

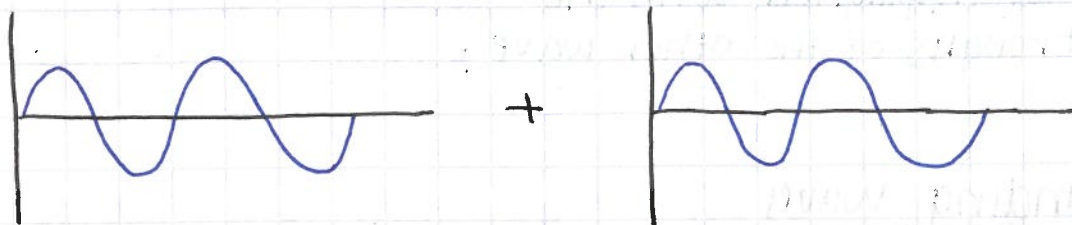
CH 17: SUPERPOSITION

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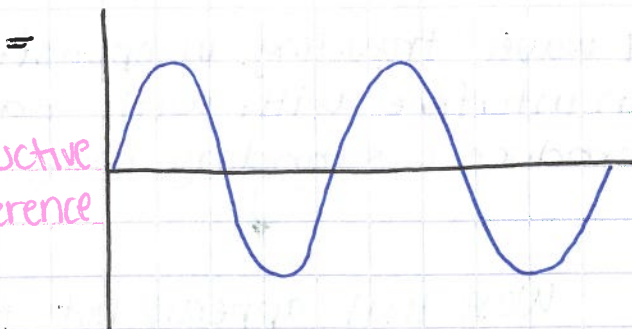
→ When two waves exist at the same place simultaneously, they interfere with each other

Principle of superposition → When 2 or more waves exist at the same place simultaneously, the resultant disturbance is the sum of the individual disturbances.

→ Overlapping waves add algebraically to produce a resultant wave.

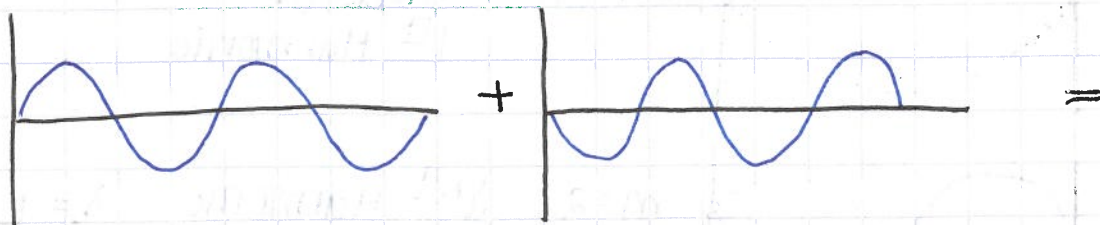


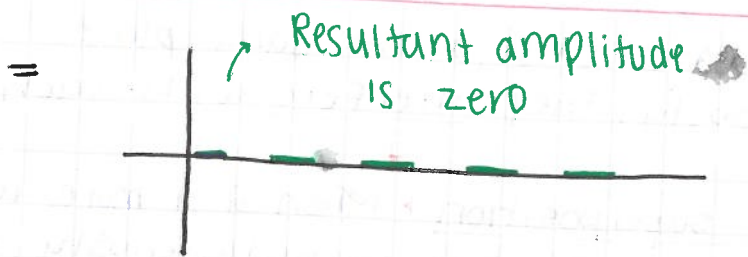
Fully
Constructive
Interference



→ Resultant amplitude will be twice the amplitude of either wave.

Exactly in phase → peaks & troughs are exactly aligned with each other.





Fully destructive interference

OR

Exactly out of phase

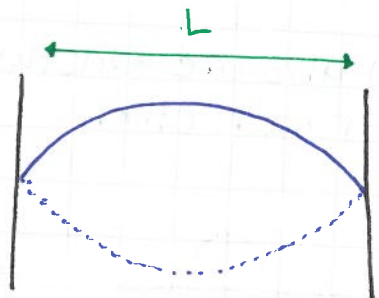
↳ The peaks of one wave are exactly aligned with the troughs of the other wave

Maximally destructive interference

Standing waves

→ Two identical waves traveling in opposite direction can interfere with each other & produce a standing wave

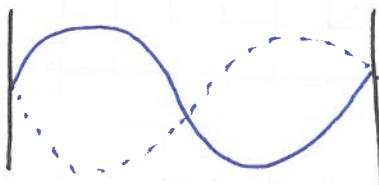
Wave that appears not to be traveling



$m=1$

Fundamental mode or 1st Harmonic

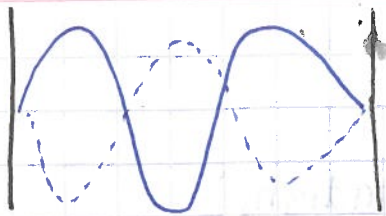
$\lambda = 2L$



$m=2$

2nd Harmonic

$\lambda_2 = L$



$m=3$ 3rd Harmonic $\lambda_3 = 2L/3$

$$\lambda_m = \frac{2L}{m} \quad m=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$m \rightarrow$ mode or harmonic #

$$\lambda f = v \rightarrow f_m = v / \lambda_m \rightarrow f_m = \frac{v}{(\frac{2L}{m})}$$

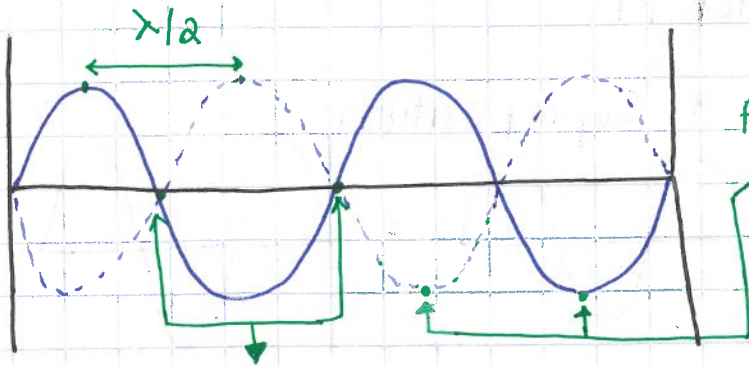
$$f_m = \frac{mv}{2L} \quad m=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$m=2, 3, 4, \dots$

$$f_m = m f_1$$

fundamental frequency

$$f_1 = \frac{v}{2L}$$



Antinodes. Amplitudes is a maximum because of fully constructive interference)

Nodes (amplitude is zero because of fully destructive interference)

RECAP

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$$D(x,t) = A \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi_0)$$

Phase (angle in radians)

$$\omega = 2\pi f = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

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

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

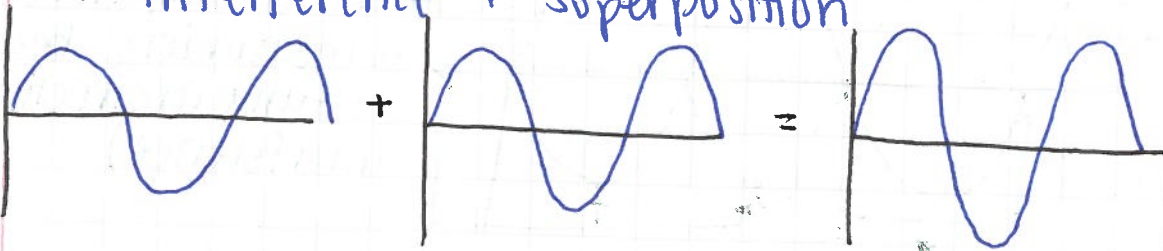
$$v = \lambda f$$

for waves on a stretched string:

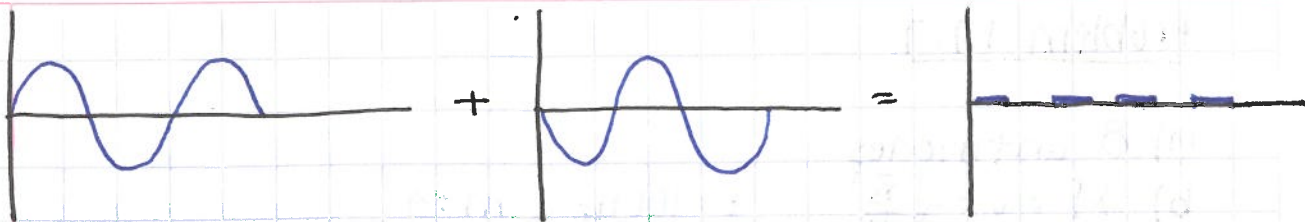
$$v = \sqrt{\frac{T_s}{\mu}} \quad \mu = \frac{m}{L}$$

CHAPTER 17

→ Interference + Superposition

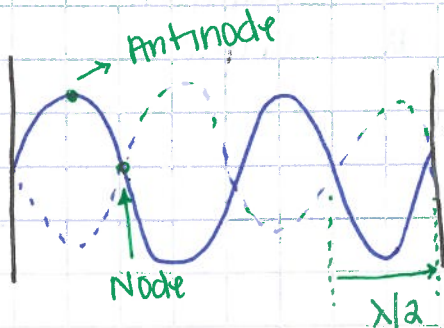


In phase = $\Delta\phi = 0, \pm 2\pi, \pm 4\pi, \dots$
→ fully constructive interference,
maximally constructive.



Out of phase: $\Delta\phi = \pm\pi, \pm3\pi, \pm5\pi, \dots$
 → fully destructive interference, maximally destructive.

Standing waves



$m=4$
4th Harmonic

wavelength

$$\lambda_m = \frac{2L}{m} \quad m=1, 2, \dots$$

$$f_m = \frac{mv}{2L} \quad m=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$f_1 = \frac{v}{2L}$$

$$f_m = mf_1$$

↑
fundamental frequency

for a standing wave on a string:

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{T_s}{\mu}} \quad \mu = \frac{m}{L}$$

Problem 16.B

$$D(x, t) = A \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi_0)$$

$$k = 20 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

$$\omega = 600 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$v = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{600 \text{ s}^{-1}}{20 \text{ m}^{-1}} \Rightarrow v = 30 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{T_s}{\mu}} \rightarrow v^2 = \frac{T_s}{\mu} \rightarrow \mu = \frac{T_s}{v^2} \rightarrow \mu = \left(\frac{15.0 \text{ N}}{(30 \text{ m/s})^2} \right) = 1.67 \times 10^{-2} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}}$$

$$\frac{1.67 \times 10^{-2} \text{ kg}}{\text{m}} \Big| \frac{10^3 \text{ g}}{1 \text{ kg}} = \boxed{16.7 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{m}}}$$

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Problem 17.7

a) 8 antinodes

b) $\lambda f = v = \sqrt{\frac{T_s}{\mu}}$ $f = 100\text{Hz}$, $m = 4$

$$f_m = \frac{mv}{2L}$$

Note: $v = 100\text{m/s}$ T_s μ double μ Triple T_s

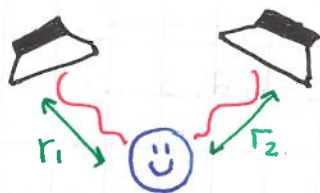
$$v = \sqrt{\frac{T_s}{\mu}} = 100\text{m/s}$$



$$\sqrt{\frac{3T_s}{2\mu}} \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{T_s}{\mu}}$$

100m/s

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Interference

Two sources of identical waves that are initially in phase.

Even though they are initially in phase, they can arrive out of phase if they different distances.

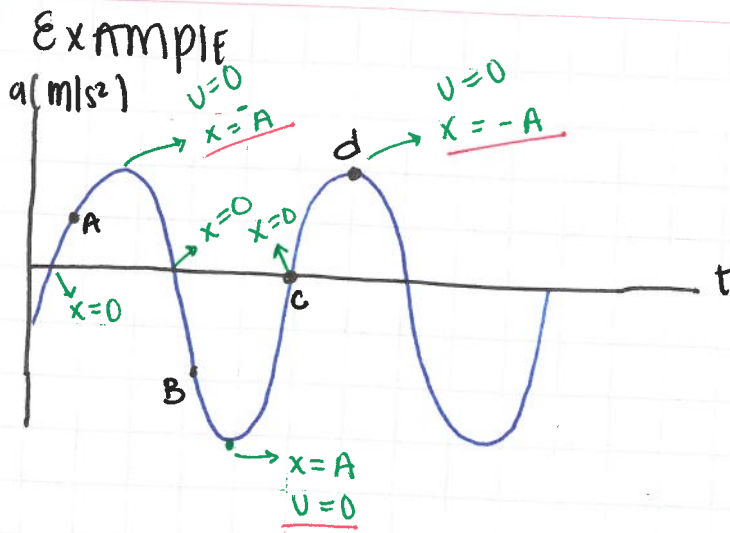
Path length difference $\Delta r = |r_2 - r_1|$

If $\Delta r = 0, \lambda, 2\lambda, 3\lambda, \dots$ fully constructive interference

If $\Delta r = \lambda/2, 3\lambda/2, 5\lambda/2, \dots$ fully destructive interference

REVIEW

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$$a(t) = -\omega^2 x(t)$$

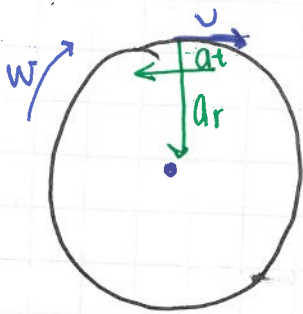
$$v = \pm v_{\max} \text{ at } x=0$$

$$v=0 \text{ at } x = \pm A$$

$$\text{at } x=A, a = -a_{\max}$$

$$x = -A, a_{\max}$$

EXAMPLE



\Rightarrow slowing down

$$a_t = \frac{dv}{dt} \rightarrow r\alpha$$

$$a_r = \frac{v^2}{r} = r\omega^2$$

$$a_{\text{total}} = \sqrt{a_t^2 + a_r^2}$$

neg (a_t) \Rightarrow neg (a_r) = 3rd quadrant.