{r} \sin k(r \mp vt) = \frac{A}{r} e^{ik(r \mp vt)}$$



Firework

Superposition of wave:

If $\psi_1(x, t)$ and $\psi_2(x, t)$ represents two harmonic, what is meant by $\psi_1(x, t) + \psi_2(x, t) = \psi(x, t)$?

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi_1(x, t)}{\partial t^2} = v^2 \frac{\partial^2 \psi_1(x, t)}{\partial x^2}$$

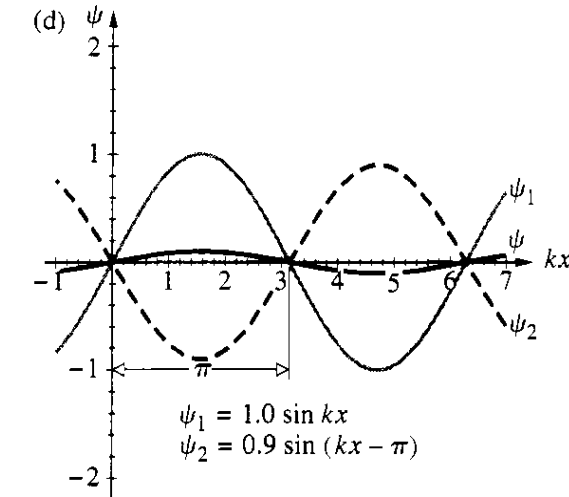
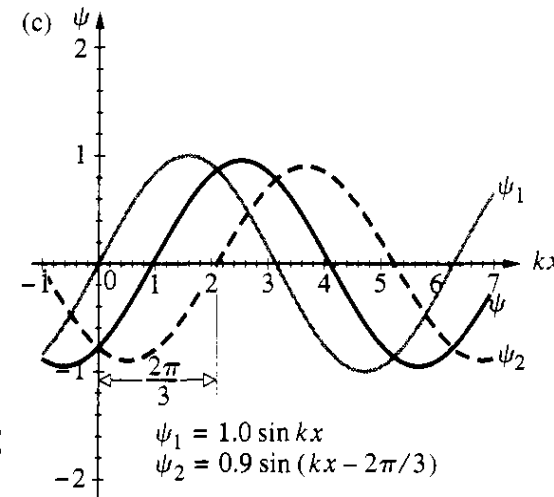
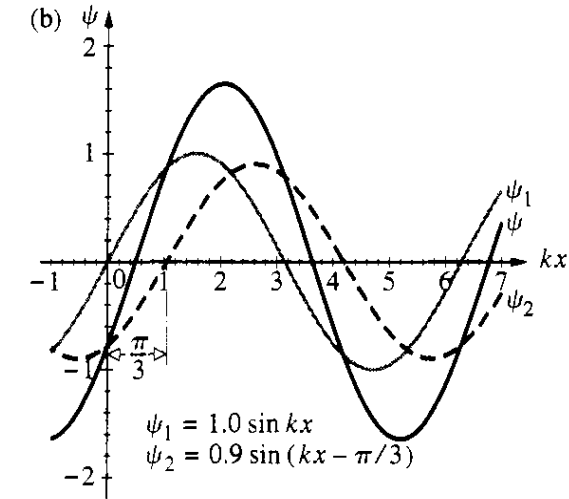
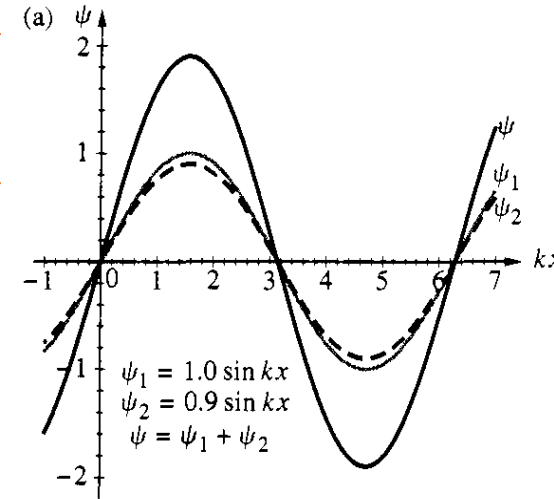
$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi_2(x, t)}{\partial t^2} = v^2 \frac{\partial^2 \psi_2(x, t)}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi_1(x, t)}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi_2(x, t)}{\partial t^2} = v^2 \frac{\partial^2 \psi_1(x, t)}{\partial x^2} + v^2 \frac{\partial^2 \psi_2(x, t)}{\partial x^2}$$

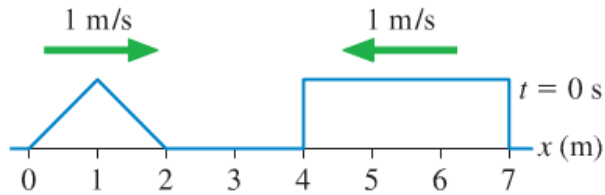
$$\frac{\partial^2 \{\psi_1(x, t) + \psi_2(x, t)\}}{\partial t^2} = v^2 \frac{\partial^2 \{\psi_1(x, t) + \psi_2(x, t)\}}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi(x, t)}{\partial t^2} = v^2 \frac{\partial^2 \psi(x, t)}{\partial x^2}$$

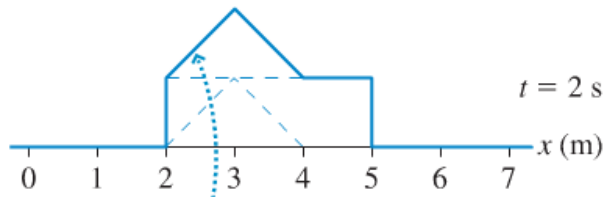
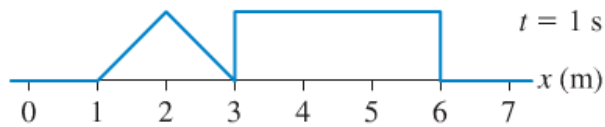
When the two waves are **in-phase** ($\delta = 0$), they interfere **constructively** and the amplitude of the individual waves. When the two waves have a phase difference of π , they interfere **destructively** and cancel each other out.



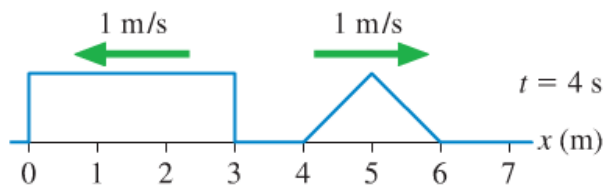
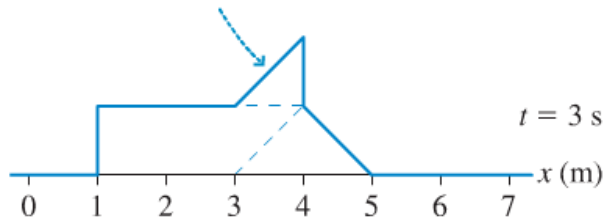
Superposition of waves: Constructive and Destructive Interference



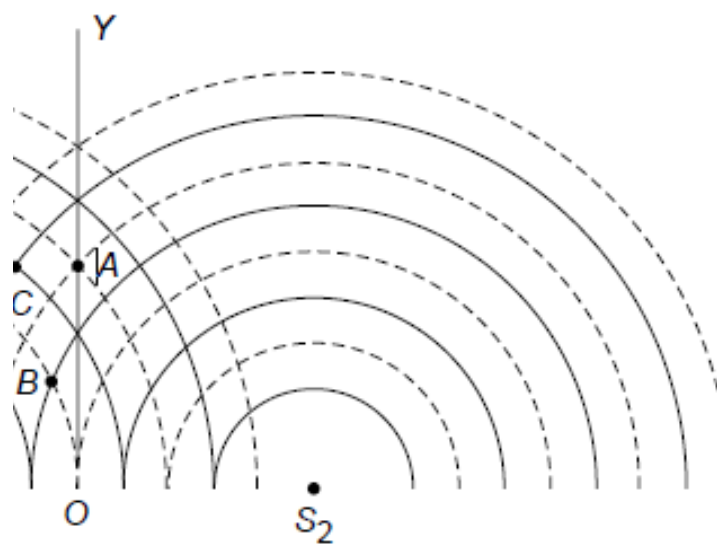
Two waves approach each other.



The net displacement is the point-by-point summation of the individual waves.



Both waves emerge unchanged.



Two waves with the same amplitude, frequency, and wavelength are travelling in the same direction are,

$$\psi(x, t) = A \sin\{\omega t - (kx + \epsilon)\}$$

$$\alpha = -(kx + \epsilon)$$

$$\psi_1(x, t) = A_1 \sin(\omega t + \alpha_1)$$

$$\psi_2(x, t) = A_2 \sin(\omega t + \alpha_2)$$

Due to the principle of superposition, the resulting wave displacement may be written as:

$$\psi(x, t) = \psi_1(x, t) + \psi_2(x, t)$$

$$\psi(x, t) = A_1 \sin(\omega t + \alpha_1) + A_2 \sin(\omega t + \alpha_2)$$

$$\psi(x, t) = A_1 \{\sin \omega t \cos \alpha_1 + \cos \omega t \sin \alpha_1\} + A_2 \{\sin \omega t \cos \alpha_2 + \cos \omega t \sin \alpha_2\}$$

$$\psi(x, t) = \sin \omega t (A_1 \cos \alpha_1 + A_2 \cos \alpha_2) + \cos \omega t (A_1 \sin \alpha_1 + A_2 \sin \alpha_2)$$

The coefficients of $\sin \omega t$ and $\cos \omega t$ are independent of time. Let us consider,

$$A_1 \cos \alpha_1 + A_2 \cos \alpha_2 = A \cos \alpha$$

$$A_1 \sin \alpha_1 + A_2 \sin \alpha_2 = A \sin \alpha$$

Superposition (same frequency)

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_1(x, t) &= A_1 \sin(\omega t + \alpha_1) \\ \psi_2(x, t) &= A_2 \sin(\omega t + \alpha_2)\end{aligned}$$

Squaring and adding we get,

$$A^2 = A_1^2 + A_2^2 + 2A_1A_2(\cos\alpha_1\cos\alpha_2 + \sin\alpha_1\sin\alpha_2)$$

$$A^2 = A_1^2 + A_2^2 + 2A_1A_2\cos(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1)$$

Dividing, we get,

$$\tan\alpha = \frac{A_1\sin\alpha_1 + A_2\sin\alpha_2}{A_1\cos\alpha_1 + A_2\cos\alpha_2}$$

$$\psi(x, t) = \sin\omega t \cdot A\cos\alpha + \cos\omega t \cdot A\sin\alpha$$

$$\psi(x, t) = A \sin(\omega t + \alpha)$$

$$\delta = \alpha_2 - \alpha_1 = kx_2 + \epsilon_2 - kx_1 - \epsilon_1$$

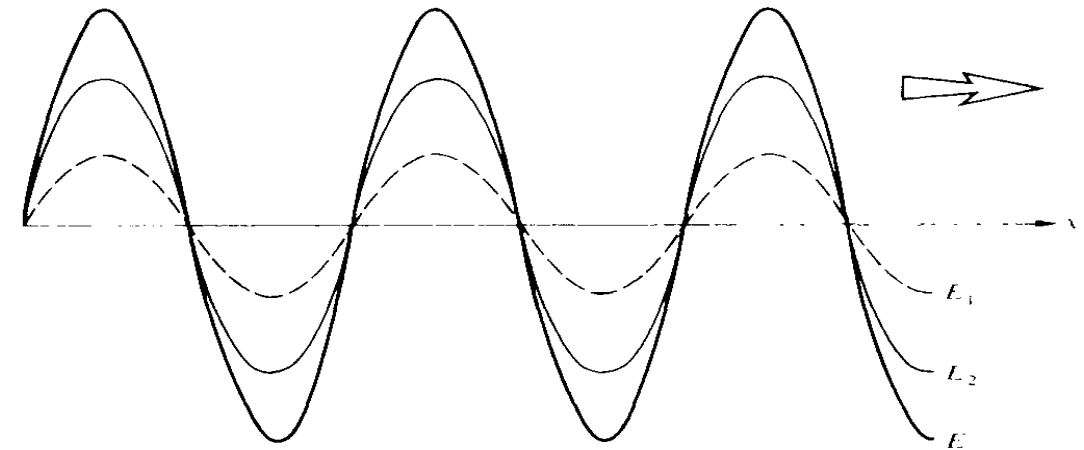
$$\delta = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \Delta x + (\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta &= (\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1) \\ &= \text{constant of time} \\ &\Rightarrow \text{Coherent}\end{aligned}$$

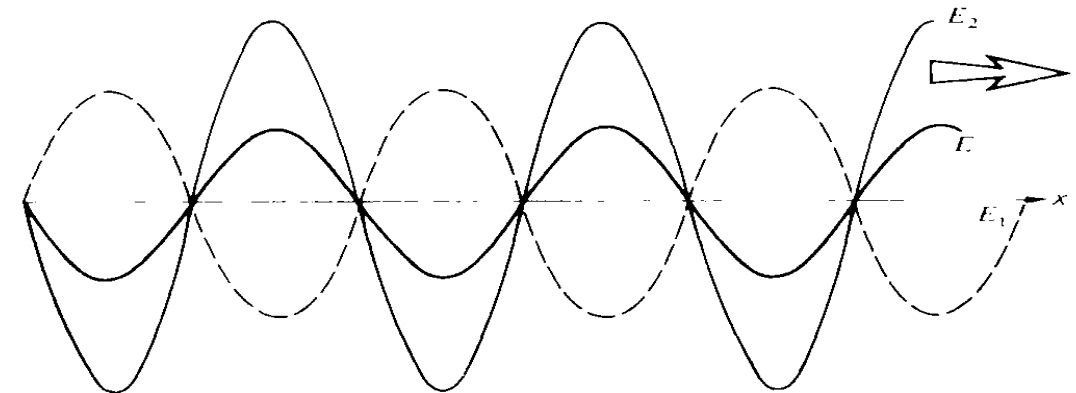
$$\delta = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \Delta x$$

$$n = \frac{c}{v} = \frac{\lambda_0}{\lambda}$$

$$\delta = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_0} n \Delta x$$



$$E = E_1 + E_2$$



Superposition (same frequency)

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_1(x, t) &= A_1 \sin(\omega t + \alpha_1) \\ \psi_2(x, t) &= A_2 \sin(\omega t + \alpha_2)\end{aligned}$$

$$\psi(x, t) = A \sin(\omega t + \alpha)$$

$$\delta = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \Delta x + (\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1)$$

Let us consider two waves of same amplitude but having a path difference, $(x + \Delta x, x)$

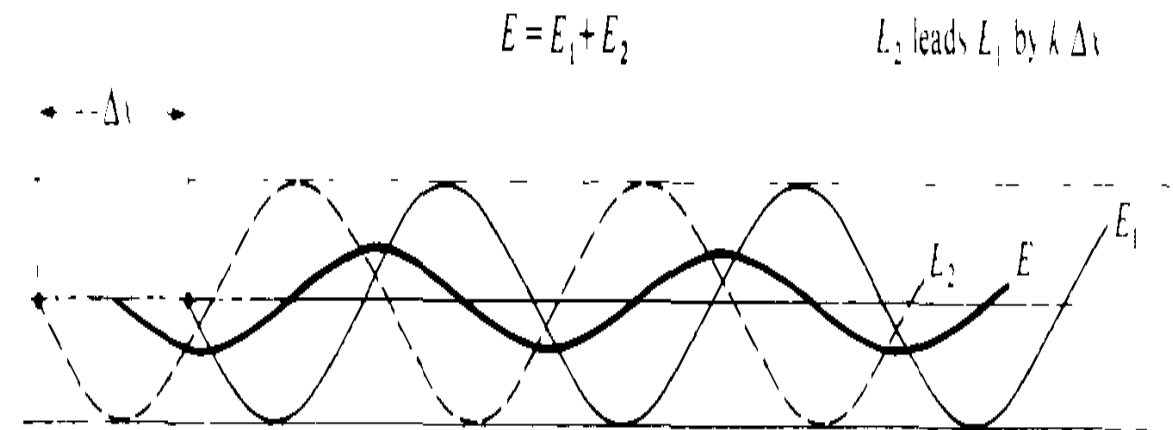
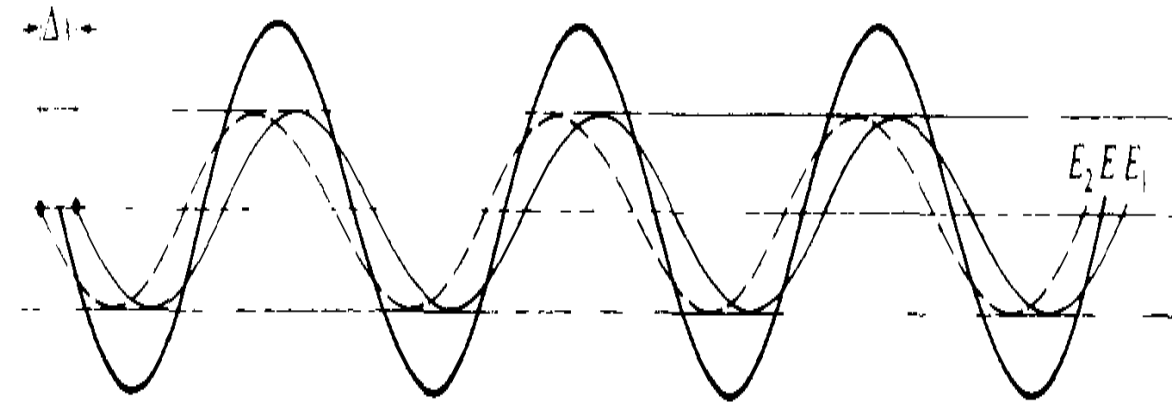
$$\begin{aligned}\psi(x, t) &= A_0 \sin(\omega t + \alpha_1) + A_0 \sin(\omega t + \alpha_2) \\ &= 2A_0 \cos\left\{\frac{(\omega t + \alpha_2) - (\omega t + \alpha_1)}{2}\right\} \sin\left\{\frac{(\omega t + \alpha_2) + (\omega t + \alpha_1)}{2}\right\}\end{aligned}$$

$$\psi(x, t) = 2A_0 \cos\left\{\frac{\alpha_2 - \alpha_1}{2}\right\} \sin\left\{\omega t + \frac{\alpha_2 + \alpha_1}{2}\right\}$$

$$\psi(x, t) = 2A_0 \cos\left\{\frac{\delta}{2}\right\} \sin\left\{\omega t + \frac{\alpha_2 + \alpha_1}{2}\right\}$$

If, $\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1 = 0$, and path difference, $(x + \Delta x, x)$

$$\psi(x, t) = 2A_0 \cos\left\{\frac{k\Delta x}{2}\right\} \sin\left\{\omega t - k\left(x + \frac{\Delta x}{2}\right)\right\}$$



$$\psi(x, t) = A \sin\{\omega t + \alpha\}$$

$$\alpha = -(kx + \epsilon)$$

Superposition (same frequency)

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_1(x, t) &= A_1 \sin(\omega t + \alpha_1) \\ \psi_2(x, t) &= A_2 \sin(\omega t + \alpha_2)\end{aligned}$$

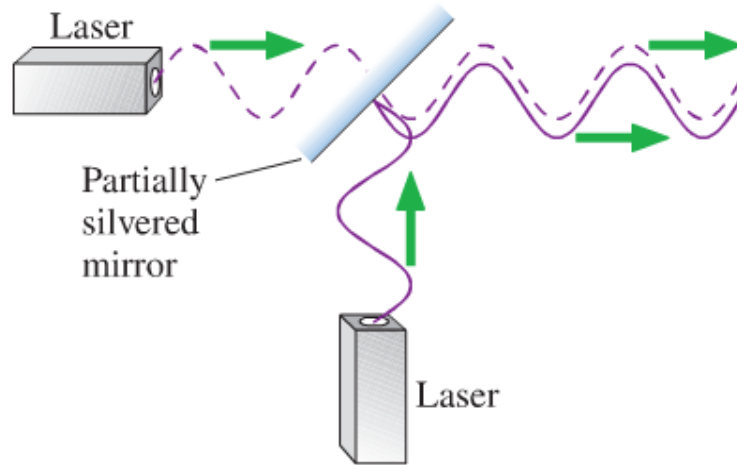
$$\psi(x, t) = A \sin(\omega t + \alpha)$$

$$\delta = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \Delta x + (\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1)$$

If, $\phi_0 = \epsilon_2 - \epsilon_1 = 0$, and path difference, $(x + \Delta x, x)$

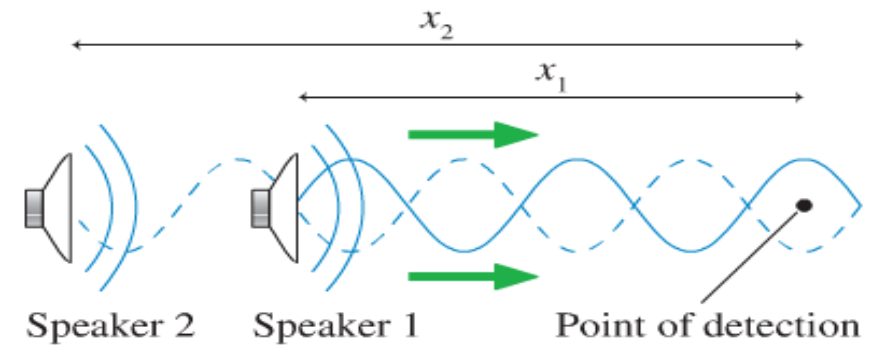
$$\psi(x, t) = 2A_0 \cos\left\{\frac{k\Delta x}{2}\right\} \sin\left\{\omega t - k\left(x + \frac{\Delta x}{2}\right)\right\}$$

(a) Two overlapped light waves



These two waves are **in phase** ($\delta = 0 = \Delta x$) and of equal amplitude A_0 , will give **constructive interference**. This will lead to a combined amplitude $A = 2A_0$

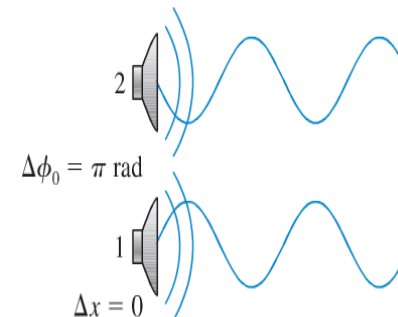
(b) Two overlapped sound waves



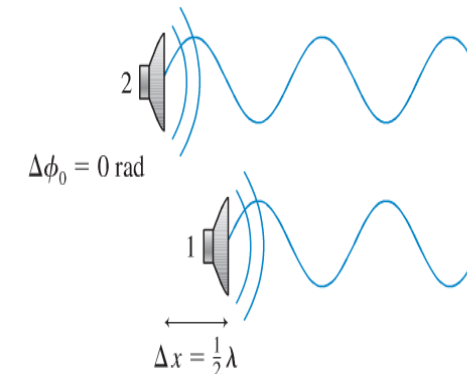
These two waves are **out of phase** ($\delta = n\pi = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \Delta x$)

and of equal amplitude A_0 , will give **destructive interference**. This will lead to a combined

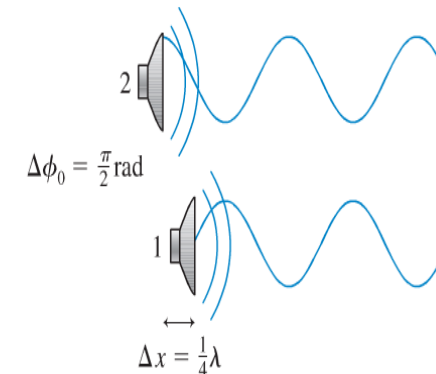
(a) The sources are out of phase.



(b) Identical sources are separated by half a wavelength.



(c) The sources are both separated and partially out of phase.



Superposition of waves: Many waves

$$\psi(x, t) = A \sin(\omega t + \alpha)$$

$$\psi_1(x, t) = A_1 \sin(\omega t + \alpha_1) \quad \psi_2(x, t) = A_2 \sin(\omega t + \alpha_2) \quad \psi_3(x, t) = A_3 \sin(\omega t + \alpha_3)$$

Due to the principle of superposition, the resulting wave displacement may be written as:

$$\psi(x, t) = A_1 \{\sin \omega t \cos \alpha_1 + \cos \omega t \sin \alpha_1\} + A_2 \{\sin \omega t \cos \alpha_2 + \cos \omega t \sin \alpha_2\} + A_3 \{\sin \omega t \cos \alpha_3 + \cos \omega t \sin \alpha_3\}$$

$$\psi(x, t) = \sin \omega t (A_1 \cos \alpha_1 + A_2 \cos \alpha_2 + A_3 \cos \alpha_3) + \cos \omega t (A_1 \sin \alpha_1 + A_2 \sin \alpha_2 + A_3 \sin \alpha_3)$$

$$A \cos \alpha = A_1 \cos \alpha_1 + A_2 \cos \alpha_2 + A_3 \cos \alpha_3$$

$$A \sin \alpha = A_1 \sin \alpha_1 + A_2 \sin \alpha_2 + A_3 \sin \alpha_3$$

$$\psi(x, t) = A \sin(\omega t + \alpha)$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{A_1 \sin \alpha_1 + A_2 \sin \alpha_2 + A_3 \sin \alpha_3}{A_1 \cos \alpha_1 + A_2 \cos \alpha_2 + A_3 \cos \alpha_3}$$

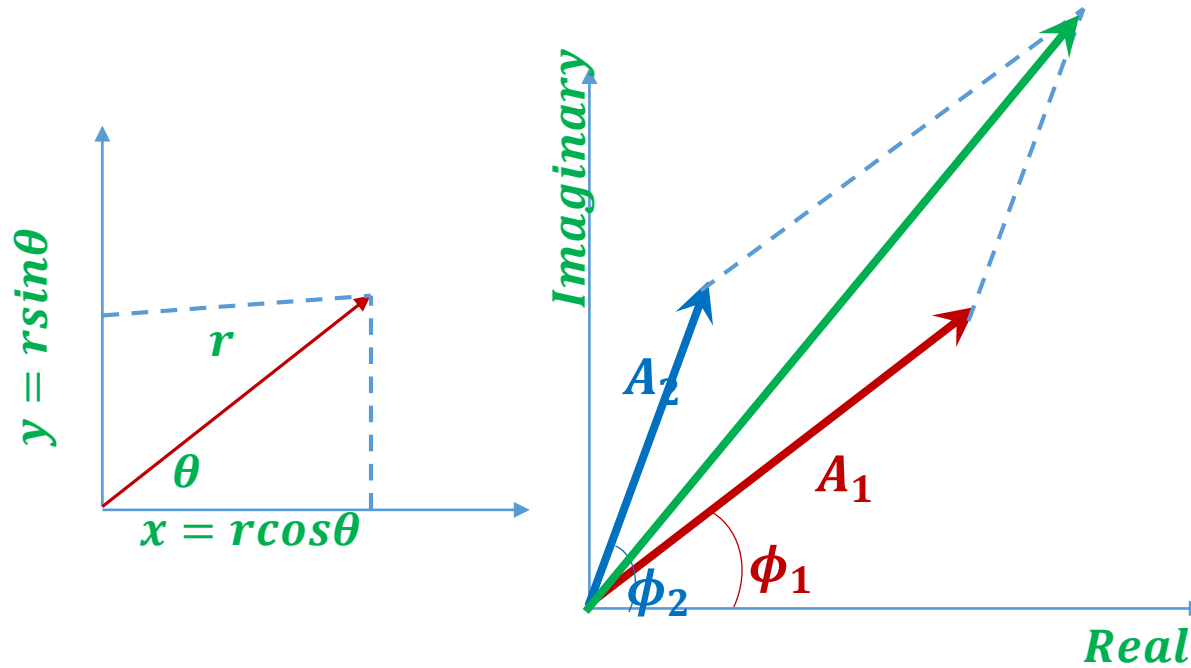
$$A^2 = A_1^2 + A_2^2 + A_3^2 + 2A_1A_2 \cos(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2) + 2A_1A_3 \cos(\alpha_1 - \alpha_3) + 2A_2A_3 \cos(\alpha_2 - \alpha_3)$$

For multiple wave,

$$A^2 = \sum_i^M A_i^2 + 2 \sum_{j>i}^M \sum_i^M A_i A_j \cos(\alpha_i - \alpha_j)$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{\sum_i^M A_i \sin \alpha_i}{\sum_i^M A_i \cos \alpha_i}$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \quad \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$



$$\tilde{z} = x + iy = r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)$$

$$\tilde{z} = re^{i\theta}$$

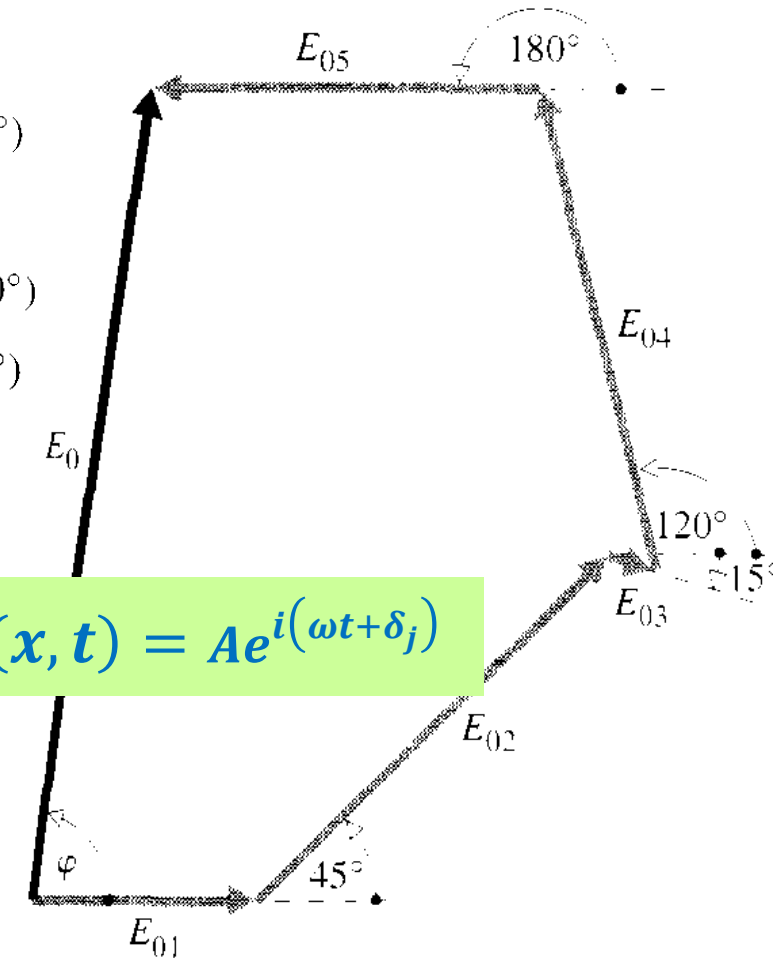
$$\text{Re}(\tilde{z}) = r\cos\theta$$

$$\text{Im}(\tilde{z}) = r\sin\theta$$

$$\psi(x, t) = Ae^{i(kx - \omega t + \delta)} = Ae^{i\phi}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_1 &= 5 \sin \omega t \\ E_2 &= 10 \sin (\omega t + 45^\circ) \\ E_3 &= \sin (\omega t - 15^\circ) \\ E_4 &= 10 \sin (\omega t + 120^\circ) \\ E_5 &= 8 \sin (\omega t + 180^\circ) \end{aligned}$$

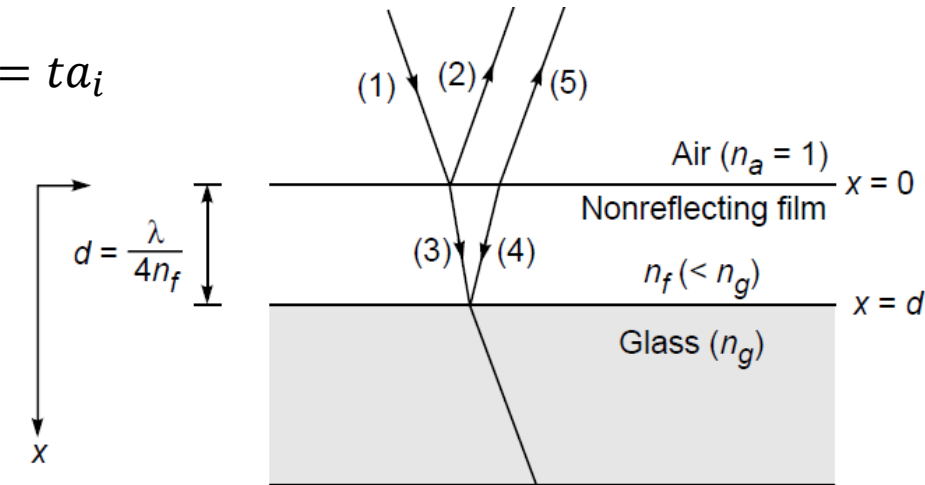
$$\psi_j(x, t) = Ae^{i(\omega t + \delta_j)}$$



The complex amplitude is known as a **phasor**, and it's specified by its magnitude and phase ($A \angle \phi$)

Superposition: Anti-reflective coating

From Fresnel's law of EM wave: $a_r = \frac{n_1 - n_2}{n_1 + n_2} a_i = r a_i$, $a_t = \frac{2n_1}{n_1 + n_2} a_i = t a_i$



For destructive interference between (2) and (5),

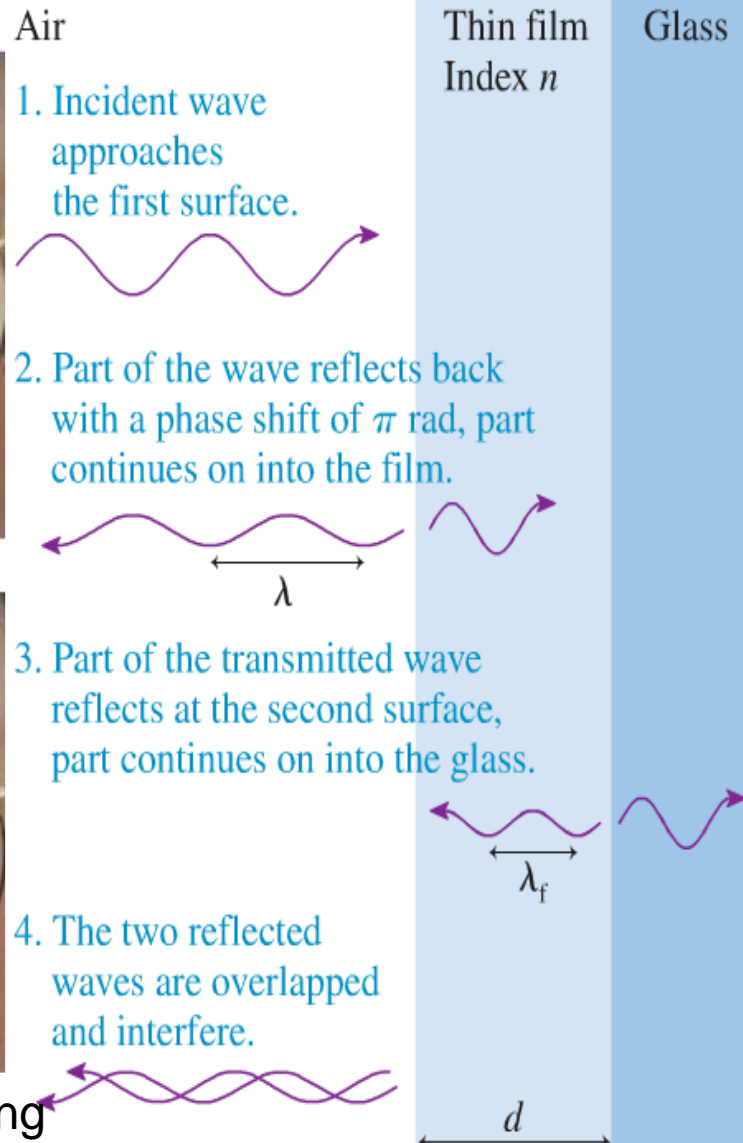
$$2n_f d = \frac{1}{2} \lambda \Rightarrow d = \frac{\lambda}{4n_f}$$

For MgF_2 , $n_f = 1.38$, $\lambda = 5000 \text{ \AA} \Rightarrow d = 0.9 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}$

$$a_2 = \frac{n_a - n_f}{n_a + n_f} a_1, a_3 = \frac{2n_a}{n_a + n_f} a_1, a_4 = \frac{n_f - n_g}{n_f + n_g} a_3, a_5 = \frac{2n_f}{n_f + n_a} a_4$$

For complete destructive interference between (2) and (5),

$$a_2 = a_5 \Rightarrow \frac{n_f - n_a}{n_f + n_a} = \frac{n_g - n_f}{n_g + n_f}, \Rightarrow n_f = \sqrt{n_a n_g}$$



Superposition: Division of wavefront

At A, $\psi_1 = a \cos(\omega t)$; $\psi_2 = a \cos(\omega t)$; $x = 0$

$\psi_A = 2a \cos \omega t \Rightarrow$ amplitude is $2a$

At $t = \frac{T}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2\omega}$, $\psi_A = 0$

At C, $S_1C - S_2C = \lambda$ (assume)

$\psi_C = \psi_1 + \psi_2 = a \cos(\omega t) + a \cos(\omega t - \pi)$;

$\psi_C = a \cos(\omega t) + a \cos(\omega t) = 2a \cos \omega t$
Constructive Interference

At a general point P,

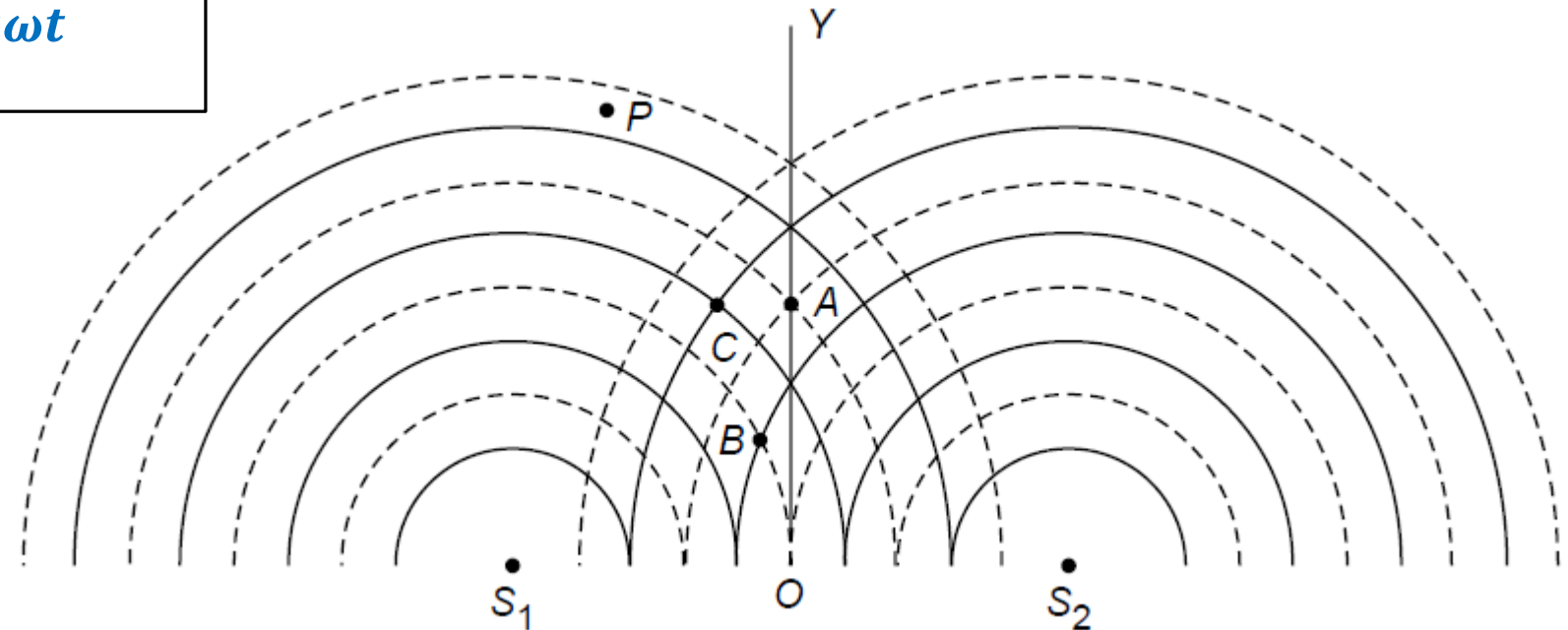
$S_1P - S_2P = n\lambda$
Constructive Interference

$S_1P - S_2P = \{n + \frac{1}{2}\}\lambda$
Destructive Interference

At B, $S_1B - S_2B = \frac{\lambda}{2}$ (assume)

$\psi_B = \psi_1 + \psi_2 = a \cos(\omega t) + a \cos(\omega t - \pi)$;

$\psi_B = a \cos(\omega t) - a \cos(\omega t) = 0$ for all time
Destructive interference



Lloyd Mirror Expt: Division of wavefront

S and S' are two coherent sources of light.

$\theta_i \approx \pi/2$ (grazing angle)

At a general point P,

$$SOP - SP = n\lambda$$

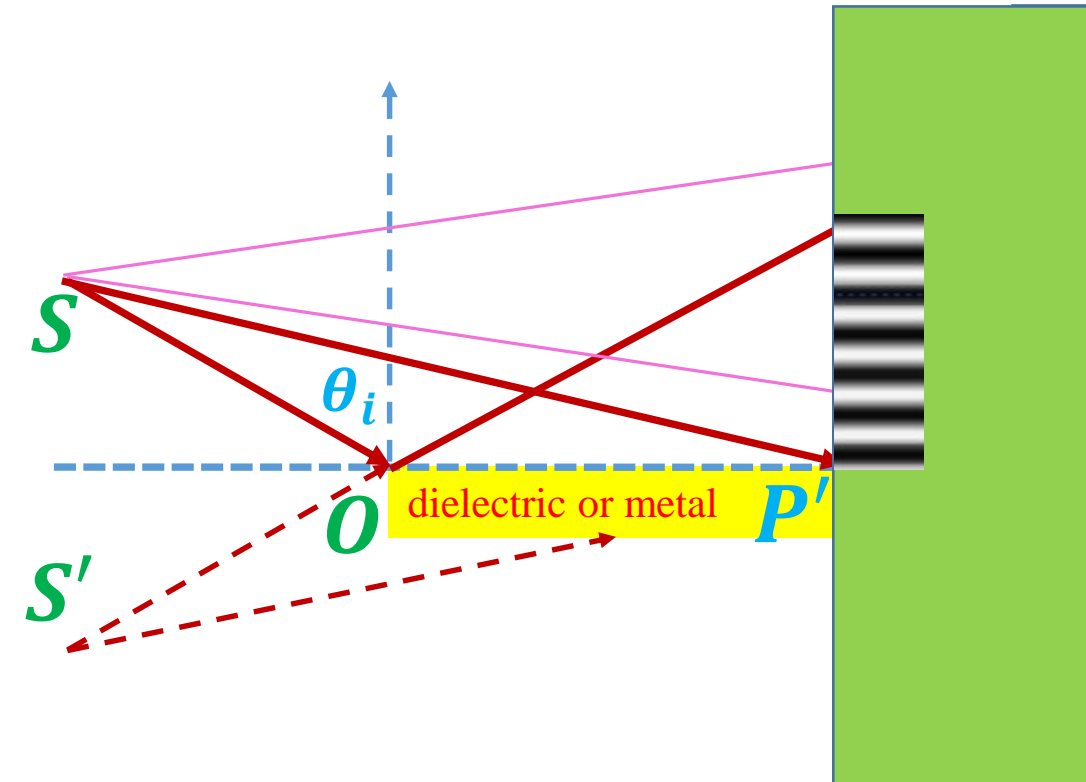
Constructive Interference

$$SOP - SP = \left\{n + \frac{1}{2}\right\}\lambda$$

Destructive Interference

Central dark fringe

The distinguishing feature of this device is that at glancing incidence ($\theta_i = \pi/2$) the reflected beam undergoes a 180° phase shift

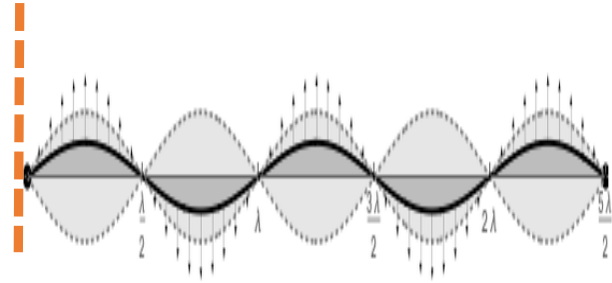


Superposition: Standing wave

Two harmonic waves of the **same frequency** propagating in **opposite directions**.

$$\psi_I(x, t) = A_I \sin\{kx + \omega t + \alpha_I\}$$

$$\psi_R(x, t) = A_R \sin\{kx - \omega t + \alpha_R\}$$



We assume, $A_I = A_R = A$, $\alpha_I = 0$

BC: at the mirror, $x = 0$, the **resulting disturbance is zero**,

$$\psi(0, t) = 0 = \psi_I(x, 0) + \psi_R(x, 0)$$

$$\psi_I(0, t) = A \sin\{\omega t\} \Rightarrow \psi_R(0, t) = -A \sin\{\omega t\} = A \sin\{-\omega t + 0\}, \alpha_R = 0$$

$$\psi(x, t) = \psi_I(x, t) + \psi_R(x, t) = A[\sin\{kx + \omega t\} + \sin\{kx - \omega t\}]$$

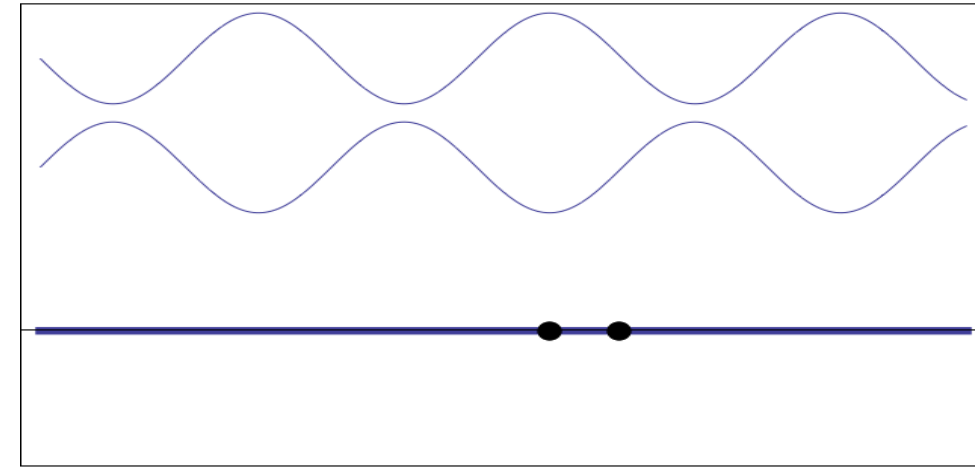
$$\psi(x, t) = 2A \sin\{kx\} \cos\{\omega t\}$$

$$\psi(x, t) = 0, \text{ for } kx = n\pi, \text{ ie, } x = \frac{n\lambda}{2} \Rightarrow \text{NODES}$$

Half-way, maxima are located. $x = \frac{n\lambda}{4} \Rightarrow \text{ANTINODES}$

$$\omega t = n\pi \quad \text{MAX} \qquad \omega t = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{MIN}$$

A situation of practical concern arises when the incident wave is reflected backward off some sort of mirror; a rigid wall will do for sound waves or a conducting sheet for EM waves.



Summary

- A **standing wave** is a superposition of two waves travelling in opposite directions with same frequency.
- Constructive interference creates **antinodes**, destructive interference creates **nodes**.
- Nodes on a standing wave are spaced $\lambda/2$ apart and **never move**
- Antinodes are halfway between nodes.

Superposition: Wiener's Experiment--standing wave

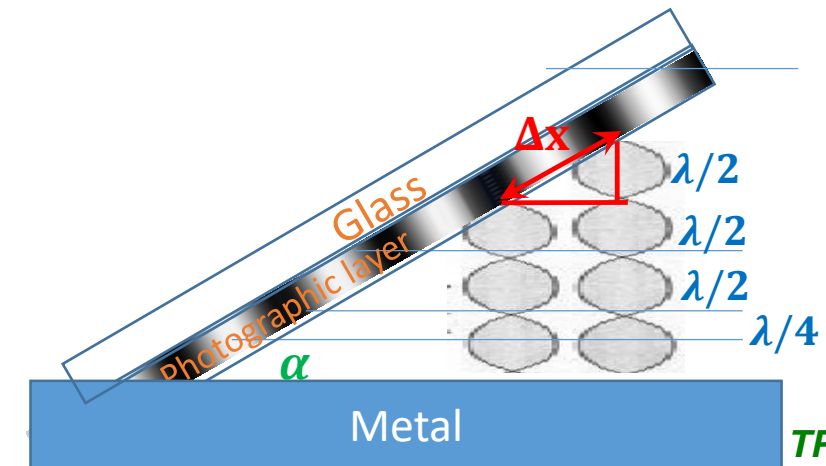
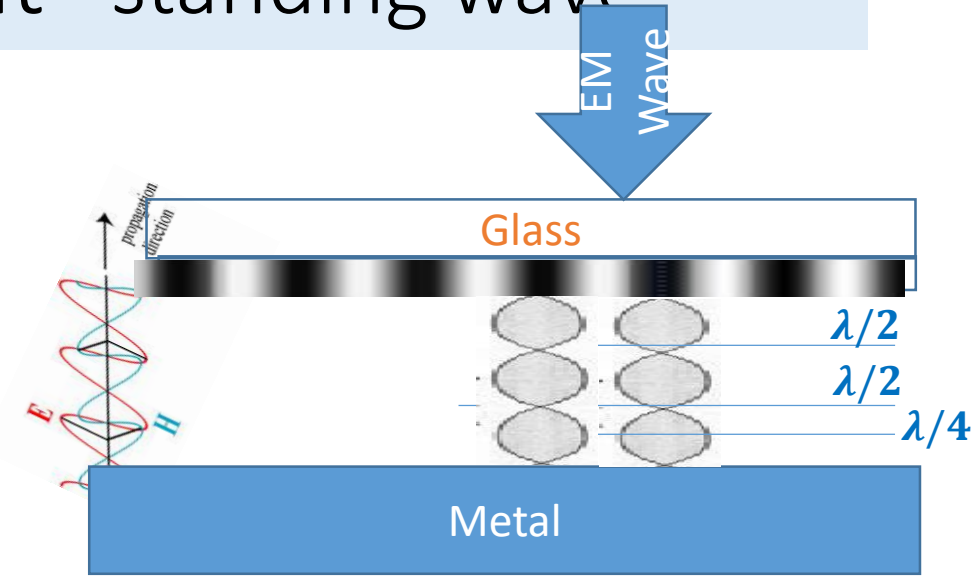
James Clerk Maxwell had demonstrated theoretically in [1865](#) that the electromagnetic field equations allowed wave solutions which propagated at the velocity of light.

Otto Wiener first demonstrated the existence of standing light waves (500nm). Photographic layer to be roughly 1/30th of the wavelength of the light

Wiener had demonstrated, in the context of the electromagnetic theory, that the electric field is the 'active ingredient' in light waves.

We assume, $(\lambda/2)/(\Delta x) = \sin\alpha$

For very small α , $\Delta x = \frac{\lambda}{2\alpha}$



Superposition of two sine waves with different frequencies: Beats

Practically, disturbances of any kind, are not strictly of a single frequency (monochromatic). It is realistic, to consider quasi-monochromatic wave, which is composed of a narrow range of frequencies.

The study of such light will lead us to the important concepts of bandwidth and coherence time.

Let us consider the composite disturbance arising from a combination of the **coherent** waves of **slightly different frequencies** and **same amplitude**

$$\psi_1(x, t) = A_0 \sin(k_1 x - \omega_1 t) \quad k_1 > k_2$$

$$\psi_2(x, t) = A_0 \sin(k_2 x - \omega_2 t) \quad \omega_1 > \omega_2$$

$$\psi(x, t) = A_0 \sin(k_1 x - \omega_1 t) + A_0 \sin(k_2 x - \omega_2 t)$$

$$\psi(x, t) = 2A_0 \cos\left\{\frac{(k_1 x - \omega_1 t) - (k_2 x - \omega_2 t)}{2}\right\} \sin\left\{\frac{(k_1 x - \omega_1 t) + (k_2 x - \omega_2 t)}{2}\right\}$$

$$\psi(x, t) = 2A_0 \cos\left\{\frac{(k_1 - k_2)x - (\omega_1 - \omega_2)t}{2}\right\} \sin\left\{\frac{(k_1 + k_2)x - (\omega_1 + \omega_2)t}{2}\right\}$$

$$\psi(x, t) = 2A_0 \cos\{k_m x - \omega_m t\} \sin\{kx - \omega t\}$$

$$\psi(x, t) = A \sin\{kx - \omega t\}$$

$$A = 2A_0 \cos\{k_m x - \omega_m t\}$$

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_1 + \omega_2) \Rightarrow \text{avg freq}$$

$$\omega_m = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_1 - \omega_2) \Rightarrow \text{modulation freq}$$

$$k = \frac{1}{2}(k_1 + k_2) \Rightarrow \text{avg prop no.}$$

$$k_m = \frac{1}{2}(k_1 - k_2) \Rightarrow \text{modulation prop no.}$$

The total disturbance may be regarded as a traveling wave of frequency ω having a time-varying (modulated) amplitude A

Beats:

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_1 + \omega_2) \quad k = \frac{1}{2}(k_1 + k_2)$$

$$\omega_m = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_1 - \omega_2) \quad k_m = \frac{1}{2}(k_1 - k_2)$$

$$\psi(x, t) = A \sin\{kx - \omega t\}, \quad A = 2A_0 \cos\{k_m x - \omega_m t\}$$

In applications of interest here, ω_1 and ω_2 , will always be rather large and are comparable to each other,

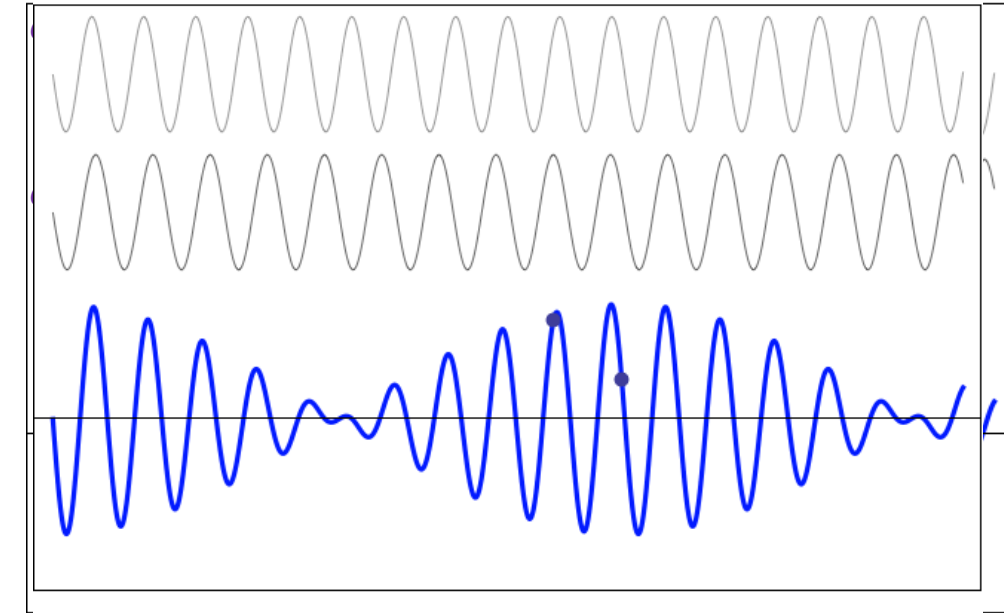
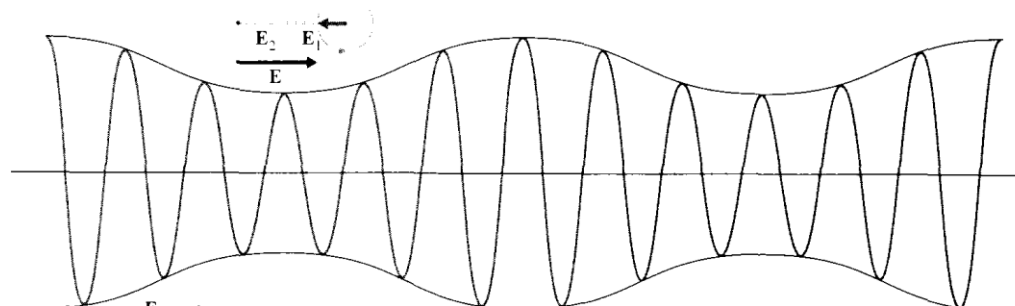
Amplitude will change **slowly**, whereas $\psi(x, t)$ will vary **quite rapidly**

$$A^2 = 4A_0^2 \cos^2\{k_m x - \omega_m t\} = 2A_0^2[1 + \cos\{2k_m x - 2\omega_m t\}]$$

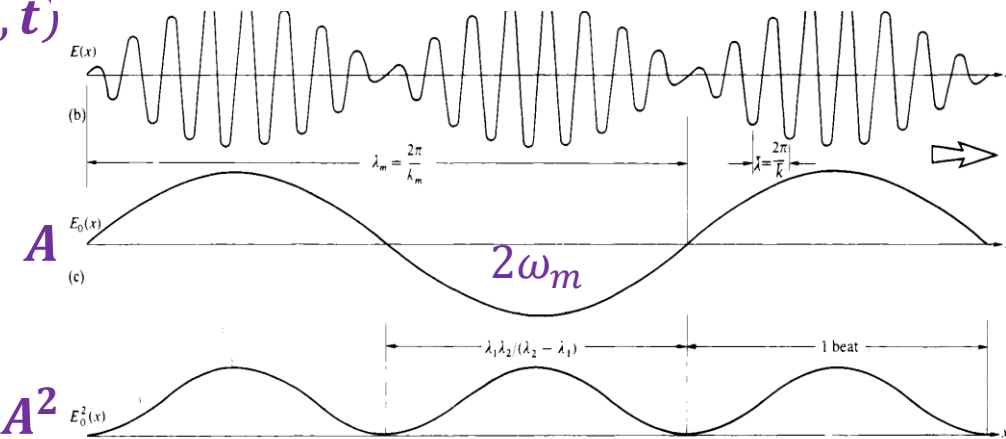
$$A^2 = 2A_0^2 + 2A_0^2 \cos\{2k_m x - 2\omega_m t\}$$

$$2\omega_m = \omega_1 - \omega_2 \Rightarrow \text{Beat frequency}$$

If, $A_1 \neq A_2$



$\psi(x, t)$



Dispersion:

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{T_0}{\rho_0}} k \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{Y}{\rho}} k \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma P}{\rho}} k$$

Relation giving ω as a function of wave number k is known as dispersion relation.

$$v_p = \frac{\omega}{k} \rightarrow \omega = k v_p$$

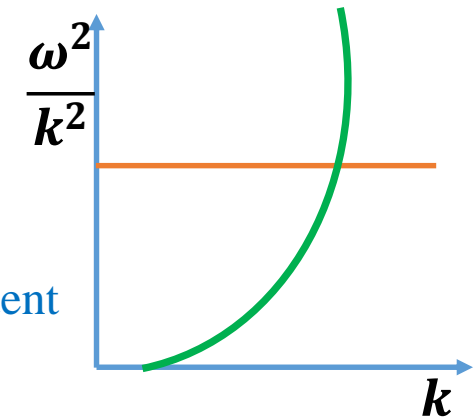
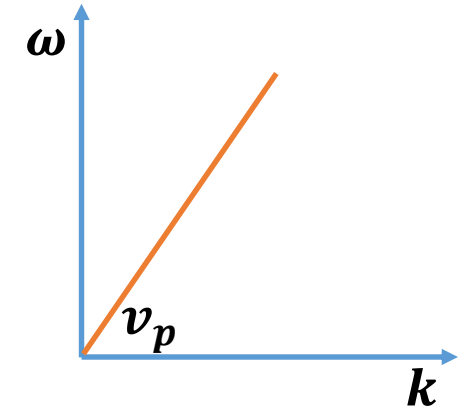
For a Piano the dispersion relation is , $\frac{\omega^2}{k^2} = v_p^2 + \beta k^2$

Smaller value of β indicates more flexibility of the string

Waves obey simple dispersion relation, $\frac{\omega}{k} = \text{constant}$, is known as nondispersive.

When $\frac{\omega}{k}$ depends on k the wave is dispersive. Vacuum is the only truly nondispersive environment.

$$\frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{c}{n} \quad n = \frac{c}{v_p} \quad n = \frac{ck}{\omega} = n(\omega)$$



Dispersion corresponds to the phenomena where the refractive index of a medium is frequency dependent

The specific relationship between ω and k determines the phase velocity of a wave (v_p). In a nondispersive medium $\frac{\omega}{k} = \text{constant}$ and a plot of ω versus k is a straight line. The frequency and wavelength change so as to keep v_p constant. All waves travel with the same phase speed in a nondispersive medium. By contrast, in a dispersive medium (anything other than vacuum) every wave propagates at a speed that depends on its frequency.

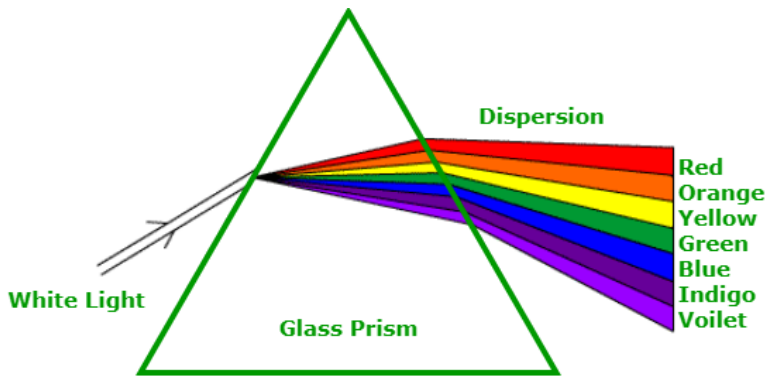
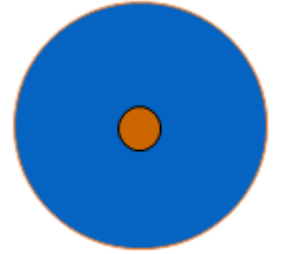
Dispersion: →

$$v_p = \frac{\omega}{k} \quad n = \frac{c}{v_p}$$

Polarization: Development of induced dipole moment (per unit volume) in a material in the presence of an external electric field is known as polarization.

$$P \propto E \Rightarrow P = \alpha E;$$

α —*polarizability*, measure of ability to get polarized



$$F = -\beta x$$

$$m_e \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -\beta x$$

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + \omega_0^2 x = 0$$

$$x = x_0 \cos \omega_0 t$$

$$\omega_0^2 = \frac{\beta}{m_e}$$

$$m_e \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -\beta x + q_e E_0 \cos \omega t$$

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -\omega_0^2 x + (q_e/m_e) E_0 \cos \omega t$$

$$x(t) = x_0 \cos \omega t$$

$$x(t) = \frac{(q_e/m_e)}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} E(t)$$

Dispersion: →

$$x(t) = \frac{(q_e/m_e)}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} E(t)$$

$$\frac{N\alpha}{3\epsilon_0} = \frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{\epsilon_r + 2}$$

Clausius-Mossotti relation.

$$P = (q_e x)N, \quad N \rightarrow \text{no. density}$$

$$P = \frac{(q_e^2/m_e)N}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} E$$

$$\vec{P} = (\epsilon - \epsilon_0)\vec{E}$$

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_0 + P/E$$

$$\epsilon = \epsilon_0 + \frac{(q_e^2/m_e)N}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}$$

$$n^2 - 1 = \frac{q_e^2 N}{\epsilon_0 m_e} \left(\frac{1}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)} \right)$$

$$\frac{n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 2} = \frac{q_e^2 N}{3\epsilon_0 m_e} \cdot \frac{1}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}$$

Considering N molecules per unit volume, each with f_j oscillators having natural frequencies $\omega_{0j}, j = 1, 2, 3 \dots$

$$\frac{n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 2} = \frac{q_e^2 N}{3\epsilon_0 m_e} \cdot \sum_j \frac{f_j}{\omega_{0j}^2 - \omega^2}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\epsilon\mu}}, \quad n = \frac{c}{v} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon\mu}{\epsilon_0\mu_0}} \approx \sqrt{\epsilon_r}$$

$\mu_r \approx 1$ in most of the cases

Considering local field, $E_L = E + \frac{P}{3\epsilon_0}$

$$P = \frac{(q_e^2/m_e)N}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \left(E + \frac{P}{3\epsilon_0} \right)$$

$$P = \frac{(q_e^2/m_e)N}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \left(\frac{P}{\{\epsilon_0(\epsilon_r - 1)\}} + \frac{P}{3\epsilon_0} \right)$$

$$1 = \frac{(q_e^2/m_e)N}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \cdot \frac{3 + \epsilon_r - 1}{3\epsilon_0(\epsilon_r - 1)}$$

$$\frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{\epsilon_r + 2} = \frac{q_e^2 N}{3\epsilon_0 m_e} \cdot \frac{1}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}$$

Dispersion:

Considering damping effect ($\approx m_e v \frac{dx}{dt}$),
the dispersion relation is written as

$$\frac{n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 2} = \frac{q_e^2 N}{3\epsilon_0 m_e} \cdot \sum_j \frac{f_j}{\omega_{0j}^2 - \omega^2 + i\nu\omega}$$

$$\frac{n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 2} = \frac{q_e^2 N}{3\epsilon_0 m_e} \cdot \sum_j \frac{f_j}{\omega_{0j}^2 - \omega^2}$$

If damping is small $\nu \rightarrow 0$

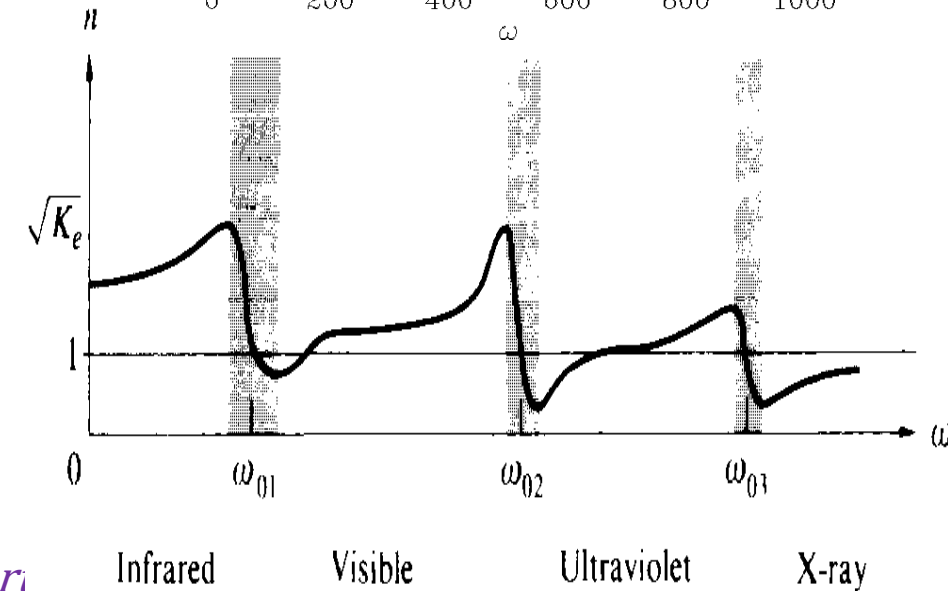
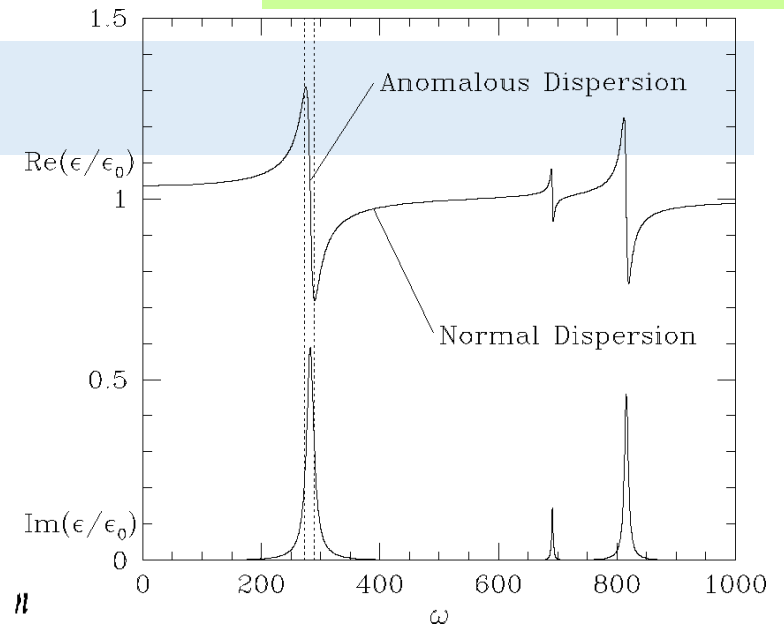
If, $\omega_{0j}^2 \gg \omega^2$, n is a constant of frequency

For colourless/transparent materials $\omega_0 = 5\omega_{\text{visible}}$

As, ω approaches ω_{0j} , (ω not very close to ω_{0j}),
($\omega_{0j}^2 - \omega^2$) decreases and

n increases \Rightarrow **Normal Dispersion** ---- $\frac{dn}{d\omega} > 0$.

As, $\omega \rightarrow \omega_{0j}$, $(\omega_{0j}^2 - \omega^2) \rightarrow 0$, ν becomes significant, the oscillator starts amplitude vibrations resulting absorption of energy from the wave \Rightarrow **Anomalous Dispersion**



Regions immediately around each ω_{0j} , $\frac{dn}{d\omega} < 0$, absorption of energy is observed and is known as **Absorption Band**

$$\omega_m = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_1 - \omega_2)$$

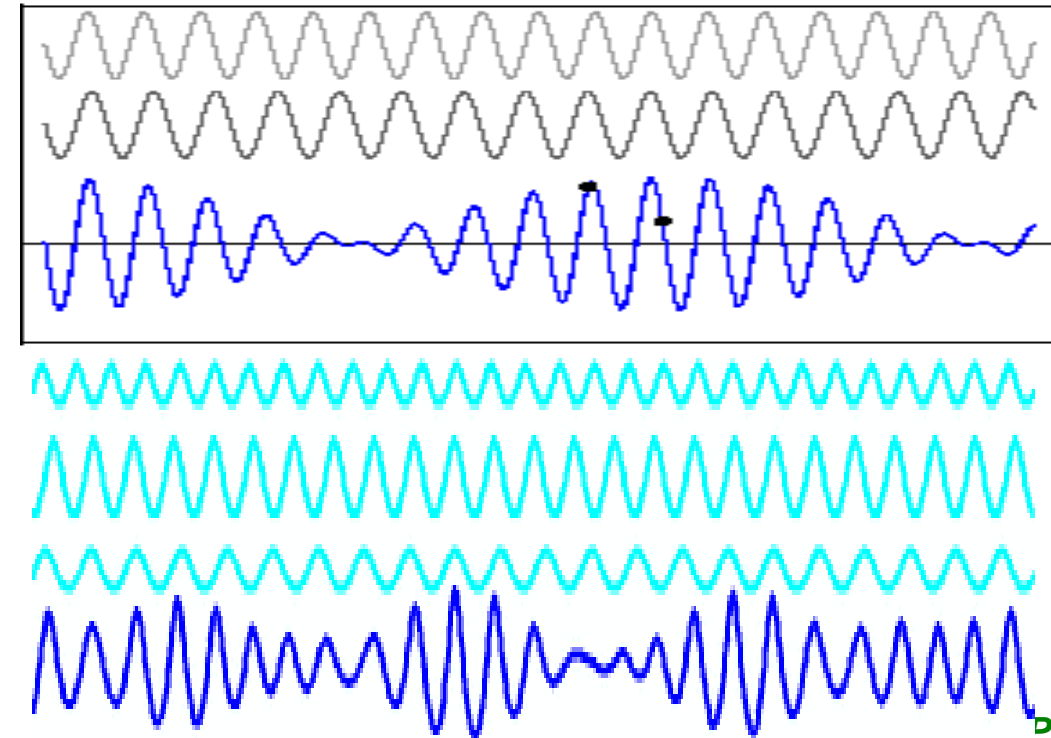
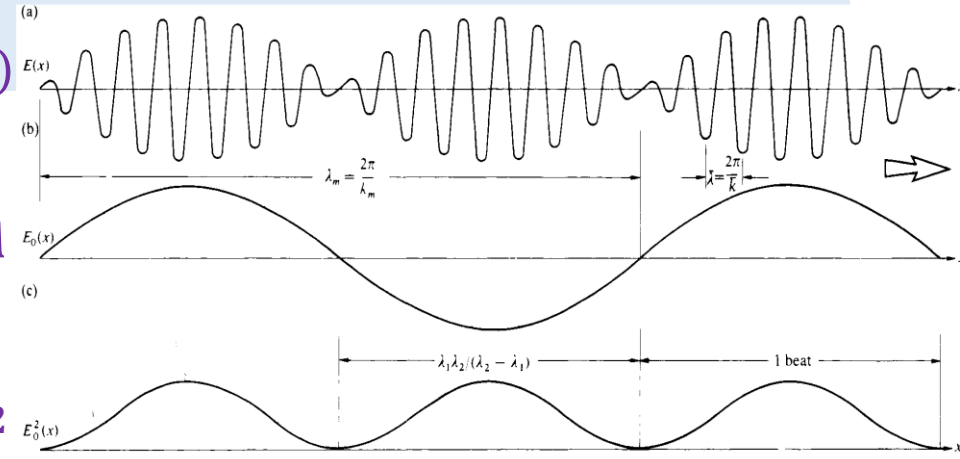
$$k_m = \frac{1}{2}(k_1 - k_2)$$

Group Velocity

When a number of different-frequency harmonic waves superimpose to form a composite disturbance, the resulting modulation envelope will travel at a speed different from that of the constituent waves.

We need to recognize some constant feature in the shape of a pulse (ex. leading edge/crest). The rate at which that feature moves to be the velocity of the group of waves as a whole (\mathbf{v}_g).

$$\psi(x, t)$$



$$\psi(x, t) = A \sin\{kx - \omega t\}, \quad A = 2A_0 \cos\{k_m x - \omega_m t\}$$

$$v_g = \frac{\omega_m}{k_m} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\omega_1 - \omega_2)}{\frac{1}{2}(k_1 - k_2)} = \frac{\Delta\omega}{\Delta k}$$

$$v_g = \left(\frac{d\omega}{dk} \right)_{\omega_{avg}}$$

when the frequency range $\Delta\omega$, centred at ω_{avg} then the ratio of the difference may be written as derivative.

The modulation advances at a rate dependent on the phase of the envelope $\{k_m x - \omega_m t\}$, i.e. at what distance and time the crest will repeat. $k_m x - \omega_m t = \text{const}$

$$k_m dx - \omega_m dt = 0$$

$$\frac{x}{t} = \frac{\omega_m}{k_m} = \left(\frac{d\omega}{dk} \right)_{\omega_{avg}} = v_g$$

Group Velocity

$$v_g = \left(\frac{d\omega}{dk} \right)_{\omega_{avg}} \quad k(\omega) = \frac{\omega}{c} n(\omega)$$

$$\frac{1}{v_g} = \frac{dk}{d\omega} = \frac{1}{c} \left\{ n(\omega) + \omega \frac{dn}{d\omega} \right\} \rightarrow \text{For free space, } n(\omega) = 1, v_g = 1$$

$$\frac{c}{v_g} = n_g = n(\omega) + \omega \frac{dn}{d\omega} \quad n_g \text{ is known as Group Index}$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda_0}, \quad \lambda_0 \Rightarrow \text{free space wavelength}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{dn}{d\omega} = \frac{dn}{d\lambda_0} \frac{d\lambda_0}{d\omega} = -\frac{\lambda_0^2}{2\pi c} \frac{dn}{d\lambda_0}$$

$$\frac{c}{v_g} = n(\lambda_0) + \frac{2\pi c}{\lambda_0} \left(-\frac{\lambda_0^2}{2\pi c} \frac{dn}{d\lambda_0} \right)$$

$$n_g = n(\lambda_0) - \lambda_0 \frac{dn}{d\lambda_0} \quad n_g = n(\nu) + \nu \frac{dn}{d\nu}$$

Modulation, Wave packet



Modulation means to change something (amplitude/frequency/phase) about it in the way that can be decoded at a distant receiver. For example in amplitude modulation a series of dots and dashes (in Morse code) are sent where each pattern of dots and dashes represents a letter of alphabet.

Any real wave is finite in spatial extent. It turned on (or received) at some specific time and, presumably, shut off at some later time. A real wave is therefore actually a pulse, though it could be a rather long one. As we're about to learn any such pulse is identical to a superposition of numerous different-frequency sine waves (often called Fourier components), each with a specific amplitude and phase. Accordingly, envision not just two constituent waves as in Fig (7.16), but upwards of a thousand, all with different frequencies. If, as is certainly possible, the sinusoids cancel each other everywhere except over a region where they are in-phase, or nearly so, the resulting disturbance will resemble a localized pulse, often called a **Wave packet** to remind us that it's just that.

