PHYS 11 Introduction to Mechanical Waves

Basis on their ability or inability to transmit ______ through a _____ (i.e., empty space), we can categorize waves in two main groups

Electromagnetic Waves	Mechanical Waves
 Capable of transmitting its energy through a 	 require a in order to transport their energy from one location to another
Ex.	Ex.

Mechanical waves can occur in two distinct types: ______ and _____. These are defined based on how the medium ______ (moves in a repetitive motion) relative to the motion of the wave itself.

Transverse wave is what we normally think of when we imagine a wave. Here, the particles move

to the direction that the wave travels in. A wave moving along a rope or string is a

good example of a transverse wave.



1 - The direction of wave motion (energy travel) and particle motion (oscillation) of a transverse wave.

Longitudinal w	vave (or pressure wave or compression wa	ave) is harder to visualize, but it is also perhaps
more common in	regular, everyday application:	are longitudinal waves. In this type of
wave, the	move in the	as the motion of the wave.
	Wave Motion	2 - The direction of wave motion (energy travel) and particle
		motion (oscillation) in a longitudinal wave.
Particl	le Motion	
There are other t of transverse and components of m	types of mechanical waves, too. For exampl d longitudinal waves: water particles on the which has both up/down (tran notion.	e, water waves are actually a surface of a lake actually move in a nsverse) and forward/backward (longitudinal)
ANIMATION URL	: http://www.acs.psu.edu/drussell/demos/	waves/wavemotion.html
Generally speaking	ng, there are two ways that we can produce	e a wave.
Pulse	A pulse is generated by rapidly (longitudinal) the medium and then re chunk that moves along the medium,	(transverse) or eturning it to normal. The result is a single wave which we will draw in below:
(i): Initial pulse ger	nerated at one end.	iii): Pulse travels along medium.
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Periodic Wave	A periodic wave is generated by repea	atedly applying the same pulse
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(i): Initial pulse ger	nerated at one end. (ii) and (iii): F	Repeated pulses travel along medium.
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<u>Unit 4 Waves and Optics Day 2</u> The Universal Wave Equation

Lets Draw a wave	Medium:
	<u>Crest:</u>
	Trough:
	<u>Amplitude (A):</u>
	Waves with higher have Energy
	<u>Wavelength (λ):</u>
Frequency (f):	Waves with have
Ex, 8 waves pass in 2 seconds	
Period (T): Ex, the wave in last example would have a period of	Ex: Playing middle C on a piano produces a sound with a frequency of 256 Hz. What is the period of the sound wave?
Frequency and period are reciprocals, that is:	

Wave Transmission

In general, the speed of any wave through a medium is	regardless of the	of the wave. For
example, a sound wave always travels at	in air at sea level and room temperature regar	dless of its pitch
() or volume (). In steel, a lo	ngitudinal wave always travels at	while a
transverse wave always travels at		

Changes to the composition of a material can change the speed of wave transmission. Here is a general rule:

• All other things being equal, higher _____ means faster wave travel. Logically, because they are more rigid, the particles are more tightly bound together, so movement by one particle has a significant effect on adjacent particles.

Remember that speed is
IF we look at a single wave then:
(1)
(2)
This gives us the Universal Wave Equation:

Ex: An air horn sounds at a frequency of 220 Hz. If the speed of sound in air is 330 m/s what is the wavelength of the sound wave?	Ex: The distance between successive crests in a series of water waves is 4.0 m, and the crests travel 8.6 m in 5.0 s. Calculate the frequency of a block of wood bobbing up and down on these water waves.

Wave Worksheet 1-2

- 1. Suppose that a longitudinal wave moves along a Slinky at a speed of 5 m/s. Does one coil of the Slinky move through a distance of 5 m in one second? Justify your answer.
- 2. Give one example of a transverse wave and another of a longitudinal wave, being careful to note the relative directions of the disturbance and wave propagation in each.
- 3. What is the difference between propagation speed and the frequency of a wave? Does one or both affect wavelength? If so, how?
- 4. What is the period of 60.0 Hz electrical power? 16.7 ms
- 5. If your heart rate is 150 beats per minute during strenuous exercise, what is the time per beat in units of seconds? **0.400 s/beat**
- 6. Find the frequency of a tuning fork that takes $2.50 \times 10-3$ s to complete one oscillation. **400 Hz**
- 7. A stroboscope is set to flash every $8.00 \times 10-5$ s. What is the frequency of the flashes? **12500 Hz**
- 8. Storms in the South Pacific can create waves that travel all the way to the California coast, which are 12,000 km away. How long in days does it take them if they travel at 15.0 m/s? **9.26 d**
- 9. Waves on a swimming pool propagate at 0.750 m/s. You splash the water at one end of the pool and observe the wave go to the opposite end, reflect, and return in 30.0 s. How far away is the other end of the pool? 11.3 m
- Wind gusts create ripples on the ocean that have a wavelength of 5.00 cm and propagate at 2.00 m/s. What is their frequency?
 40.0 Hz
- 11. How many times a minute does a boat bob up and down on ocean waves that have a wavelength of 40.0 m and a propagation speed of 5.00 m/s? **7.50 times**
- 12. What is the wavelength of an earthquake that shakes you with a frequency of 10.0 Hz and gets to another city 84.0 km away in 12.0 s? **700 m**
- 13. Radio waves transmitted through space at 3.00 × 108 m/s by the Voyager spacecraft have a wavelength of 0.120 m. What is their frequency? **2**. 50 × 109 Hz
- 14. A person lying on an air mattress in the ocean rises and falls through one complete cycle every five seconds. The crests of the wave causing the motion are 20.0 m apart. Determine (a) the frequency and (b) the speed of the wave. **0.200 Hz**, **4.00 m/s**

Unit 4 Waves and Optics Day 3 Wave Interference

http://phet.colorado.edu/sims/html/wave-on-a-string/latest/wave-on-a-string_en.html

Boundary Interactions

Waves can travel from one medium to another. The interface between the two media is called a ______. Part of the energy of the wave will ______ through and continue on as a new wave in the medium (transmitted wave), while some of the energy of the wave will ______ and continue on in the old medium (reflected wave). The amount of transmission/reflection depends on the respective ______ of the two media.



<u>Example</u> - A wave pulse is sent along a string. The string is attached to a thick rope that is attached to a wall. What happens when the wave reaches the string/rope boundary? Is the reflected wave erect or inverted?

Note: For most boundary interactions:

	Wavelength	Frequency	Speed	Amplitude
Incident Wave				
Reflected Wave				
Transmitted Wave				

Example: A wave travelling along a rope has a speed of 10.0 m/s and a wavelength of 5.00 m. The rope is connected to a light string at the end, and the transmitted wave has a speed of 20.0 m/s. What is the wavelength of the new wave? [13.3 m]

Wave Superposition

When two waves travel in the same medium	Two waves with the	Two waves with the same
they affect the medium independently. To	frequency and phase.	frequency and phase.
determine their overall effect we use the		
principle of superposition.	Constructive Interference:	Destructive Interference:
Principle of Superposition: The total amplitude of the waves is equal to		



<u>Example</u> - Pulse A is traveling towards pulse B. Pulse A has an amplitude of +2. Pulse B has an amplitude of -3. Draw a diagram of this interaction. What will the amplitude of the resultant wave be? What type of interference is this?

- 1) A wave travelling along a spring has a speed of 12.0 m/s and a wavelength of 8.00 m. After transmission, the wave has a speed of 20.0 m/s. What is the wavelength of the new wave? [13.3 m]
- 2) The distance between the crest and the trough of a wave is 2.6 m. When the wave moves to a new medium with a speed of 9.5 m/s and a wavelength of 1.00 m, what is the speed in the initial medium? [49 m/s]
- 3) A wave's length changes from 150 m to 225 m when it switches media. What is the new speed of the wave if it was initially moving at 2.00 km/s? $[3.0 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}]$
- 4) The frequency of a wave moving at 25.0 m/s is 50.0 Hz. If the wavelength increases by 20.0 m when it switches media, what is the speed of the wave in the second medium? [1030 m/s]
- 5) Blue light in air has a frequency of 4.75×10^{-7} Hz. What is the wavelength in glass for blue light if it travels at 2.00 x 10^8 m/s? [4.21×10^{14} m]
- 6) Draw the reflected pulses on the blank media.



7) The two pulses below are approaching each other at a speed of one square per second. Copy the diagram and draw their superposition after 7 seconds have elapsed.

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The two pulses below are approaching each other at a speed of 2 squares per second. Copy the diagram and draw the superposition after 3 seconds have elapsed.



⁹⁾ The two pulses below are moving in the same direction. The left hand one is travelling at 5 squares per second and the right hand one at 2 squares per second. Copy the diagram and draw the superposition after 2 seconds.

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10)

Draw the resultant pulse for each of the indicated overlaps as the pulses move towards each other.



Unit 4 Waves and Optics Day 4 2D Wave Interference

with one another. This interaction is very complicated and difficult to model for most points, but it can be understood relatively easily using the concept of nodes and antinodes. Like 1D waves on a string, a 2D waves on a surface can

(dotted lines), with the point source in the center. We are only drawing the upper half of the We will generate a two-point-source interference pattern. To do this, we will begin with two (solid lines) and circular wave; the exact same thing would be found on the lower half of the page. point sources like the one shown to the right. Note the $_{
m i}$

where the two waves overlap one another. We will The interference pattern generated by two such sources side-by-side can be produced by do this in the space below. Use solid dots for antinodes and hollow dots for nodes: and identifying .

- ANTINODES: points where any two wavefronts interfere (crest/crest or trough/trough)
- NODES: points where are two wavefronts interfere _____ (crest/trough)

Nodal/Antinodal Lines

As you fill in the nodes and antinodes, you will observe a pattern where you see lines forming between the two sources. These lines are called nodal and the two sources are: antinodal lines. The density of these lines depends on how

- lines, but they are small very distant sources have tiny nodal/antinodal lines or pronounced If they are far apart relative to their wavelength, there are to see that are
 - lines, and they are much If they are close together relative to their wavelength, there are when you look for them

Let's try to build one on the next page







Unit 4 Waves and Optics Day 5 Introduction to Sound

	Sound Frequency
Sound is a wave produced by a	The of sound is determine by <i>Frequency</i>
vibrating object. Imagine a flat surface moving back and forth inside a speaker. The vibrations of the speaker	high-frequency \rightarrow
surface result in compressions and rarefactions in the air.	$\frac{1}{1} = \frac{1}{1} = \frac{1}$
Your , in turn, perceive these vibrations as	fow nequency phen ().
sound.	Determine Max and Min Audible Frequencies
	fmin: fmax:
	Side note: dogs can hear both lower and higher pitched sounds (15 Hz – 50 kHz) than humans, while cats can hear higher pitched sounds than dogs or humans but cannot hear low-pitched sounds that we can hear (60 Hz – 65 kHz).
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Speed of Sound The speed of sound depends on its	Mach Number
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Ex) What is the speed of sound at 5 °C air?	Ex) A bass guitar produces a 70-Hz sound wave at room temperature. Determine the length of the sound wave.

Ex) A 250-Hz sound wave is 1.42 m long. Determine the speed of sound in air for this situation and the corresponding air temperature

Sound Volume

Volume of a sound (or its intensity) is based on the ______ of the wave.

Higher amplitude waves \rightarrow more _____ = ____ volume. We use the decibel scale (units decibels, or dB) to measure the intensity of a sound. There is a fancy way to relate decibels to the power delivered to your ear by the sound wave, but the simplest way to think of it is this:

- 0 dB is an arbitrarily defined, incredibly low-intensity sound
- For every increase of 10 dB, the sound is 10x more intense. See the table below:

Sound Intensity (dB)	Intensity Compared to Base Level	
0	Base Level	
10	10 x	
20	100 x	
30	1000 x	

Beat

An interference pattern between two sounds of slightly different ______. What you hear is a **beat** with periodic variation in volume.

$$f_{beat} = f_2 - f_1$$

Wave Worksheet #5: Assume the speed of sound in air is 343 m/s unless otherwise noted.

- 1. The speed of sound, like all waves, depends on the ______ through which it travels. Sound travels fastest in ______ (solids, liquids, gases) and slowest in ______.
- The speed of sound in air depends on the ______ of the air. At 0°C, the speed of sound in air is ______ m/s. For every degree above 0°C, the speed ______ by 0.6 m/s. For every degree below 0oC, the speed ______ by 0.6 m/s. The equation is:

 $v_{sound} = ____m/s + 0.6 _____$

- 3. What is the speed of sound at 35°C? _____
- 4. What is the speed of sound at -20°C? _____
- 5. Other than the velocity/temperature equation, there are two important equation involving the speed of sound:

V=____x ____ V= -----

Rearrange one equation to solve for: f = _____; l = _____ Rearrange the other to solve for: d = _____; t = _____;

- 6. A 320 Hz tuning fork will produce a wave of what wavelength in air at 22°C?
- 7. We see a bolt of lightning and 4 s later we hear the thunderclap. If the speed of sound in air is 343m/s, how far away is the lightning?
- 8. How many seconds will it take an echo to reach your ears if you yell toward a mountain 82 m away on a day when the air temperature is 0°C?
- 9. You look up and see a helicopter pass directly overhead. 3.10s later you hear the sound of the engine. If the air temperature is 23.0°C, how high was the helicopter flying?
- 10. Navy ships use sonar (sound navigation and ranging) to detect submarines. A sound pulse sent by the ship reflects off the submarine. If the submarine is 2.2 km away from the ship, and the speed of sound in seawater is 1400 m/s, how long will it take the sound pulse to travel out and back?
- 11. A person is listening with his ear against the rail for an oncoming train. When the train is 1.65 km away, how long will it take him to hear the sound of the whistle? (The speed of sound in steel is 5200 m/s.)

How long would it take his friend who is standing nearby to hear the same whistle if the air temperature is 0°C?

12. If a ship captain sounds a foghorn toward an iceberg and hears the echo 4.6 s later, how far away is the iceberg? (air temperature is -10 °C) Think about this one. If you make a mistake, the ship could run into the iceberg!!!

Unit 4 Waves and Optics Day 6 Standing Wave and Diffraction

Harmonics on a Guitar

When you pluck a string, you set up a **standing wave**, with stationary ______ at the nut and bridge. **When you fret the string** (i.e. push it down with your finger), you change the ______ between these nodes, and it changes the note.

Fun fact: **The 12th fret is exactly halfway along the string**, and when fretted there will produce a note **one octave higher** than the unfretted string. (For example, the top string is generally an E, and the note at the 12th fret is a higher E.)

One open End – (standing wave in air columns. Ex. Clarinet, saxophone)					
Mouthpiece – pressure varies as you blow (varying pressure =). Note: pressure fixed at the closed end =					
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<u>Open Both end – (standing wave in air column. Ex. Flute, organ)</u>					
1 st Harmonic					
2 nd Harmonic					
3 rd Harmonic					
4 th Harmonic					

- Ex) Use the graphic below to answer these questions
- 1) Which harmonic is shown in each of the strings below?
- 2) Label the nodes and antinodes on each of the standing waves shown below.
- 3) How many wavelengths does each standing wave contain?
- 4) Determine the wavelength of each standing wave.

Ex) A clarinet is essentially a tube that is open at only one end. Sketch the wave patterns associated with the first and third harmonic of a clarinet that is 67.5 cm long. What frequencies would these waves have if the clarinet was played at 21.0oC? (128 Hz, 383 Hz)

Diffraction

Wave Worksheet #6: Standing wave

- 1) A standing wave in a rope has a frequency of 28 Hz at the second harmonic.
 - a. If the wavelength is 0.20 m, what is the distance between nodes? (0.10 m)
 - b. What is the speed of the waves that make up the standing wave? (5.6 m/s)
 - c. What would the frequency of a rope vibrating at the third harmonic be? (42 Hz)
- 2) An 85 cm long guitar string is plucked and vibrates at the fourth harmonic. What is the frequency of the sound produced if the speed of sound is 332 m/s? (780 Hz)
- 3) Two children playing with a 6.0 m long skipping rope produce a standing wave pattern with five "loops". If the skipping rope is vibrating at 85 vibrations per minute, what is the speed of the vibration producing the standing wave pattern? (3.4 m/s)
- 4) Hollow wind chimes open at both ends resonate best at their third harmonic. How long should a chime be to produce a sound of 128 Hz when the temperature is 19 °C? (4.0 m)
- 5) A tuba can be considered a tube open at both ends. A tuba with a length of 7.0 m is played at its fundamental note at a temperature of 21 °C. What is the frequency of the fundamental? (25 Hz)
- 6) A flute is essentially a tube that is open at both ends. Sketch the wave patterns associated with the first and third harmonic of a flute that is 67.5 cm long. What frequencies would these waves have if the flute was played at 21.0 °C? (1020 Hz, 763 Hz)
- 7) A tuning fork was sounded over an adjustable air column open at one end. It was found that the distance between the fundamental and the 2nd overtone was 90.0 cm. What was the frequency of the tuning fork if the air temperature was 0 °C? (370 Hz)
- 8) Two clarinets are plated at the same time in a room with a temperature of 21 °C. One clarinet is 1.20 m long and the second is 1.22 m long. What beat frequency would you hear if both were played at their fundamental frequency at the same time? (1.2 Hz)

Unit 4 Waves and Optics Day 7 Doppler Effect

- Have you ever listened to an ambulance drive by quickly with their sirens going? What did it sound like?
 - _____ pitch as the ambulance was coming, _____ pitch as it was leaving
- This phenomenon is called _______ after Christian Doppler, who first labeled it in 1842.

I	f_o = frequency observed	v_s = speed of the source	•	\pm / \mp Use the top signs when
$f_o = f_s(\frac{v_w \pm v_o}{w + v_o})$	f_s = frequency of source	v_o = speed of the observer		the object is moving
$\nu_w + \nu_s$		v_w = speed of wave (sound)		the other object

Ex) What frequency is received by a mouse just before being dispatched by a hawk flying at it at 25.0 m/s and emitting a screech of frequency 3500 Hz? Take the speed of sound to be 331 m/s.

Ex) You are driving down the road at 20 m/s when you approach a car going the other direction at 15 m/s with their radio playing loudly. If you hear a certain note at 600 Hz, what is the original frequency? (Assume speed of sound is 343 m/s)

Ex) A duck is flying overhead while you stand still. As it moves away, you hear its quack at 190 Hz. Because you are a brilliant naturalist, you know that this type of duck quacks at 200 Hz. How fast is the duck flying?

Sonic Boom: The image below shows how wavefronts travel for an object traveling slower than the speed of sound, equal to the speed of sound and faster than the speed of sound:

Worksheet 7: Doppler Effect and Sonic Booms

- 1. The pitch of a sound depends on the ______ of the sound waves that reach the ______.
- 2. In each case, tell whether the pitch rises or drops:
 - a. The source of a sound moves away from the observer, who stands still.
 - b. The source stays still and the observer moves toward the source.
 - c. The source and observer move toward each other.
 - d. The source stays still, and the observer moves away. _____
- 3. All the cases above are examples of the _____ Effect.

Calculation

- 1. When you hear a sonic boom, you often cannot see the plane that made it. Why is that?
- 2. When a car is at rest, its horn emits a frequency of 600 Hz. A person standing in the middle of the street hears the horn with a frequency of 580 Hz. Should the person jump out of the way? Account for your answer.
- 3. (a) What frequency is received by a person watching an oncoming ambulance moving at 110 km/h and emitting a steady 800-Hz sound from its siren? The speed of sound on this day is 345 m/s. (b) What frequency does she receive after the ambulance has passed? (878 Hz, 735 Hz)
- 4. (a) At an air show a jet flies directly toward the stands at a speed of 1200 km/h, emitting a frequency of 3500 Hz, on a day when the speed of sound is 342 m/s. What frequency is received by the observers? (b) What frequency do they receive as the plane flies directly away from them?
- 5. What frequency is received by a mouse just before being dispatched by a hawk flying at it at 25.0 m/s and emitting a screech of frequency 3500 Hz? Take the speed of sound to be 331 m/s.
- 6. A spectator at a parade receives an 888-Hz tone from an oncoming trumpeter who is playing an 880-Hz note. At what speed is the musician approaching if the speed of sound is 338 m/s? (3.05 m/s)
- 7. A commuter train blows its 200-Hz horn as it approaches a crossing. The speed of sound is 335 m/s. (a) An observer waiting at the crossing receives a frequency of 208 Hz. What is the speed of the train? (b) What frequency does the observer receive as the train moves away? (12.9 m/s, 193 Hz)
- Suppose you are stopped at a traffic light, and an ambulance approaches you from behind with a speed of 18 m/s. the siren on the ambulance produces sound with a frequency of 955 Hz. The speed of sound I air is 343 m/s. What is the wavelength of the sound reaching your ears? (0.340 m)