



- Waves transfer energy NOT matter
- Two categories of waves
- Mechanical Waves
  - require a medium (matter) to transfer wave energy
- Electromagnetic waves
  - no medium required to transfer wave energy



# **Mechanical Waves**

- Two types based on vibration direction
  - transverse
  - longitudinal
- Transverse vibrating *Perpendicular* to velocity direction
- Longitudinal vibrating Parallel to velocity direction



**longitudinal** 

# **5 Wave Properties**

- Velocity (v) meters/second
- Wavelength ( $\lambda$  lambda) meters
  - straight line peak to peak distance for one full wave cycle
- Frequency (f) Hertz
  - # of wave cycles passing a fixed point per second
- Period (T) seconds
  - # of seconds for one full wave cycle to pass a fixed point
- Amplitude (A) in units of wave displacement
  - measure of the energy transferred by the wave



# Wave Equation



What does wave speed depend on?

Wave velocity DOES NOT depend on frequency or wavelength Medium type and its properties determine wave speed

# Wave Source Controls Frequency

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speaker controls frequency of sound waves



### Frequency – Wavelength Relationship

frequency is NOT speed

$$frequency = \frac{\# wave \ cycles}{\sec \ ond} \qquad speed = \frac{\# of \ meters \ wave \ travels}{\sec \ ond}$$

equations for calculations

$$v = \frac{d}{t}$$
  $v = f\lambda$   $f = \frac{1}{T}$   $v = \frac{\lambda}{T}$ 

### Frequency – Wavelength Relationship

 Inverse relationship between frequency and wavelength



## Two ways to change wavelength

- Change frequency at the source
- Change velocity by changing medium

$$\lambda = \frac{v}{f}$$

### **11-11 Reflection and Transmission of Waves**



A wave reaching the end of its medium, but where the medium is still free to move, will be reflected (b), and its reflection will be upright.

<u>transverse</u>

A wave hitting an obstacle will be reflected (a), and its reflection will be inverted.

### Law of Reflection • angle of incidence $\theta_i$ = angle of reflection $\theta_r$

angles measured from the rays to the normal



# Wave Interference

- Wave pulses are energy not matter
- When pulses "collide" they overlap briefly
- Superposition principle
  - wave pulses can co-exist at the same point in a medium at the same time
  - they pass through without affecting each other
  - overlapping pulses: the resultant
    displacement of the medium is the algebraic
    (+/-) sum of the pulse amplitudes

### **Constructive Interference**



(b) Total overlap; the Slinky has twice the height of either pulse Two + amplitude pulses (upright) approaching

Total displacement is sum of individual pulses



After interference each pulse is unchanged

(c) The receding pulses

#### **Destructive Interference**



(b) Total overlap

+ amplitude, – amplitude pulses approach

complete destructive interference



pulses unchanged after interference

# Resonance

- A condition resulting in large amplitude oscillation (vibration) from a small amplitude input vibration or force
- Occurs only at specific "natural frequencies"
- Natural frequency determined by characteristics of the oscillating medium
  - Length and medium properties
  - series of natural frequencies exist for that medium
- Examples
  - child on a swing
  - wave apparatus
  - pendulum
  - tuning forks

### 11-13 Standing Waves; Resonance



Standing waves occur when both ends of a string are fixed. In that case, only waves which are motionless at the ends of the string can persist. There are nodes. where the amplitude is always zero, and antinodes, where the amplitude varies from zero to the maximum value. 16



### 11-13 Standing Waves; Resonance









First overtone or second harmonic,  $f_2 = 2f_1$ 



Second overtone or third harmonic,  $f_3 = 3f_1$ (b) Copyright © 2005 Pearson Prentice Hall, Inc. The frequencies of the standing waves on a particular string are called resonant frequencies.

### They are also referred to as the fundamental and harmonics.

next higher harmonic comes when  $\lambda/2$  is added into medium

### **11-13 Standing Waves; Resonance**

# The wavelengths and frequencies of standing waves in rope fixed at both ends are:

$$\lambda_n = \frac{2L}{n}, \qquad n = 1, 2, 3, \cdots$$
 (11-19a)

$$f_n = \frac{v}{\lambda_n} = n \frac{v}{2L} = n f_1, \qquad n = 1, 2, 3, \cdots$$
 (11-19b)

fundamental is lowest resonant frequency n = 1

higher harmonics are integer multiples of fundamental



## 4 wave interactions

1) Interference – overlapping of waves with each other

2) Reflection – bouncing off a boundary or different medium

3) Diffraction – bending around an obstacle

4) Refraction – change in direction when wave changes speed in a different medium

### **11-14 Refraction**

If the wave enters a medium where the wave speed is different, it will be refracted – its wave fronts and rays will change direction.



### **11-15 Diffraction**



When waves encounter an obstacle, they bend around it, leaving a "shadow region." This is called diffraction.

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# Chapter 12 Sound





# Sound Waves

- Mechanical requires a medium
- Longitudinal oscillations in air pressure



### Resonance in columns of air

### Open-pipe resonator



next higher harmonic comes when  $\lambda/2$  is added into medium

#### Closed pipe resonator



Not all harmonics form due to reflection from closed end

$$f_n = \frac{nv}{4L}$$

 $f_1 = fundamental$ 

higher harmonics are integer multiples of f<sub>1</sub>

next higher harmonic comes when  $\lambda/2$  is added into medium

### **12-6 Interference of Sound Waves; Beats**



# Sound waves interfere in the same way that other waves do in space.

When path lengths of 2 sound waves are equal they interfere constructively (at point C) yielding maximum intensity sound

When path lengths of 2 sound waves differ by  $\lambda/2$  they interfere destructively (at point D) yielding zero intensity sound



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### **12-6 Interference of Sound Waves; Beats**

Waves can also interfere in time, causing a phenomenon called beats. Beats are the slow "envelope" around two waves that are relatively close in frequency.

**Beat frequency = difference in frequencies** 



# **Doppler Effect**

- Change in frequency (pitch) that is perceived by an observer because of relative motion between sound source and observer
- "eee-yow"
- You MUST distinguish between cause and effect
  - Cause: compression or expansion of wavelength due to relative motion
  - Effect: Ear hears higher or lower pitch

### Doppler Effect – Stationary Observer



Source <u>approaching</u> observer: shorter wavelength results in pitch heard by observer being <u>higher</u> than actual

Source moving away from observer: longer wavelength results in pitch heard by observer being lower than actual

$$f' = \left[\frac{(343 \pm v_{obs})}{(343 \pm v_{source})}\right] \times f_{source} \qquad \text{car demo}$$