

Ch. 4. Wave Equations

- Mathematical expression of wave motion (traveling wave)
- Harmonic waves
- Energy delivery via waves

4-1. One dimensional wave Eq.

- For a traveling wave, whose velocity is v ,
the notation of v is with respect to the phase or
a fixed point in a ~~fixed~~ moving frame of O' .
→ y value must not be changed for the fixed point
if O' moves along $\hat{x}$.

Thus, $y = y' = f(x') = f(x - vt) \quad \therefore \underline{x' = x - vt}$.

• Math notation

$$\text{I} \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'} \frac{\partial x'}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'} \quad , \quad \text{where } \underline{\frac{\partial x'}{\partial x} = 1}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x'} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} \left(\frac{\partial x'}{\partial x} \right) \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x'} \right] = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x'^2} \right) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{II} \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'} \frac{\partial x'}{\partial t} = -v \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'} \quad , \quad \text{where } \underline{\frac{\partial x'}{\partial t} = -v}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} \left(\frac{\partial x'}{\partial t} \right) \left[-v \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'} \right] = v^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x'^2} \quad (2)$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}} \quad \star \quad (\text{Wave equation})$$

4-2. Harmonic waves

- Let a traveling wave be:

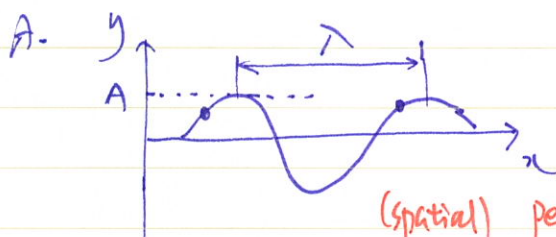
$$y = A \sin[k(x \pm vt)]$$

: A, amplitude
 (k, wave number (vector)
 v, moving velocity

- Harmonic means periodic.

ex) undamped oscillators

- Superposition of harmonic waves are also harmonic.
 → Fourier series (in Ch. 9)



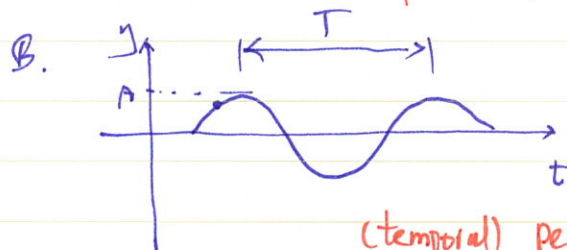
: t-fixed, λ: wavelength

(spatial) periodicity: $A \sin k[(x+\lambda) + vt]$

$$= A \sin [k(x+vt) + 2\pi]$$

$$\rightarrow \left(k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \right) \cdot \lambda$$

: x-fixed, T: period



(temporal) periodicity: $A \sin k[x + v(t+T)]$

$$= A \sin [k(x+vt) + 2\pi]$$

$$\rightarrow k v T = 2\pi$$

$$\rightarrow \left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \right) \left(\frac{1}{f} \right) T = 2\pi$$

$$\rightarrow f = \frac{1}{T} = \nu \quad (\text{nu})$$

$$k = \frac{1}{\lambda} : \text{wave number}$$

$$\left(\nu = \frac{1}{T} : \text{frequency} \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \omega = 2\pi \nu : \text{angular freq.}$$

Thus the original traveling wave can be rewritten as :

$$y = A \sin[k(x \pm vt)]$$

$$= A \sin\left[\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(x \pm \lambda ft)\right]$$

$$= A \sin\left[\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(x) \pm 2\pi ft\right] = A \sin(kx \pm \omega t)$$

$$\rightarrow \varphi = k(x \pm vt) = kx \pm \omega t \quad : \text{phase}$$

* Constant phase describes velocity of the wave.

$$\rightarrow d\varphi = 0 \rightarrow k(dx \pm vdt) = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{dx}{dt} = \mp v \quad (+v \rightarrow \text{along } +x)$$

(positive direction : $A \sin(kx - \omega t)$
negative " : $A \sin(kx + \omega t)$

4-3. Complex numbers

* $\tilde{Z}$: complex number

$$\tilde{Z} = a + ib, \quad i = \sqrt{-1} : \text{Euler's formula}$$

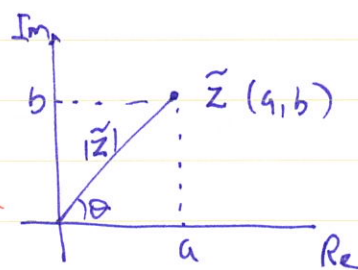
$$|\tilde{Z}|^2 = a^2 + b^2, \quad a = |\tilde{Z}| \cos \theta$$

$$b = |\tilde{Z}| \sin \theta$$

$$\therefore \tilde{Z} = |\tilde{Z}|(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) = |\tilde{Z}| e^{i\theta}, \quad \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$$

* Complex conjugate $\tilde{Z}^*$

$$\tilde{Z}^* = a - ib \quad ; \quad \tilde{Z}^* = |\tilde{Z}| e^{-i\theta} \quad ; \quad \tilde{Z} \tilde{Z}^* = |\tilde{Z}|^2$$



4-4. Harmonic waves as complex fn

$$\tilde{y} = A e^{i(kx - \omega t)}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Re}(\tilde{y}) = A \cos(kx - \omega t) ; \text{Im}(\tilde{y}) = A \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

4-5. plane waves

- In a 3-D space,

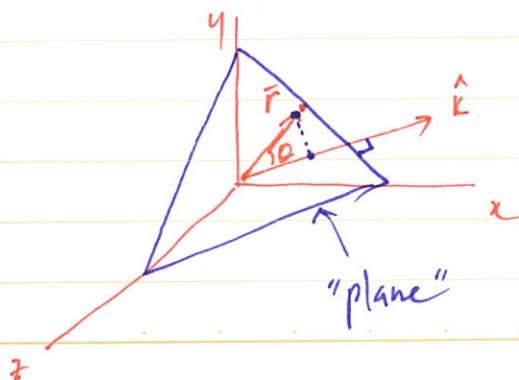
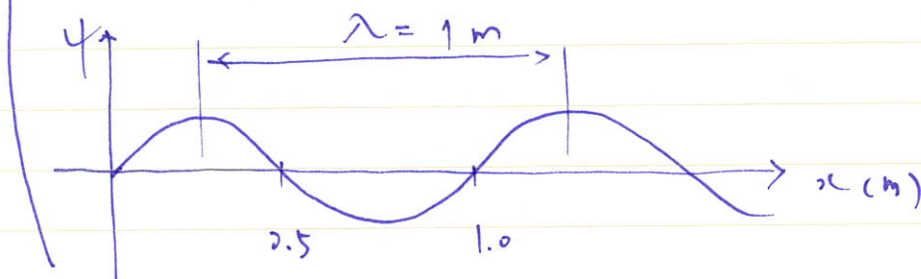
$$\psi(x, y, z) = A \sin(kr \cos \theta) \quad \text{for } t=0$$

$$\text{or } = A \sin(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}) ; \vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} = k_x x + k_y y + k_z z$$

$\rightarrow$ In a 1-D (x),

$$\psi = A \sin kx \quad \rightarrow \quad \psi = kx = \text{const. if } x = \text{const.}$$

"displacement" $\rightarrow$ "plane" waves (or wavefront)
(transverse to $\hat{k}$)



$$\psi(\vec{r}, t) = A e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$$

$$\rightarrow \nabla^2 \psi = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2}$$

4-b. Spherical waves

- originated in a point source for a homogeneous & isotropic medium

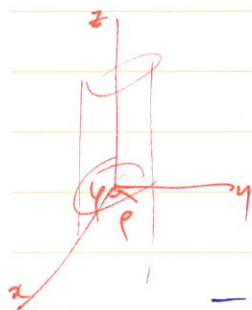
$$\psi = \left(\frac{A}{r}\right) e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \quad ; \quad r: \text{radial distance from the point source}$$

→ power decreases as $\left(\frac{1}{r}\right)^2$ ∴ inverse square law

→ $r \gg \lambda$, considered as a plane wave.

4-7 Cylindrical waves

- originated in (ex) a slit.



$$\psi = \frac{A}{\sqrt{\rho}} e^{i(k\rho - \omega t)} \quad ; \quad \rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \text{ if } z \text{ is the line of symmetry}$$

- does not satisfy the wave equation!

HW#2 prove it!

Hint: You must derive (or know) $\nabla^2 \psi = ?$

4-8 Electromagnetic waves

- Electric field $\vec{E}$,

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 \sin(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)$$

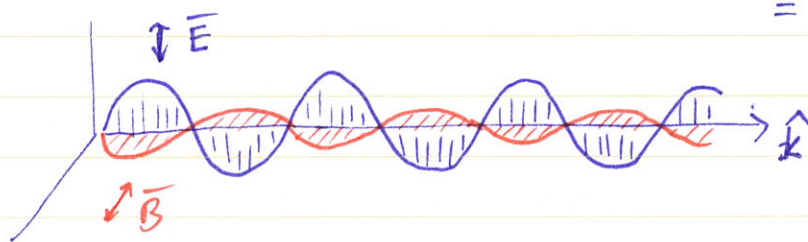
- Magnetic field $\vec{B}$,

$$\vec{B} = \vec{B}_0 \sin(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} |\vec{E}_0| = c |\vec{B}_0| \end{array} \right.$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}}$$



- energy density delivered by $\vec{E}$, $\times \vec{B}$,

$$u_E = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 \quad (\text{in free space})$$

$$u_B = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\mu_0} B^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\mu_0} \left(\frac{E}{c} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}{\mu_0} \right) E^2 = u_E$$

$\therefore$ total energy density u ,

$$u = u_E + u_B = 2u_B = 2u_E = \epsilon_0 E^2 = \left(\frac{1}{\mu_0} \right) B^2$$

- Rate of delivered energy : power, P

$$P = \frac{\text{Energy}}{\Delta t} = \frac{u \Delta V}{\Delta t} = \frac{u(Ac) \Delta t}{\Delta t} = u c A$$

• S : power per unit area S ,

$$S = u c$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{u} \sqrt{u} = (\sqrt{\epsilon_0} E) \left(\frac{1}{\mu_0} B \right)$$

$$= \frac{\epsilon_0}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}} E B = \epsilon_0 c E B$$

$$\therefore S = \epsilon_0 c^2 E B \quad (\text{Poynting vector})$$

$$\vec{S} = \epsilon_0 c^2 \vec{E} \times \vec{B}$$

• Due to rapid oscillation for VF ($f \sim 10^{15} \text{ Hz}$), average power per unit area is considered:

Irradiance, E_e

$$E_e = \langle |\vec{S}| \rangle = \epsilon_0 c^2 \langle E_0 B_0 \sin^2(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t) \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 c^2 E_0 B_0$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 c E_0^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{c}{\mu_0} \right) B_0^2$$