

# WAVES

Thus an idealized string transmits waves at a certain speed  $v$ ;  $f(x-(v)t)$  is NOT a sol'n to D'Alembert's wave eq and does NOT make the wave go faster!

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Towne WP p.7-8

The wave equation is  $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = v^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}$  where  $v^2 = \frac{T}{\rho}$  ← Tension in string  
 where  $\rho$  ← linear mass density

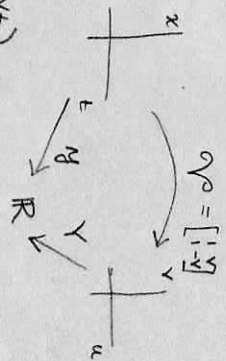
Then I regarded a small "string elt" as a rigid body and wrote expressions for  $\sum$  horizontal forces = 0,  $\sum$  vertical forces =  $m \ddot{y}$

The 1-D wave eq has the general sol'n  $y(x,t) = f(x-vt) + g(x+vt) = f_0 \tau_V(x,t) + g_0 \tau_V(x,t)$

To have Dispersion we need a different eg, like Klein-Gordon  
 $U_t = -U_{xx}$   
 $U_t = U_{xx} - U$   
 String ITAM p.556  
 Schrödinger  $2U_t = U_{xx}$

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Why is this the general sol'n?  
 Let  $y(x,t)$  be an arb sol'n.  
 Since  $\rho$  is a diff,  $\exists$  for  $Y \ni y = Y_0 \rho$   
 Then take the expression for  $Y$  into  $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = v^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}$  and get  $Y_{tt} = 0$  which implies  $Y(u,v) = f(u) + g(v) = f(x-vt) + g(x+vt)$



More generally the wave eq is  $U_{tt} = v^2 \nabla^2 U$  or  $\square^2 U = 0$   
 For a stiff string, the eq becomes  $D_x^2 y = v^2 [D_x^2 y - \alpha D_x^4 y]$  Main YAWIP p.214

Wavelength  $\lambda$   
 Period  $T$   
 Freq  $\omega = \frac{1}{T}$   
 Speed  $v = \lambda \omega$

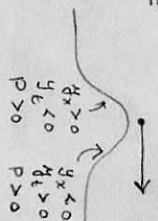
Wave Number  $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$   
 angular Freq  $\omega = kv$   
 thus  $\omega = 2\pi \nu$  rad/sec

$\sin(\omega t)$  has period  $T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$

Power  $P(x,t) = -T \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial t}$  ← The neg sign is there to make  $P$  pos for waves traveling left → right

If we specialize to a sin wave  $y(x,t) = A \sin(kx - \omega t)$

average over 1 period  $\Rightarrow P(x,t) = A^2 k \omega T \cos^2(kx - \omega t)$   
 $\bar{P} = 2\pi^2 A^2 \nu^2 \rho v$  linear mass density.  $\bar{P} \sim A^2$



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Standing waves: Nodes are fixed pts - energy and flow part nodes. [A priori, nodes are spaced  $\frac{\lambda}{2}$  apart]

A string (with fixed end pts) of length  $L$  has nodes at pts where  $\frac{\lambda}{2} = \frac{L}{n}$   $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  
 i.e. natural freqs  $\nu_n = \frac{n}{2L} v$

Complex form of wave (sinusoidal)  
 Observe  $k(x-vt) = kx - \omega t$   
 That is how we go from  $f(x-vt)$  to  $\sin(kx - \omega t)$   
 $f'' = \sin \circ \mathbf{Ox} \cdot (v,t)$  compose

Re part:  $\Psi(x,t) = A \cos(\omega t - kx)$

Dispersion - each freq component of the wave moves thru the medium at a different speed and thus the wave changes shape as it moves.

Attenuation - amplitude decreases with time.

We must have a different wave eq to model a dispersive medium Strang ITAM

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13.3 For the wave eq  $\Psi_{tt} - v^2 \Psi_{xx} = 0$  we assume a soln of the form  $\Psi(x,t) = \Psi(x)e^{i\omega t}$   
 Then substituting in, we obtain the ODE  $\Psi''(x) + \frac{\omega^2}{v^2} \Psi(x) = 0$  Helmholtz Eq p. 477

We can express a general  $\Psi(x,t) = \sum_n \Psi_n(x) e^{i\omega_n t}$

13.4 Consider the Complex form of a sin wave:  $\Psi(x,t) = A e^{i(\omega t - kx)} = A e^{-ikx} e^{i\omega t}$

Phase velocity: How must  $x$  change with  $t$  for the arg  $(\omega t - kx) = \text{const?}$

$\Rightarrow \omega - k\dot{x} = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{x}(t) = \frac{\omega}{k}$  phase velocity  $V$

If  $V = V(k)$  the wave exhibits Dispersion

If we add an imaginary term onto wave number  $k$ :  $k - i\beta$   $\beta > 0$  we can model Attenuation

$\Psi(x,t) = A e^{-\beta x} e^{i(\omega t - kx)}$  No attenuation for  $\omega \leq 2\sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{\mu}} \omega_c$  cutoff freq p. 481

13.5 Group velocity and Wave Packets

Consider 2 waves whose freqs and wave numbers are very close:

$\Psi_1(x,t) = A e^{i(\omega t - kx)}$   
 $\Psi_2(x,t) = A e^{i([\omega + \Delta\omega]t - [k + \Delta k]x)}$

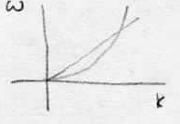
Then let  $\Psi = \Psi_1 + \Psi_2$  and take the Real part:

since  $\Delta k$  and  $\Delta\omega$  are small, this term varies slowly with a long period  $\Rightarrow$  it defines the amplitude envelope.

$\Psi(x,t) = 2A \cos\left[\frac{(\Delta\omega)t - (\Delta k)x}{2}\right] \cos\left[(\omega + \frac{1}{2}\Delta\omega)t - (k + \frac{\Delta k}{2})x\right]$

The "phase velocity" of the envelope is the Group velocity  $\frac{\Delta\omega}{\Delta k} = \omega'(k)$

In non-dispersive media  $\frac{\Delta\omega}{\Delta k} = \frac{\omega}{k}$



$\Psi(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^N A_n e^{i(\omega_n t - k_n x)}$

For continuous frequency distribution:

$\Psi(x,t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} A(k) e^{i(\omega t - kx)} dk = \int_{\mathbb{R}} (A(k) e^{i\omega t}) e^{-ikx} dk = \mathcal{F}(A(k) e^{i\omega t})$

If  $A(k)$  is non-zero only on  $(k_0 - \Delta k, k_0 + \Delta k)$  then we have

$\Psi(x,t) = \int_{k_0 - \Delta k}^{k_0 + \Delta k} A(k) e^{i(\omega t - kx)} dk$  Wave Packet

Group velocity only applies to wave packets.

For a wave packet around  $k_0$ , lets expand  $\omega$  in a Taylor series

$$\omega(k) = \omega(k_0) + \omega'(k_0)(k-k_0) + \dots \mathcal{O}(k^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega t - kx &= (\omega_0 t - k_0 x) + \omega_0' \cdot (k-k_0)t - (k-k_0)x \\ &= (\omega_0 t - k_0 x) + (k-k_0)(\omega_0' t - x) \end{aligned}$$

Wave packet becomes

$$\psi = \int_{k_0-\Delta k}^{k_0+\Delta k} \underbrace{A(k)}_{\text{Amplitude}} e^{i(k-k_0)(\omega_0' t - x)} e^{i(\omega_0 t - k_0 x)} dk$$

Then if we set for const phase in amplitude:  $\frac{d}{dt}((k-k_0)(\omega_0' t - x)) \stackrel{!}{=} 0$

$$k = \frac{\omega}{v}$$

$$v = \frac{v_0}{\dots}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (k-k_0)(\omega_0' - \dot{x}) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \dot{x} &\stackrel{!}{=} \omega_0' = \omega'(k_0) = v \end{aligned}$$

Energy Propagation in LOADED string

KE of  $j^{\text{th}}$  particle:  $T_j = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{\theta}_j^2$

PE " "  $W_j = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\tau}{d} (\theta_j - \theta_{j+1})^2$

Avg KE per unit length  $\langle T \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \frac{m}{d} \langle \dot{\theta}_j^2 \rangle$

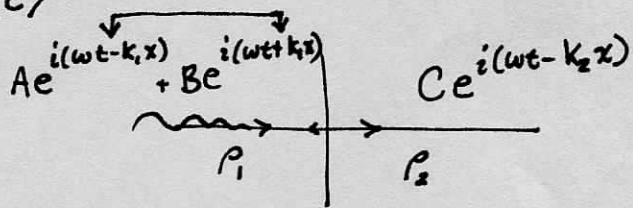
PE " "  $\langle W \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\tau}{d^2} \langle (\theta_j - \theta_{j+1})^2 \rangle$

$$\langle W \rangle = \frac{\tau A^2}{d^2} \sin^2 \frac{kd}{2} = \langle T \rangle$$

$$\langle E \rangle = \langle T \rangle + \langle W \rangle$$

Group velocity  $\omega'(k) = \frac{\langle P \rangle}{\langle E \rangle}$  if  $\omega < \omega_c$ .

Reflected and Transmitted Waves



$$\psi_1(0) \stackrel{!}{=} \psi_2(0)$$

$$(\psi_1)_x(0) \stackrel{!}{=} (\psi_2)_x(0)$$

Reflection coeff  $R := \frac{|B|^2}{|A|^2} = \left( \frac{k_1 - k_2}{k_1 + k_2} \right)^2$

$$T := \frac{k_2}{k_1} \frac{|C|^2}{|A|^2}$$

$$R + T \stackrel{!}{=} 1$$

↑ reflected energy      ↑ transmitted energy

### 13.9 Fourier Integral Representation of Wave Packets

Here we are taking a duality  $x \leftrightarrow k$

$$A(k) = \mathcal{F}(f)(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(u) e^{iku} du$$

$A: k \mapsto A(k)$  Spectral distribution

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} A(k) e^{-ikx} dk = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}(f))(x)$$

We can also take the duality  $t \leftrightarrow \omega$

$$A(\omega) = \mathcal{F}(f)(\omega) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(t) e^{i\omega t} dt$$

$$f(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(A)$$

Example 13.1  
finite sin wave train  
freq  $\omega_0 = k_0 v$

$$\Psi(x, t) = \begin{cases} \operatorname{Re} [e^{i(k_0 x - \omega_0 t)}] & |x-vt| < L \\ 0 & |x-vt| > L \end{cases}$$

then

$$\tilde{f}(\Psi)(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-L}^L \cos k_0 u \cdot \cos ku du$$

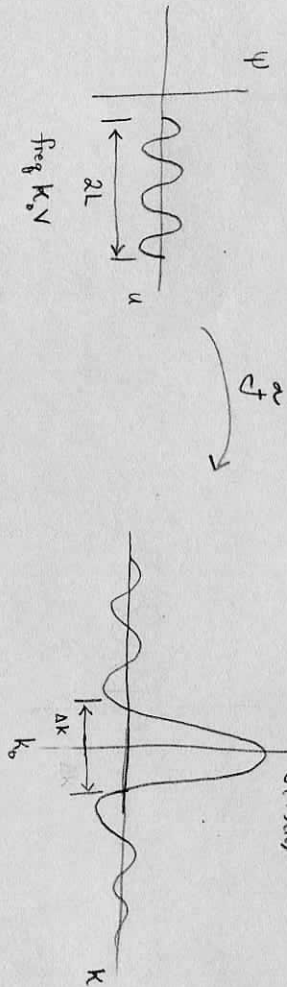
We transform w.r.t the combined variable  $u = x - vt$

$$\stackrel{\text{evenness}}{=} \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^L \cos k_0 u \cos ku du$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left[ \frac{\sin(k_0 + k)L}{(k_0 + k)} + \frac{\sin(k_0 - k)L}{(k_0 - k)} \right]$$

This term dominates for  $k$  near  $k_0$

Thus we see



Surprisingly, same result for

Main VAWIP p. 210