

Physics 6B - Fall Session 2008
MIDTERM #1 solutions

PROBLEM 1.

The position of a simple harmonic motion as a function of time is given by $x = 2.0 \cos(2\pi t/3 + \pi/6)$ where t is in seconds and x in meters. Find

- (a) the period and frequency,
- (b) the velocity and acceleration at $t = 2.0$ s,
- (c) the total distance traveled between $t = 1.0$ s and $t = 2.0$ s.

(a) $\omega = 2\pi/3 \Rightarrow$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 3 \text{ s}$$

$$f = 1/T = 1/3 \text{ Hz}$$

(b) $v = -\frac{4\pi}{3} \sin(2\pi t/3 + \pi/6)$

$$v(t=2) = +4\pi/3 \text{ m/s} = 4.19 \text{ m/s}$$

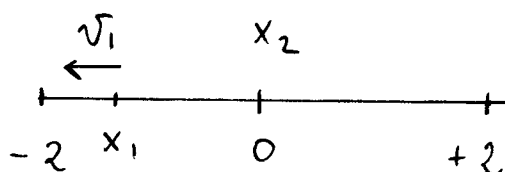
$a = -\frac{8\pi^2}{9} \cos(2\pi t/3 + \pi/6)$

$$a(t=2) = 0 \text{ m/s}^2$$

(c) $\Delta t = 1 \text{ s} < T (= 3 \text{ s}) \Rightarrow$ less than 1 cycle.

$x_1 = x(t=1) = -1.73 \text{ m} \quad v_1 = v(t=1) < 0$

$x_2 = x(t=2) = 0 \text{ m}$



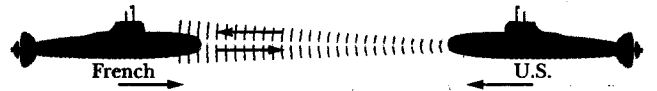
\Rightarrow

$$d = (2 + 0.27) \text{ m} = 2.27 \text{ m}$$

PROBLEM 2.

A French submarine and a U.S. submarine move head-on during maneuvers in motionless water in the North Atlantic (see figure). The French sub moves at 14 m/s and the U.S. sub at 20 m/s. The French sub sends out a sonar signal (sound wave in water) at 1000 Hz. Sonar waves travel at 1500 m/s.

- (a) What is the signal's frequency as detected by the U.S. sub?
- (b) What frequency is detected by the French sub in the signal reflected back to it by the U.S. sub?
- (c) If the frequency detected by the French sub in the signal reflected back to it by the U.S. sub was 1030 Hz instead, what would be the U.S. sub speed?



(a)

$$f' = \left(\frac{v + v_D}{v - v_s} \right) f$$

$$f' \approx 1023 \text{ Hz}$$

with:

$$v = 1500 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_D = +20 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_s = +14 \text{ m/s}$$

$$f = 1000 \text{ Hz}$$

(b) same formula

$$f' \approx 1047 \text{ Hz}$$

but with:

$$v_D = +14 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_s = +20 \text{ m/s}$$

$$f = 1023 \text{ Hz}$$

(c) $f' = \frac{v + v_{us}}{v - v_F} f$, $f'' = \frac{v + v_F}{v - v_{us}} f'$

then $f'' = \frac{v + v_F}{v - v_{us}} \cdot \frac{v + v_{us}}{v - v_F} f$

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$$v_{us} = 8.2 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v = 1500 \text{ m/s}$$

$$f'' = 1030 \text{ Hz}$$

$$f = 1000 \text{ Hz}$$

$$v_F = 14 \text{ m/s}$$

PROBLEM 3.

A string is driven into wave motion at a frequency of 10.0 Hz. The amplitude of the motion is 10.0 cm and the wave travels at a speed of 10.0 m/s to the left (in the $-x$ direction). Furthermore, the wave is such that $y = 0$ at $x = 0$ and $t = 0$. Determine

- (a) the angular frequency, and
- (b) angular wave number for this wave.
- (c) Write an expression for the wave function.

Calculate

- (d) the maximum transverse speed and
- (e) the maximum transverse acceleration of an element of the string.

Include units in your answers.

SOLUTION 3.

(a) $\omega = 2\pi f = (2\pi \text{ rad/cycle})(10.0 \text{ cycle/s}) = \boxed{62.8 \text{ rad/s}}$

(b) $k = \omega/v_x = (62.8 \text{ rad/s})/(10.0 \text{ m/s}) = \boxed{0.628 \text{ rad/m}}$

(c) $y(x, t) = A \sin(kx + \omega t + \phi) = \boxed{(10.0 \text{ cm}) \sin[(0.628 \text{ rad/m})x + (62.8 \text{ rad/s})t]}$

The sign in front of ω is positive since the wave is travelling in the $-x$ direction.

The phase constant ϕ is taken to be zero because $y(0, 0) = A \sin(\phi) = 0$.

Given the units used, y is in centimeters, x is in meters, and t is in seconds.

(d) $v_{y,\max} = \omega A = (62.8 \text{ rad/s})(10.0 \text{ cm}) = \boxed{628 \text{ cm/s}}$

(e) $a_{y,\max} = \omega^2 A = (62.8 \text{ rad/s})^2(10.0 \text{ cm}) = 3.95 \times 10^4 \text{ cm/s}^2 = \boxed{395 \text{ m/s}^2}$