

SOUND

Sound

- Sound is a form of energy which usually produces the sensation of hearing in our ear.
- Sound is produced by vibrating objects. A vibrating tuning fork produces sound. The sound of human voice is also produced due to vibration in the vocal chords.
- A disturbance is a rapid back and forth motion of a rapid particle about its mean position. vibration is also called oscillation.
- Different sources of sound in our environment are human beings, birds, animals, bells, machines, musical instruments like guitar, sitar, mridangam etc.
- The matter through which the sound is transmitted from the point generator to the listener is called medium. The medium can be solid, liquid and gas.
- The disturbance set by sound in the medium travels through the vibrations of the particles of the medium hence the particle of the medium is not

- o When the same vibrating object suddenly moves backward it causes a temporary low pressure region which is called rarefaction.
- o The compression is a region of high pressure & rarefaction is a region of low pressure. Pressure is related to the no. of particles of a medium in a given volume.
- o More density of the particles in the medium gives more pressure & vice versa. Therefore, the propagation of sound can be visualized as propagation of alternately fluctuating levels of density or pressure.
- o The density and pressure variations respectively are given in the fig, as a sound wave propagation in the medium.

- (i) Time period
- Time taken by a vibrating body or a vibrating particle to complete one oscillation is time period.
 - It is denoted by T . Its SI unit is seconds (s).

- (ii) Relation between frequency & time period
Frequency & time period are reciprocal to each other.

$$\text{Frequency} = \frac{1}{\text{time period}}$$

$$\text{or } \nu = 1/T$$

- (iii) Pitch or shrillness.

- Pitch is the characteristics of a sound that depends on the frequency received by a human ear.
- A sound wave of high frequency has high pitch and a sound wave of low frequency has a low pitch.

5. Loudness

- Loudness of a sound depends on the amplitude of the vibrating body producing the sound.
- Loudness

6. Intensity

- Intensity of a sound is defined as the sound energy transfer per unit time through a unit area placed \perp to the direction of

⇒ Particular application of the multiple reflection of sound.

Megaphones, loudspeakers, horns musical instruments such as trumpets, shikharai, etc. are all designed to send sound in a particular direction without spreading in all directions. One end of a megaphone tube is narrow and its other end is wide.

When a person speaks into the narrow end, the sound waves produced are prevented from spreading by successive reflection. So sound is heard over a longer distance.

The ceiling of concert halls, cinema halls are curved so that sound after reflection reaches all the corners of the hall. Sometimes a curved soundboard may be placed behind the stage. Sound after reflecting from the soundboard spreads evenly across the width of the hall. Stethoscope used by doctors also works on the principle of multiple reflection of sound.

- technique is called 'echocardiography'.
- o Ultrasound scanner is an instrument which uses ultrasonic waves for getting images of internal organs of the human body. In this technique the ultrasonic waves travel through the tissues of the body and get reflected from a region where there is a change of tissue density. These waves are then converted into electrical signals that are used to generate image of the organ. These images are then displayed on a monitor or printed on a film. This technique is called 'ultrasonography'. Ultrasonography is also used for examination of the foetus during pregnancy to detect congenital defects and growth abnormalities.
 - o Ultrasound may be employed to break small 'stones' formed in the kidneys into fine grains. These grains later get flushed out with urine.

Range of Hearing

- The audible range of sound for humans extends from about 20 Hz to 20,000 Hz. Sounds of frequencies below 20 Hz are called infrasonic sounds or infrasound.
- Ultrasonic sounds are produced by dolphins, bats and porpoises.

Application of Ultrasound

- Ultrasound is reflected just like ordinary sound waves. It produces echoes. Due to their high frequencies, the ultrasonic waves have a high penetrating power.
- Ultrasound is used to clean parts located in hard to reach places e.g., spiral tube, odd shaped parts etc. Objects to be cleaned are placed in a cleaning solution and ultrasonic waves are sent into the solution. Due to the high frequency, the particles of dust, grease and dirt get detached and drop out.
- Ultrasound can be used to detect cracks and flaws in metal blocks. Ultrasonic waves are allowed to pass through the metal block and detectors are used to detect the transmitted waves. If there is even a small defect.
- Ultrasonic waves are made to reflect from various parts of the heart and form the image of the heart. This

Echo

- It is the second distinct 'sound' that is heard by the observer after it is reflected from a rigid surface.
- This is a common phenomenon in mountains & valleys where the sound emitted from the source strikes the mountain and returns to the source after a certain interval of time. This similar sound which is heard is called an echo.
- To hear distinct echoes the mindistances of the obstacles from the source of sound must be 17.2m, so the reflected sound reaches there after 0.1 second.
- The sensation of sound persists in our brain for 0.1 second. Echoes may be heard more than once due to successive or multiple reflections. The rumbling & thunder is due to the successive reflections of the sound from the reflecting surfaces.

⇒ Reverberation

- The repeated reflection of sound that results in the persistence of sound is called reverberation.
- A sound created in a big hall will persist by repeated reflections from the walls until it is reduced to a value where it is no longer audible.

propagation of sound.

o Thus,

$$\text{Intensity of sound} = \frac{\text{Sound energy}}{\text{Time} \times \text{Area}}$$

o Its SI unit is Joule $s^{-1}m^{-2}$ or watt m^{-2} .

(i) Relation between wave length, speed, frequency & wavelength.

$$\text{Speed of wave} = \text{wavelength} \times \text{frequency}$$

$$v = \lambda \nu$$

o Speed of a sound wave differs only when the sound goes from one medium to other.

Reflection of Sound

o Sound bounces off a solid or liquid like a rubberball bounces off a wall. This is called reflection of sound. Sound is reflected like light & the same laws of reflection are applicable.

o The directions in which the sound is incident & reflected make equal angles with the normal to the reflecting surface. The incident ray, the normal & the reflected ray, all three lie on the same plane.

o For reflection of sound waves a polished rough surface of large size is needed.

Characteristics of Sound Wave.

- A sound wave can be characterised by
- * Amplitude
 - * wavelength
 - * frequency
 - * pitch or shrillness
 - * loudness
 - * Intensity

1. Amplitude \Rightarrow

- o The maximum displacement of a vibrating body or particle from its mean position is called amplitude.
- o It's SI unit is metre (m)
- o It is denoted by the letter A.
- o The loudness or softness of a sound is determined basically by its amplitude. The amplitude of the sound wave depends upon the force with which an object is made to vibrate.

2. Wavelength \Rightarrow

- o The distance between 2 consecutive compression or rarefaction is the wavelength of the wave.
- o It is represented by lambda (λ) SI unit (m)
- o The distance between a compression & a adjacent rarefaction is equal to half the wavelength.

3. frequency \Rightarrow

- o The number of oscillation made by a vibrating body or particles of a medium in 1 second is known as frequency of a wave.
- o It is represented by ν , SI unit is Hertz (Hz)

Difference between longitudinal & transverse waves:

Longitudinal waves	Transverse waves
i) In longitudinal waves the particles of the medium vibrate parallel to the wave propagation.	In transverse waves, the particles of the medium vibrate at the right angle to the direction of the wave propagation.
ii) Longitudinal waves can travel only through a material medium, no through vacuum.	Transverse waves can travel through vacuum as well as through medium. Eg:- light wave which is not a mechanical waves.

o Propagation of sound through air:-
Sound propagation through medium at a finite speed. Its speed is much less than that of a object light that is why the sound of the thunder is heard only a little later than a flash of light seen during thunderstorm.

o A vibrating object when moves forward, first pushes the air in front of it & compression the air creating a region high pressure. This region is called compression.

longitudinal waves in a Slinky.

(ii) Transverse waves.

In transverse waves: the individual particles of the medium move about their mean position in a direction.

⊥ to the direction of wave propagation. Transverse waves are produced on water surfaces and in the strings of musical instruments.

Characteristics of transverse waves:-
When a transverse wave travels through a medium elevations and depressions are formed as shown in fig.

- The point on the elevation of the medium whose distance from the mean position is maximum is known as Crest [C].
- The point of the depression of the medium of whose distance from the mean position is maximum is known as Trough [T].

(i) Longitudinal waves

- Sound waves are longitudinal waves. In this waves the individual particles of the medium move in a direction parallel to the direction of motion of the disturbance.
- The particles of the medium do not move from one place to another, but they simply oscillate back and forth about their position, This is how sound waves propagate.

Characteristics of longitudinal waves

- when a longitudinal wave passes through a medium, the medium is divided into the regions - compression & rarefaction.
- The part of a medium, where, the particles of the medium are very close to each other is known as compression, denoted by C.
- The part of a medium where the particles of the medium are far apart from each other is known as rarefaction, denoted by R.

moving from one place to another

Wave.

The movement of the disturbance through a medium due to repeated periodic motion of the particles of the medium about their mean position known as wave.

Sound waves are characterised by vibration of particles in medium are called mechanical waves.

Sound being a mechanical wave needs material medium like air, water, steel etc. for its propagation. It cannot travel through vacuum.

Examples of mechanical waves :-

- o Sound waves in air
- o water waves
- o waves produced due to earthquake (Seismic waves)
- o waves produced by supersonic jet planes (Shock waves)
- o waves produced in a stretched string
- o waves produced in a slinky or long spring