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## From Oscillations to Waves

Review oscillations  $x = x_{\max} \sin(2\pi f t)$

$x_{\max} = x_0 = \text{amplitude}$

$f = \text{frequency}$

Also  $T = \text{period}$

$$T = 1/f$$

$$f = 1/T$$

Waves are formed by many oscillators that are coupled (connected)

The speed of a wave is how fast the energy or disturbance travels.

Examples:

String Wave

$$v = \sqrt{F_T / \mu}$$

$\mu$  mass per l

Sound

$$v \approx 334 \text{ m/s}$$

Radio, Light

$$v = c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

Water

$v = \text{variable, depends on } \lambda, \text{ depth}$

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Repetition in time leads to repetition in space.

The wavelength ( $\lambda$ ) is the repeat distance.

$$v = \frac{\text{Dist of one cycle}}{\text{Time of one cycle}} = \frac{\lambda}{T}$$

$$v = f \lambda$$

Ex: Sound wave  $v = 340 \text{ m/s}$   
 $f = 680 \text{ Hz}$

$$\lambda = \frac{v}{f} = \frac{340}{680} = 0.5 \text{ m}$$

Generally for sound  $f = 20 \text{ Hz} \dots 20000 \text{ Hz}$

### Electromagnetic Waves

Radio

Microwaves

Infrared (IR)

Visible light

Ultraviolet (UV)

X-rays

Gamma Rays

$f = 400 \text{ THz}$  Red  
 $\vdots$   
 $f = 750 \text{ THz}$  Violet

$v_{\text{of light}}$

$$\lambda_{\text{red}} = \frac{c}{f_{\text{red}}} = \frac{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{400 \times 10^{12} \text{ Hz}} = 7.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 750 \text{ nm}$$

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Light ranges from 400 to 750 THz  
or from 400 to 750 nm

Generally, when oscillations of one kind stimulate different oscillations, the frequency is copied to the new oscillations or waves.

Exception: Doppler Shift

- A shift in frequency between a source and observer, caused by relative motion.

$$\frac{\Delta f}{f_s} = \frac{v_{rel}}{v_{wave}}$$

$\Delta f$  = freq. shift  
 $f_s$  = source freq  
 $v_{wave}$  = wave speed  
 $v_{rel}$  = relative velocity,  
⊕ = toward  
⊖ = away.

$$f_o = f_s + \Delta f$$

Ex: Sound Source is 4705 Hz } 192 Hz  
Observed freq is 4897 Hz }  
What is the relative speed?

$$\Delta f = 192 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\frac{192 \text{ Hz}}{4705 \text{ Hz}} = \frac{v_{rel}}{340 \text{ m/s}}$$

$$v_{rel} = 13.9 \text{ m/s} \\ = 31 \text{ MPH}$$

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Doppler Radar involves two doppler shifts. So...

$$\frac{\Delta f}{f} = \frac{2 v_{rel}}{v_{wave}}$$

Ex: Police radar @ 5 GHz

Car driving ~~away~~ @ 30 m/s = 65 MPH  
toward

$$\frac{\Delta f}{5 \times 10^9 \text{ Hz}} = 2 \frac{30 \text{ m/s}}{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}$$

$$\Delta f = 1000 \text{ Hz}$$

Received freq is 5000001000 Hz

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## Energy, Intensity, and Decibels

Continuous flow of energy usually described as power = rate of energy flow.

$$P = \frac{\text{Energy}}{\Delta t}$$

Often, a wave spreads out but has an even spread. This changes the Intensity. It is directly related to loudness or brightness.

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

$P$  = power going thru surface  
 $A$  = area of surface

Ex: Solar Flux at surface  $\sim 1 \text{ kW/m}^2$

Ex: Point Source - power of source spreads out in spherical "shells".

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

Solar Flux in space  $\sim 1368 \text{ W/m}^2$

$$P_{\text{sun}} = (1368 \text{ W/m}^2) 4\pi (150 \times 10^9 \text{ m})^2$$
$$= 3.9 \times 10^{26} \text{ W}$$

US Elec Demand  $786 \times 10^9 \text{ W}$

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Cell Phone signal -113 dBm  
 $P = 5 \times 10^{-15}$  W (milli)

LED Light  
 $P = 1$  W (of light)

Decibels - Relative units of energy, power, or intensity.

- Huge range of values
- Dynamic Range - loud vs. Quiet
- Attenuation is "by a factor of     "
- Turns mult & div into  $\oplus$  and  $\ominus$ .

How? Decibels are exponents.

$$-113 \text{ dB means } 10^{-11.3} = 5 \times 10^{-12}$$

$$(x^2)(x^3) = (x \cdot x)(x \cdot x \cdot x) = x^5$$

Multiply values = Add exponents

Rules to remember for decibels:

- Add or Subtract dB values
- dB value corresponds to a factor.  
(aka ratio)

$$\text{Ratio} = 10^{\beta/10}$$

$\beta$  = "level" measured in dB.

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Ex: Moving 5 times further from a point source does what to the dB level?

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

I decreases by 25 times.

$$\text{Ratio} = 10^{\beta/10}$$

$$\log(\text{Ratio}) = \beta/10$$

$$\log(25) = 1.4 = \beta/10$$

$$14 = \beta$$

This is a 14 dB decrease.