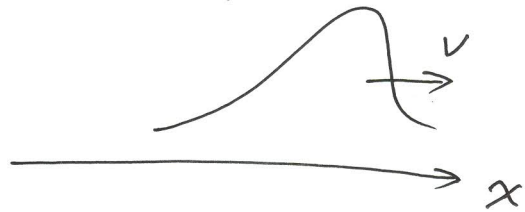


ch2. Wave Motion

2.1 1D Waves



$$\psi(x, t) = f(x \mp vt) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} - , \text{ move along } +x \text{ direction} \\ + , \text{ move along } -x \text{ direction} \end{array} \right.$$

2.1.1 1D Differential Wave Equation

$$x' = x \mp vt \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial x'}{\partial x} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial x'}{\partial t} = \mp v$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial f(x')}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial f(x')}{\partial x'} \frac{\partial x'}{\partial t} = \mp v \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'} \\ \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial f(x')}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f(x')}{\partial x'} \frac{\partial x'}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'} \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \mp v \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = \mp v \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t \partial x} = \mp v \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x \partial t} = \mp v \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} \right) = v^2 \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = v^2 \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2}} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \boxed{\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2}} \quad (2.11)$$

2.2 Harmonic Waves

$$\psi(x, t) = A \sin k(x - vt)$$

phase: $\varphi = k(x - vt)$

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

propagation
number

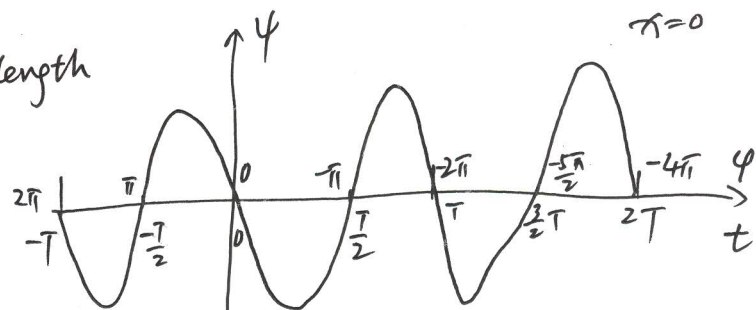
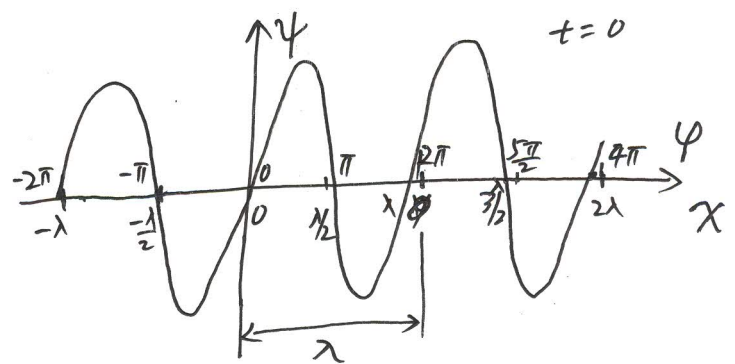
wavelength

$$2\pi = k \cdot (-v) \cdot (-T) = k v T$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T = \frac{2\pi}{kv} = \frac{\lambda}{v}}$$

period

frequency $\nu = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{v}{\lambda}$



v : velocity

ν : frequency.

Angular frequency: $\boxed{\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi\nu = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \cancel{\lambda} \nu = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \frac{\lambda}{T} = k\nu}$

2.3. phase and phase velocity

Recall: $\psi(x, t) = A \sin k(x - vt) = A \sin(kx - \omega t)$

phase $\varphi = kx - \omega t$

For a more general case $\psi(x, t) = A \sin(kx - \omega t + \varphi_0)$

phase $\varphi = kx - \omega t + \varphi_0$

φ_0 initial phase at $x=0, t=0$.

For a constant phase $\varphi = kx - \omega t + \varphi_0 = \text{const}$, the position x is moving:

$$kx = \omega t - \varphi_0 + \text{const}$$

$$x = \frac{\omega}{k} t - \frac{\varphi_0}{k} + \frac{\text{const}}{k}$$

phase velocity $\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{\omega}{k} = v = \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial t} \right)_\varphi$

(2.33)

Youtube: Sine Wave in action

2.4. The Superposition Principle

Recall: $\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2}$

If we have 2 solutions ψ_1 and ψ_2

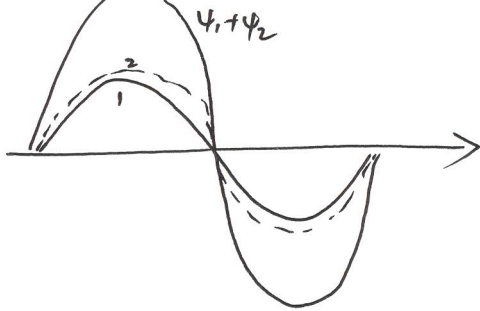
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_1}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_1}{\partial t^2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \psi_2}{\partial x^2} &= \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_2}{\partial t^2} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 (\psi_1 + \psi_2)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 (\psi_1 + \psi_2)}{\partial t^2}$$

$\Rightarrow \psi_1 + \psi_2$ is also a solution.

In general $a_1 \psi_1 + a_2 \psi_2$ is also a solution.

\Rightarrow If we have N independent solutions $\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots, \psi_N$

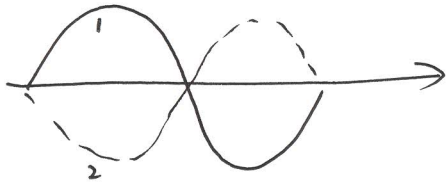
a general solution $\boxed{\psi = \sum_n a_n \psi_n}$



In phase
 $\phi_1 = \phi_2$

\Rightarrow Constructive

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out of phase \Rightarrow destructive
 $\phi_1 = -\phi_2$

2.5 The Complex Wave

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$$

$$\boxed{i^2 = -1}$$

$$\text{Re}\{e^{i\theta}\} = \cos\theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2}$$

$$\text{Im}\{e^{i\theta}\} = \sin\theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i}$$

$$A e^{i(kx - \omega t + \phi_0)} = A \cos(kx - \omega t + \phi_0) + A i \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi_0)$$

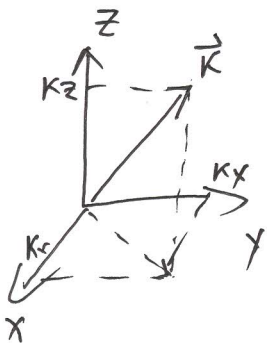
Complex wave
harmonic

$$\psi(x, t) = A e^{i(kx - \omega t + \phi_0)}$$

A Real wave $A \cos(kx - \omega t + \phi_0) = \text{Re}\{\psi(x, t)\}$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [\psi(x, t) + \psi^*(x, t)]$$

2.7 Plane Wave (3D)



$$A \cos(kx - \omega t) \rightarrow A \cos(k_x x + k_y y + k_z z - \omega t)$$

$$= A \cos(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)$$

$$A e^{i(kx - \omega t)} \rightarrow A e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

$$\vec{k} = k_x \hat{x} + k_y \hat{y} + k_z \hat{z}$$

$$= (k_x, k_y, k_z)$$

propagation vector

$$|\vec{k}| = k = \sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2}$$

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

$$v = \frac{\omega}{k} \quad \text{phase velocity.}$$

2.8. 3D differential Wave Equation. $\psi(x, y, z, t)$

$$1D: \quad \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2}$$

\Downarrow

$$3D: \quad \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\nabla^2 \equiv \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\text{or: } \nabla = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \boxed{\nabla^2 \psi = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2}}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x, y, z, t) &= \psi(\vec{r}, t) = \cancel{f(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - vt)} \\ &= f\left(\frac{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}{k} - vt\right) \end{aligned}$$

Superposition principle

$$\boxed{\psi = \sum_n a_n \psi_n}$$

2.9. Spherical Waves

2.10. Cylindrical Waves } self reading.