

Ch. 15

Homework Due Tuesday, April 20, 5 pm

Ch. 15 #4, 10, 12, 18, 22, 24, 30, 50, 52, 54

From last time: speed of transverse waves on a string



Tension force

string has length L & mass m .
 $M = \text{Linear density} = \frac{m}{L}$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{F_T}{M}}$$

$$[v] = \frac{[L]}{[T]}$$

$$[F_T] = \frac{[M][L]}{[T]^2}$$

$$[M] = \frac{[M]}{[L]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{[F_T]}{[M]}} = \sqrt{\frac{[L]^2}{[T]^2}} = \frac{[L]}{[T]}$$

So far, we've been doing math model of travelling sine waves:

$$\text{displacement} = A \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi)$$

$$v = \frac{\omega}{k} \quad (\text{To the right})$$

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all parts of the string have the same amplitude



slightly later time

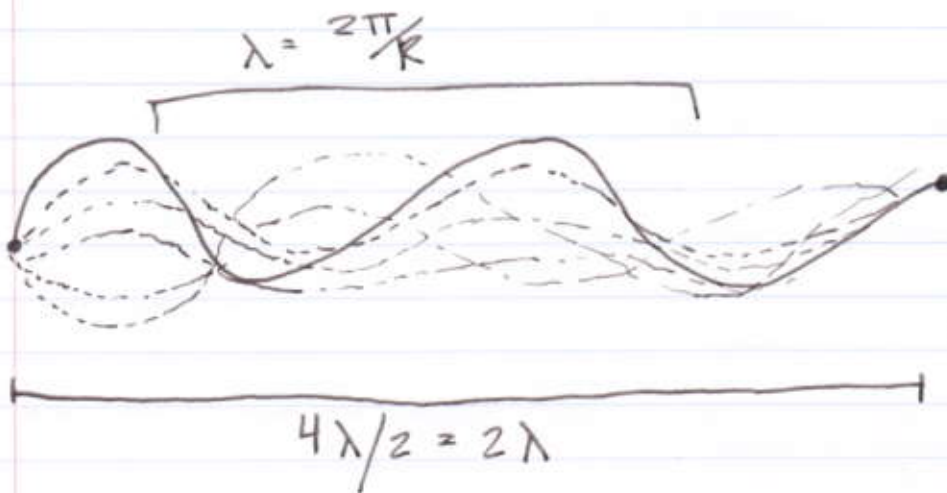
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 What if you add two waves together?

Example: $A \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi_1) + A \sin(kx + \omega t + \phi_2)$
 $= 2A \sin\left(\frac{kx - \omega t + \phi_1 + kx + \omega t + \phi_2}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{kx - \omega t + \phi_1 - (kx + \omega t + \phi_2)}{2}\right)$

$\sin \alpha + \sin \beta = 2 \sin \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}$
 $\cos(-\theta) = \cos \theta$
 $\sin \theta = \cos\left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ $\sin\left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \cos \theta$

$= 2A \sin\left(kx + \frac{\phi_1 + \phi_2}{2}\right) \cos\left(\omega t + \frac{\phi_2 - \phi_1}{2}\right)$
 displacement
 \downarrow
 $2A \sin\left(kx + \frac{\phi_1 + \phi_2}{2}\right)$
 Amplitude is different parts of the string

$\cdot \sin\left(\omega t + \frac{\phi_2 - \phi_1}{2}\right)$



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

All parts of string with same period

In general, the standing waves of a string of length L between two endpoints fixed, satisfy

$$L = \frac{n\lambda}{2} \quad \text{for some } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$



$$\lambda = \frac{2L}{n}$$

tune: fundamental frequency: $n=1$

over tone $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{1st harmonic: } n=2 \\ \text{2nd harmonic: } n=3 \\ \text{3rd harmonic: } n=4 \end{array} \right.$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{W}{K} = v &= \sqrt{\frac{F_T}{\mu}} \\ \frac{\lambda \omega}{2\pi} &\Rightarrow \omega = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \sqrt{\frac{F_T}{\mu}} \\ \Rightarrow f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \sqrt{\frac{F_T}{\mu}} \\ \Rightarrow f &= \frac{n}{2L} \sqrt{\frac{F_T}{\mu}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Middle C: } 261.6 \text{ Hz} = \frac{261.6}{5} = \frac{1}{2L} \sqrt{\frac{F_T}{\mu}}$$