

Symphony No. 5 Last Movement (1937).

Introduction

Examples of waves



A wave is an array of neighboring objects oscillating in a regular, progressive manner relative to one another.

Displacement vs. Position









Frequency
 Number of oscillations per second

 Wavelength
 Distance between adjacent crests

 Amplitude
 Maximum displacement



Types of Waves

_ Transverse Wave

Particles oscillate <u>perpendicular</u> to the direction in which the wave moves

Longitudinal Wave

 Particles oscillate <u>parallel</u> to the direction in which the wave moves



A wave is a disturbance traveling outward from a vibrating source.

Produced by oscillating air molecules
Longitudinal waves
Periodic pressure variations are set up

The actual motion is molecular (microscopic). Difficult to measure and visualize.

The pressure changes are macroscopic. Easy to measure and visualize.

(1) When the pulse reaches a particular point, the pressure increases from normal atmospheric pressure to some maximum value.

(2) As the pulse continues to move through the point, the pressure begins to return to normal atmospheric pressure.

(3) As the trailing edge of the pulse approaches, the pressure falls below normal atmospheric pressure.

(4) When the pulse has passed, the pressure returns to normal atmospheric

pressure.









A sound wave is a longitudinal wave with a frequency between 20 Hz and 20,000 Hz.

The frequency of a sound wave is *always* the same as the frequency of the vibrating source that produces it.



☐ frequencies < 20 Hz INFRASOUND

☐ frequencies > 20,000 Hz
ULTRASOUND

<u>Velocity of Sound Waves</u>

For Oscillators we found





For waves we find similarly



W = weight and F = Tension

<u>Velocity of Sound Waves</u>

The velocity of *any* wave is *directly* proportional to the square root of the stiffness factor and *inversely* proportional to the square root of the inertia factor.

<u>Speed of Sound in Air</u>

The speed of sound in air is:
344 meters per second
1030 feet per second
770 miles per hour

Effect of Temperature on Speed of Sound

The speed of sound changes by 0.6 m/s for every 1 degree change in the Celsius temperature. Effect of Temperature on Speed of Sound

If the temperature increases, the speed of sound increases.

If the temperature decreases, the speed of sound decreases.



Kinetic and Potential Energy

Larger Amplitude means more energy = louder

Relation Among Velocity, Frequency, and Wavelength

$V = f \lambda$

Physical/Perceived Musical Characteristics

Physical <u>Characteristic</u>

Perceived <u>Characteristic</u>

- Frequency ---- Pitch
- Amplitude ----- Loudness
- Waveform Timbre