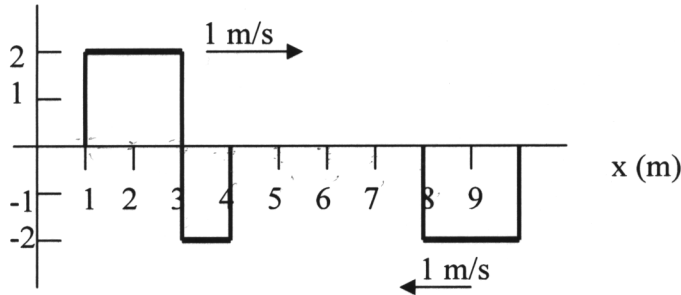


**Waves – Set 2**

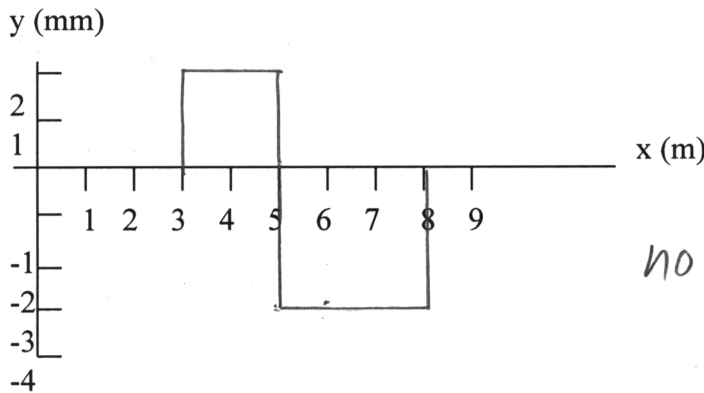
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**Problems Solved**        / 8

Below is a snapshot graph (x vs. y) of two wave pulses at  $t = 0$ s, moving with the velocities indicated in the graph.

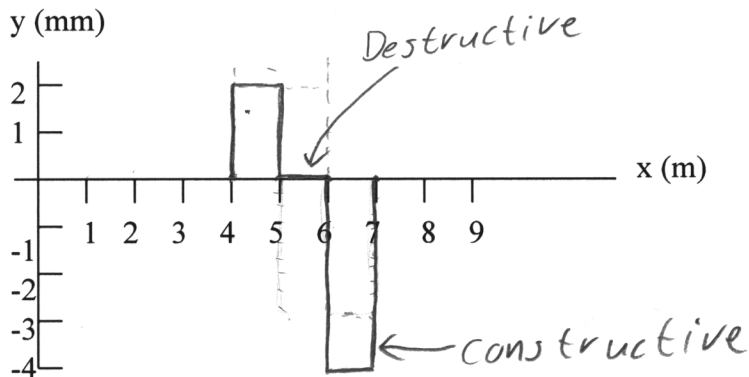


a) Draw a snapshot graph at  $t = 2$ s. At what point(s) along the x axis is there completely constructive/destructive interference?

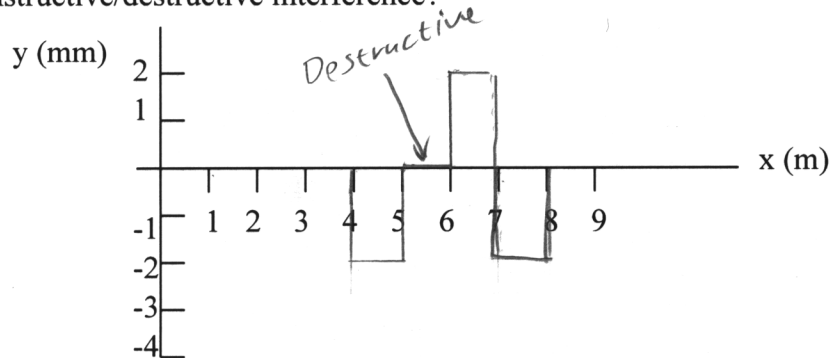


*no interference yet*

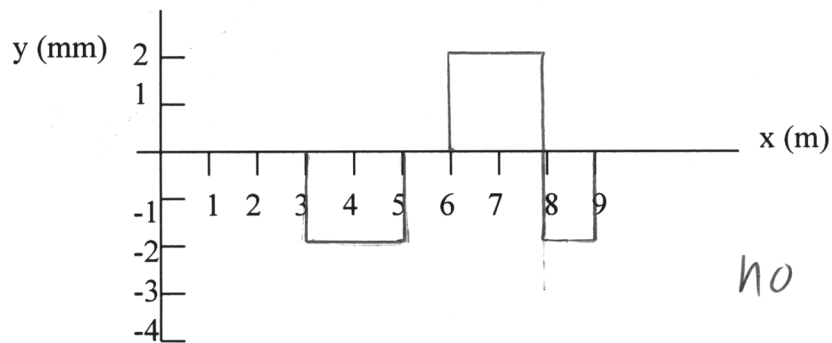
b) Draw a snapshot graph at  $t = 3$ s. At what point(s) along the x axis is there completely constructive/destructive interference?



c) Draw a snapshot graph at  $t = 4\text{s}$ . At what point(s) along the x axis is there completely constructive/destructive interference?



d) Draw a snapshot graph at  $t = 5\text{s}$ . At what point(s) along the x axis is there completely constructive/destructive interference?



Two sinusoidal waves with identical wavelengths  $\lambda$  and amplitudes  $A$  travel in the same direction at a speed of  $v$ . The second wave originates from the same point as the first, but at a later time. The amplitude,  $A_{net}$ , of the resultant wave is the same as that of each of the two initial waves ( $A_{net}=A$ ). Determine the minimum time lag between the two waves.

Given

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$$

$$A_1 = A_2$$

$$\vec{v}_1 = \vec{v}_2$$

$$\Delta x = 0$$

$$A_{net} = A$$

want

$\Delta t$

$$y_1 = A \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

$$y_2 = A \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi)$$

phase due to  
time lag

$$\boxed{\phi = -\omega \Delta t}$$

$$y_{net} = y_1 + y_2$$

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

$$\boxed{* \text{ trig ID: } \sin a + \sin b = 2 \cos\left(\frac{a-b}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{net} = 2A \cos\left[\frac{1}{2}(kx - \omega t - kx + \omega t - \phi)\right] \sin\left[\frac{1}{2}(kx - \omega t + kx - \omega t + \phi)\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{net} = \underbrace{2A \cos\left(-\frac{\phi}{2}\right)}_{\text{Amplitude}} \sin\left[kx - \omega t + \frac{\phi}{2}\right] \quad \text{Traveling wave}$$

Amplitude

$$A_{new} = 2A \cos\left(+\frac{\omega \Delta t}{\phi}\right), \quad \text{want } A_{new} = A$$

$$A = 2A \cos\left(+\frac{\omega \Delta t}{\phi}\right) \Rightarrow \cos\left(+\frac{\omega \Delta t}{\phi}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

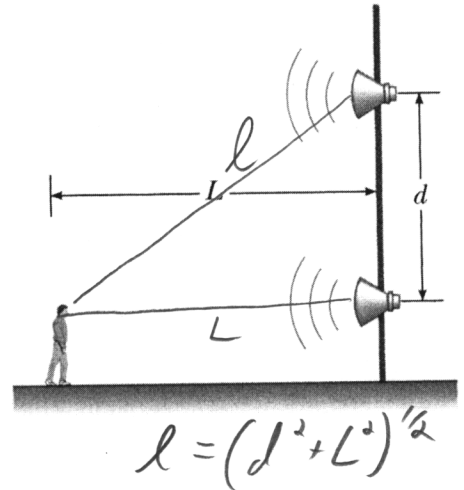
$$\Rightarrow \frac{\omega \Delta t}{\phi} = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta t = \frac{\phi}{\omega} \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

get  $\omega$  into  $\lambda$ :  $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi f, \quad v = f\lambda$

$$\Rightarrow \omega = 2\pi \frac{v}{\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta t = \frac{\lambda}{\pi v} \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

Two speakers are driven by the same oscillator at a frequency  $f$ . They are located a distance  $d$  from each other on a vertical pole. A man walks straight toward the lower speaker in a direction perpendicular to the poles as shown in the figure. The speed of sound is  $v$ .



Find an expression for the location of the minima between the man and the pole?

\* Find phase difference

$$\phi = k \Delta l, \quad \Delta l = l - L = (d^2 + L^2)^{1/2} - L$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = k [(d^2 + L^2)^{1/2}] - L$$

\* Pick destructive interference

$$\phi_0 = (2n + 1)\pi$$

$$\text{Then: } (2n + 1)\pi = k [(d^2 + L^2)^{1/2} - L]$$

$$\Rightarrow (2n + 1)\pi = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} [(d^2 + L^2)^{1/2} - L]$$

$$\Rightarrow (n + \frac{1}{2})\lambda = (d^2 + L^2)^{1/2} - L$$

$$\Rightarrow [(n + \frac{1}{2})\lambda - L]^2 = (d^2 + L^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow [(n + \frac{1}{2})\lambda]^2 - 2(n + \frac{1}{2})\lambda L + L^2 = d^2 + L^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{L = \frac{d^2 - (n + \frac{1}{2})^2 \lambda^2}{2(n + \frac{1}{2})\lambda}}$$

Pythagorean  
mess

Two waves simultaneously present in a long string are given by the wave functions

$$y_1(x, t) = A \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi) \text{ and } y_2(x, t) = A \sin(kx + \omega t)$$

We showed earlier that when  $\phi=0$ , a standing wave is formed.

- a) Show that the addition of the arbitrary phase constant changes only the position of the nodes.
- b) Show that the distance between nodes is still  $\frac{\lambda}{2}$ .

$$y_{net} = A(\sin(kx - \omega t + \phi) + \sin(kx + \omega t))$$

$$= 2A \cos\left[\frac{1}{2}(kx - \omega t + \phi - kx - \omega t)\right] \sin\left[\frac{1}{2}(kx - \omega t + \phi + kx + \omega t)\right]$$

$$y_{net} = 2A \cos\left[-\omega t + \frac{\phi}{2}\right] \sin\left[kx + \frac{\phi}{2}\right] \quad \text{standing wave}$$

nodes at  $\sin\left[kx + \frac{\phi}{2}\right]$ , nodes shifted by  $\frac{\phi}{2}$

b) nodes when:  $\sin\left[kx + \frac{\phi}{2}\right] = 0$

$$\Rightarrow kx + \frac{\phi}{2} = 0, \pi, 2\pi, \text{ etc...}$$

$$\Rightarrow kx + \frac{\phi}{2} = n\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow kx = n\pi - \frac{\phi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} x = n\pi - \frac{\phi}{2}$$

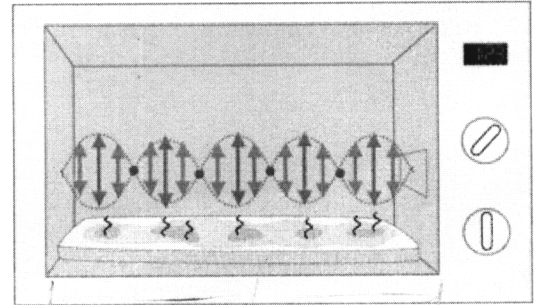
$$\Rightarrow x_n = \left(n\pi - \frac{\phi}{2}\right) \frac{\lambda}{2\pi}$$

$$\Delta x = x_{n+1} - x_n = \left[\left(n\pi - \frac{\phi}{2}\right) \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} - \left((n+1)\pi - \frac{\phi}{2}\right) \frac{\lambda}{2\pi}\right]$$

$$\Delta x = -\frac{\lambda}{2} \leftarrow \text{oops, subtracted backwards!} \quad \therefore$$

$$\boxed{\Delta x = \frac{\lambda}{2}}$$

In microwave ovens, food is heated by standing waves of high-frequency electric fields ( $f = 2.45 \text{ GHz}$ ). Most ovens use a rotating tray because standing waves give rise to cold spots if the food is stationary. What is the shortest distance between cold spots for stationary food?



nodes occur every  $\frac{\lambda}{2}$  meters

independent of the size of the cavity.

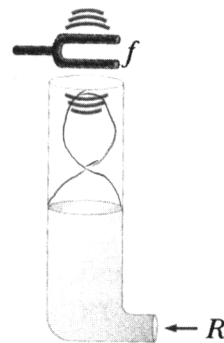
Of course, the cavity size must be chosen to give standing waves when  $f = 2.45 \text{ GHz}$

$$d = \frac{\lambda}{2}, \quad c = \lambda f \quad \text{where } c \text{ is the speed of light}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{d = \frac{c}{2f}} \Rightarrow d = \frac{2.99 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{2 \cdot 2.45 \times 10^9 \text{ cycles/s}} = .06 \text{ m}$$

$$\boxed{d = 6 \text{ cm}}$$

In the figure, water is pumped into a tall vertical cylinder at a volume flow rate of  $\frac{dV}{dt}$ . The radius of the cylinder is  $r$  and at the open top of the cylinder a tuning fork is vibrating with a frequency  $f$ . As the water rises, how much time elapses between successive resonances?



\* What is the distance,  $\Delta L$ , between successive resonances?

In general,  $L_n = n \frac{\lambda}{4}$  For a fixed wavelength  $\lambda$

Then:  $\Delta L = L_{n+2} - L_n = (n+2) \frac{\lambda}{4} - n \frac{\lambda}{4}$

↑  
resonance at  
odd n only

$$\Rightarrow \Delta L = \frac{\lambda}{4}(n+2 - n) \Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta L = \frac{\lambda}{2}} \quad \textcircled{1}$$

\* What is  $\Delta t$  for a change  $\Delta L$  given  $\frac{dV}{dt}$ ?

$V = \pi r^2 L$  ← Volume.

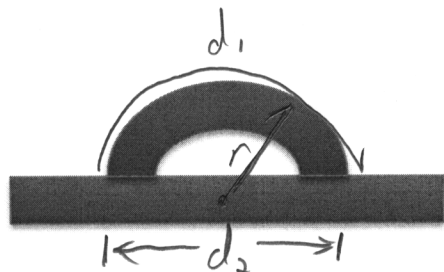
$$\Rightarrow \frac{dV}{dt} = \overbrace{\pi r^2}^{\text{constant}} \frac{dL}{dt} \Rightarrow \int_{L_1}^{L_2} dL = \frac{1}{\pi r^2} \frac{dV}{dt} \int_{t_0}^{t_1} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta L = \frac{1}{\pi r^2} \frac{dV}{dt} \Delta t} \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$\text{So: } \frac{\lambda}{2} = \frac{1}{\pi r^2} \frac{dV}{dt} \Delta t \Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta t = \frac{\pi r^2 \lambda}{2 \frac{dV}{dt}}} \quad \textcircled{3}$$

Your friend has designed a new kind of muffler for a car. Noisy exhaust gases with a 40.0cm wavelength leave the engine and travel rightward to the tailpipe through a tube that consists of a straight portion and a half-circle. Part of the sound wave travels through the half-circle and rejoins the rest of the wave, which goes directly through the straight portion. This rejoining results in interference. What is the smallest radius  $r$  that results in an intensity minimum at the tailpipe?

Given  
 $\lambda = 40 \text{ cm}$



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Phase: } \phi = k \Delta l \\ \text{Destroy: } \phi_0 = (2n+1)\pi \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow (2n+1)\pi = k \Delta l$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta l = (n + \frac{1}{2})\lambda}$$

$$\Delta l = d_1 - d_2, \quad d_1 = \pi r, \quad d_2 = 2r$$

$$\Delta l = \pi r - 2r$$

$$\Rightarrow (\pi - 2)r = (n + \frac{1}{2})\lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{(n + \frac{1}{2})\lambda}{(\pi - 2)} \quad \text{min } r \text{ at } n = 0$$

$$r = \frac{\lambda}{2(\pi - 2)} = \boxed{\frac{\lambda}{2\pi - 4}}$$