

Formulae

- $T = \frac{1}{f}$
- $E_K + E_P = \text{CONST (N.D.B.)}$
- $c = f \lambda$ , wave speed
- $I = \frac{P}{A}$ , intensity (N.D.B.)  
A = area P = power
- $I \propto \frac{1}{x^2}$ ,  $x$  = distance from source
- For spherical waves,  $I = \frac{\text{Power}}{4\pi r^2} = I_0 \left(\frac{P}{4\pi}\right) \frac{1}{r^2}$  (N.D.B.)

- $I \propto A^2$  A = amplitude
- $\theta_{\text{incident}} = \theta_{\text{reflection}}$  (N.D.B.)
- $I = I_0 \cos^2 \theta$  (Polarization, Malus' Law) (For Analyzer usually)
- $I \propto E^2$ , E = electric field (Polarization)
- $I \propto E_0^2 \cos^2 \theta$  N.D.B.

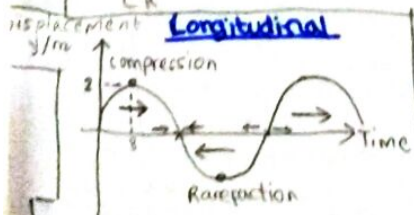
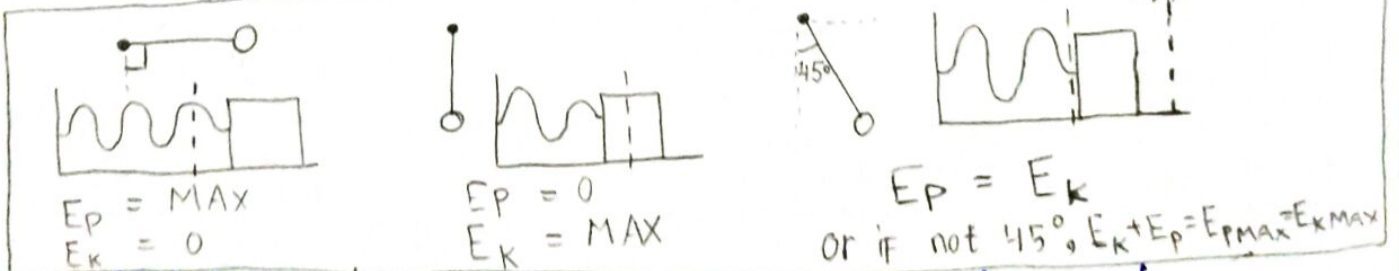
$\theta$  = Angle between transmission axis of polarizer or analyzer, and direction of electric field. Can be angle between polarizer and analyzer.  
S = length between max & center max.  
d = distance between slits

$n_1 = \frac{\sin \theta_2}{\sin \theta_1} = \frac{v_2}{v_1}$ d = dis. between slits S = $\frac{\Delta p}{d}$ (Fringe spacing) in 2 slit diff.	Path difference = $n \lambda$ Explained in Common Diagrams Ch 9. Check = $(n + \frac{1}{2}) \lambda$
$\theta = \frac{\lambda}{b}$ First minima in single slit diffraction b = slit width	$\theta_i = \theta_{\text{reflection}}$ (NDB) $\frac{n_1}{n_2} = \frac{1}{\text{sinc}}$ (All)

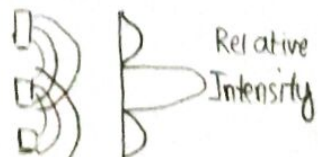
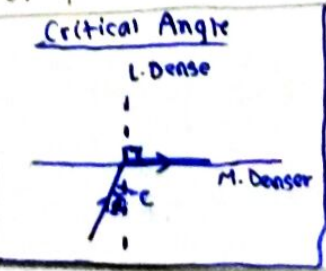
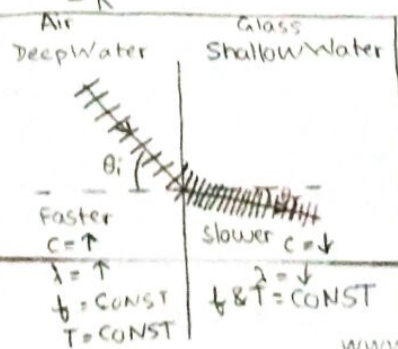
Required Definitions

- 1) Isochronous oscillations - oscillations that repeat in the same time period, regardless of amplitude changes.
- 2) Period (T) - time duration of one oscillation. (Sec)
- 3) Frequency (f) - number of oscillations per unit time. (Hz)
- 4) Amplitude - refers to maximum displacement. (m)
- 5) Phase difference - the fraction of the wave cycle that has elapsed relative to the origin. (rad)
- 6) Restoring force - any force oppositely proportional to a displacement.
- 7) Transverse wave - waves with direction of oscillation perpendicular to direction of energy propagation.
- 8) Longitudinal wave - waves with direction of oscillation parallel to direction of energy propagation.
- 9) Wavefront - wavefront is a surface that travels with a wave, and is perpendicular to its direction of travel, or energy propagation.
- 10) Ray - Rays are lines showing the direction of energy propagation, and are perpendicular to wavefronts.
- 11) Superposition - refers to when 2 or more waves superimpose, the sum of their individual amplitudes becomes the amplitude of the resultant wave. They are constructive & destructive interference.
- 12) Polarization - polarization restricts direction of oscillation of electric field of a wave to a plane perpendicular to the direction of propagation.
- 13) Refractive index - ratio of speed of light in vacuum c to speed in medium  $v_m$ .
- 14) Coherent waves - in-phase & same frequency.
- 15) Standing waves - when coherent travelling waves superimpose, they form standing waves in which energy may not be transferred.

Common Diagrams

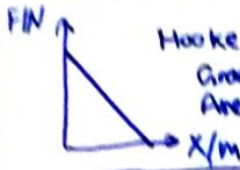


Just Remember this! Maybe, a MCQ.  
So, the particle at compression moved 2m to right  $\rightarrow$ , from 8m to 10m from origin. It is always to the  $\rightarrow$ .



Common Graphs

Similar to  $F = -kx$  and kinematics graphs in Mechanics Notes



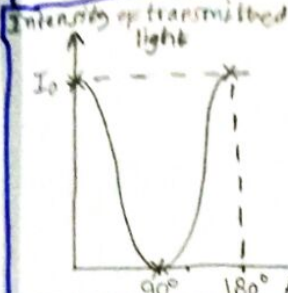
Hooke's Law

Gradient =  $k$

Area Under graph = Work done =  $E_{pmax} = E_{kmax}$

$\frac{1}{2} F_{max} = \frac{1}{2} k x_{max}^2 = \frac{1}{2} M v_{max}^2$

More other notes



Polarization

Energy

Amplitude

Frequency

~~Wave length~~

Phase

Wave Pattern

Standing

Travelling

Not transferred

Transferred

Different for all points

Same, all points

SHM & same  $f$

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Same for each point in a lobe. Adjacent points shifted  $180^\circ$ .

Different, all points along 1 wavelength

Does not move

Moves

Experiment Summaries

Similar to  $F = -kx$

Brewster's Law (polarization) - If reflected & refracted ray are at  $90^\circ$ , the reflected ray will be totally polarized.

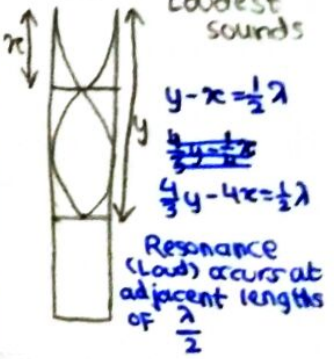
$\theta_{\text{reflection}} + \theta_{\text{refraction}} = 90^\circ$  Brewster's angle



check practical booklet

$\lambda = 2L$ $c = 2L(f)$ 1st		$\lambda = 2L$ $c = 2L(f)$ 1st		$\lambda = 4L$ $c = 4L(f)$ 1st	
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Antinode at top Node at air-water



Other Notes - Learned From Past Papers

- Period and Amplitude are independent. (Spring or pendulum) in terms of magnitude
- Conditions for SHM (2): Acceleration is proportional to displacement! The direction of acceleration is opposite the direction of displacement, (Restoring) and thus force.
- Electromagnetic spectrum: All transverse waves
- $c = 3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . Constant for entire electromagnetic spectrum.
- Sound waves cannot travel through vacuum. Light can. Electromagnetic spectrum can.
- In longitudinal waves, Compressions are wavefronts. In transverse, crests are wavefronts.
- Refraction, Speed and  $\lambda$  change,  $f$  and period  $T$  no change.
- Polarization is only for transverse waves.
- Remember that after if  $I_0$  is incident intensity on a polarizer, then only  $\frac{I_0}{2}$  is transmitted to analyzer.  
So,  $I = \frac{I_0}{2} \cos^2 \theta$ ,  $I =$  intensity of unpolarized light after analyzer.
- $\theta$  in reflection or refraction diagrams is always against the normal, not plane.
- Understand path difference online.
- A HARMONIC is named by ratio of its frequency to that of First HARMONIC.
- Revise tuning fork. Pg 49 Revision Guide
- In  $s = \frac{\lambda D}{d}$ , remember  $\frac{n\lambda D}{d}$  &  $\frac{(n+\frac{1}{2})\lambda D}{d}$ , where  $n$  shows which maxima order &  $\frac{1}{2}$  minima order.