

### 16.3 Standing Waves

Two ideas:

- 1) Physics sets wave speed  $v$
  - 2) Boundary conditions set allowed  $\lambda$
- Relate them with  $v = \lambda f$ .

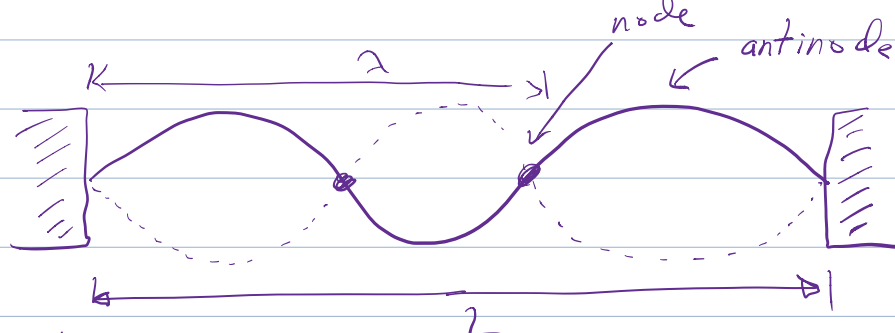
Make a right-going wave



It reflects back



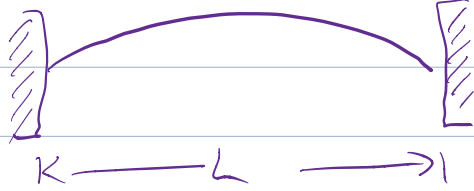
If the  $f$  and  $v$  values are chosen appropriately, you can get a standing wave



Particles move up and down in simple harmonic motion,

Not all  $f$ 's work — need nodes at each end — Use pictures.

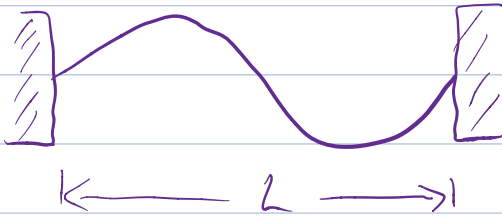
Fundamental



$$L = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_1 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = 2L$$

$$f_1 = \frac{v}{\lambda_1} = \frac{v}{2L}$$

Second Harmonic



$$L = \frac{2}{2} \lambda_2 \Rightarrow \lambda_2 = \frac{2L}{2}$$

$$f_2 = \frac{v}{\lambda_2} = 2 \frac{v}{2L}$$

Third Harmonic



$$L = \frac{3}{2} \lambda_3 \Rightarrow \lambda_3 = \frac{2L}{3}$$

$$f_3 = \frac{v}{\lambda_3} = \frac{3v}{2L}$$

General idea :

$$L = (\text{integer}) \cdot \frac{\lambda_n}{2} = \frac{n\lambda_n}{2}$$

$$f_n = \frac{v}{\lambda_n} = n \frac{v}{2L};$$

Use pictures to find  $\lambda$ .

Use  $v = \sqrt{F_T/\mu}$  to find  $v$ .

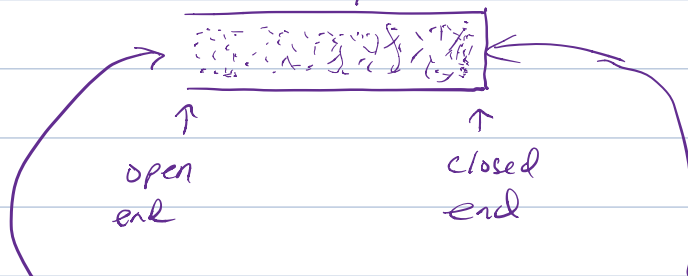
Relate  $v, f, \lambda$  by  $v = \lambda f$ .

See examples. Actual motion can be a superposition of these modes of oscillation.

## 16.4 Standing Sound Waves

Strings were clamped at both ends,  
Sound tubes can be open or closed.

Think about pressure variations



$p$  here is always  
1 atmosphere.  
open end = pressure node.

$p$  here can vary.  
This will be a  
pressure antinode.

Standing waves: Only certain  $\lambda$ 's will  
satisfy the boundary conditions.

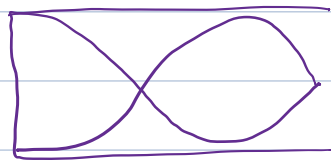
Draw pictures to get  $\lambda$ .

open-closed

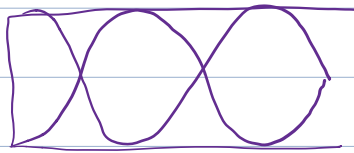


$\leftarrow L \rightarrow$

$$L = \frac{1}{4} \lambda_1 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \frac{4L}{1}$$
$$f_1 = v / \lambda_1 \Rightarrow f_1 = 1 \frac{v}{4L}$$



$$L = \frac{3}{4} \lambda_3 \Rightarrow \lambda_3 = \frac{4L}{3}$$
$$f_3 = v / \lambda_3 = \frac{3v}{4L}$$



$$L = \frac{5}{4} \lambda_5 \Rightarrow \lambda_5 = \frac{4L}{5}$$
$$f_5 = v / \lambda_5 = \frac{5v}{4L}$$

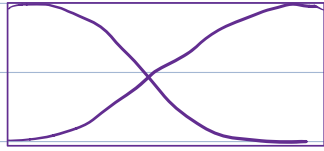
Allowed frequencies:  $f_1, f_3, f_5, \dots$

$$f_m = (\text{odd}) \frac{v}{4L}$$

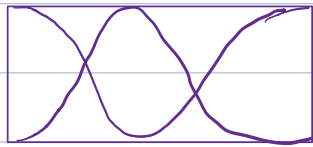
Don't memorize!

Draw pictures!

closed - closed (pressure antinodes at each end)



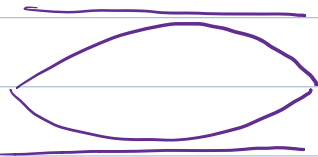
$$L = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_1 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \frac{2L}{1}$$
$$f_1 = v/\lambda_1 = 1 \frac{v}{2L}$$



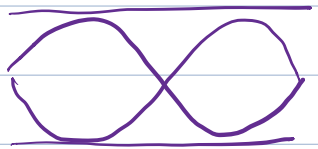
$$L = \frac{2}{2} \lambda_2 \Rightarrow \lambda_2 = \frac{2L}{2}$$
$$f_2 = v/\lambda_2 = 2 \frac{v}{2L}$$

Allowed frequencies:  $f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots$   
 $f_n = n \frac{v}{2L}$

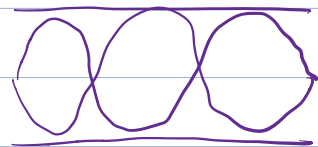
open - open (pressure nodes at each end)



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$$L = \frac{3}{2} \lambda_3 \Rightarrow \lambda_3 = \frac{2L}{3}$$

$$f_3 = \frac{v}{\lambda_3} = 3 \frac{v}{2L}$$

$$f_n = n \frac{v}{2L}$$

A potentially confusing complication =  
pressure vs displacement  
for sound waves

At an open end:

pressure = constant  $\Rightarrow$  node

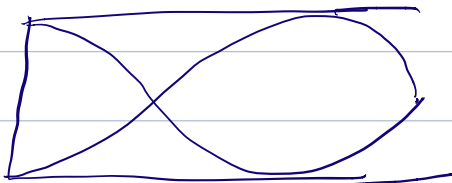
displacement  $\rightarrow$  varies a lot  $\Rightarrow$  antinode

At a closed end:

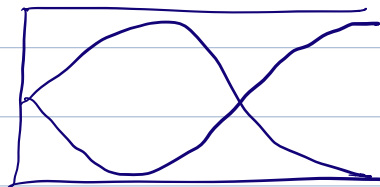
pressure  $\rightarrow$  varies  $\Rightarrow$  antinode

displacement = 0  $\Rightarrow$  node.

pressure picture  
(our text)



displacement picture  
(previous text)



Key: it doesn't matter which you  
pick!  $L = (\text{odd}) \frac{\lambda}{4}$  still works.

16.5 Speech and Hearing. OMIT