

# Acoustic waves - the case of fluids -

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# 1 Unidimensional model (1D)

## 1.1 Wave equation

A wave is generally speaking a perturbation of the state of equilibrium of a medium that propagates in space and in time.

Let us consider a function  $u(t,x)$ , a wave equation is of the form:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0 \quad (1)$$

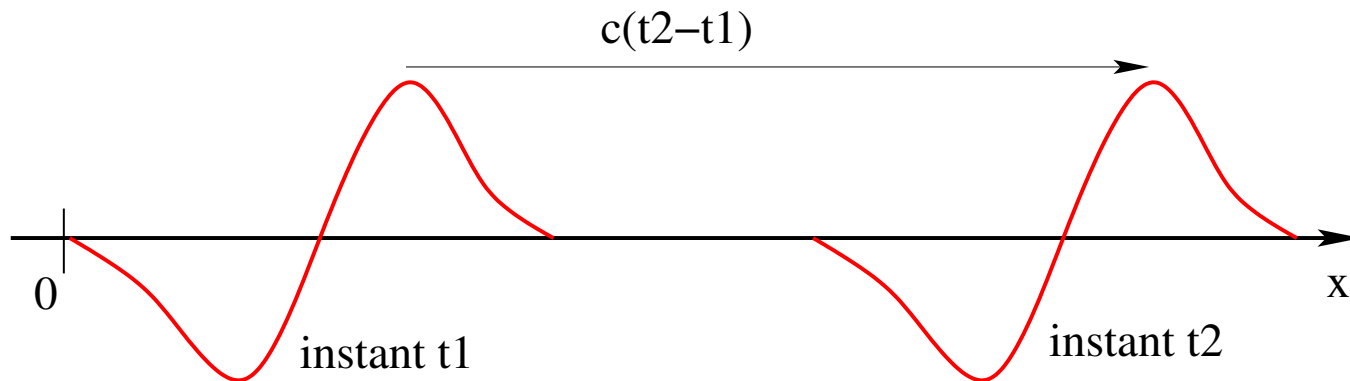
$c$  is homogeneous to a velocity (the **celerity**), in m/s.

## 1.2 General solution?

It is easily checked that the general solution is:

$$u(t,x) = F(t-x/c) + G(t+x/c) \quad (2)$$

with  $F$  et  $G$  arbitrary functions (twice differentiable) representing a wave travelling to the right and a wave travelling to the left, **independently**.



**Example:** The vibration  $F(t) = \cos(\omega t)$  yields  $u(t,x) = \cos(\omega t - kx)$

$\omega = 2\pi f$  is the angular frequency;  $f$  is the frequency (in Hz).

$k = \omega/c = 2\pi/\lambda$  is the wavenumber;  $\lambda$  is the wavelength.

## 1.3 Plane wave spectrum

Any (sufficiently regular) function has a Fourier transform and reciprocally:

$$F(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{F}(\omega) \exp(i\omega t) d\omega; \quad \tilde{F}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(t) \exp(-i\omega t) dt \quad (3)$$

Hence the [plane wave spectrum](#) of a solution of the wave equation:

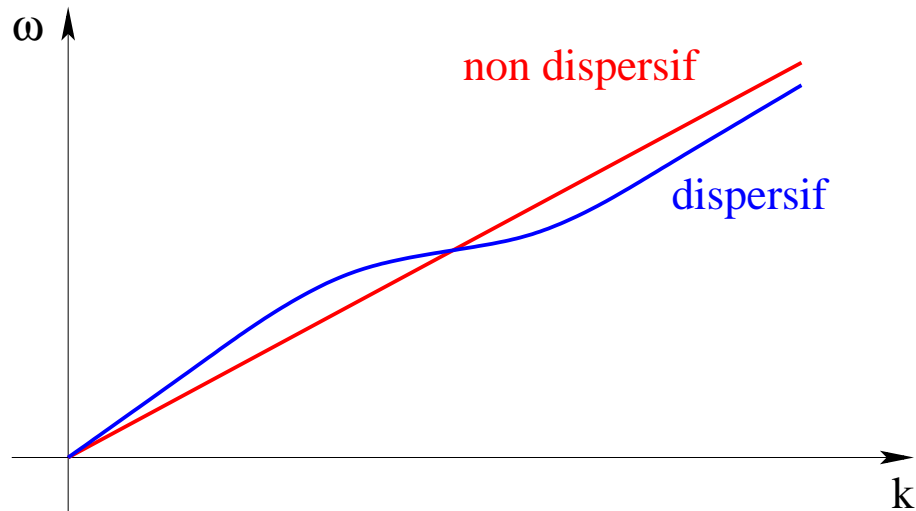
$$u(t, x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{F}(\omega) \exp(i(\omega t - kx)) d\omega \quad \text{with } k(\omega) = \omega / c \quad (4)$$

(with a similar term with  $\tilde{G}(\omega)$  and  $k(\omega) = -\omega / c$ ).

$k^2(\omega) = (\omega / c)^2$  is a [dispersion relation](#).

## 1.4 Dispersion and group velocity

If wave velocity is dispersive (i.e. if it depends on frequency),  $c(\omega)$ , then the dispersion relation  $k(\omega) = \pm\omega / c(\omega)$  does not define straight lines any more.



For a wave packet:  $u(t, x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{F}(\omega) \exp(i(\omega t - k(\omega) x)) d\omega$

The phase velocity is  $v(\omega) = \omega / k(\omega)$ . The slowness is  $s(\omega) = 1/v(\omega)$ .

The group velocity is by definition  $v_g(\omega) = \frac{d\omega}{dk} = \left(\frac{dk(\omega)}{d\omega}\right)^{-1}$ .

**Property:** the group velocity is the propagation velocity of the energy of the wave as a function of frequency, or

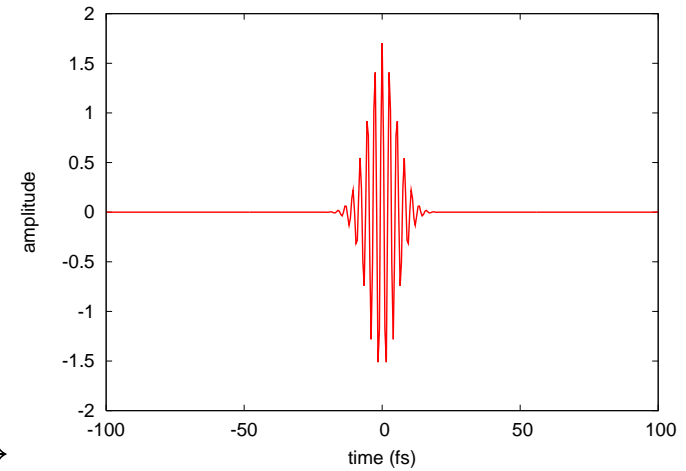
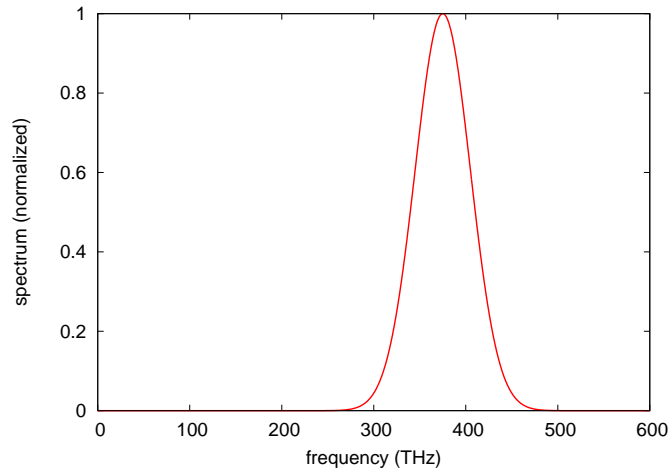
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t |u(t, x)|^2 dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x}{v_g(\omega)} |\tilde{F}(\omega)|^2 d\omega \quad (5)$$

## 1.5 Examples of dispersion

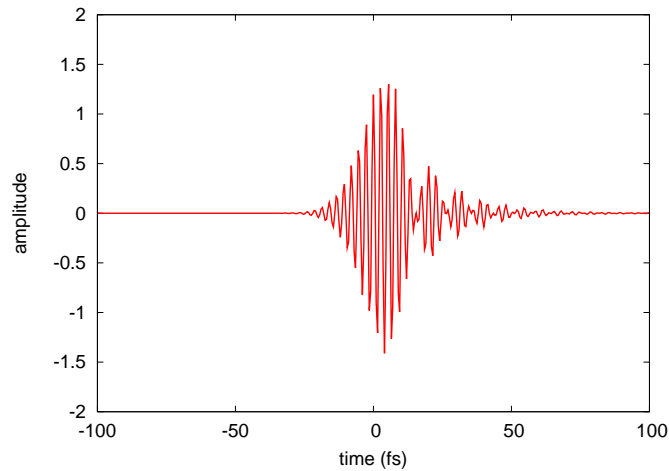
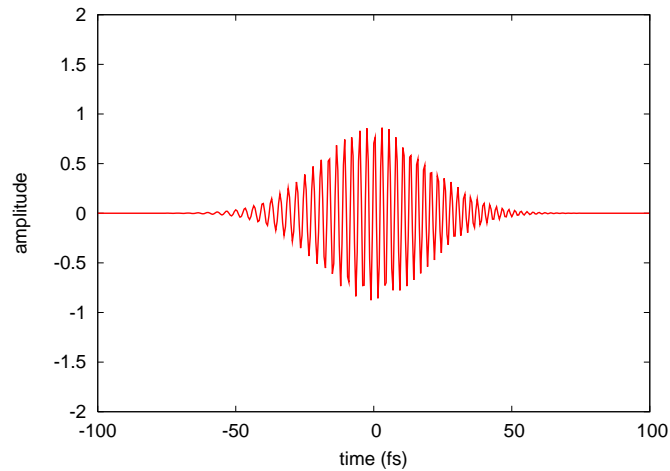
The propagation phase at point  $x=L$  is  $\varphi(\omega)=k(\omega)L$ .

$t_g(\omega)=d\varphi(\omega)/d\omega=L/v_g(\omega)$  is the group velocity (time to travel distance  $L$ ).

Polynomial phase  $\varphi(\omega)=\varphi_0+\varphi'_0(\omega-\omega_0)+\frac{1}{2!}\varphi''_0(\omega-\omega_0)^2+\frac{1}{3!}\varphi'''_0(\omega-\omega_0)^3+\dots$



← spectrum ; pulse →



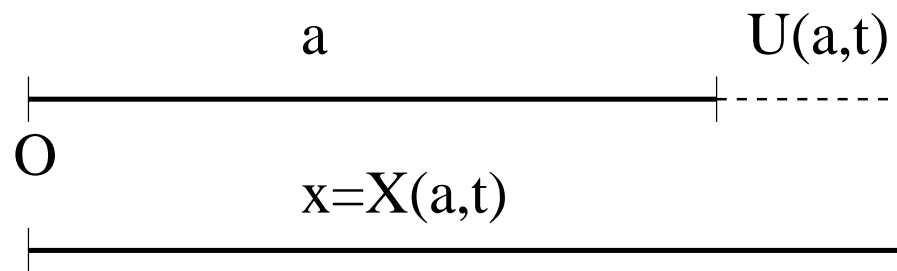
←  $\varphi''_0$  ;  $\varphi'''_0$  →

## 2 1D acoustic waves

### 2.1 Lagrangian and Eulerian descriptions

Consider a **continuous, isotropic, homogeneous** fluid, perfectly **compressible**.

- Lagrange variables, for a material point: **equilibrium position**  $a$  and time  $t$ . Physical quantity:  $G(a,t)$ .
- Euler variables, for a geometrical point of a reference system: **coordinate**  $x$  and time  $t$ . The **same** physical quantity:  $g(x,t)$ .



Position of the material point:  $x = X(a,t)$ , hence  $G(a,t) = g(X(a,t),t)$

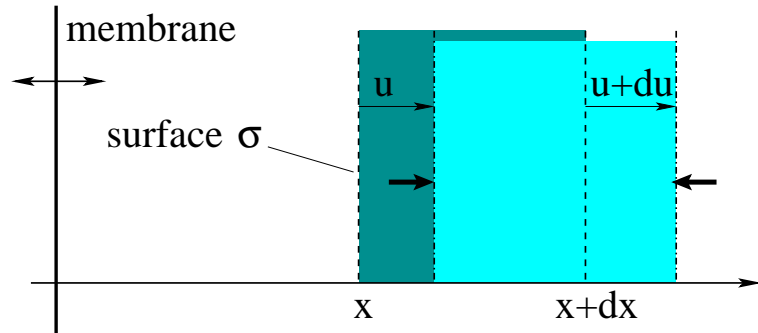
Displacement:  $U(a,t) = X(a,t) - a = u(X(a,t),t)$

**Particle velocity**  $V_p = \partial U / \partial t = \partial X / \partial t$  and **local velocity**  $v = \partial u / \partial t$

$$V_p = v + V_p \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \quad (6)$$

**Approximation of linear acoustics:**  $\partial u / \partial x \ll 1$  and then  $V_p \simeq v$

## 2.2 Relations between pressure and displacement



$$du = \frac{\partial u(t, x)}{\partial x} dx \ll dx$$

Total pressure force acting on a slice of width  $dx$  and surface  $\sigma$  :

$$dF = \sigma p(t, x+u) - \sigma p(t, x+u+dx) \simeq -\sigma \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} dx$$

By application of the dynamical (Newton) principle:

$$-\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} = \rho_0 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} \quad (7)$$

with  $\rho_0$  the (static) density of the fluid.



## 2.3 Relations between pressure and displacement (cont.)

Pressure is the sum of the static pressure and of the dynamic pressure  $\delta p$ :

$$p(t,x) = p_0 + \delta p(t,x) \quad (8)$$

For a compressible fluid, we have ( $dV = \sigma dx$ ) :

$$\delta p = -\frac{1}{\chi} \frac{\delta(dV)}{dV} = -\frac{1}{\chi} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \quad (9)$$

with  $\chi$  the compressibility coefficient. By definition,  $S(t,x) = \partial u / \partial x$  is the local relative deformation (strain).

Gathering (7) and (9), a wave equation is obtained:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0 \quad \text{ou} \quad \frac{\partial^2(\delta p)}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2(\delta p)}{\partial x^2} = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad c = (\rho_0 \chi)^{-1/2} \quad (10)$$

Velocity  $v$  and strain  $S$  satisfy exactly the same wave equation.

## 2.4 Sound velocity

**How** can we estimate the celerity  $c$  in air, supposed to be a perfect gas?

- The state equation for a perfect gas, with molar mass  $M$ , for  $n$  moles is  $pV = nRT$  or  $p = \rho RT / M$ , ( $T$  temperature,  $R=8.314$  J/mole.K)
- Compressions and dilatations caused by the acoustic wave are adiabatic (but not isothermal) and follow the law  $pV^\gamma = \text{Cst}$ . From which  $\chi = (\gamma p_0)^{-1}$ .  $\gamma=1.67$  for a monoatomic gas and 1.4 for a diatomic gas (which is approximately the case of air).

$$\frac{dp}{p} + \gamma \frac{dV}{V} = 0 \text{ so that } \chi = -\frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial V}{\partial p} = \frac{1}{\gamma p_0}$$

$$\text{and then } c = \sqrt{\gamma \frac{RT}{M}}$$

You should rather trust experiment!

$c \simeq 343$  m/s for air at  $T=293$  K.

**And what about water?**

$c \simeq 1480$  m/s for water at  $T=293$  K.

## 2.5 Acoustic impedance

Displacement  $u$  is a solution to the wave equation (10), hence

$$u(t, x) = F(t - x/c) + G(t + x/c)$$

with  $F$  and  $G$  two arbitrary functions. Then

$$v(t, x) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = F'(t - x/c) + G'(t + x/c)$$

$$\delta p(t, x) = -\frac{1}{\chi} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = Z (F'(t - x/c) - G'(t + x/c))$$

with the **acoustic impedance**  $Z = \rho_0 c = \frac{1}{c\chi} = \sqrt{\rho_0 / \chi}$ .

Pressure and velocity are proportional for waves propagating to the right,  $\delta p_+ = Z v_+$ , and for waves propagating to the left,  $\delta p_- = -Z v_-$ .

This relation is analogous to the electrical impedance:  $U = Z I$

## 2.6 Representation of propagation loss?

A fluid can not react instantly to an excitation. Phenomenologically, (9) is modified as:

$$\delta p = -\frac{1}{\chi} \left( S + \tau \frac{\partial S}{\partial t} \right) \quad (11)$$

with  $\tau$  a time constant.

**Illustration** - For  $\delta p = H(t)$ , it can be shown that  $S = -\chi (1 - \exp(-t/\tau))H(t)$ .

The propagation equation becomes  $\partial^2 u / \partial t^2 - c^2 \partial^2 / \partial x^2 (u + \tau \partial u / \partial t) = 0$  (this is no more a wave equation!). For a monochromatic plane wave,  $F(\omega t - kx)$ , the complex dispersion relation  $\omega^2 = c^2 (1 + i\omega\tau) k^2$  is obtained.

**Exercise** - Write  $k = \beta - i\alpha$  so that the harmonic plane wave is

$$u(t, x) = \exp(i(\omega t - kx)) = \exp(-\alpha x) \exp(i(\omega t - \beta x)) \quad (12)$$

Show that  $\alpha \simeq \frac{\omega^2 \tau}{2c}$  and  $\beta \simeq \frac{\omega}{c} (1 - \frac{3}{8} \omega^2 \tau^2)$  for  $\omega\tau \ll 1$ .  $\alpha$  is expressed in dB/m.

**Property** - In practice, the compressibility coefficient can be complexified  $\chi \rightarrow \chi / (1 + i\omega\tau)$  and the plane wave spectrum (4) can be formed with damped harmonic plane waves (12).

## 3 3D scalar wave model

### 3.1 3D wave equation

For a function  $u(t, \mathbf{r})$ , an **isotropic** wave equation is of the form:

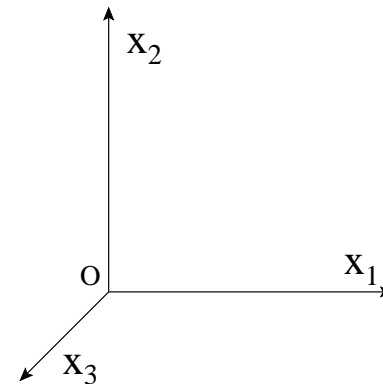
$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \Delta u = 0 \quad (13)$$

with the Laplacian  $\Delta = \nabla \cdot \nabla = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$ . Isotropy: the medium properties are invariant under any rotation in space. Equivalently, propagation is the same in any direction.

An **anisotropic** wave equation is of the form:

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - \sum_{i,j=1}^3 c_{ij}^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_j} = 0 \quad (14)$$

Wave propagation depends on the direction.



## 3.2 Plane wave and harmonic plane wave

A 3D plane wave is of the form

$$u(t, \mathbf{r}) = F(t - \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{r} / c) = F\left(t - \frac{n_1 x_1 + n_2 x_2 + n_3 x_3}{c}\right) \quad (15)$$

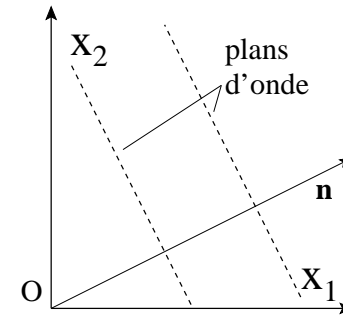
with  $\mathbf{n}$  a unit vector representing the direction of propagation. The decomposition (2) is not anymore the general solution to the wave equation.

A harmonic plane wave is of the form

$$u(t, \mathbf{r}) = \exp(i(\omega t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})) \quad (16)$$

For the isotropic wave equation (13), we have the dispersion relation  $\omega^2 = c^2 \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k} = c^2 k^2$ , with  $\mathbf{k} = k \mathbf{n}$ .

For the anisotropic wave equation (14), we have  $\omega^2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^3 c_{ij}^2 k_i k_j$



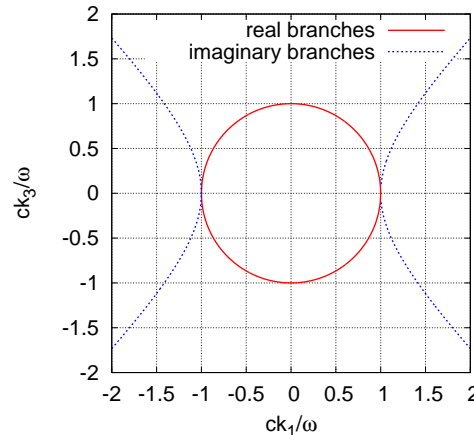
### 3.3 Plane wave spectrum

Is it possible to generalize to 3D the 1D plane wave spectrum (4)? Taking the Fourier transform in time and space, valid for all functions  $u$  :

$$u(t, \mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^4} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} d\mathbf{k} \tilde{u}(\omega, \mathbf{k}) \exp(i(\omega t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})) \quad (17)$$

If  $u$  is a solution of the wave equation, then  $\omega$  et  $\mathbf{k}$  are linked by a dispersion relation. Hence  $k_3$ , for instance, is a function of  $\omega$ ,  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  :

$$u(t, \mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} d\omega dk_1 dk_2 \tilde{u}(\omega, \mathbf{k}) \exp(i(\omega t - k_1 x_1 - k_2 x_2 - k_3(\omega, k_1, k_2) x_3)) \quad (18)$$



**Example** - if  $k^2 = \omega^2/c^2$ , then

$$k_3 = \pm \sqrt{\omega^2/c^2 - k_1^2 - k_2^2} \text{ if } \omega^2/c^2 - k_1^2 - k_2^2 \geq 0 \text{ and } k_3 = \pm i \sqrt{|\omega^2/c^2 - k_1^2 - k_2^2|} \text{ if not}$$

## 3.4 Temporal and spatial dispersion

Assume we know the dispersion relation in the form  $k(\omega, \mathbf{n})$ . Then:

- $v(\omega, \mathbf{n}) = \omega/k(\omega, \mathbf{n})$  is the **phase velocity** ;  $s(\omega, \mathbf{n}) = k(\omega, \mathbf{n})/\omega$  is the **slowness**
- $v_g(\omega, \mathbf{n}) = (\partial k / \partial \omega)^{-1}$ , the **(temporal) group velocity**, gives the propagation velocity of a signal.
- $\mathbf{v}_g(\omega, \mathbf{n}) = \omega(\nabla_{\mathbf{n}} k^{-1}) = (\nabla_{\mathbf{n}} v)$ , the **(spatial) group velocity**, gives the velocity and the direction of propagation of the wavefront.

**Stationary phase principle** - If we can use the representation (typical of the far field):

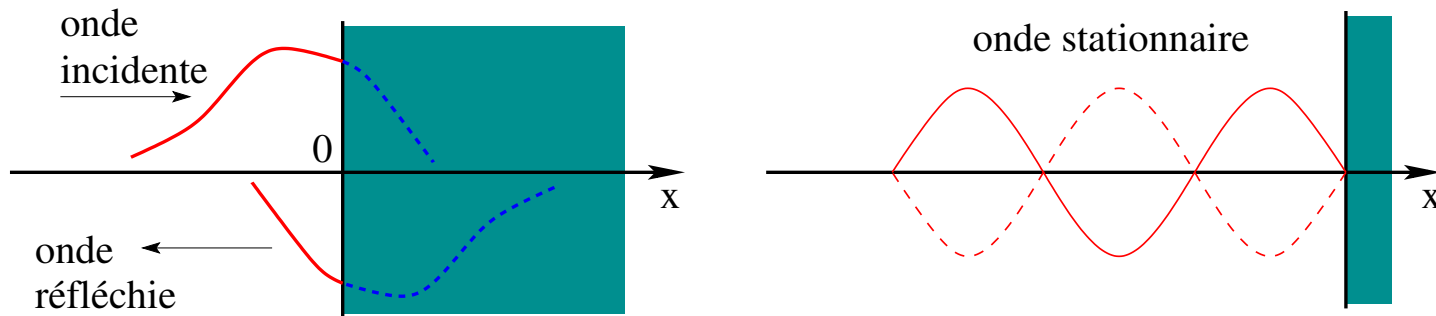
$$u(t, \mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d\omega \int d\mathbf{n} \tilde{u}(\omega, \mathbf{n}) \exp(i(\omega t - k(\omega, \mathbf{n}) \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{r})) \quad (19)$$

then energy concentrates along trajectories such that the phase in the exponential function is stationary in time and space, or

$$t = v_g^{-1}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{r}) \quad \text{and} \quad v \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{v}_g(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{r}) \quad (20)$$



## 3.5 Total reflection of a plane wave - normal incidence

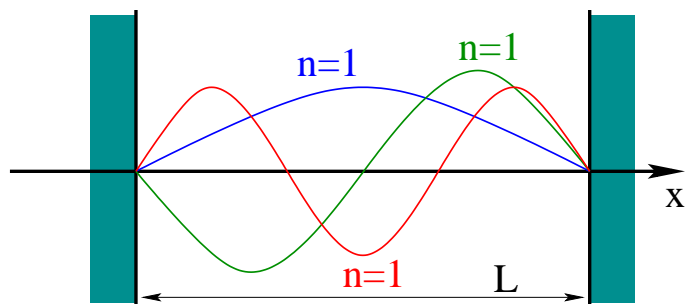


Let the incident plane wave be  $F_i(t-x/c)$ , the reflected wave  $G_r(t+x/c)$  is also plane. The total wave is  $u(t, \mathbf{r}) = F_i(t-x/c) + G_r(t+x/c)$ .

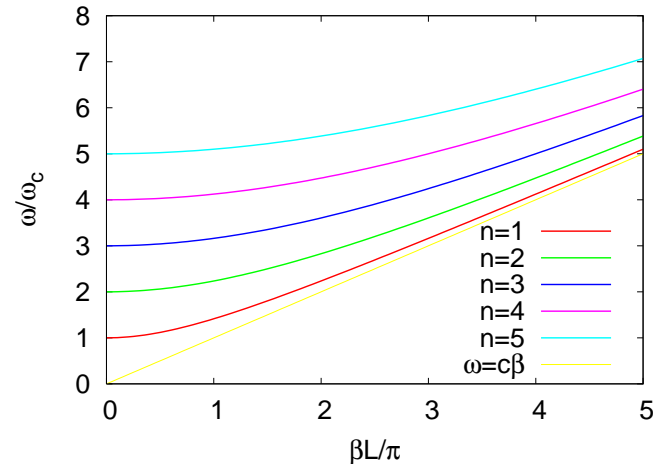
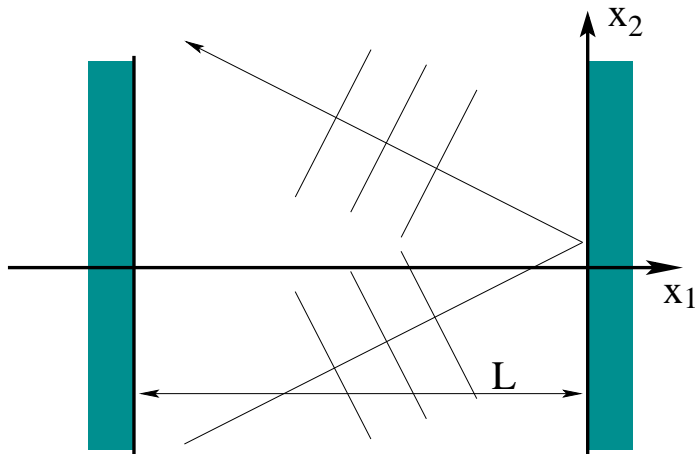
Next, we assume that the wave amplitude vanishes on the mirror (**clamped condition**), then  $G_r(t) = -F_i(t)$  and  $u(t, \mathbf{r}) = F_i(t-x/c) - F_i(t+x/c)$ .

If  $F_i(t) = \exp(i\omega t)$ , then  $u(t, \mathbf{r}) = -2i \exp(i\omega t) \sin(\omega x/c)$  is a **stationary wave**.

In a resonator, modes are discrete:  $\omega L/c = n\pi$  with  $n \geq 1$  an integer



## 3.6 Guidance of waves between two plane mirrors



In order for the superposition of two harmonic plane waves to satisfy boundary conditions on the mirrors, **phase matching** must be observed:

- frequency is conserved ;
- the wavenumber along the mirrors is conserved.

Hence the decomposition:

$$u(t, \mathbf{r}) = \exp(i(\omega t - k_1 x_1 - k_2 x_2)) - \exp(i(\omega t + k_1 x_1 - k_2 x_2)) = -2i \exp(i(\omega t - k_2 x_2)) \sin(k_1 x_1)$$

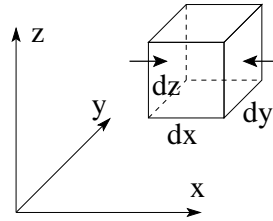
representing a wave propagating along  $x_2$  but stationary along  $x_1$ .

Dispersion relation:  $k_1 L = n\pi$  and  $k_2^2 = \beta^2 = \omega^2/c^2 - (n\pi/L)^2$ , for  $n \geq 1$ .

There is a cut-off frequency  $\omega_c = \pi c/L$  (or  $f_c = c/(2L)$ ).

## 4 3D acoustic waves

### 4.1 Relations between pressure and displacements



Relation (8) is generalized to

$$p(t, \mathbf{r}) = p_0 + \delta p(t, \mathbf{r}) \quad \text{with the position vector } \mathbf{r} = (x, y, z)^T \quad (21)$$

The local strain becomes

$$S(t, \mathbf{r}) = \frac{\delta(dV)}{dV} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = \frac{\partial u_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial u_z}{\partial z} \quad (22)$$

Fundamental dynamical relation:

$$\rho_0 \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial t^2} = - \left( \frac{\partial(\delta p)}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial(\delta p)}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial(\delta p)}{\partial z} \right)^T = - \nabla(\delta p) \quad (23)$$

Equation (23) shows that **the polarization of a plane wave is longitudinal in a fluid**: displacements occur only along the propagation direction.

## 4.2 3D acoustic wave equation

For a compressible linear fluid, we still assume  $S = -\chi \delta p$ .

Hence the 3D scalar wave equation (for either  $\delta p$  or  $S$ ) or vector wave equation (for  $\mathbf{u}$  or  $\mathbf{v}$ ) :

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \Delta \mathbf{u} = 0 \text{ or } \frac{\partial^2(\delta p)}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \Delta(\delta p) = 0 \text{ with } c = (\rho_0 \chi)^{-1/2} \quad (24)$$

**Exercise** - Show (24)!

**Generalization** - Assume there exists a body force distribution per unit volume,  $\mathbf{f}$ , for instance due to gravity ( $\mathbf{f} = \rho \mathbf{g}$ ) or to external sources, then (23) and (24) become

$$\rho_0 \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial t^2} + \nabla(\delta p) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{r}) \quad (25)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \Delta \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{f} / \rho_0 ; \frac{\partial^2(\delta p)}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \Delta(\delta p) = -c^2 \nabla \mathbf{f} \quad (26)$$

## 4.3 Power flux and Poynting vector

We define the following energy quantities:

- kinetic energy  $E_c = \int_V e_c dV$  with  $e_c = \frac{1}{2} \rho_0 \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}$
- potential energy  $E_p = \int_V e_p dV$  with  $e_p = \frac{1}{2} \frac{S^2}{\chi} = \frac{1}{2} \chi (\delta p)^2$
- Poynting vector  $\mathbf{P} = \delta p \mathbf{v}$
- work of internal forces  $W = \int_V w dV$  with  $\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = \mathbf{f} \cdot \mathbf{v}$

From (25): (with  $\nabla(\delta p \mathbf{v}) = \nabla(\delta p) \cdot \mathbf{v} + \delta p \nabla \mathbf{v}$  and  $\nabla \mathbf{v} = \partial S / \partial t$ )

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = \rho_0 \mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \nabla(\delta p) \cdot \mathbf{v} = \frac{\partial e_c}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial e_p}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}$$

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (E_c + E_p) + \int_{\sigma} \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{l} d\sigma \quad (27)$$

The Poynting vector flux represents the power carried by the wave.

## 4.4 Energy relations for plane waves

The Poynting vector represents the instantaneous power density per unit surface carried by the wave. The acoustic intensity is by definition

$$I = \langle \mathbf{P}(t) \cdot \mathbf{l} \rangle = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T dt \delta p \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{l} \quad (28)$$

**For a plane wave** in direction  $\mathbf{l}$ ,  $u = F(t - x/c)$ ,  $v = F'(t - x/c)$  and  $\delta p = ZF'(t - x/c)$ , with  $x$  along axis  $\mathbf{l}$ .

Then  $e_c = e_p = \frac{1}{2} \rho_0 F'^2(t - x/c)$  and  $\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{l} = ZF'^2(t - x/c) = c(e_c + e_p)$ .

**For a harmonic plane wave** in direction  $\mathbf{l}$ ,  $u = u_m \sin(\omega(t - x/c))$ , then  $v = \omega u_m \cos(\omega(t - x/c)) = v_m \cos(\omega(t - x/c))$ .

- $e_c = e_p = \frac{1}{2} \rho_0 \omega^2 u_m^2 \cos^2(\omega(t - x/c))$  and  $\langle e_c \rangle = \langle e_p \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \rho_0 \omega^2 u_m^2 = \frac{1}{4} \rho_0 v_m^2$
- $\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{l} = Z v_m^2 \cos^2(\omega(t - x/c))$
- $I = \frac{1}{2} Z v_m^2 = \frac{1}{2Z} (\delta p_m)^2$

**For complex harmonic plane waves**, the replacement is

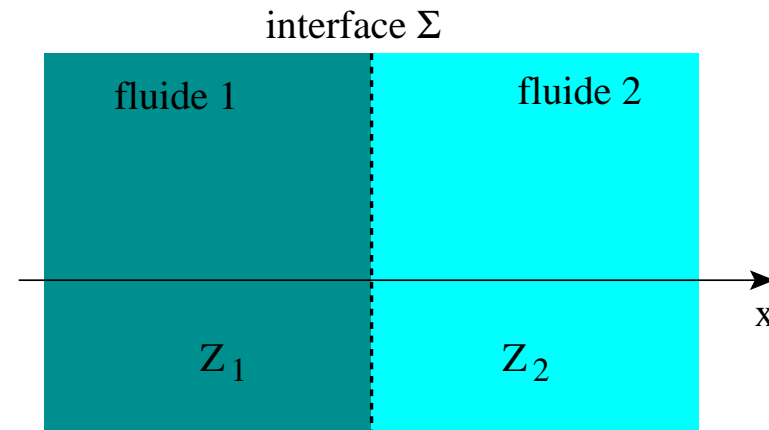
$$e_c = \frac{1}{4} \rho_0 \text{Re}(\mathbf{v}^* \cdot \mathbf{v}) ; e_p = \frac{1}{4} \chi \text{Re}(\delta p^* \delta p) ; \mathbf{P} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}(\delta p \mathbf{v}^*) \quad (29)$$

## 4.5 Reflection and refraction

### 4.5.1 Boundary conditions

The boundary conditions at the interface between two non viscous fluids (assumed separated by an infinitely thin boundary) are:

- continuity of the normal component of the displacement ;
- continuity of pressure variations  $\delta p$  at the interface.



If the interface is defined by  $x=0$ , then

$$u_{1x}(t, x=0, y, z) = u_{2x}(t, x=0, y, z) \quad (30)$$

and similarly for the normal component of the velocity, and

$$\delta p_1(t, x=0, y, z) = \delta p_2(t, x=0, y, z) \quad (31)$$

### 4.5.2 Normal incidence for a plane wave

A normally incident plane wave gives rise to reflected and transmitted plane waves. The normal displacements at the interface are  $u_{1x}(t, \mathbf{r}) = F_i(t - x/c_1) + F_r(t + x/c_1)$  and  $u_{2x}(t, \mathbf{r}) = F_t(t - x/c_2)$ . At the interface ( $x=0$ ) :

$$F_i'(t) + F_r'(t) = F_t'(t) \text{ and } Z_1(F_i'(t) - F_r'(t)) = Z_2 F_t'(t)$$

From these equations, we obtain the [reflection and transmission coefficients for velocity](#)

$$r_v = \frac{F_r'(t)}{F_i'(t)} = \frac{Z_1 - Z_2}{Z_1 + Z_2} \text{ and } t_v = \frac{F_t'(t)}{F_i'(t)} = \frac{2Z_1}{Z_1 + Z_2} \quad (32)$$

the [reflection and transmission coefficients for pressure](#)

$$r_p = -\frac{F_r'(t)}{F_i'(t)} = \frac{Z_2 - Z_1}{Z_1 + Z_2} \text{ and } t_p = \frac{Z_2 F_t'(t)}{Z_1 F_i'(t)} = \frac{2Z_2}{Z_1 + Z_2} \quad (33)$$

the [reflection and transmission coefficients for acoustic power](#)

$$R = \frac{|P_r|}{|P_i|} = -r_v r_p = \left( \frac{Z_1 - Z_2}{Z_1 + Z_2} \right)^2 \text{ and } T = t_v t_p = \frac{4Z_1 Z_2}{(Z_1 + Z_2)^2} = 1 - R \quad (34)$$



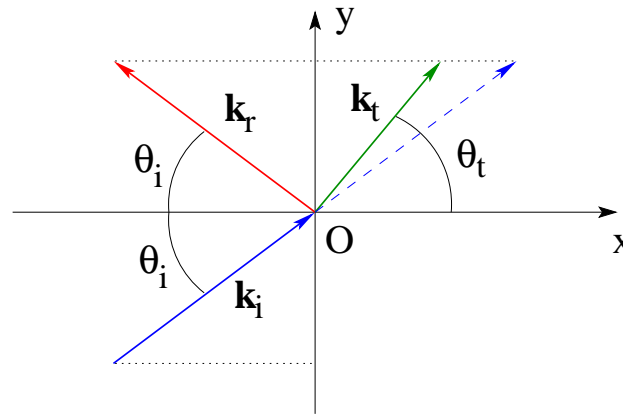
### 4.5.3 Oblique incidence for a harmonic plane wave

For a harmonic plane wave, equating the normal components of the displacement gives at  $\mathbf{r}=(0,y,z)^T$  :

$$A_{ix}\exp(i(\omega_it - \mathbf{k}_i \cdot \mathbf{r})) + A_{rx}\exp(i(\omega_rt - \mathbf{k}_r \cdot \mathbf{r})) = A_{tx}\exp(i(\omega_t t - \mathbf{k}_t \cdot \mathbf{r}))$$

This relation is valid  $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\forall \mathbf{r} \in \Sigma$ , hence

$$\omega_i = \omega_r = \omega_t \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{k}_i \cdot \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{k}_r \cdot \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{k}_t \cdot \mathbf{r}$$



The following properties apply:

- Reflexion and transmission on a static interface occur without any frequency change.
- Snell-Descartes law: the components along the interface of the wavevector are conserved:  $\theta_r = \theta_i$  and  $\sin \theta_t / c_2 = \sin \theta_i / c_1$ .

The pressure on  $\Sigma$  is  $\delta p(t, \mathbf{r}) = (A_i + A_r) \exp(i(\omega t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})) = A_t \exp(i(\omega t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}))$ , along with the continuity of the normal component of velocity we have

$$A_i + A_r = A_t \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{A_i}{Z_1} \cos \theta_i - \frac{A_r}{Z_1} \cos \theta_i = \frac{A_t}{Z_2} \cos \theta_t$$

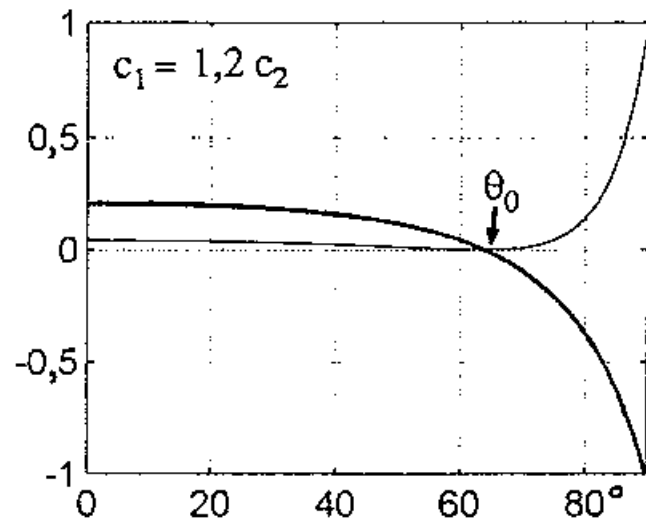
Hence the reflection and transmission coefficients for pressure

$$r_p = \frac{A_r}{A_i} = \frac{Z_2 \cos \theta_i - Z_1 \cos \theta_t}{Z_2 \cos \theta_i + Z_1 \cos \theta_t} \quad \text{and} \quad t_p = \frac{A_t}{A_i} = \frac{2Z_2 \cos \theta_i}{Z_2 \cos \theta_i + Z_1 \cos \theta_t} \quad (35)$$

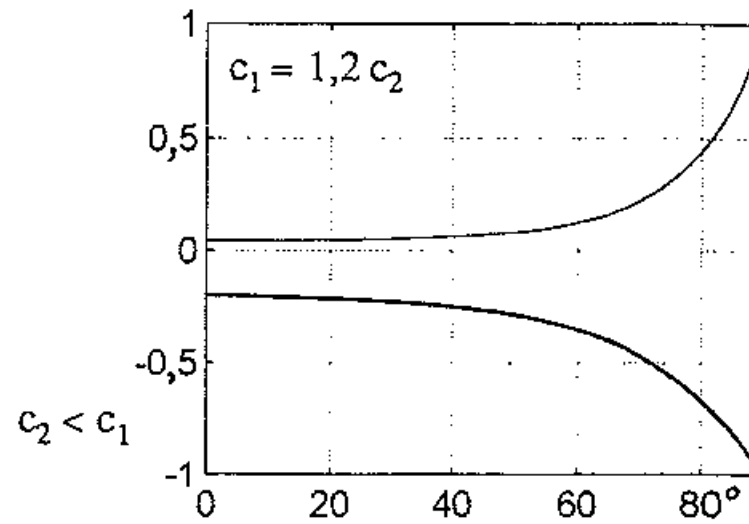
and the reflection and transmission coefficients for acoustic power

$$R = \frac{|P_r|}{|P_i|} = |r_p|^2 \quad \text{and} \quad T = 1 - R \quad (36)$$

## 4.5.4 Oblique incidence for a harmonic plane wave (cont.)



$Z_2 > Z_1$  ( $Z_2 = 1,5 Z_1$ )



$c_2 < c_1$

$Z_2 < Z_1$  ( $Z_1 = 1,5 Z_2$ )

