

# WAVES

Every piece of music you hear, from Hindustani classical to film songs, depends on performers producing waves and your detection of those waves.

## Wave Motion

A means of transferring momentum and energy from one point to another without any actual transportation of matter

### Transverse and Longitudinal Waves

- A transverse wave is one in which the disturbance occurs perpendicular to the direction of travel of the wave.
- A longitudinal wave is one in which the disturbance occurs parallel to the line of travel of the wave.

### Velocity of Longitudinal Waves

- Velocity of longitudinal waves in a solid of bulk modulus  $\kappa$ , modulus of rigidity  $\eta$  and density  $\rho$  is

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa + \frac{4}{3}\eta}{\rho}}$$

- Velocity of longitudinal waves in a long solid rod of Young's modulus  $Y$  and density  $\rho$  is given by

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{Y}{\rho}}$$

- Velocity of longitudinal waves in a fluid of bulk modulus  $\kappa$  and density  $\rho$  is

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa}{\rho}}$$

- Newton's formula for the velocity of sound in a gas is

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma P}{\rho}}$$

here,  $P$  = pressure of the gas

- Laplace formula for the velocity of sound in a gas is

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa_{ps}}{\rho}} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon P}{\rho}}$$

- Intensity of sound waves

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \frac{v^2 A^2 \kappa}{v} = \frac{2\pi^2 \kappa}{v} A^2 v^2 = \frac{P_0^2 v}{2\kappa} = \frac{P_0^2}{2\rho v}$$

### Factors Affecting Velocity of Sound through Gases

- Effect of density,  $v \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho}}$

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{v_2}{v_1} = \sqrt{\frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2}}$$

- Effect of temperature,  $v \propto \sqrt{T}$

$$\frac{v_t}{v_0} = \sqrt{\frac{T}{T_0}} = \sqrt{\frac{273+t}{273}}$$

- No change in velocity of sound with change in pressure provided temperature is kept constant.

### Doppler's Effect

- If  $v$ ,  $v_o$ ,  $v_s$  and  $v_m$  are the velocities of sound, observer, source and medium respectively, then the apparent frequency,

$$v' = \frac{v \pm v_m \pm v_o}{v \pm v_m \pm v_s} \times v$$

- If the medium is at rest, ( $v_m = 0$ ) then

$$v' = \frac{v \pm v_o}{v \pm v_s} \times v$$

- Upper sign on  $v_s$  (or  $v_o$ ) is used when source (observer) moves towards the observer (source) while lower sign is used when it moves away.

### Progressive Wave Parameters

- Displacement,  $y = A \sin(\omega t + kx)$

$$y = A \sin 2\pi \left( \frac{t}{T} + \frac{x}{\lambda} \right) = A \sin \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (vt + x)$$

- Phase,  $\phi = 2\pi \left( \frac{t}{T} + \frac{x}{\lambda} \right) + \phi_0$

where  $\phi_0$  is the initial phase.

- Phase change with time,

$$\Delta\phi = \frac{2\pi}{T} \Delta t.$$

- Phase change with position,

$$\Delta\phi = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \Delta x.$$

- Instantaneous particle velocity,

$$u = \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{2\pi A}{T} \cos 2\pi \left( \frac{t}{T} + \frac{x}{\lambda} \right)$$

- Velocity amplitude,

$$u_0 = \frac{2\pi A}{T} = \omega A$$

- Instantaneous particle acceleration,

$$a = \frac{du}{dt} = -\frac{4\pi^2 A}{T^2} \sin 2\pi \left( \frac{t}{T} + \frac{x}{\lambda} \right) = -\omega^2 y$$

- Acceleration amplitude,

$$a_0 = \frac{4\pi^2 A}{T^2} = \omega^2 A$$

### Wave Travelling Along a String

- Speed,  $v$ ;  $\sqrt{\frac{T}{m}}$ ,

where,  $T$  = tension in the string,  
 $m$  = mass per unit length.

- Average rate at which kinetic energy or potential energy transported =  $\frac{1}{4} \frac{v^2 A^2 T}{v}$

- Average power transmitted along the string by a sine wave

$$P_{av} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{v^2 A^2 T}{v} = 2\pi^2 m v A^2 v^2$$

### Principle of Superposition of Waves

- According to the principle of superposition of waves, when any number of waves interact at a point in a medium, the net displacement of the point at a given time is the algebraic sum of the displacements due to each wave at that instant of time.

### Stationary Waves

- The stationary wave formed by the superposition of incident wave and reflected wave is given by

$$y = 2A \sin \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda} \cos \frac{2\pi t}{T}$$

Nodes are formed at the positions

$$x = 0, \frac{\phi}{2}, \lambda, \frac{3\lambda}{2}, \dots$$

and anti nodes are formed at

$$x = \frac{\phi}{4}, \frac{3\lambda}{4}, \frac{5\lambda}{4}, \dots$$

### Organ Pipes

- Open organ pipe  
Fundamental mode,

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{v}{2L} = v \quad (\text{First harmonic})$$

Second mode,  $v_2 = 2v$

(Second harmonic or first overtone)

$$n^{\text{th}} \text{ mode, } v_n = \frac{nv}{2L}$$

( $n^{\text{th}}$  harmonic or  $(n-1)^{\text{th}}$  overtone)

- Closed organ pipe

Fundamental mode,

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{v}{4L} = v \quad (\text{First harmonic})$$

Second mode,  $v_2 = 3v$

(Third harmonic or first overtone)

Third mode,  $v_3 = 5v$

(Fifth harmonic or second overtone)

$n^{\text{th}}$  mode,  $v_n = (2n-1)v$

[( $2n-1$ )<sup>th</sup> harmonic or  $(n-1)^{\text{th}}$  overtone]

- Laplace correction  $e = 0.6r$  (in closed pipe) and  $2e = 1.2r$  (in open pipe)

$$v = n \left[ \frac{v}{2(l + 1.2r)} \right] \quad (\text{in open pipe})$$

$$v = n \left[ \frac{v}{4(l + 0.6r)} \right] \quad (\text{in closed pipe})$$

### Modes of Vibration of Strings

- String fixed at both ends

Frequency of vibration

$$\sigma = \frac{nv}{2L} = \frac{n}{2L} \sqrt{\frac{T}{m}}$$

where  $L$  = length of string

$n$  = mode of vibration

Fundamental frequency

$$\sigma_0 = \frac{v}{2L} = \frac{1}{2L} \sqrt{\frac{T}{m}}$$

Second harmonic or 1<sup>st</sup> overtone,  $v_2 = 2v_0$

Third harmonic or 2<sup>nd</sup> overtone,  $v_3 = 3v_0$  and so on.

- String fixed at one end

Frequency of vibration

$$v = \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{v}{2L} = \frac{\left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right)}{2L} \sqrt{\frac{T}{m}}$$

Fundamental frequency,

$$\sigma_0 = \frac{v}{4L} = \frac{1}{4L} \sqrt{\frac{T}{m}}$$

- Law of length

$vL = \text{constant}$

or  $v_1 L_1 = v_2 L_2$

### Beats

- Beat frequency = Number of beats/sec = Difference in frequencies of two sources.

$$v_{\text{beat}} = (v_1 - v_2) \text{ or } (v_2 - v_1)$$

$$\therefore v_2 = v_1 \pm v_{\text{beat}}$$

- The  $\pm$  sign is decided by loading/filing any of the prongs of either tuning fork.

- On loading a fork, its frequency decreases and on filing, its frequency increases.