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Velocity of plane progressive wave through elastic solid

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Let us consider a cylindrical elastic solid medium (rod). Let A and B are the two normal planes at a distance x and $x + \delta x$ from some arbitrary origin. When the medium is disturbed by applying a force per unit cross section F , let A is displaced to A' by an amount y while the plane B is displaced to B' by an amount $y + \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \delta x$.

Original length of the medium between A and B = δx
and between A' and B' = δx

Hence increase in length = $\frac{dy}{dx} \delta x$.

$$\therefore \text{Longitudinal strain} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dx} \delta x}{\delta x} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

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Hence, Young's modulus = $\frac{\text{longitudinal stress}}{\text{longitudinal strain}}$

$$\Rightarrow Y = \frac{-F}{dy/dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow F = -Y \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Net force acting between layers A and B

$$= -Y \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=x} + Y \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=x+\delta x}$$

$$= Y \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} \delta x$$

If ρ be the mass per unit length of the rod, then force = mass \times accel.

$$\Rightarrow Y \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} \delta x = \rho \delta x \cdot \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\rho}{Y} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Again one dimensional wave equation,

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

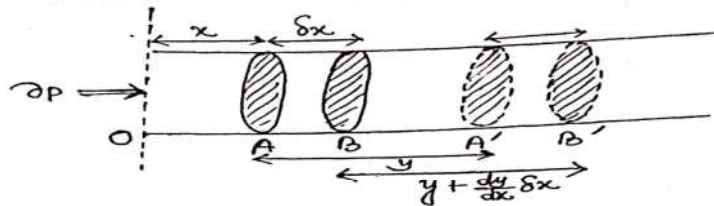
Comparing we get,

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

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Expression for the velocity of a plane longitudinal wave propagating in gaseous medium or liquid medium.

We consider a tube of cross-section α in the fluid medium. Let A and B are the two normal plane section at a distance x and $x + \delta x$ from some arbitrary origin. When the medium is disturbed by applying an excess pressure δp , let A is displaced to A' by an amount y while the plane B is displaced to B' by an amount $y + \frac{dy}{dx} \delta x$.



Original volume of the fluid between plane A and B = α

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Distance between planes A' and B'} &= OB' - OA' \\ &= (x + \delta x + y + \frac{dy}{dx} \delta x) - (x + y) \\ &= \delta x + \frac{dy}{dx} \delta x \end{aligned}$$

Final volume of the fluid between planes A' and B' = $\alpha (\delta x + \frac{dy}{dx} \delta x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Change in volume of the fluid} &= \alpha \delta x + \alpha \frac{dy}{dx} \delta x \\ &= \frac{dy}{dx} \alpha \delta x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence volume strain} &= \frac{\text{Change in volume}}{\text{Original volume}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{dy}{dx} \alpha \delta x}{\alpha \delta x} = \frac{dy}{dx} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Bulk modulus of the medium} = \frac{\text{Volume stress}}{\text{Volume strain}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} K &= - \frac{\delta p}{(\frac{dy}{dx})} \\ \Rightarrow \delta p &= -K \frac{dy}{dx} \end{aligned}$$

Net force acting between the layers A and B,

$$= -K \alpha \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x=x} + K \alpha \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x=x+\delta x}$$

$$= -K \alpha \frac{dy}{dx} + K \alpha \frac{dy}{dx} + K \alpha \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \delta x$$

$$= K \alpha \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \delta x$$

neglecting higher order



If ρ be the density of the fluid, then mass of the layer between plane A and B = $\rho \alpha \delta x$.

Hence equation of motion,
force = mass \times accel.

$$\Rightarrow K \alpha \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \delta x = \rho \alpha \delta x \times \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{\rho}{K} \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Again one dimensional wave equation,

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \cdot \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Where v is the velocity of the wave.

Comparing equation (1) and (2), we get —

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

Which is the velo. of longitudinal wave through fluid medium.

2) Newton's law about velo. of sound in gas medium —

According to Newton compression and rarefaction of gas medium occurs very slowly at the time of propagation of sound wave.

Hence the process is isothermal.

$$\therefore pV = \text{const}$$

$$\Rightarrow p dv + v dp = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow - \frac{dp}{dv/v} = p$$

$$\Rightarrow K = p$$

Hence

$$v = \sqrt{p/\rho}$$



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ii) Laplace's correction —

According to Laplace this process occurs very quickly, hence the process is adiabatic.

$$\therefore p v^\gamma = \text{const} \quad \text{where } \gamma = c_p/c_v$$

$$\text{Diff. } p \cdot \gamma v^{\gamma-1} dv + v^\gamma dp = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow - \frac{dp}{dv/v} = \gamma p$$

$$\Rightarrow \kappa = \gamma p$$

Hence

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



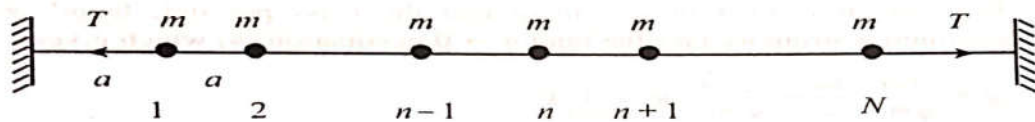
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A string of negligible mass is fixed at $x = 0$ and $x = l$. The N number of massive beads are fixed on the string at $x = a, 2a, \dots, Na$ at equilibrium below figure. Each bead has mass m . The tension of the beaded string is T . Show that the dispersion relation for the normal modes of small transverse oscillations of the beads along the y -direction is

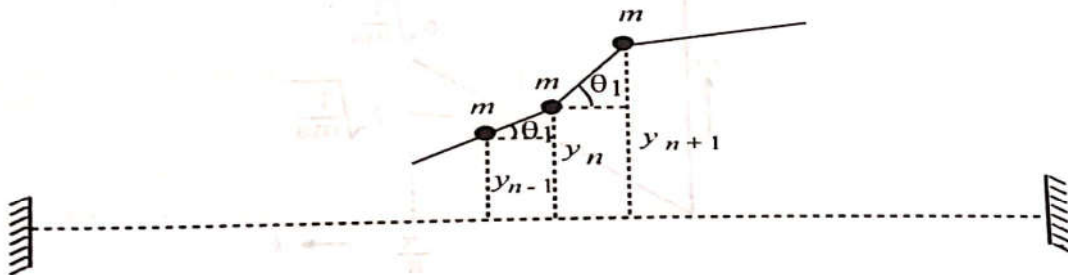
$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{4T}{ma}} \sin\left(\frac{ka}{2}\right).$$

From this equation, show with proper limiting procedure that the dispersion relation for the massive continuous string is $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}} k$ where μ is the mass per unit length of the massive continuous string.

In order to find the equation of motion of the n th bead below:



We consider the n -th bead and its neighbours ($n - 1$) (to the left) and ($n + 1$) (to the right). Let y_{n-1}, y_n and y_{n+1} be the transverse displacement of the ($n - 1$), n and ($n + 1$) the bead respectively below:



Then the force on the n th bead along the y -direction is

$$F_y = T \sin \theta_2 - T \sin \theta_1 = T \frac{y_{n+1} - y_n}{a} - T \frac{y_n - y_{n-1}}{a}$$

Where for small oscillations θ_1 and θ_2 are very small so that we may put $\sin \theta_2 = \tan \theta_2$ and $\sin \theta_1 = \tan \theta_1$.

$$\text{Thus, } m \frac{d^2 y_n}{dt^2} = \frac{T}{a} [y_{n+1} - 2y_n + y_{n-1}] \quad \dots (1)$$

For normal modes of oscillations, each bead oscillates harmonically with the same frequency ω and with the same phase constant ϕ :

$$y_i = A_i \cos(\omega t + \phi), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N.$$

Now, we have from equation (1) the following difference equation

$$A_{n+1} + A_{n-1} = \left(2 - \frac{m\omega^2 a}{T}\right) A_n \quad \dots (2)$$

Let us try a solution of equation (2) in the form

$$A_n = B \sin(kna) \quad \dots (3)$$

$$\sin[k(n+1)a] + \sin[k(n-1)a] = \left(2 - \frac{m\omega^2 a}{T}\right) \sin(kna) \quad \dots (3)$$

$$\text{Or, } 2 \sin(kna) \cos ka = \left(2 - \frac{m\omega^2 a}{T}\right) \sin(kna)$$

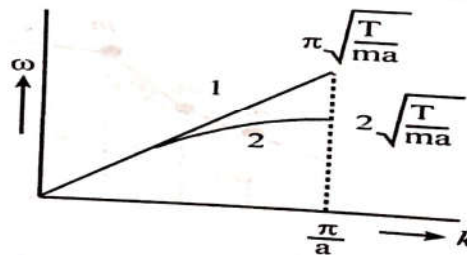
$$\text{Hence equation (3) is a solution provided } 2 \cos ka = 2 - \frac{m\omega^2 a}{T} \text{ Or, } \omega^2 = \frac{4T}{ma} \sin^2\left(\frac{ka}{2}\right).$$

$$\text{Thus, the required dispersion relation is } \omega = \sqrt{\frac{4T}{ma}} \sin\left(\frac{ka}{2}\right). \quad \dots (4)$$

In a length 'a' total mass = m so that the mass per unit length = $\mu = m/a$. For the continuous string we take the limit $a \rightarrow 0$ in equation (4) which gives

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{4T}{ma}} \cdot \frac{ka}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{Ta^2}{ma}} \cdot k = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}} k \quad \dots (5)$$

The $\omega - k$ graph of the continuous string (1) and the beaded string (2) is shown in fig. below:

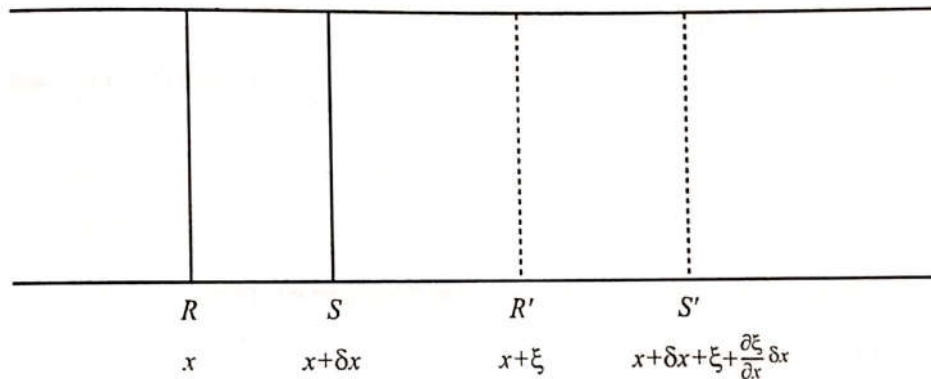


4.1.1. Show that the velocity of propagation of longitudinal waves in a fluid (liquid or gas) contained in an infinitely long tube is given by $v = \sqrt{K/\rho_0}$

Where $k =$ Bulk modulus of the fluid,

$\rho_0 =$ Equilibrium density of the fluid.

Ans: We consider an infinitely long tube of cross section A (Fig below), containing a fluid (liquid or gas). Suppose that originally the fluid is at rest, its density is ρ_0 and pressure P_0 . Let R be a section of the medium of area A , perpendicular to the direction of propagation of the wave. Let S be a parallel section of equal area δx apart, δx being an elementary thickness of the layer. The co-ordinates of R and S are x and $x + \delta x$ respectively. Originally the small cylinder of fluid RS experiences an equal pressure P_0 exerted at both ends by the



surrounding fluid. Suppose the fluid is set into longitudinal agitation, for example by inserting a piston in the tube somewhere to the left of R and causing it to oscillate longitudinally. This will set the adjacent fluid into longitudinal oscillation, and this disturbance will propagate along the fluid in the form of a longitudinal wave. Suppose that at a given instant, the cylinder RS is displaced to a new position $R'S'$ such that $R'R = \xi$ and $S'S = \xi + \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} \delta x$. The variable ξ measures the longitudinal displacement of a point due to the passage of the wave. The thickness of the layer $R'S'$ is $\delta x + \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} \delta x$. Thus, the increase of thickness of the layer due to the longitudinal oscillation at that instant $\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} \delta x$. Since there is no motion perpendicular to the direction of propagation of the wave, the corresponding increase in volume $= A \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} \delta x$.

We shall find the equation of motion of the fluid at $R'S'$. For this purpose we require to know its mass and the pressure at its two ends. Its mass is same as the mass of the undisturbed element RS , that is $A\rho_0\delta x$, where $\rho_0 =$ normal average density or equilibrium density of the fluid. Let the pressure on the left-hand face R' be P and that on the right-hand face S' be $P + \delta P$. The bulk modulus K of a material is a measure of the pressure increase to change its volume by a given amount. It is defined as



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$$K = \frac{\text{Stress}}{\text{Strain}} = \frac{\text{Extra pressure applied}}{\text{Fractional change in volume}}$$

Proceeding to the limit of vanishing small change in volume, we obtain

$$K = -\frac{dP}{\frac{dV}{V}} = -V \frac{dP}{dV}$$

The minus sign indicates that the volume decreases if the pressure increases

$$\text{Volume strain} = \frac{dV}{V} = \frac{\text{increase in volume}}{\text{original volume}} = \frac{A \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} \delta x}{A \delta x} = \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x}$$

Thus from equation (1) we find that the extra pressure over normal undisturbed pressure

$$= -K \frac{dV}{V} = -K \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x}$$

If we define acoustic pressure as $p = P - P_0$

$$\text{We have } p = -K \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x}$$

Equating the net force on the displaced cylinder $R'S'$ to the product of mass and acceleration (Newton's second law), we get

$$PA - (P + \delta P)A = (A\rho_0 \delta x) \frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\text{Or, } -\delta P = \rho_0 \delta x \frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial t^2}$$

From equation (3) we have $\delta p = \delta P$ since P_0 is constant. Thus,

$$-\delta p = -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \delta x = (\rho_0 \delta x) \frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\text{Using equation (4) we obtain } K \frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial x^2} = \rho_0 \frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\text{Or, } \frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{K/\rho_0} \frac{\partial^2 \xi}{\partial t^2}$$

$$v = \sqrt{K/\rho_0}$$

4.1.2. In the previous problem show that $\rho = \rho_0 \left(1 - \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x}\right)$

Where $\rho_0 =$ equilibrium density of the fluid

$\rho =$ density for the fluid in the disturbed position and $\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} =$ volume strain.

Ans: Volume of the fluid at $R'S' = A\delta x + A \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} \delta x$.

$$\text{Hence, } \rho = \frac{A\rho_0 \delta x}{A\delta x + A \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} \delta x} = \frac{\rho_0}{1 + \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x}} = \rho_0 \left(1 - \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x}\right)$$

Where $\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} \ll 1$.

Note: If we define condensation (s) as

$$s = \frac{\rho - \rho_0}{\rho_0}, \text{ then we find } s = -\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial x} \text{ and } \rho = \rho_0(1 + s)$$



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