

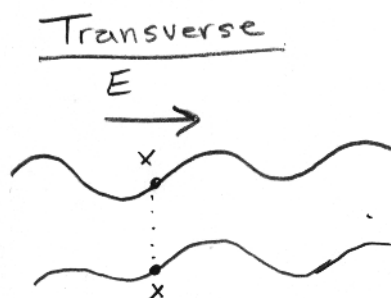
# WAVES

## • Wave model

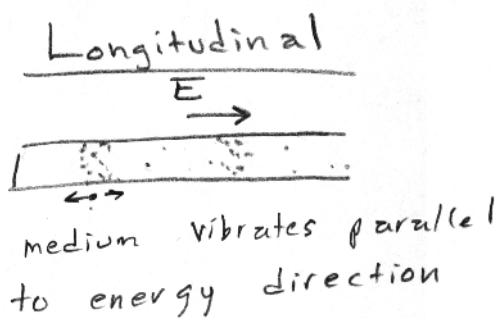
### • Mechanical Waves

- transfer by the motion of a substance through which they move (medium)
- Wave moves as atoms in the medium are displaced from equilibrium, (like a spring)
- created by a source
- medium does not travel, the energy does.

• Differ from Electromagnetic waves (light)  
No medium needed.

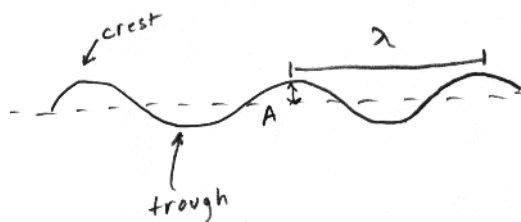


vs.



Medium vibrates  
perpendicular to energy  
direction

### Waves on strings



$v$  = speed of wave

$$vT = \lambda$$

$$\frac{m}{s} \cdot s = m$$

$$\boxed{\lambda f = v}$$

wave theory

• String waves are transverse.

• once a pulse is sent it moves due to internal dynamics of the string

- The wave speed is a property of the medium,

- Not affected by

- distance traveled

- Amplitude

- source

Speed in a string is due to mass to length ratio

linear density  $\mu = \frac{m}{L}$

Fat strings will have greater linear densities

• Tension will also affect wave speed.

$$v_{\text{string}} = \sqrt{\frac{T_s}{\mu}}$$

• Wave speed for Gas

$$v_{\text{sound}} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma R T}{M}}$$

$T$  = temp (Kelvin)

$M$  = molar mass kg/mol

$\gamma$  = constant for specific gas

$R$  = gas constant 8.31 J/mol K

air 0°C = 331 m/s

air 20°C = 343 m/s

Helium 0°C = 970 m/s

H<sub>2</sub>O = 1,480 m/s

Aluminum = 5,100 m/s

Diamond = 12,000 m/s

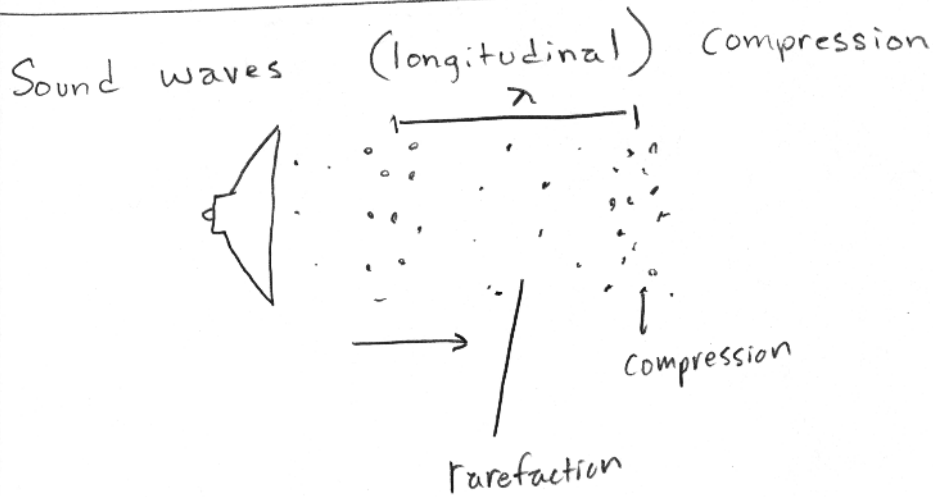
# Description of Wave

Skip

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

right movement  
(-)

left movement  
(+)



Human Hearing

What are the wavelengths?

$$20\text{Hz} \text{ to } 20,000\text{Hz}$$

$$\left( \frac{17\text{m}}{\lambda} \right) \quad \left( \frac{1.7\text{cm}}{\lambda} \right)$$

echolocation

- why at high-frequencies

Power and Intensity

$$I = \frac{P}{A}$$

Power to area ratio

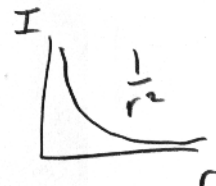


Waves radiat outward in 3 dimensions

Surface Area of sphere

$$I = \frac{P}{4\pi r^2}$$

$$I \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$$



# Loudness

## Decibel Scale

$$\beta = (10 \text{ dB}) \log_{10} \left( \frac{I}{I_0} \right)$$

beta ←

threshold of hearing

$$I_0 = 1.0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2 \quad \text{Watts/m}^2$$

$\beta$  (dB) of  $\emptyset$

logarithm works like this.

base -10 logarithm

$$\log_{10}(1000) = \log_{10}(10^3) = 3$$

$$\beta = (10 \text{ dB}) \log_{10}(1) = (10 \text{ dB}) \log_{10}(10^0) = \emptyset$$

Wilson's voice? 90 dB?

90 dB  
 $I_{\text{whisper}} = 1 \times 10^{-10} \text{ W/m}^2 \quad 20 \text{ dB}$

Normal convo  $1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ W/m}^2 \quad 60 \text{ dB}$

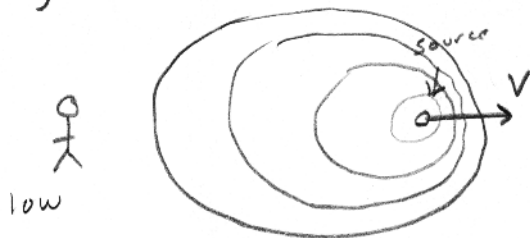
Rock Concert  $1 \text{ W/m}^2 \quad 120 \text{ dB}$

Threshold of Pain  $10 \text{ W/m}^2 \quad 130 \text{ dB}$

Wilson

# Doppler Effect

- Occurs when wave source or observer are moving relative to each other.



$$f_D = \frac{v \pm v_D}{v \pm v_S} f_S$$

high

+ toward  
- away

for Detector  
moving

+ away  
- toward

for source  
moving

