

Chapter 15

Wave function and Wave Equation

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$$\frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial t^2}$$

Linear ξ_1, ξ_2 are solution

$a\xi_1 + b\xi_2$ is also a solution

$$\frac{\partial^2 \xi_1}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \xi_1}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \xi_2}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \xi_2}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (a\xi_1 + b\xi_2) = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (a\xi_1 + b\xi_2)$$

$$a \left[\frac{\partial^2 \xi_1}{\partial x^2} \right] + b \frac{\partial^2 \xi_2}{\partial x^2} = a \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \xi_1}{\partial t^2} + b \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \xi_2}{\partial t^2}$$

This wave equation is linear

See Problem 15-59

$$\frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial t} = 2\psi_1 \frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial t} + 3\psi_1$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial t} = 2\psi_2 \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial t} + 3\psi_2$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (a\psi_1 + b\psi_2) \stackrel{?}{=} 2(a\psi_1 + b\psi_2) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (a\psi_1 + b\psi_2) + 3(a\psi_1 + b\psi_2)$$

no!

We shall only discuss the wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial t^2}$$

$y(x - vt)$ is a travelling wave moving toward right
 $y(x + vt)$ " " " " " " left

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harmonic waves
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idealization

Superposition and interference

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understand more complex waves
in terms of simple
harmonic waves

Different ways waves can be combined

Superposition Principle

Wave equations

Coh^{er}_{ence}

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An interference pattern occurs only when the
waves have a definite, stable
relation between their
frequencies and phase

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$$

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

$$= A \sin k(x - vt)$$

$$v = \frac{\omega}{k}$$

Harmonic wave

$$y(x, t) = A \sin(kx - \omega t) = A \sin k \left(x - \underbrace{\frac{\omega}{k}}_{v} t \right)$$

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$$A \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

Sinusoidal wave

$$y = A \cos(\underbrace{\omega t - kx}_{\theta} + \underbrace{\phi}_{\text{phase}})$$

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amplitude

$$y_1 = A_1 \cos(\theta + \phi_1), \quad y_2 = A_2 \cos(\theta + \phi_2)$$

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addition of similar Sinusoidal Waves

Addition of Similar Sinusoidal Waves

$$y = A \cos(\omega t - kx + \phi)$$

$\downarrow$ amplitude $\uparrow$ phase

$$y(x, t) = y_1 + y_2 = A_1 \cos(\theta + \phi_1) + A_2 \cos(\theta + \phi_2)$$

$$\theta = \omega t - kx$$

$$\cos(\theta \pm \phi) = \cos \theta \cos \phi \mp \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$y = (A_1 \cos \phi_1 + A_2 \cos \phi_2) \cos \theta - (A_1 \sin \phi_1 + A_2 \sin \phi_2) \sin \theta$$

$$y = C \cos(\underbrace{\omega t - kx}_\theta + \delta)$$

$$= C \cos \delta \cos \theta - C \sin \delta \sin \theta$$

$$C \cos \delta = A_1 \cos \phi_1 + A_2 \cos \phi_2$$

$$C \sin \delta = A_1 \sin \phi_1 + A_2 \sin \phi_2$$

$$\Rightarrow C^2 = (A_1 \cos \phi_1 + A_2 \cos \phi_2)^2 + (A_1 \sin \phi_1 + A_2 \sin \phi_2)^2$$

$$\tan \delta = \frac{A_1 \sin \phi_1 + A_2 \sin \phi_2}{A_1 \cos \phi_1 + A_2 \cos \phi_2}$$

$\Rightarrow$ Any two sinusoidal function superimpose into yet another sinusoidal function, different from the original components, only in amplitude and phase

$$\begin{aligned}
 C^2 &= A_1^2 (\sin^2 \phi_1 + \cos^2 \phi_1) + A_2^2 (\sin^2 \phi_2 + \cos^2 \phi_2) \\
 &\quad + 2A_1 A_2 (\cos \phi_1 \cos \phi_2 + \sin \phi_1 \sin \phi_2) \\
 &= A_1^2 + A_2^2 + 2A_1 A_2 \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

interference

note the importance of phase difference

$$\phi_1 = \phi_2 \Rightarrow C^2 = A_1^2 + A_2^2 + 2A_1 A_2 \rightarrow \text{maximum}$$

$$\phi_1 - \phi_2 = \pi \quad C^2 = A_1^2 + A_2^2 - 2A_1 A_2 \rightarrow \text{minimum}$$

Generalize to any number of components

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$$y = \sum_i y_i = \sum_i A_i \cos(\omega t - kx + \phi_i)$$

$$y = C \cos(\omega t - kx + \delta)$$

$$C^2 = \left(\sum_i A_i \cos \phi_i \right)^2 + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n A_i \sin \phi_i \right)^2$$

$$\tan \delta = \frac{\sum_i A_i \sin \phi_i}{\sum_i A_i \cos \phi_i}$$

Any number of sinusoidal waves in superposition
constitute still another sinusoidal wave

The Energy of Two Waves

The intensity of any sinusoidal wave is proportional to the square of the amplitude

Two such wave (different ~~and~~ only in amplitude and phase

$$C^2 = A_1^2 + A_2^2 + 2A_1A_2 \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2)$$

Average intensity over any number of complete cycles

$$I = I_1 + I_2 + \underbrace{2\sqrt{I_1 I_2} \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2)}_{\text{interference}}$$

$$\phi_1 - \phi_2 = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

waves appear independent of one another

$$I = I_1 + I_2$$

If $A_1 = A_2$

$$I = 2I_1 [1 + \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2)]$$

$$\phi_1 - \phi_2 = 0$$

$$4I_1$$

$$\phi_1 - \phi_2 = \pi$$

$$0$$

appearance or disappearance of the wave energy

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Young's interference

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coherence

Interference of two oppositely travelling waves

$$y = y_1 + y_2 = A \cos(\omega t - kx) + A \cos(\omega t + kx)$$

$$= 2A \cos kx \cos \omega t$$

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fixed points
of
zero distance

$$kx_n = (2n+1) \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad n=0, 1, 2, \dots$$



$$f_n(x) = A_n \cos(k_n x + \phi_n)$$

$$f_n(x) = f_n(x + 2L) \text{ periodic.}$$

$$k_n(2L) = 2n\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow k_n = \frac{n\pi}{L}$$

Fourier
Series.

$$F(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \cos(k_n x + \phi_n)$$

Fourier's theorem

$$= a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \right)$$

$$\frac{n\pi x}{L} = n\theta$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi x}{L}$$

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2L} \int_x^{x+2L} F(x) dx$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_x^{x+2L} F(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$$

$$b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_x^{x+2L} F(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx$$

$$\int_{\theta}^{\theta+2\pi} \sin n\theta \sin m\theta d\theta = \pi \delta_{n,m}$$

$$\int_{\theta}^{\theta+2\pi} \sin n\theta \cos m\theta d\theta = 0$$

$$\int_{\theta}^{\theta+2\pi} \cos n\theta \cos m\theta d\theta = \pi \delta_{m,n}$$

$$f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \right)$$

Define $k_1 = \frac{\pi}{L}$

$$\cos nk_1 x = \frac{1}{2} (e^{ink_1 x} + e^{-ink_1 x})$$

$$\sin nk_1 x = \frac{i}{2} (e^{-ink_1 x} - e^{ink_1 x})$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{ink_1 x}$$

$$c_0 = a_0$$

$$c_n = \frac{a_n - ib_n}{2}$$

$$c_{-n} = \frac{a_n + ib_n}{2}$$

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2L} \int_x^{x+2L} f(x) e^{-ink_1 x} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{2L} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ink_1 x} \int_{-L}^L f(x') e^{-ink_1 x'} dx'$$

$$k_1 \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{L}$$

$$f(x) = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} k_1 \int_{-L}^L f(x') e^{-ink_1 (x'-x)} dx'$$

$$\Delta k = k_{n+1} - k_n = \frac{\pi}{L} = k_1$$

$$k_n = nk_1$$

$$\lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} nk_1 = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} k_n = k$$

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \Delta k G(k_n)$$

$$f(x) = \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \Delta k \int_{-L}^L f(x') e^{-ik_n (x'-x)} dx'$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x') e^{-ikx'} dx' \right] e^{ikx}$$

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \quad G(k)$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(k) e^{ikx} dk \quad \text{Fourier integral}$$

$$G(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-ikx} dx$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ikx} e^{-\alpha x^2} dx = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}} e^{-k^2/4\alpha}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos kx e^{-\alpha x^2} dx + i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sin kx e^{-\alpha x^2} dx$$

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0
even - odd
argument

$$I_1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha x^2} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_1^2 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha x^2} dx \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha y^2} dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-\alpha(x^2+y^2)} dx dy \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} r dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta e^{-\alpha r^2} r dr \\ &= 2\pi \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\alpha r^2} r dr \end{aligned}$$

$$z = \alpha r^2$$

$$dz = 2r dr \cdot \alpha$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2\pi \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} e^{-z} \frac{dz}{\alpha} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{\alpha} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-z} dz \\ &= \frac{\pi}{\alpha} [-e^{-z}]_0^{\infty} = \frac{\pi}{\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

$$I_1^2 = \frac{\pi}{\alpha}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha x^2} dx = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}}$$

$$I_2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos kx e^{-\alpha x^2} dx$$

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$$\cos kx = 1 - \frac{(kx)^2}{2!} + \frac{(kx)^4}{4!} - \dots$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\alpha x^2} = \frac{1}{2\alpha} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha x^2} dx = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}}$$

$$\frac{d}{d\alpha} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha x^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi} \frac{d}{d\alpha} \alpha^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\parallel$$

$$- \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha x^2} x^2 dx = \sqrt{\pi} \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \alpha^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha x^2} x^2 dx = \frac{1}{2\alpha} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}}$$

Take derivative with respect to α again

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha x^2} x^4 dx = \frac{3}{2^2 \alpha} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}}$$

$$I_2 = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}} \left[1 - \frac{k^2}{4\alpha} + \frac{3k^4}{\alpha^2 4! 2^2} - \frac{3 \cdot 5 k^6}{\alpha^3 6! 2^3} + \dots \right]$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}} \left[1 - \frac{k^2}{4\alpha} + \frac{\left(\frac{k^2}{4\alpha}\right)^2}{2!} - \frac{\left(\frac{k^2}{4\alpha}\right)^3}{3!} + \dots \right]$$

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$$e^{-k^2/4\alpha}$$

$$F(x) = e^{-\alpha x^2}$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{\alpha}} e^{-k^2/4\alpha}$$

$$e^{-\alpha \tilde{x}^2} = e^{-1}$$

$$\tilde{x}^2 = \frac{1}{\alpha}$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha}}$$

$$e^{-\tilde{k}_1^2/4\alpha} = e^{-1}$$

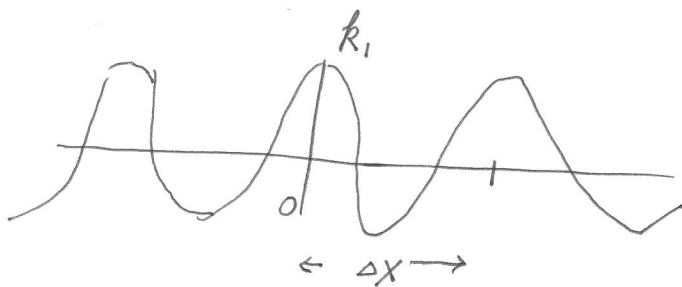
$$\tilde{k}_1^2/4\alpha = 1$$

$$\boxed{\tilde{k}_1 = 2\sqrt{\alpha}}$$

$$\Delta k = 4\sqrt{\alpha}$$

$$\Delta k \Delta x \sim O(1)$$

uncertainty principle



$x > \Delta x$ want the wave to "vanish"
or
small

The ^{sinuoidal} wave with k_1 outside

must be destructively interfered by a sinuoidal wave

$$k_1 \Delta x - k_2 \Delta x \sim \pi$$

$$\boxed{(\Delta k) (\Delta x) \sim \pi}$$

uncertainty principle

with wave
number k_2
such that
the phase
difference

Δx smaller

Δk must grow

$$\boxed{p \sim \hbar k} \text{ in matter wave}$$

$$\boxed{\Delta p \Delta x \gtrsim \hbar}$$

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Heisenberg's uncertainty
principle.

The solution of the problems for
Chapter 14 - 16 is on line

Final Jan 10 7:00 pm

Chapter 11 - 16

Thursday

$$F(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(k) e^{i(kx - \omega t)} dk$$

$$F(x, 0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(k) e^{ikx} dk$$

$$A(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x, 0) e^{-ikx} dx.$$

Energy associated with the wave

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$$\begin{aligned} & \int_x^{x+2L} [F(x)]^2 dx \\ &= \int_x^{x+2L} \left[\left(a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \right) \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left(a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + b_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \right) \right] dx \\ &\sim a_0^2 (2L) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n^2 + b_n^2) L \end{aligned}$$

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Fourier Energy theorem.

Advantages of use Fourier Series Expansion.

Problem 46 of Chapter 15

Applicable to any periodic function.
(even with finite discontinuity)

Similar to Taylor expansion

Addition of two different k values

$$v = \frac{\omega}{k}$$

So far we have consider the case

$$v = \text{constant}$$

k vary

ω, v
may
either
one
or
both

$$y_1 = A e^{i[(k+dk)x - (\omega+d\omega)t]}$$

$$y_2 = A e^{i[(k-dk)x - (\omega-d\omega)t]}$$

$$y = y_1 + y_2 = A e^{i(kx - \omega t)} \left[e^{i(dkx - d\omega t)} + e^{-i(dkx - d\omega t)} \right]$$

$$2 \cos(dkx - d\omega t)$$

Real of y

$$y = 2A \cos(dkx - d\omega t) \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

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waves propagating
with group
velocity
 $\frac{d\omega}{dk}$

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moving with
phase velocity
 v_p

No dispersive medium

$$v = \frac{\omega}{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega = ck$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\frac{d\omega}{dk} = v$$

The group velocity
is the same as
the phase velocity

Dispersive medium

$$v_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk} = \frac{d(vk)}{dk}$$

$$= v + k \left(\frac{dv}{dk} \right)$$

< 0

$$v_g < v_p$$

v is a function of $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$

Example different
color light
propagating with
different velocity

The energy carried by the wave would propagate at
the group velocity

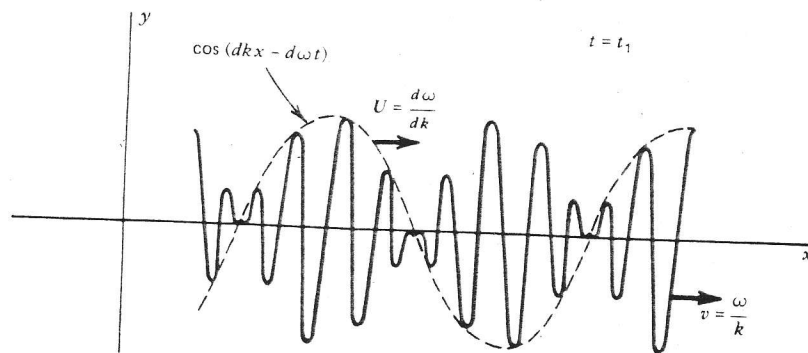


Figure 3.18. The sum of two waves of slightly differing angular frequency and wave number.

Gaussian wave packet

$$A(k) = \sigma e^{-(k-k_0)^2 \sigma^2/2}$$

$$F(x, t) = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(k-k_0)^2 \sigma^2/2} e^{i(kx - \omega t)} dk$$

$$\omega(k) \simeq \underbrace{\omega_0 + \left(\frac{d\omega}{dk}\right)_{k_0} (k-k_0)}_{\text{keep}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2\omega}{dk^2} (k-k_0)^2 + \dots$$

$$F(x, t) = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{i(k_0 x - \omega_0 t)} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(k-k_0)^2 \sigma^2/2 - (k_0 - k)(x - Ut)} dk$$

$$\text{Let } a^2 = \sigma^2/2 \quad U = \left(\frac{d\omega}{dk}\right)_{k_0}$$

$$b = -i(x - Ut)$$

$$F(x, t) = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{i(k_0 x - \omega_0 t)} \frac{e^{b^2/4a^2}}{a} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du$$

$$= e^{i(k_0 x - \omega_0 t)} e^{-(x - Ut)^2/2\sigma^2}$$

center of the Gaussian is moving
with ~~constant~~ group velocity $\frac{d\omega}{dk}$