

Unit Six: Waves and Modern Physics

4 Fundamental Forces

Strong - Acts between things made of quarks → Responsible for attraction between protons & neutrons

EM - Acts between charged particles

Force carrier is photon → caused by accelerated charge

Weak - Responsible for radioactive decay

Gravity - attraction between mass

EM force > Gravitational force (Gravity is always attractive)

Types of Particles

Leptons

electrons
muons

Boson

Force carriers

Rules: Quarks make

stable particles with zero or whole charge

Quark Matter:

Hadrons

Baryons Mesons

No strong force

Annihilation occurs when a particle and corresponding antiparticle meet
E=mc²

Waves transfer energy NOT mass

- Mechanical waves → require a medium, energy related to amplitude
can be transverse or longitudinal

- EM waves - Ex - Sound (longitudinal)
move through a vacuum at 3x10⁸ m/s
caused by acceleration of charged particle
increase in "n" all transverse
energy related to frequency

Pulse = a single disturbance in a wave

Periodic wave - repeating cycle

Transverse (t) Longitudinal (l)



Reciprocal

$$\lambda = \frac{\text{meters}}{\text{cycle}} \quad f = \frac{\text{cycles}}{\text{second}} \quad T = \frac{\text{seconds}}{\text{cycle}}$$

$$v = f\lambda = \frac{\text{cycles}}{\text{second}} \cdot \frac{\text{meters}}{\text{cycle}} = \frac{\text{meters}}{\text{second}}$$

- v of sound wave in air 331 m/s

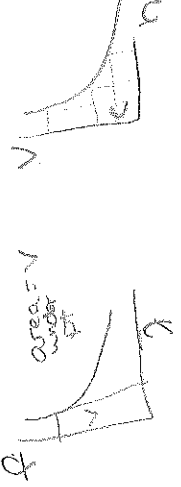
- v of EM spectrum in vacuum or air (radio, light, microwave etc) = 3x10⁸ m/s

$$n = \frac{c}{v}$$

n₁ sin θ₁ = n₂ sin θ₂ (all angles measured to normal)

if n₁ > n₂ then θ₁ > θ₂ vice versa

$$\frac{n_2}{n_1} = \frac{v_1}{v_2} = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2}$$



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Wave Phenomena

Reflection $\theta_i = \theta_r$

Same medium

Happens to waves & particles

Refraction $n = \frac{c}{v}$

~~Refraction~~ bending of wave due to change in "n"

Reflection & Refraction usually happen together

② is relative to normal line

Diffraction

Bending of a wave due to obstruction

① does it change unless medium changes
amount of bending is greatest when a large object tries to pass through a small opening



Interference, Standing waves, Resonance

Superposition

Constructive interference

Involves "building larger" or 360° phase difference
→ results in antinodes

Destructive interference

Involves cancelling of waves
180° phase difference
→ results in nodes



Resonance — involves the matching of frequency from the environment to an object

Doppler Effect

Relative motion between observer and source

toward → increasing f , decreasing λ , blue shift

away → decreasing f , increasing λ , red shift

Stretching as it moves away
Compression of waves as it approaches

If acceleration occurs constant change

Energy and Mass are conserved in atomic events → the mass defect (change) is converted to energy

Equations

mass in kg use equation $E = mc^2$ → mass in "u" → $1u = 9.31 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$

Photon $\frac{hc}{\lambda} = hf$ → $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$
 $h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$

Number of possible frequencies from energy diagram is the sum of levels below Ex: for $n=5$ $(4+3+2+1=10)$

Steps for Energy diagram to EM spectrum

1. Find ΔE in eV's
2. convert to Joules
3. use $E = hf$ or $E = hc/\lambda$ for reverse
4. Find on EM spectrum diagram

Evidence of wave behavior

Diffraction, Interference, Double slit, Doppler effect

Particle Behavior

Photoelectric effect, photon momentum

