

Problem Solutions: Set 13 (November 24, 2003)

51. a) $\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = -Ak \sin(kx + \omega t) - Ak \sin(kx - \omega t).$

At $x = 0$, $\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = -Ak \sin(\omega t) - Ak \sin(-\omega t) = 0$ because $\sin(-\alpha) = -\sin(\alpha)$

b) Use the cosine sum identities: $\cos(\alpha \pm \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta \mp \sin \alpha \sin \beta$:

$$y = A \cos kx \cos \omega t - A \sin kx \sin \omega t + A \cos kx \cos \omega t + A \sin kx \sin \omega t$$

$$= 2A \cos kx \cos \omega t. \quad \text{Then re - define } A.$$

c) $y(x, t) = A \cos kx \cos \omega t.$ At $x = L$, $y(L, t)$ must be zero.

$$\cos kL = 0, \quad kL = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\pi, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots.$$

$$\omega_n = ck_n = \frac{(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi c}{L}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots.$$

$$y(x, t) = A \cos \left[\frac{(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi x}{L} \right] \cos \left[\frac{(n + \frac{1}{2})\pi ct}{L} \right], \quad n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots.$$

The frequencies are *odd* multiples of the fundamental :

$$\omega_o = \frac{\pi c}{2L}, \quad f_o = \frac{\omega_o}{2\pi} = \frac{c}{4L}; \text{ this is half as large as when there are nodes}$$

at both ends, and n is the number of nodes (not counting the one at $x = 0$).

52. a) For (38), solve the simultaneous equations, Eqs. (36) and (37), by any method. (Maple is easiest.)

For (39): $k_1 = \omega/c_1$, $k_2 = \omega/c_2$. Substitute into Eq. (38):

$$B = \frac{\omega/c_1 - \omega/c_2}{\omega/c_1 + \omega/c_2} A = \frac{c_2 - c_1}{c_1 + c_2} A, \quad C = \frac{2\omega/c_1}{\omega/c_1 + \omega/c_2} A = \frac{2c_2}{c_1 + c_2} A.$$

b) $c_1 = \sqrt{\frac{F}{\mu_1}}$, $c_2 = \sqrt{\frac{F}{\mu_2}}$. Substitute into Eq. (39):

$$B = \frac{\sqrt{(F/\mu_2)} - \sqrt{(F/\mu_1)}}{\sqrt{(F/\mu_1)} + \sqrt{(F/\mu_2)}} A = \frac{\sqrt{\mu_1} - \sqrt{\mu_2}}{\sqrt{\mu_1} + \sqrt{\mu_2}} A,$$

$$C = \frac{2\sqrt{(F/\mu_2)}}{\sqrt{(F/\mu_1)} + \sqrt{(F/\mu_2)}} A = \frac{2\sqrt{\mu_1}}{\sqrt{\mu_1} + \sqrt{\mu_2}} A.$$

53. a) Wave functions are the same as Eqs. (35). Boundary conditions at $x = 0$:

$$y_+ = y_-, \quad A \cos(-\omega t) + B \cos(\omega t) = C \cos(-\omega t), \quad \text{and}$$

$$A + B = C.$$

$$F_1 \frac{\partial y_-}{\partial x} = F_2 \frac{\partial y_+}{\partial x}, \quad F_1 [-Ak_1 \sin(-\omega t) - Bk_1 \sin(\omega t)] = -F_2 Ck_2 \sin(-\omega t),$$

$$F_1 k_1 A - F_1 k_1 B = F_2 k_2 C. \quad \text{Solve simultaneous equations for } B \text{ and } C,$$

$$\text{then use } \frac{F_1}{c_1} = \frac{F_1}{\sqrt{F_1/\mu}} = \sqrt{\mu F_1} :$$

$$B = \frac{F_1 k_1 - F_2 k_2}{F_1 k_1 + F_2 k_2} A = \frac{F_1/c_1 - F_2/c_2}{F_1/c_1 + F_2/c_2} A = \frac{\sqrt{F_1} - \sqrt{F_2}}{\sqrt{F_1} + \sqrt{F_2}} A,$$

$$C = \frac{2F_1 k_1}{F_1 k_1 + F_2 k_2} A = \frac{2F_1/c_1}{F_1/c_1 + F_2/c_2} A = \frac{2\sqrt{F_1}}{\sqrt{F_1} + \sqrt{F_2}} A.$$

Note that if both F and μ are different on the two sides, then

$$B = \frac{\sqrt{\mu_1 F_1} - \sqrt{\mu_2 F_2}}{\sqrt{\mu_1 F_1} + \sqrt{\mu_2 F_2}} A \quad \text{and} \quad C = \frac{2\sqrt{\mu_1 F_1}}{\sqrt{\mu_1 F_1} + \sqrt{\mu_2 F_2}} A.$$

The characteristic impedance of each side is $Z = \sqrt{\mu F}$. If $Z_1 = Z_2$,

then there is no reflected wave.

$$54. \quad y(x, t) = A \cos(kx + \omega t), \quad v_y = -A\omega \sin(kx + \omega t),$$

$$F_y = -F \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = F A k \sin(kx + \omega t).$$

$$\text{At } x = 0, \quad v_y = -A\omega \sin \omega t, \quad F_y = F A k \sin \omega t,$$

$$\frac{F_y}{v_y} = \frac{-F A k \sin \omega t}{A\omega \sin \omega t} = -\frac{Fk}{\omega} = -\frac{F}{c} = \frac{F}{\sqrt{F/\mu}} = \sqrt{\mu F}.$$

So $F_y = -bv_y$, where $b = \sqrt{\mu F}$. What we need is a shock absorber with a damping constant equal to b .