

Superposition of Waves

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- Wave motion is a mode of transfer of energy from one point to another point without rare migration of the particles.
- Wave :
An oscillatory disturbance propagating in the medium is called wave.

Waves

Mechanical Wave

→ A wave which requires material medium for its propagation is called mechanical wave.

Electromagnetic Wave

→ A wave which does not require material medium for its propagation is called electromagnetic wave.

→ Progressive Wave.

A wave which is propagating in a medium without changing its form is called progressive waves.

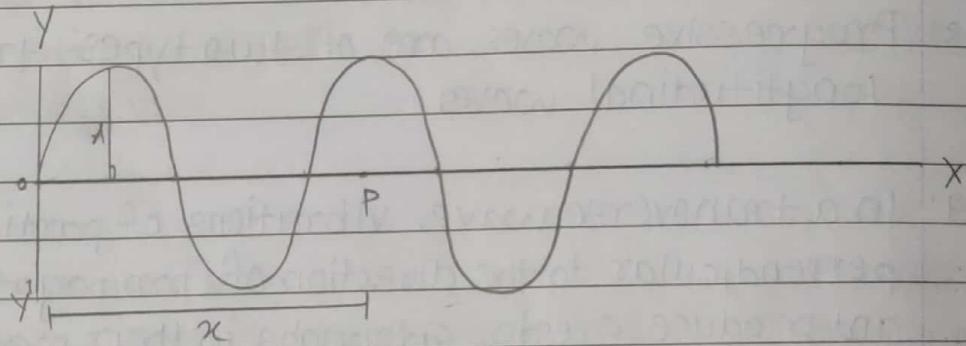
→ Properties of progressive waves:

1. Each particle in a medium executes the same type of vibration. Particles vibrate about their mean positions performing simple harmonic motion.
2. All vibrating particles of the medium have the same amplitude, period and frequency.
3. The phase (i.e state of vibration of a particle), changes from one particle to another.

4. No particle remains permanently at rest. Each particle comes to rest momentarily while at the extreme positions of vibration.
5. The particles attain maximum velocity when they pass through their mean positions.
6. During the propagation of wave, energy is transferred along the wave. There is no transfer of matter.
7. The wave propagates through the medium with a certain velocity. This velocity depends upon properties of the medium.
8. Progressive waves are of two types - transverse & longitudinal waves.
9. In a transverse wave, vibrations of particles are perpendicular to the direction of propagation of wave, and produce crests & troughs in their medium of travel. In longitudinal waves, vibrations of particles produce compressions and rarefactions along the direction of propagation of the wave.
10. Both, the transverse as well as longitudinal, mechanical waves can propagate through solids, but only longitudinal waves can propagate through fluids.
11. For propagation of a wave, medium should have elasticity and inertia properties.

12. In simple harmonic progressive wave, there are two types of motion:
- Particle's motion, which is oscillatory motion and its velocity is given by $V_p = \omega \sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$
 - Wave motion, which is linear motion and its velocity is given by $V_w = n\lambda$
13. There is a constant phase difference between any two points in the medium.

→ Expression for equation of simple harmonic progressive wave propagating along positive direction of x-axis & find its different form.



Consider a simple harmonic progressive wave propagating along positive direction of x-axis

Let 'A' be the amplitude, then at any time instant 't', displacement of particle 'o' is given by..

$$y = \cancel{\sin} A \sin \omega t \quad \text{--- I.}$$

where, A is amplitude and ω is angular velocity of SHM.

Consider another particle of the medium 'P', which is at a distance of 'x' from point 'o'. Displacement of particle 'P' at same time instant 't' is given by.

$$y = A \sin(\omega t - \phi) \quad \text{--- II}$$

where, ϕ is phase difference between particles o & P.

Since, phase difference of 2π corresponds to path difference of λ , hence, phase difference ϕ is given by,

$$\phi = \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda} \quad \text{--- III}$$

Now substitute eqⁿ III in II.

$$y = A \sin(\omega t - \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda}) \quad \text{--- IV}$$

$$\phi = \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda}$$

Since, $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$

$$\therefore y = A \sin \left(\frac{2\pi}{T} t - \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda} \right)$$

$$y = A \sin 2\pi \left(\frac{t}{T} - \frac{x}{\lambda} \right)$$

$$\text{since, } n = \frac{1}{T}$$

$$y = A \sin 2\pi \left(nt - \frac{x}{\lambda} \right)$$

$$\nu = n\lambda \Rightarrow n = \frac{\nu}{\lambda}$$

$$\therefore y = A \sin \omega t + \left(\frac{vt - x}{\lambda} \right)$$

$$y = A \sin \frac{\omega t}{\lambda} (vt - x)$$

Since, $\omega t = k$, called wave constant,

$$\therefore y = A \sin (\omega t - kx) \quad \text{from IV}$$

If wave is propagating along -ve direction of x-axis.

$$\therefore y = A \sin (\omega t + kx)$$

In general,

$$y = A \sin (\omega t \mp kx)$$

→ Superposition law:

When two or more waves arrive at a point simultaneously then each wave produces its own displacement which is independent of others. Resultant displacement is given by vector sum of all the waves.

Q What is beat? What is waxing? and what is wanning?

→ Beat is resultant of superposition of two sound waves, identical in all respects except their frequencies, propagating on the same path in the same direction.

A point at which intensity of sound energy is maximum is called as waxing.

A point at which intensity of sound energy is minimum is called as waning.

→ What is beat? Find expression for its frequency. OR Show that beat frequency is difference b/w frequency of two sound waves.

Consider, two sound waves which are identical in all respects except their frequencies propagating on the same path in the same direction. Let A be the amplitude, n_1 & n_2 be the frequencies of two sound waves then displacement produced by these two waves on a particle of a medium are given by,

$$x_1 = A \sin 2\pi n_1 t$$

$$x_2 = A \sin 2\pi n_2 t$$

Let x be the resultant displacement then it is given by,

$$x = x_1 + x_2$$

$$x = A \sin 2\pi n_1 t + A \sin 2\pi n_2 t$$

$$x = A [\sin 2\pi n_1 t + \sin 2\pi n_2 t]$$

$$x = 2A \sin 2\pi \left(\frac{n_1 + n_2}{2} t \right) + \cos 2\pi \left(\frac{n_1 - n_2}{2} t \right)$$

$$x = R \sin 2\pi \left(\frac{n_1 + n_2}{2} t \right) + \sin 2\pi \left(\frac{n_1 - n_2}{2} t \right)$$

$$x = R \sin 2\pi n t$$

where, $R = 2A \cos 2\pi \left(\frac{n_1 - n_2}{2} t \right)$ called

$$\text{resultant amplitude } R = \left(n_1 + n_2 \right)$$

Waxing :

A point at which intensity of sound energy is maximum is called waxing.

for waxing :

$$R = \pm 2A$$

$$2A \cos 2\pi \left(\frac{n_1 - n_2}{2} \right) t = \pm 2A$$

$$\therefore \cos 2\pi \left(\frac{n_1 - n_2}{2} \right) t = \pm 1$$

$$2\pi \left(\frac{n_1 - n_2}{2} \right) t = \cos^{-1}(\pm 1)$$

$$2\pi \left(\frac{n_1 - n_2}{2} \right) t = 0, \pi, 2\pi, 3\pi, 4\pi, 5\pi \dots$$

$$t_1 = 0$$

$$t_2 = \frac{1}{n_1 - n_2}$$

$$t_3 = \frac{2}{n_1 - n_2}$$

$$t_4 = \frac{3}{n_1 - n_2}$$

$$t_5 = \frac{4}{n_1 - n_2}$$

Time period of waxing ,

$$= t_2 - t_1 = \frac{1}{n_1 - n_2} - 0 = \frac{1}{n_1 - n_2}$$

$$= t_3 - t_2 = \frac{2}{n_1 - n_2} - \frac{1}{n_1 - n_2} = \frac{1}{n_1 - n_2}$$

$$= t_4 - t_3 = \frac{3}{n_1 - n_2} - \frac{2}{n_1 - n_2} = \frac{1}{n_1 - n_2}$$

Beat frequency is given by .
 Beat

$$n = \frac{1}{T}$$

$$n = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{n_1 - n_2}\right)}$$

$$\boxed{n = \frac{1}{n_1 - n_2}}$$

~~for~~ waning:

A point at which intensity of sound energy is minimum is called waning.

for waning:

$$R = 0$$

$$2A \cos 2\pi \left(\frac{n_1 - n_2}{2} \right) t = 0$$

$$\cos 2\pi \left(\frac{n_1 - n_2}{2} \right) t = 0$$

$$2\pi \left(\frac{n_1 - n_2}{2} \right) t = \cos^{-1}(0)$$

$$2\pi \left(\frac{n_1 - n_2}{2} \right) t = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}, \frac{7\pi}{2}, \frac{9\pi}{2}$$

$$t_1 = \frac{1}{2(n_1 - n_2)}$$

$$t_2 = \frac{3}{2(n_1 - n_2)}$$

$$t_3 = \frac{5}{2(n_1 - n_2)}$$

$$t_4 = \frac{7}{2(n_1 - n_2)}$$

$$t_5 = \frac{9}{2(n_1 - n_2)}$$

Time period of wanning.

$$= t_2 - t_1 = \frac{3}{2(n_1-n_2)} - \frac{1}{2(n_1-n_2)} = \frac{1}{n_1-n_2}$$

$$= t_3 - t_2 = \frac{5}{2(n_1-n_2)} - \frac{3}{2(n_1-n_2)} = \frac{1}{n_1-n_2}$$

$$= t_4 - t_2 = \frac{7}{2(n_1-n_2)} - \frac{5}{2(n_1-n_2)} = \frac{1}{n_1-n_2}$$

∴ Beat frequency is given by,

$$n = \frac{1}{T}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(n_1-n_2)}$$

$$n = n_1-n_2$$

Hence, beat frequency is same for waxing & wanning.

Ent: \Rightarrow Reflection of transverse wave from denser medium

1. Wave velocity is reversed.
2. Particle velocity is reversed.
3. There is change in phase of π^c or 180° .
4. Crest - trough,
trough - crest.

→ Reflection of transverse wave from rarer medium.

- Wave velocity is reversed.
- Particle velocity is not reversed.
- There is no change in phase.
- crest - crest
trough - trough.

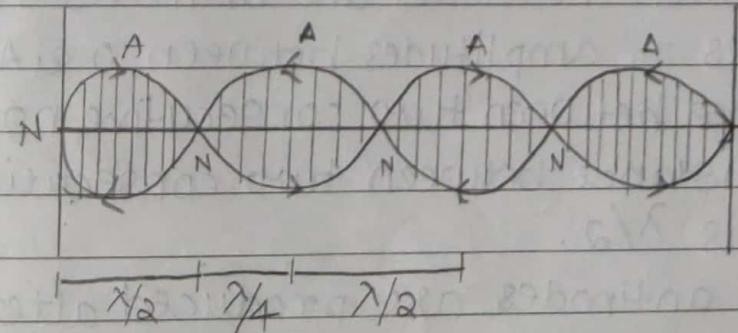
→ Reflection of longitudinal wave from denser medium.

- Wave velocity is reversed.
- Particle velocity is reversed.
- There is change in phase by 180° or π rad.
- comp - no comp
rare f - rare f.

→ Reflection of longitudinal wave from rarer medium.

- Wave velocity is reversed.
- Particle velocity is not reversed.
- There is no change in phase.
- Comp - rare f.
Rare f - comp.

What is stationary wave? Explain its properties.



→ Properties.

1. Stationary waves are produced due to superposition of two identical waves (either transverse or longitudinal waves) traveling through a medium along the same path in opposite directions.
2. If two identical transverse progressive waves superimpose or interfere, the resultant wave is a transverse stationary wave.
- When a transverse stationary wave is produced on a string, some points on the string are motionless. The points which do not move are called nodes.
- There are some points on the string which oscillate with greatest amplitude (say A). They are called antinodes.
- Points between the nodes and antinodes vibrate with values of amplitudes between 0 & A.
3. If two identical longitudinal progressive waves superimpose or interfere, the resultant wave is a longitudinal stationary wave.
- The points, at which the amplitude of the particles of the medium is minimum (zero), are called nodes.
- The points at which the amplitude of the particles of the medium is maximum (say A) are called antinodes.
- Points between the nodes and antinodes vibrate with values of amplitudes between 0 & A.
4. The distance between two consecutive nodes is $\lambda/2$, and the distance between two consecutive antinodes is $\lambda/2$.
5. Nodes & antinodes are produced alternately. The distance between a node and an adjacent antinode is $\lambda/2$.

6. The amplitude of vibration varies periodically in space. All points vibrate with the same frequency.
7. Though all the particles (except those at the nodes) possess energy, there is no propagation of energy. The wave is localized & and its velocity is zero. Therefore, we call it a stationary wave.
8. All the particles between adjacent nodes (i.e., in one loop) vibrate in phase. There is no progressive change of phase from one particle to another particle. All the particles in the ~~small~~ same loop are in the same phase ~~of~~ of oscillation which reverses for the adjacent loop.
- * 9. In transverse stationary wave node is node and antinode is antinode. In longitudinal stationary wave node is pressure antinode and antinode is pressure node.

→ Explain analytical analysis of stationary wave.

Consider, two simple harmonic progressive waves which are identical in all respects, propagating on the same path in opposite direction.

Let A , λ & T be the amplitude, wavelength & time period, then displacements of two simple harmonic progressive waves at any time instant ' t ' are given by,

$$y_1 = A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi t}{T} - \frac{\pi x}{\lambda}\right)$$

$$y_2 = A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi t}{T} + \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda}\right)$$

Let y be the resultant displacement then it is given by,

$$y = y_1 + y_2$$

$$y = A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi t}{T} - \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda}\right) + A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi t}{T} + \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda}\right)$$

$$y = A \left[\sin\left(\frac{2\pi t}{T} - \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{2\pi t}{T} + \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda}\right) \right]$$

$$y = 2A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi t}{T}\right) \cos\left(-\frac{2\pi x}{\lambda}\right)$$

$$y = 2A \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{\lambda}\right) \sin\left(\frac{2\pi t}{T}\right) - \cos(0) = \cos\theta$$

$$y = R \sin \omega t$$

It is expression for resultant displacement where,

$$R = 2A \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{\lambda}\right)$$
 called resultant amplitude.

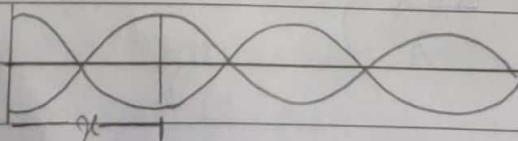
As above expression is displacement of a particle performing SHM, hence all particles at a medium are performing SHM with the same time period as that of component wave.

As there is no ' x ' term in the resultant expression hence, there is no wave motion and it is called Stationary wave.

NOTE:

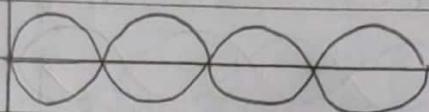
$$R = 2A \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{\lambda}\right)$$

Distance from antinode is given or nothing is given.



$$R = 2A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi t}{T}\right)$$

distance from node is given



→ Antinode.

A point at which amplitude of oscillation is maximum is called antinode.

for antinode.

$$R = \pm 2A$$

$$\therefore 2A \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{\lambda}\right) = \pm 2A$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{\lambda}\right) = \pm 1$$

$$\therefore \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda} = \cos^{-1}(\pm 1)$$

$$\therefore \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda} = 0, \pi, 2\pi, 3\pi, 4\pi$$

$$x_1 = 0$$

$$x_2 = \lambda/2$$

$$x_3 = \lambda$$

$$x_4 = 3\lambda/2$$

$$x_5 = 2\lambda$$

∴ Distance b/w two consecutive antinode.

$$= x_2 - x_1 = \lambda/2 - 0 = \lambda/2$$

$$= x_3 - x_2 = \lambda - \lambda/2 = \lambda/2$$

$$= x_4 - x_3 = 3\lambda/2 - \lambda = \lambda/2$$

Node :

A point at which, amplitude of oscillation is minimum, is called node.

for node,

$$R=0$$

$$2A \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{\lambda}\right) = 0$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{\lambda}\right) = 0$$

$$\frac{2\pi x}{\lambda} = \cos^{-1} 0$$

$$\frac{2\pi x}{\lambda} = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}, \frac{7\pi}{2}, \dots$$

$$x_1' = \frac{x}{4}$$

$$x_2' = \frac{3x}{4}$$

$$x_3' = \frac{5x}{4}$$

$$x_4' = \frac{7x}{4}$$

\therefore Distance, b/w two consecutive node.

$$x_2' - x_1' = \frac{3x}{4} - \frac{x}{4} = \frac{x}{2}$$

$$x_3' - x_2' = \frac{5x}{4} - \frac{3x}{4} = \frac{x}{2}$$

$$x_4' - x_3' = \frac{7x}{4} - \frac{5x}{4} = \frac{x}{2}$$

Distance b/w two consecutive nodes & antinode.

$$= x_1' - x_1 = \frac{\lambda}{4} - 0 = \frac{\lambda}{4}$$

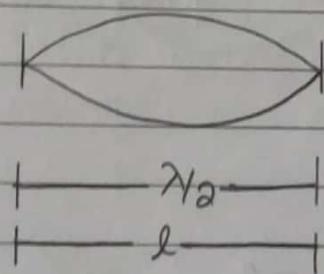
$$= x_2' - x_2 = \frac{3\lambda}{4} - \frac{\lambda}{2} = \frac{\lambda}{4}$$

$$= x_3' - x_3 = \frac{5\lambda}{4} - \lambda = \frac{\lambda}{4}$$

→ Vibration in string

Boundary condition:

at fixed end node forms and at free end antinode forms



$$\therefore \lambda/2 = l$$

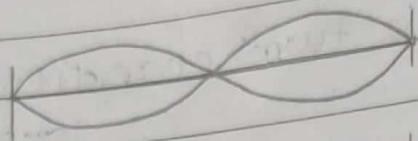
$$\lambda_1 = 2l$$

$$n_1 = \frac{v}{\lambda_1}$$

$$n_1 = \frac{v}{2l}$$

It is fundamental frequency and first harmonic.

NOTE: In the diagram, the string is shown as a straight line segment between the two fixed points, which is a simplification. In reality, the string would follow a sinusoidal path.



$$n_2 = \frac{v}{\lambda_2}$$

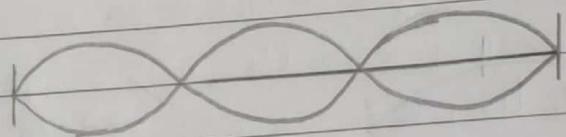
$$n_2 = \frac{v}{\lambda_2}$$

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$$n_2 = \frac{v}{\lambda_2}$$

$$n_2 = 2n_1$$

It is second harmonic and first overtone.



$$3\lambda/2 = l \quad \lambda_3 = \frac{2l}{3}$$

$$n_3 = \frac{v}{\lambda_3}$$

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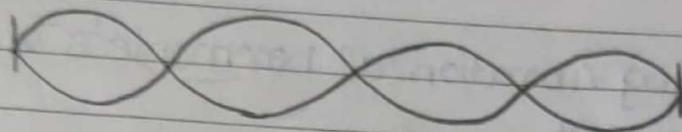
$$\left(\frac{2l}{3}\right)$$

$$n_3 = 3n_1$$

$$\frac{2l}{3}$$

$$n_3 = 3n_1$$

It is third harmonic and second overtone.



$$2\lambda = l$$

$$\lambda_4 = \frac{l}{2}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{l}{2}$$

$$n_4 = \frac{v}{\lambda_4}$$

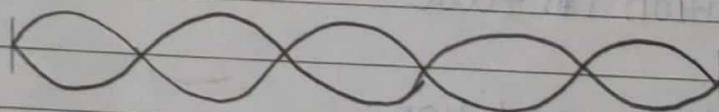
$$= \frac{v}{\left(\frac{l}{2}\right)}$$

$$n_4 = \frac{2v}{l}$$

$$n_4 = 4\frac{v}{l}$$

$$n_4 = 4n_1$$

It is fourth harmonic & third overtone.



$$5\lambda/2 = l$$

$$\lambda_5 = \frac{8l}{5}$$

$$\frac{5}{l}$$

$$n_5 = \frac{v}{\lambda_5}$$

$$\lambda_5$$

$$= \frac{v}{\left(\frac{8l}{5}\right)}$$

$$n_5 = \frac{5v}{8l}$$

$$\therefore n_5 = 5n_1$$

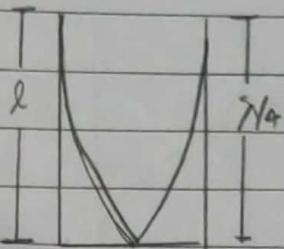
- i. In string vibration all harmonic's & all overtones are present.
 - ii. Harmonic = $m+1$, where m is overtone and $m = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$
 - iii. Since, velocity of a transverse wave in a medium is given by $v = \sqrt{\frac{T}{m}}$,
- $v = \frac{1}{2L} \sqrt{\frac{T}{m}}$ T = tension in the medium, m = linear mass density.
- iv. As per given condition, least frequency which is possible is called fundamental frequency.
 - v. Harmonic's & overtones are integral multiples of a fundamental frequency.
 - vi. Harmonic's are all integral multiples while overtones are higher integral multiples.

→ Vibration in tube

Boundary condition:

At closed end node forms and at open end antinode forms.

Case i: Tube whose one end is open (Resonance tube)



$$\lambda = l$$

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$$\lambda_1 = 4l$$

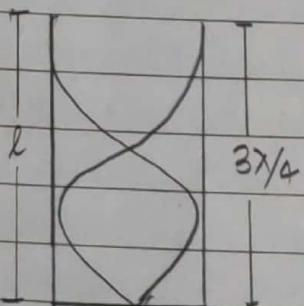
$$n_1 = \frac{V}{\lambda_1}$$

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$$n_1 = \frac{V}{4l}$$

4l

It is fundamental frequency & first harmonic.



$$3\lambda = l$$

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$$\therefore \lambda_2 = \frac{4l}{3}$$

$$\therefore n_2 = 3n_1$$

\therefore It is third harmonic & first overtone.

$$n_2 = \frac{V}{\lambda_2}$$

$$= \frac{V}{\left(\frac{4l}{3}\right)}$$

$$n_2 = \frac{3V}{4l}$$