

## CP4 REVISION LECTURE ON WAVES

- ▷ The wave equation.
- ▷ Traveling waves. Standing waves.
- ▷ Dispersion. Phase and group velocities.
- ▷ Boundary effects. Reflection and transmission of waves.

8. A string of linear density  $\rho$  is under tension  $T$ , and lies along the  $x$ -axis. Derive the wave equation for small transverse displacements  $y(x, t)$  of the string. [6]

A finite string of length  $L$  lies between  $x = a$  and  $x = a + L$ , and has its ends fixed with  $y = 0$ . Deduce forms of the initial displacement  $y(x, t = 0)$  such that subsequently the displacement  $y(x, t)$  retains the same shape, but has a different normalisation  $f(t)$  i.e

$$y(x, t) = f(t) \times y(x, t = 0)$$

Find the function  $f(t)$  for each of these initial displacements. [7]

For such a string between  $x = a$  and  $x = a + L$ , the initial displacement is

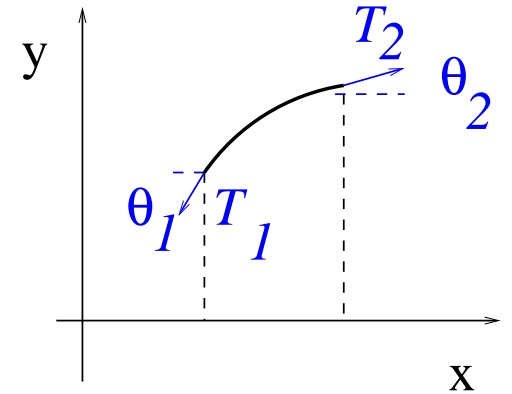
$$y(x, t = 0) = A \sin(2\pi(x - a)/L) \cos(\pi(x - a)/L)$$

Initially the string is at rest. Determine the subsequent displacement of the string. [7]

(a)

- uniform linear density  $\rho$

- small displacements  $y$



- $T_1 \cos \theta_1 = T_2 \cos \theta_2$   
for small  $\theta$ ,  $\cos \theta \simeq 1 \Rightarrow T_1 = T_2 = T$

- $\rho \delta x \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = T \sin \theta_2 - T \sin \theta_1$

$$\sin \theta \simeq \tan \theta \simeq \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \implies \rho \delta x \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = T \underbrace{\left[ \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)_2 - \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)_1 \right]}_{(\partial^2 y / \partial x^2) \delta x + \dots}$$

Thus  $\rho \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = T \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}$

i.e.,  $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$ ,  $v^2 \equiv \frac{T}{\rho}$  wave equation

(b)



- Consider general solution with separated variables:

$$y(x, t) = (A \cos k(x - a) + B \sin k(x - a)) (C \cos kvt + D \sin kvt) \quad , \quad v = \sqrt{T/\rho}$$

- Fixed ends :  $y(x = a, t) = y(x = a + L, t) = 0 \implies A = 0, k = n\pi/L$

$$\implies y_n(x, t) = \sin[n\pi(x-a)/L] (C_n \cos(n\pi vt/L) + D_n \sin(n\pi vt/L)) \quad \text{normal modes}$$

$$\text{general solution : } y(x, t) = \sum_n y_n(x, t)$$

- Then, if the initial displacement is of the form  $y(x, 0) = C \sin[n\pi(x - a)/L]$  for some integer  $n$ , subsequent displacements  $y(x, t)$  retain the same shape, but with a different time-dependent normalisation  $f(t) = C \cos(n\pi vt/L) + D \sin(n\pi vt/L)$

- Normal modes of the string with fixed ends:

$$y_n(x, t) = \sin[n\pi(x - a)/L] (C_n \cos(n\pi vt/L) + D_n \sin(n\pi vt/L)) \quad , \quad v = \sqrt{T/\rho}$$

(c)

- String initially at rest  $\Rightarrow \partial y/\partial t(x, 0) = 0 \Rightarrow D_n = 0$

- Initial displacement  $y(x, 0) = A \sin[2\pi(x - a)/L] \cos[\pi(x - a)/L]$

can be written as  $y(x, 0) = \frac{1}{2}A \sin[3\pi(x - a)/L] + \frac{1}{2}A \sin[\pi(x - a)/L]$  .

Therefore the displacement of the string at subsequent times is given by

$$y(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}A \sin[3\pi(x - a)/L] \cos(3\pi vt/L) + \frac{1}{2}A \sin[\pi(x - a)/L] \cos(\pi vt/L)$$

6. A uniform string is stretched along the  $x$ -axis between fixed endpoints at  $x = 0$  and  $x = D$ . If the speed of transverse waves on the string is  $c$ , find the wavenumbers and associated frequencies of the standing waves. Write down the precise functional form of  $y(x, t)$  for the two lowest frequency modes.

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- Standing waves with speed  $c$ :

$$y(x, t) = (\alpha \cos kx + \beta \sin kx) (\gamma \cos ckt + \delta \sin ckt) , \quad \omega = ck$$

- Fixed endpoints:

$$y(x = 0, t) = 0 \implies \alpha (\gamma \cos ckt + \delta \sin ckt) = 0 \text{ for any } t \implies \alpha = 0$$

$$y(x = D, t) = 0 \implies \beta \sin kD = 0 \implies kD = n\pi , \quad n \text{ integer}$$

$$\implies \text{wavenumbers and frequencies: } k_n = n\pi/D , \quad \omega_n = n\pi c/D$$

- General solution :  $y(x, t) = \sum_n y_n(x, t)$  where

$$y_n(x, t) = \sin \frac{n\pi x}{D} \left( \gamma_n \cos \frac{n\pi ct}{D} + \delta_n \sin \frac{n\pi ct}{D} \right)$$

- Two lowest modes:

$$n = 1 \quad : \quad y_1(x, t) = \sin \frac{\pi x}{D} \left( \gamma_1 \cos \frac{\pi ct}{D} + \delta_1 \sin \frac{\pi ct}{D} \right)$$

$$n = 2 \quad : \quad y_2(x, t) = \sin \frac{2\pi x}{D} \left( \gamma_2 \cos \frac{2\pi ct}{D} + \delta_2 \sin \frac{2\pi ct}{D} \right)$$

7. The properties of a string are altered so that the wave equation describing small amplitude transverse waves on the string becomes

$$\frac{\partial^2 y(x, t)}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 y(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = -\mu^2 y(x, t).$$

By utilizing the *ansatz*,  $y(x, t) = \text{Re}[\exp i(\omega t \pm kx)]$ , or otherwise, find the relation that the modified wave equation implies between the wavenumber  $k$  and angular frequency  $\omega$  for a string of infinite extent. Compute the phase velocity  $v_p$  and group velocity  $v_g$  of the waves as a function of wavenumber, and comment on the relation of these to  $c$ . What are the limiting behaviours of both  $v_p$  and  $v_g$  as  $k \rightarrow 0$  and  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ? [5]



◇ Substituting the ansatz  $e^{i(\omega t \pm kx)}$  into the equation gives

$$-\omega^2 + c^2 k^2 = -\mu^2$$

i.e.,  $\omega^2 = c^2 k^2 + \mu^2$

• Phase velocity :  $v_p = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{\sqrt{c^2 k^2 + \mu^2}}{k} = c \sqrt{1 + \mu^2 / (c^2 k^2)}$

• Group velocity :  $v_g = \frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k} = \frac{c^2 k}{\sqrt{c^2 k^2 + \mu^2}} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{1 + \mu^2 / (c^2 k^2)}}$   
 $\implies v_p v_g = c^2$

with  $v_p > c$ ,  $v_g < c$

◇ For  $k \rightarrow 0$ ,  $v_p \sim \frac{\mu}{k} \rightarrow \infty$ ;  $v_g \sim \frac{c^2 k}{\mu} \rightarrow 0$

◇ For  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $v_p \rightarrow c$ ;  $v_g \rightarrow c$

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9. Consider the superposition of two travelling waves of equal amplitude with closely spaced angular frequencies and wave numbers,  $\Delta\omega = \omega_1 - \omega_2$  and  $\Delta k = k_1 - k_2$ , respectively. Show that the resultant wave exhibits beats, and sketch the waveform. Explain the significance of the phase and group velocities,  $v_p$  and  $v_g$ , respectively. [6]

Show that for waves travelling through a dispersive medium,

$$v_g = v_p - \lambda \frac{dv_p}{d\lambda},$$

where  $\lambda$  is the wavelength in the medium. [6]

Waves propagate through a medium and are characterized by the dispersion relation

$$v_p^2 = c^2 + \lambda^2 \omega_0^2,$$

where  $\omega_0$  is a constant and  $c$  is the speed of light. Show that the product of the phase and group velocities is  $c^2$ , and comment on the physical significance of the values of  $v_p$  and  $v_g$  with respect to  $c$ .

A wave travels with  $v_g = 0.9c$  at  $\lambda = 350$  nm. Calculate the change in group velocity when  $\lambda$  decreases by 0.02 nm. [8]

- (a) • Superposition of travelling waves  $y_1(x, t)$  and  $y_2(x, t)$ :

$$y_1 = A \sin[(k + \Delta k/2)x - (\omega + \Delta\omega/2)t] \quad , \quad y_2 = A \sin[(k - \Delta k/2)x - (\omega - \Delta\omega/2)t]$$

- Using  $\sin \alpha + \sin \beta = 2 \sin[(\alpha + \beta)/2] \cos[(\alpha - \beta)/2]$ , the resultant wave is

$$y = y_1 + y_2 = 2A \sin(kx - \omega t) \cos[(\Delta k x - \Delta\omega t)/2]$$

- ♠ 1st factor  $\sin$  varies with frequency  $\omega$  and wave number  $k$ ,  
i.e., close to the original waves  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ ,  
and corresponding speed  $v = \omega/k$  (phase velocity).

- ♠ 2nd factor  $\cos$  varies much more slowly,  
with frequency  $\Delta\omega/2$  and wave number  $\Delta k/2$

$\Rightarrow$  amplitude modulation, moving at speed  $v_g = \Delta\omega/\Delta k$  (group velocity).

The modulating envelope encloses a group of short waves.

$$\text{For } \Delta\omega, \Delta k \rightarrow 0, \quad v_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk}$$

(b)

- Waves travelling through a dispersive medium:

$$\begin{aligned}v_g &= \frac{d\omega}{dk} = \frac{d(vk)}{dk} = v + k \frac{dv}{dk} = v + \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \frac{dv}{d\lambda} \frac{1}{dk/d\lambda} \\ &= v + \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \frac{dv}{d\lambda} \left( -\frac{\lambda^2}{2\pi} \right) = v - \lambda \frac{dv}{d\lambda}\end{aligned}$$

(c)

- Suppose the dispersion relation  $v = v(\lambda)$  is given by

$$v^2 = c^2 + \lambda^2 \omega_0^2$$

$$\text{Then } 2v \, dv = 2\lambda \, d\lambda \, \omega_0^2, \quad \text{i.e. } \frac{dv}{d\lambda} = \frac{\lambda \omega_0^2}{v}$$

$$\text{So } v_g = v - \lambda \frac{dv}{d\lambda} = v - \frac{\lambda^2 \omega_0^2}{v}, \quad \text{i.e. } v_g = v - \frac{v^2 - c^2}{v} = \frac{c^2}{v} \implies v_g v = c^2$$

$$v_g = \frac{c^2}{v} \Rightarrow \delta v_g = -\frac{c^2}{v^2} \frac{dv}{d\lambda} \delta\lambda = -\frac{c^2}{v^2} \frac{v_g - v}{\lambda} \delta\lambda$$

$$v_g = xc \Rightarrow v = \frac{c}{x}$$

$$\text{So } \delta v_g = -x^2 c \left( x - \frac{1}{x} \right) \frac{\delta\lambda}{\lambda} = cx(1 - x^2) \frac{\delta\lambda}{\lambda}$$

$$x = 0.9 \quad , \quad \lambda = 350 \text{ nm} \quad , \quad \delta\lambda = 0.02 \text{ nm} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \delta v_g = 9.77 \cdot 10^{-6} c$$

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3. Find all possible solutions to the equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + c \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 0$$

of the form  $u = g(t)f(x)$ , where  $c$  is a real constant.

$$u = g(t)f(x) \implies f \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} + c g \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\text{Then } \underbrace{\frac{1}{g} \frac{\partial g}{\partial t}}_{\text{function of } t} = \underbrace{-c \frac{1}{f} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}}_{\text{function of } x} = K \text{ constant}$$

$$\implies g = g_0 e^{Kt}, \quad f = f_0 e^{-Kx/c}$$

$$\text{So } u = \underbrace{g_0 f_0}_A e^{K(t-x/c)}$$

6. The propagation of transverse waves on a stretched string is described by the wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial t^2}$$

where  $z$  is the transverse displacement at point  $x$  at time  $t$  and  $c$  is the speed of propagation.

A string is made of two semi-infinite pieces joined at the origin. For  $x < 0$ , the speed is  $c_1$ ; for  $x > 0$ , the speed is  $c_2$ . The wave  $z = \cos(\omega t - k_1 x)$  is incident on the boundary, where  $k_1 = \omega/c_1$ . Find the amplitudes of the reflected and the transmitted waves.

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$$k_1 = \omega / c_1 \qquad \frac{c_1}{c_2}$$

$$k_2 = \omega / c_2 \qquad \underline{x=0}$$

$$z_I = \text{Re } e^{i(\omega t - k_1 x)} \quad ; \quad z_T = \text{Re } \left( t e^{i(\omega t - k_2 x)} \right) \quad ; \quad z_R = \text{Re } \left( r e^{i(\omega t + k_1 x)} \right)$$

- continuity of  $z$  at  $x = 0$ :  $z_I + z_R = z_T \implies 1 + r = t$
- continuity of  $\partial z / \partial x$  at  $x = 0 \implies -ik_1 + ik_1 r = -ik_2 t$

$$\text{Hence } -ik_1(1 - r) = -ik_2(1 + r) \implies r = \frac{k_1 - k_2}{k_1 + k_2} \quad \text{reflected amplitude}$$

$$t = 1 + r = \frac{2k_1}{k_1 + k_2} \quad \text{transmitted amplitude}$$



## Note

♠ The continuity of  $z$  and  $\partial z/\partial x$  at the boundary  $x = 0$   
in the previous problem  
determines the amplitudes of the reflected and transmitted waves  
in terms of the amplitude of the incident wave  
as a function of the wave numbers  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ :

$$r = \frac{k_1 - k_2}{k_1 + k_2} \quad ; \quad t = \frac{2k_1}{k_1 + k_2}$$

♠ The energy transport across the boundary is described by the coefficients  
(see next problem)

$$R \equiv \frac{\text{reflected flux}}{\text{incident flux}} = r^2 \quad \text{reflection coefficient}$$

$$T \equiv \frac{\text{transmitted flux}}{\text{incident flux}} = \frac{k_2}{k_1} t^2 \quad \text{transmission coefficient}$$

The relation  $1 = R + T$  expresses energy conservation.

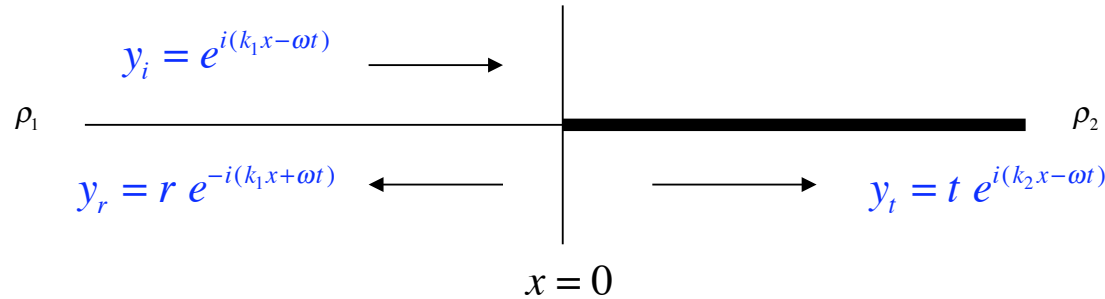
9. A long string lies along the  $x$ -axis and is under tension  $T$ . The displacement of the string from its equilibrium position at  $x$  is given by  $y(x, t)$ . By considering the forces acting on an element of the string show that  $y$  satisfies the wave equation. [5]

Two long strings of different densities  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  are joined together at  $x = 0$ . Write down the boundary conditions which must hold at  $x = 0$  and use these to show that the power reflection and transmission coefficients  $R$  and  $T$ , respectively, for a wave incident on the boundary are

$$R = \left( \frac{\sqrt{\rho_1} - \sqrt{\rho_2}}{\sqrt{\rho_1} + \sqrt{\rho_2}} \right)^2,$$
$$T = \frac{4\sqrt{\rho_1}\sqrt{\rho_2}}{(\sqrt{\rho_1} + \sqrt{\rho_2})^2}. \quad [12]$$

What is the phase difference between the incident and reflected waves when  $\rho_1$  is less than  $\rho_2$ ? [3]

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$$v_{1,2} = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\rho_{1,2}}} = \frac{\omega}{k_{1,2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow k_{1,2} = \omega \sqrt{\frac{\rho_{1,2}}{T}}$$

(tension constant in string)

### Boundary conditions

$$y_1(x=0, t) = y_2(x=0, t) \quad (\text{String continuous})$$

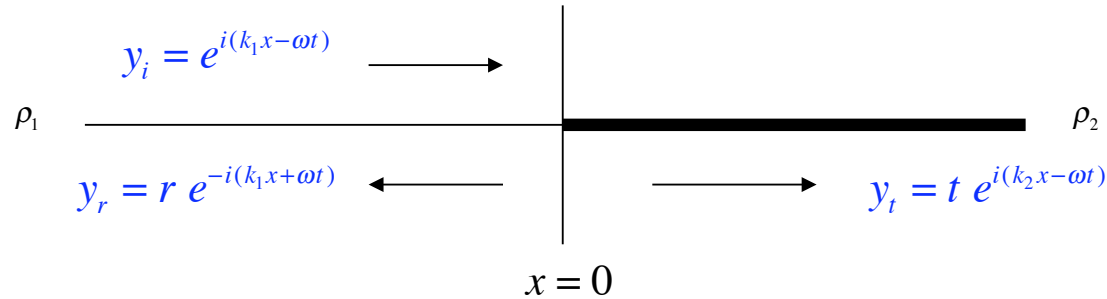
$$\frac{\partial y_1}{\partial t}(x=0, t) = \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial t}(x=0, t) \quad (\text{Forces continuous if no mass at join})$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + r &= t \\ k_1(1 - r) &= k_2 t \end{aligned} \Rightarrow r = \frac{1 - k_2/k_1}{1 + k_2/k_1} = \frac{1 - \sqrt{\rho_2/\rho_1}}{1 + \sqrt{\rho_2/\rho_1}}, \quad t = \frac{2}{1 + k_2/k_1} = \frac{2}{1 + \sqrt{\rho_2/\rho_1}}$$

### Power transmission

$$P_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2} T \omega k_{1,2} |A|^2 \Rightarrow R = \frac{k_1}{k_1} |r|^2 = \left( \frac{\sqrt{\rho_1} - \sqrt{\rho_2}}{\sqrt{\rho_1} + \sqrt{\rho_2}} \right)^2 \quad T = \frac{k_2}{k_1} |t|^2 = \sqrt{\frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1}} \frac{4}{(1 + \sqrt{\rho_2/\rho_1})^2} = \frac{4\sqrt{\rho_1}\sqrt{\rho_2}}{(\sqrt{\rho_1} + \sqrt{\rho_2})^2}$$

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### Phase difference between incident and reflected waves

$$r = \frac{\sqrt{\rho_1} - \sqrt{\rho_2}}{\sqrt{\rho_1} + \sqrt{\rho_2}} = |r| e^{i\phi}, \quad r \text{ is negative for } \rho_1 < \rho_2 \quad \text{i.e. } \phi = \pi$$

11. A long uniform string is stretched along the  $x$ -axis, has a mass density  $\mu$ , and is held under tension  $T$ . A transverse wave of displacement  $y(x, t)$  travels along the string.

(a) The wave equation for transverse waves propagating along the string may be

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$$\frac{\partial^2 y(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\mu}{T} \frac{\partial^2 y(x, t)}{\partial t^2} .$$

Show that a Gaussian pulse propagating along the string,  $A \exp \left[ -(x + vt)^2 / x_0^2 \right]$ , where  $A$ ,  $v$ , and  $x_0$  are constants, is a solution of the above differential equation. Sketch the pulse at two different locations corresponding to times  $t_1$  and  $t_2 > t_1$ .

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(b) Show that the wave energy density along the string is given by

$$u = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \mu \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right)^2 + T \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right\} .$$

[5]

Hence show that for a sinusoidal wave of amplitude  $A$  and angular velocity  $\omega$  travelling along the string, the energy per wavelength is given by

$$E_\lambda = \frac{1}{2} \mu A^2 \omega^2 .$$

[5]

(c) Assume now that the string extends to infinity in the  $-x$  direction, but the other end is terminated by a mass  $m$  at  $x = 0$  which is free to move in the  $y$ -direction. Calculate the fraction of the energy reflected when a sinusoidal wave propagates in the  $+x$  direction. What happens to the rest of the energy?

[4]

$$(a) \quad \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\mu}{T} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$$

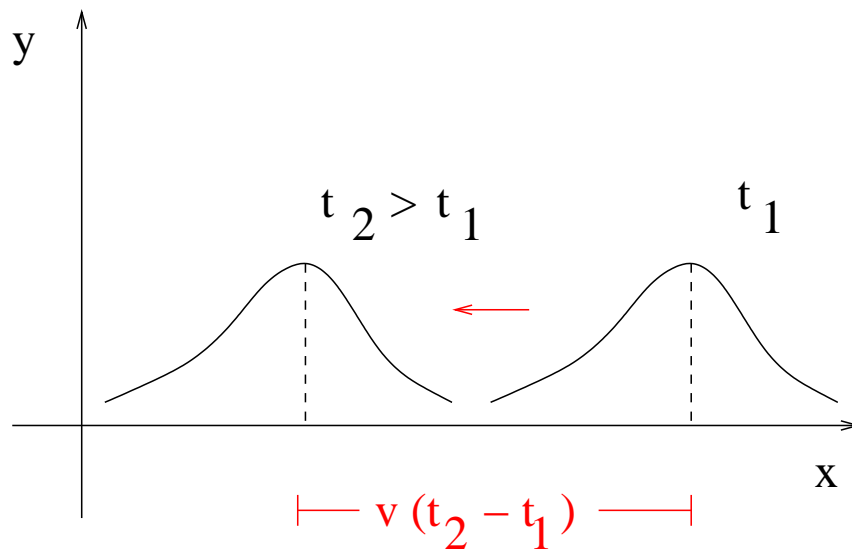
◇ For  $y(x, t) = A \exp [-(x + vt)^2/x_0^2]$  one has

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = -2 \frac{y}{x_0^2} + 4(x + vt)^2 \frac{y}{x_0^4}$$

and

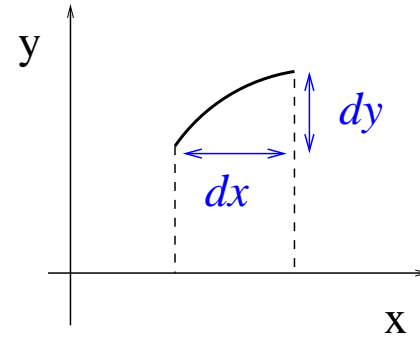
$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = -2v^2 \frac{y}{x_0^2} + 4(x + vt)^2 v^2 \frac{y}{x_0^4} = v^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} .$$

Thus  $y(x, t)$  is solution provided  $v^2 = T/\mu$ .



(b)

- linear mass density  $\mu$
- tension  $T$
- transverse displacements  $y$



- Kinetic energy of element  $dx$  :  $dK = \frac{1}{2} \mu dx \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right)^2$

$$\Rightarrow \text{kinetic energy density : } \frac{dK}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \mu \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right)^2$$

- Potential energy of element  $dx$  :  $dV = T \left( \sqrt{(dx)^2 + (dy)^2} - dx \right)$

$$= T \left( dx \underbrace{\sqrt{1 + (\partial y / \partial x)^2}}_{1 + (1/2)(\partial y / \partial x)^2 + \dots} - dx \right) = \frac{1}{2} T dx \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{potential energy density : } \frac{dV}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} T \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)^2$$

$$\text{Energy density } u = \frac{dK}{dx} + \frac{dV}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \mu \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} T \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)^2$$

Energy density  $u = \frac{dK}{dx} + \frac{dU}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \mu \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} T \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)^2$

◇ For  $y(x, t) = A \sin(\omega t - kx)$ ,  $v = \omega/k = \sqrt{T/\mu}$ , one has

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = \omega A \cos(\omega t - kx) \quad , \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = -k A \cos(\omega t - kx)$$

• kinetic energy per wavelength  $\lambda$  :

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} \int_0^\lambda dx \frac{dK}{dx} = \frac{1}{2\lambda} \mu \omega^2 A^2 \underbrace{\int_0^\lambda dx \cos^2(\omega t - kx)}_{\lambda/2} = \frac{1}{4} \mu \omega^2 A^2$$

• potential energy per wavelength  $\lambda$  :

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} \int_0^\lambda dx \frac{dV}{dx} = \frac{1}{2\lambda} T k^2 A^2 \underbrace{\int_0^\lambda dx \cos^2(\omega t - kx)}_{\lambda/2} = \frac{1}{4} T \frac{\omega^2}{v^2} A^2 = \frac{1}{4} \mu \omega^2 A^2$$

So  $E_\lambda = \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_0^\lambda dx \left( \frac{dK}{dx} + \frac{dV}{dx} \right) = \frac{1}{4} \mu \omega^2 A^2 + \frac{1}{4} \mu \omega^2 A^2 = \frac{1}{2} \mu \omega^2 A^2$



(c)

- Terminating mass  $m$  at  $x = 0$ :

$$m \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = -T \frac{\partial y}{\partial x}$$

$$y(x, t) = e^{i(\omega t - kx)} + r e^{i(\omega t + kx)}$$

$$\implies -m\omega^2(1 + r) = ikT(1 - r)$$

$$\text{i.e. } r = \frac{kT - im\omega^2}{kT + im\omega^2}$$

$$R = |r|^2 = 1$$

all energy reflected with phase change  $2\phi$ ,  $\tan \phi = m\omega^2 / Tk$

phase:  $+ 1$  if  $m = 0$ ,  $e^{i\pi} = -1$  if  $m \rightarrow \infty$