

## Topic 3: Oscillators, waves, flows

### Content:

- harmonic oscillator
- mathematical pendulum
- damped oscillator
- driven oscillator
- waves
- Huygens principle, Doppler effect
- flow of liquids and air

# basic terms and quantities

The general study of the relationships between motion, forces, and energy is called **mechanics**.

**Motion** is the action of changing location or position. Motion may be divided into three basic types - translational, rotational, and oscillatory.

The study of motion without regard to the forces or energies that may be involved is called **kinematics**. It is the simplest branch of mechanics.

The branch of mechanics that deals with both motion and forces together is called **dynamics** and the study of forces in the absence of changes in motion or energy is called **statics**.

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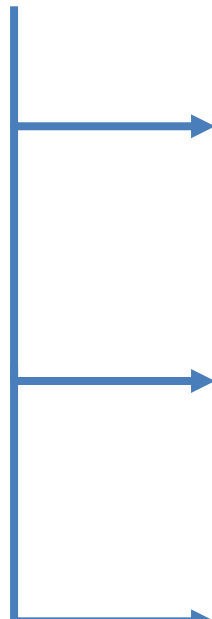
Basic quantities:

$T$  – period [s] ( $T$  – time for one complete cycle)

$f = 1/T$  – frequency [ $s^{-1} = \text{Hz}$ ] ( $f$  – number of oscillations in 1 second)

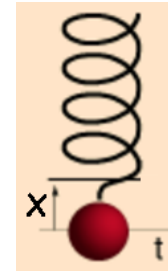
$\Omega = 2\pi f$  – angular frequency [ $\text{rad}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ ]

# HARMONIC OSCILLATOR

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- **Simple harmonic oscillator** -  $F$  is the only acting force
  - **Damped oscillator** – Friction (damping) occurs
  - **Driven oscillator** – Damped oscillator further affected by an external force

# 1. Simple harmonic oscillator

## An oscillating spring with a mass



$x$  – distance,  
 $t$  – time,

Balance of the system is given by (with help of Newton's second law and Hooke's law):

$$\mathbf{a)} \quad F = ma = m \frac{d^2 x(t)}{dt^2}$$

Newton's second law („Law of Power“)

$$\mathbf{b)} \quad F = -kx(t)$$

so called Hooke's law:

it states that the force ( $F$ ) needed to extend or compress a spring by some distance ( $x$ ) scales linearly with respect to that distance, ( $k$  – so called Hooke's constant)

Equality of these 2 forces gives us the basic equation for a simple harmonic oscillator:

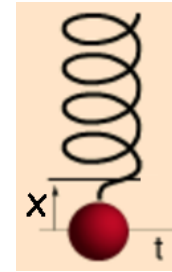
$$m \frac{d^2 x(t)}{dt^2} = -kx(t)$$

$$\frac{d^2 x(t)}{dt^2} = -\frac{k}{m} x(t)$$

a linear differential equation (LDE)

# 1. Simple harmonic oscillator

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$$\frac{d^2x(t)}{dt^2} = -\frac{k}{m}x(t)$$

Homogenous LDE with constant coefficients

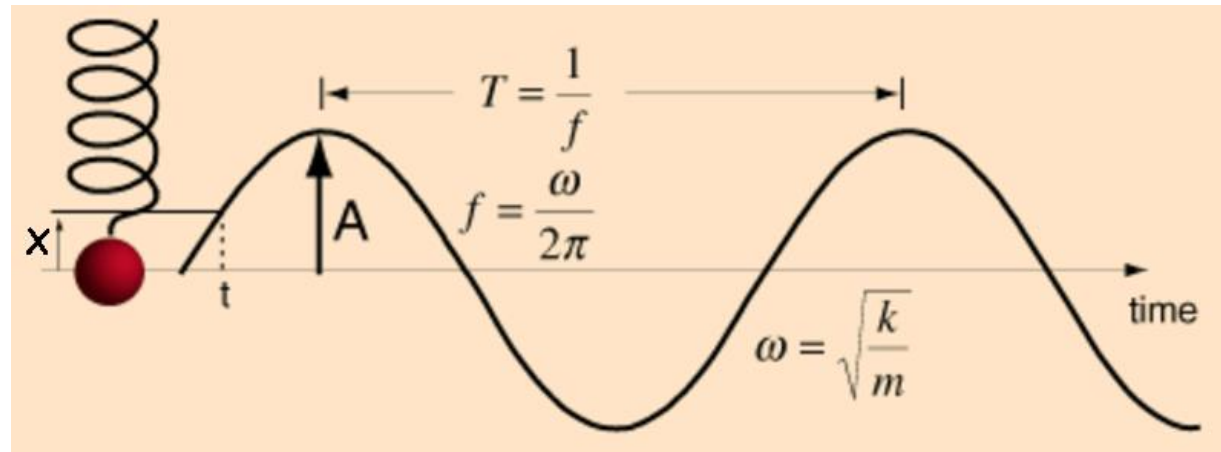
Solution:

$$x(t) = C_1 \cos(\omega t) + C_2 \sin(\omega t) = A \cos(\omega t - \varphi) \quad \text{Periodic motion}$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi f$$

$$A = \sqrt{C_1^2 + C_2^2}$$

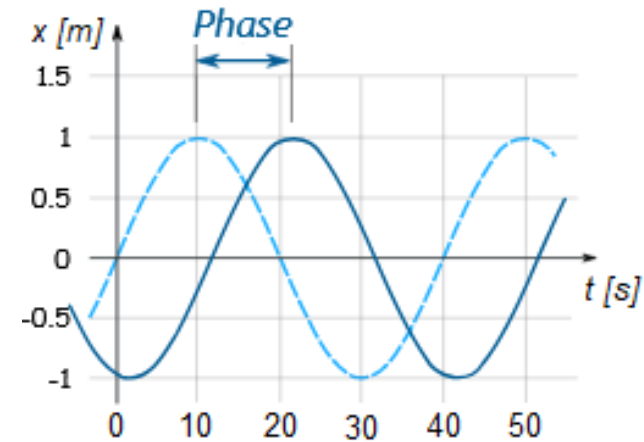
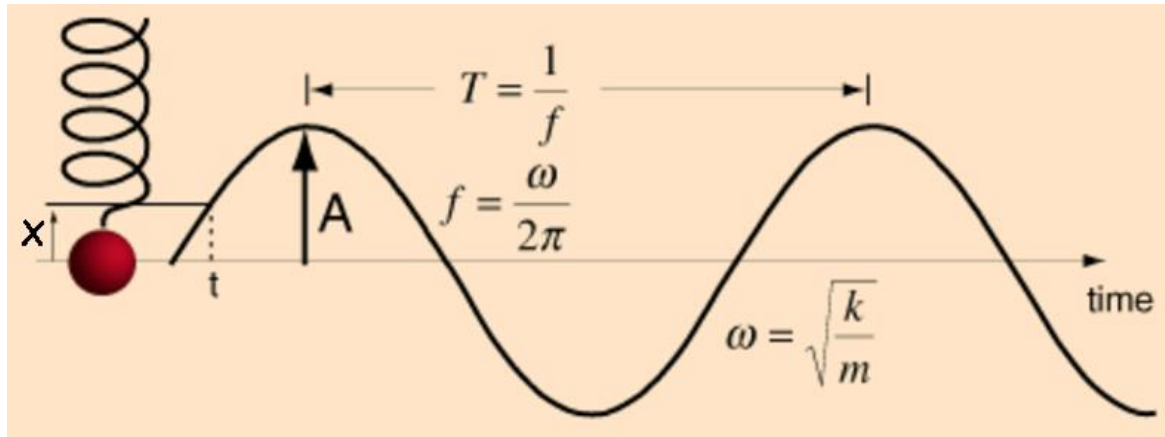
$$\tan \varphi = \frac{C_1}{C_2}$$



A – amplitude,  $\varphi$  – phase,  $\omega$  – angular frequency, f – frequency, t – time

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**Speed**  $|\vec{v}(t)| = \frac{dx(t)}{dt} = -A\omega \sin(\omega t - \varphi)$

**Acceleration**  $|\vec{a}(t)| = \frac{d^2x(t)}{dt^2} = -A\omega^2 \cos(\omega t - \varphi)$

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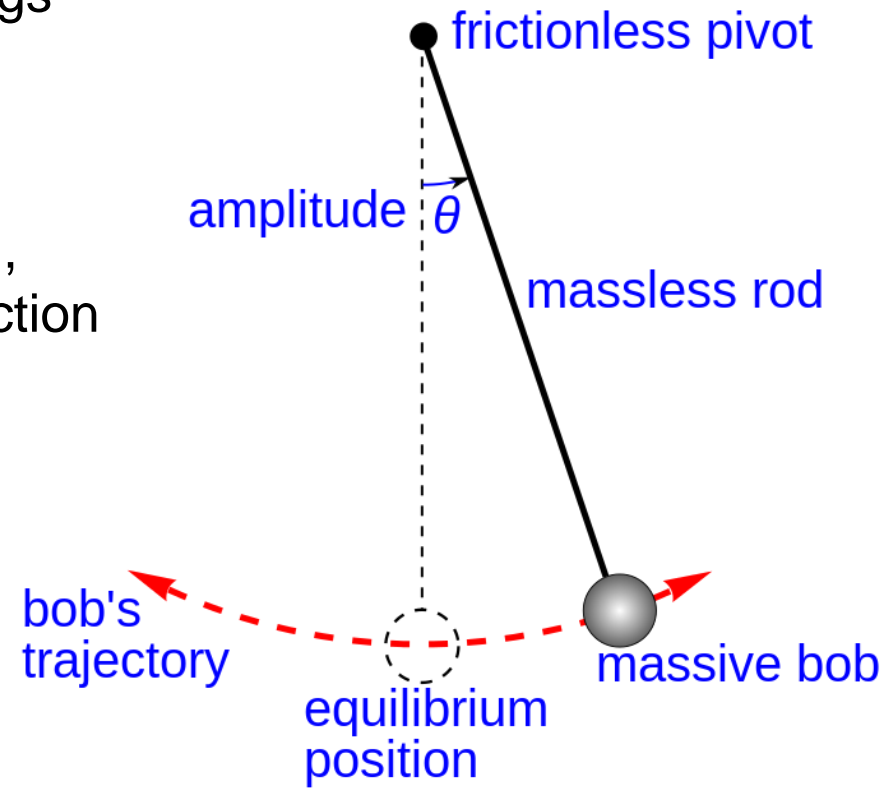


# 1. Simple harmonic oscillator

## Next example – simple gravity pendulum (or mathematical pendulum)

Basic assumptions:

- the rod or cord on which the bob swings is massless,
- the bob is a point mass,
- motion occurs only in two dimensions (i.e. the bob does not trace an ellipse),
- the motion does not lose energy to friction or air resistance,
- the gravitational field is uniform,
- the support does not move.



## simple gravity pendulum

Equality of 2 equations for accelerations gives us the basic equation for the pendulum:

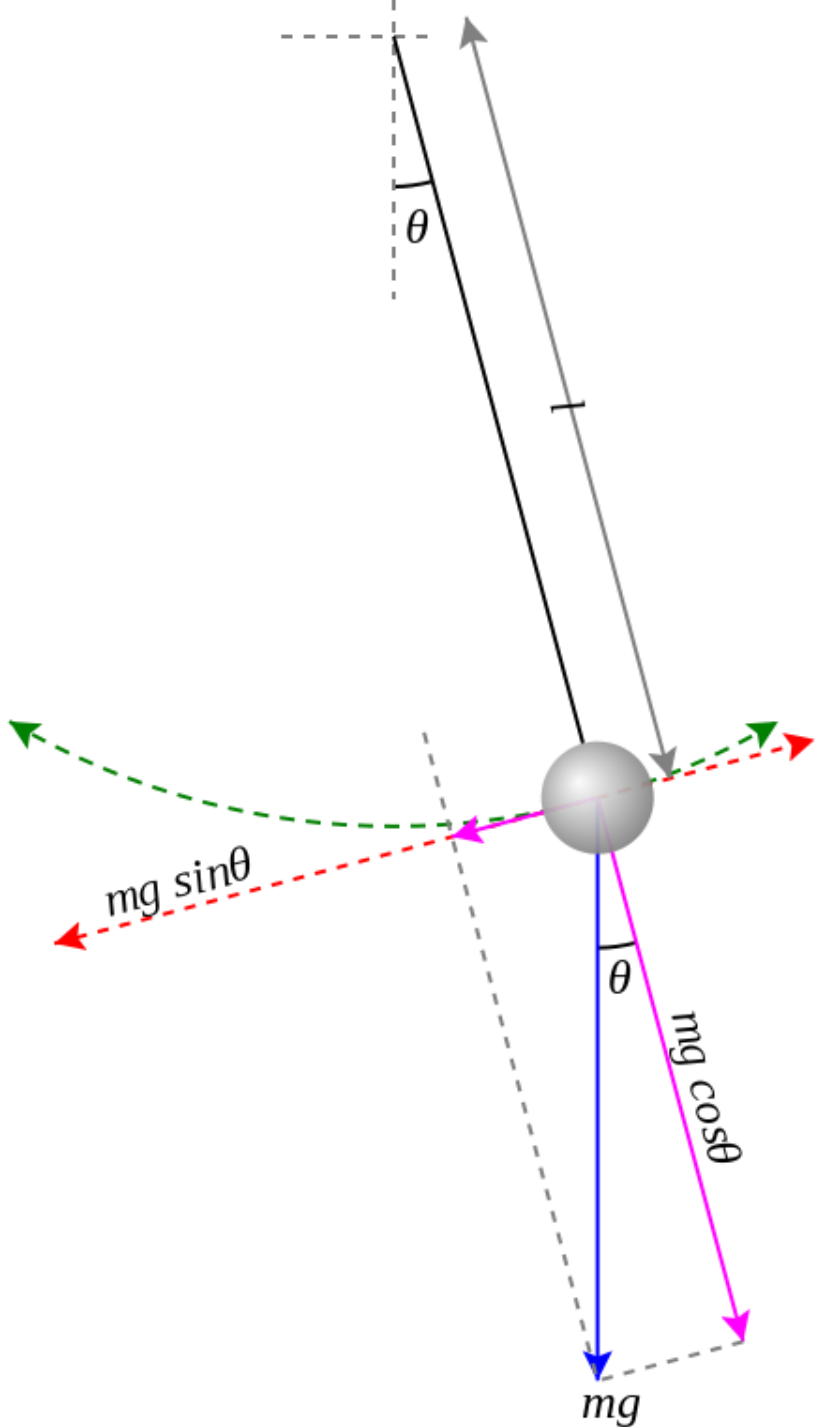
$$F = m \cdot a$$

$$F = -mg \sin \theta = m \cdot a \Rightarrow a = -g \sin \theta \quad \mathbf{a)}$$

$$s = l \cdot \theta \rightarrow v = \frac{ds}{dt} = l \frac{d\theta}{dt} \rightarrow a = l \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} \quad \mathbf{b)}$$

$$l \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = -g \sin \theta \Rightarrow \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + \frac{g}{l} \sin \theta = 0$$

$l$  – length of the pendulum  
 $\theta$  – angular displacement  
(amplitude)



# 1. Simple harmonic oscillator (simple gravity pendulum)

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + \frac{g}{l} \sin \theta = 0$$

**assumption:**  $\theta \ll 1 \rightarrow \sin \theta \approx \theta$

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + \frac{g}{l} \theta = 0 \quad \text{boundary conditions} \quad \theta(0) = \theta_0; \quad \left. \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = 0$$

**Solution:**  $\theta(t) = \theta_0 \cos \left( \sqrt{\frac{g}{l}} t \right) \quad \theta_0 \ll 1$

**Period:**

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

$$\omega = 2\pi f, \quad f = \frac{1}{T}$$

period of a simple gravity pendulum (T):

Is independent on the mass of the object, it is a function of the length  $l$  and gravitational acceleration  $g$ :

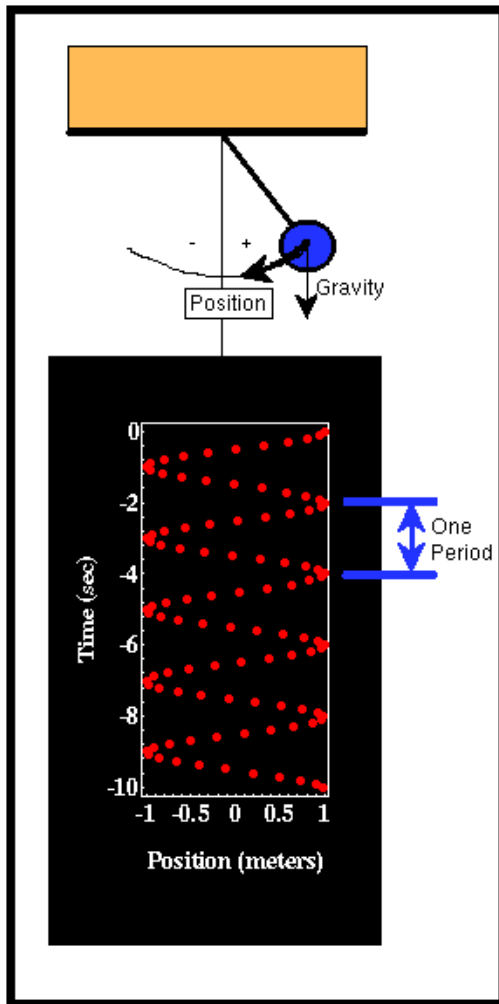
$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}} \quad [\text{s}]$$

Walter Lewin – lecture MIT (video)  
a trial with pendulum

parameters:  $L = 5.21 \text{ m}$ ,  $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ ,  
estimation of pendulum period:  $4.58 \text{ s}$

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXys\\_mymMKA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXys_mymMKA)

(important timings: 11:40 pendulum, 16:25 with added mass)



## 2. Damped oscillator

Friction (damping) force:

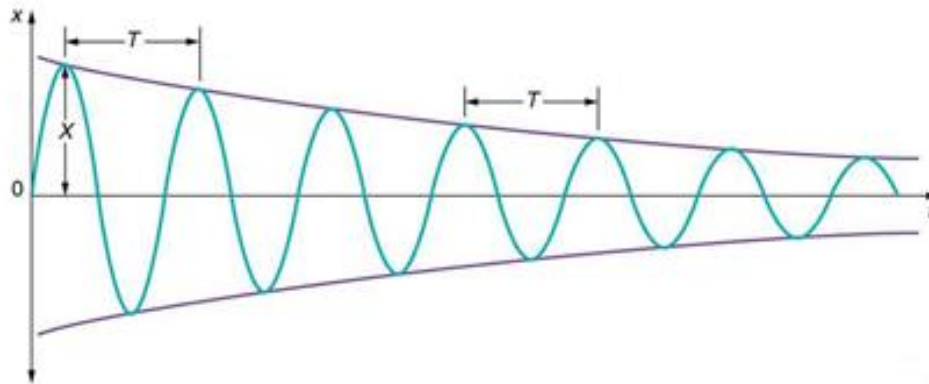
$$F_f = -c v$$

$$F = F_{\text{ext.}} - kx - c \frac{dx}{dt} = m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} \quad \text{if } F_{\text{ext.}} = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 x(t)}{dt^2} + 2\zeta\omega_0 \frac{dx(t)}{dt} + \omega_0^2 x = 0 \quad \omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}; \zeta = \frac{c}{2\sqrt{mk}}$$

$\zeta > 1$  overdamped       $\zeta = 1$  critically damped       $\zeta < 1$  underdamped

**Solution:**  $x(t) = A e^{-\zeta\omega_0 t} \sin(\sqrt{1-\zeta^2}\omega_0 t + \varphi)$



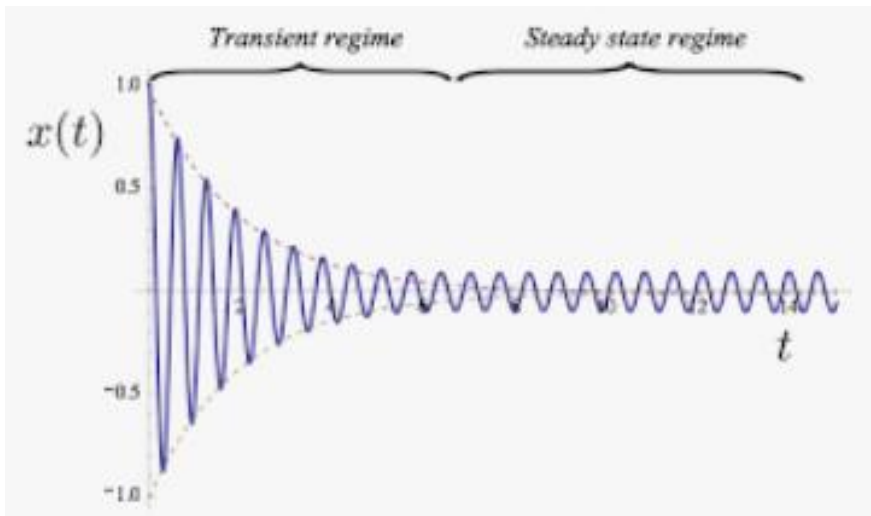
### 3. Driven oscillator

Externally applied force  $F(t)$

$$F = F_{\text{ext.}} - kx - c \frac{dx}{dt} = m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2 x(t)}{dt^2} + 2\zeta\omega_0 \frac{dx(t)}{dt} + \omega_0^2 x = \frac{F(t)}{m}$$

Solutions depend on external force (e.g. can be sinusoidal)



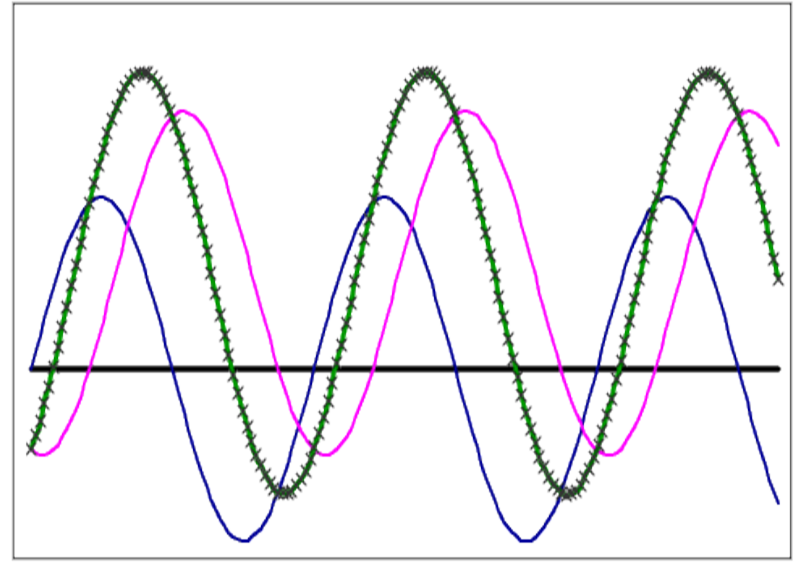
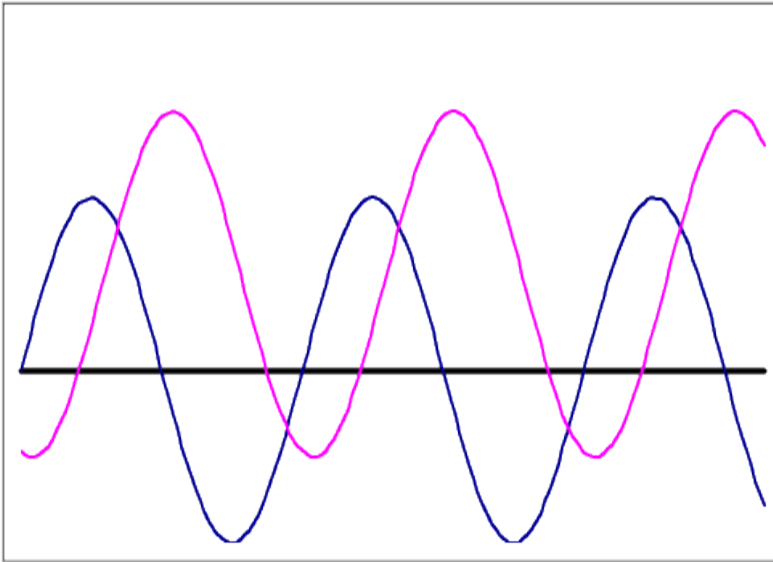
# Combinations of oscillations

Oscillation 1  $x_1(t) = A_1 \cos(\omega_1 t - \varphi_1)$

Oscillation 2  $x_2(t) = A_2 \cos(\omega_2 t - \varphi_2)$

$$x = x_1 + x_2 = A_1 \cos(\omega_1 t - \varphi_1) + A_2 \cos(\omega_2 t - \varphi_2)$$

Maximum possible displacement  $x_{\max} = A_1 + A_2$



Comment: We will come back to this topic during the so called interference of waves.

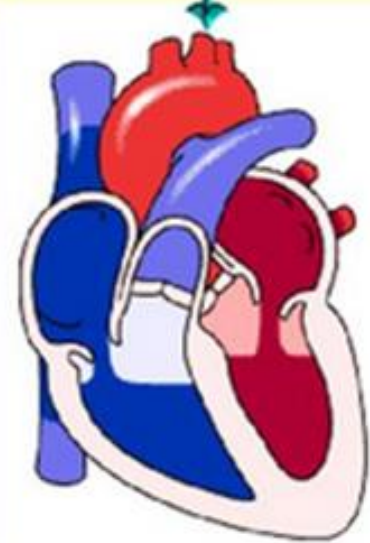
# oscillators in biology

Many biological objects and natural phenomena have oscillatory nature.

**breath**



**heartbeat**



Comment: In biology, there is very important so called circadian rhythm.



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# Waves

In physics, a wave is a propagating dynamic disturbance (change from equilibrium) of one or more quantities, sometimes as described by a wave equation.

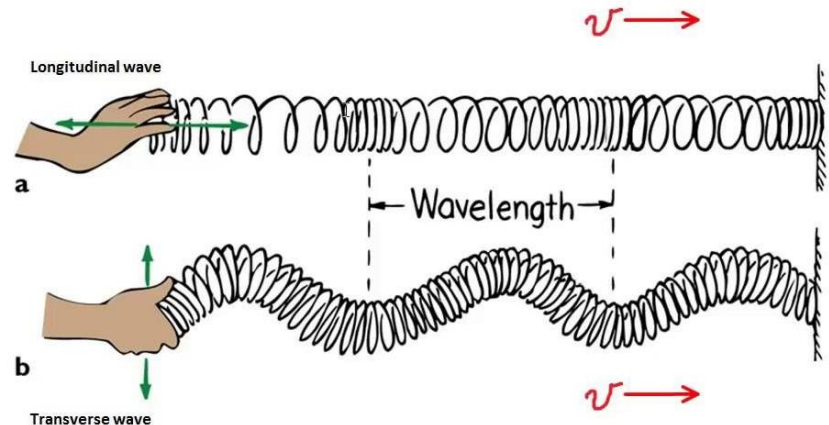
- oscillation accompanied by the transfer of energy which travels through mass or space
- little or no associated mass transport.

**waves**

- **mechanical** – through medium which is deformed, e.g. sound waves, body waves
- **electromagnetic** – no medium, periodic oscillations of electric and magnetic fields, e.g. visible light, radio waves, ...

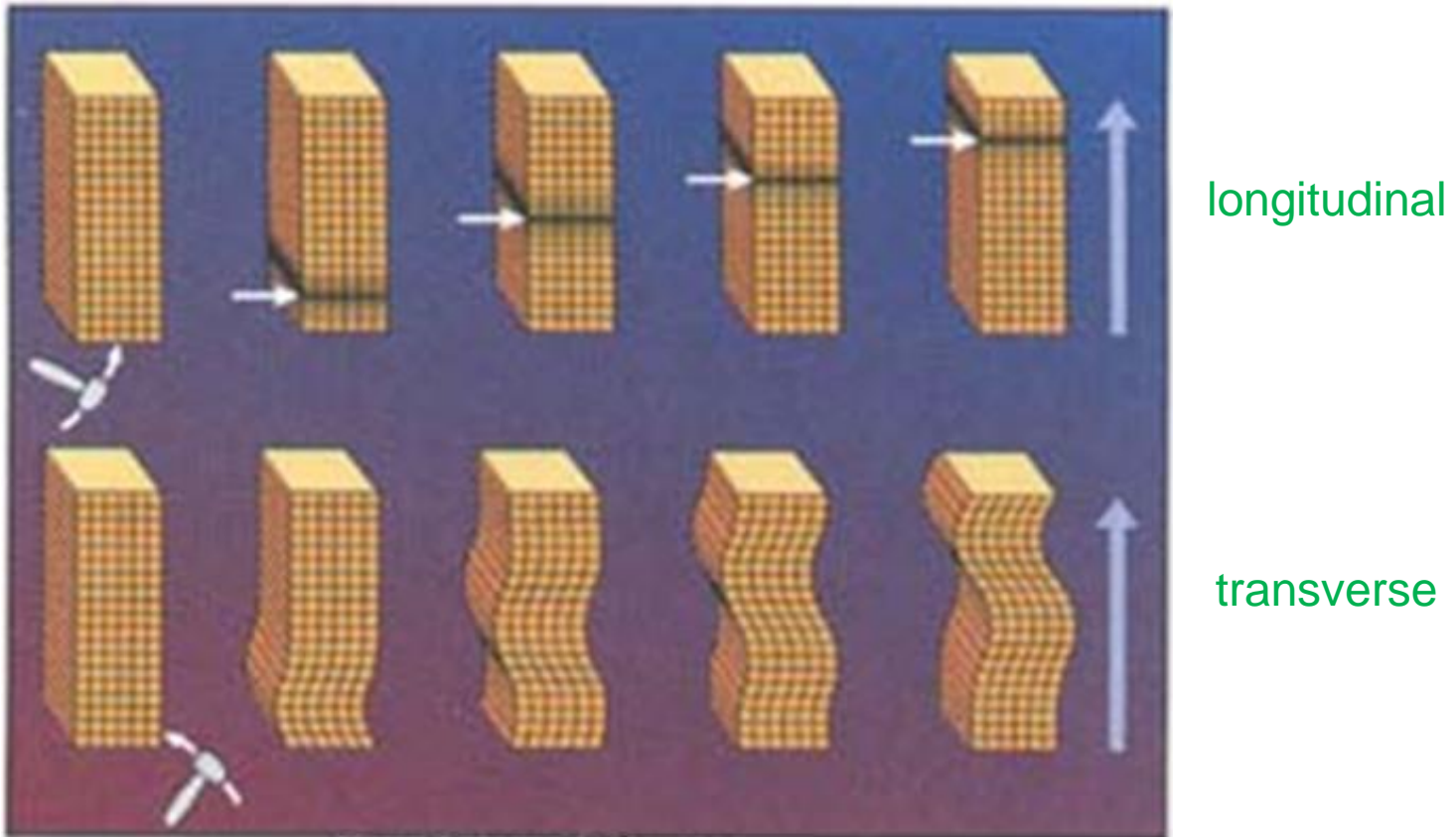
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# Wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$$

$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, t)$  - scalar function whose values can model, for example, the mechanical displacement of a wave

One space dimension case: 
$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{u}}{\partial x^2}$$

Now the searched solution ( $u$ ) is not only a function of time ( $t$ ), but also function of space ( $x$ ).

Most simple solution:

$$u = A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} x\right)$$

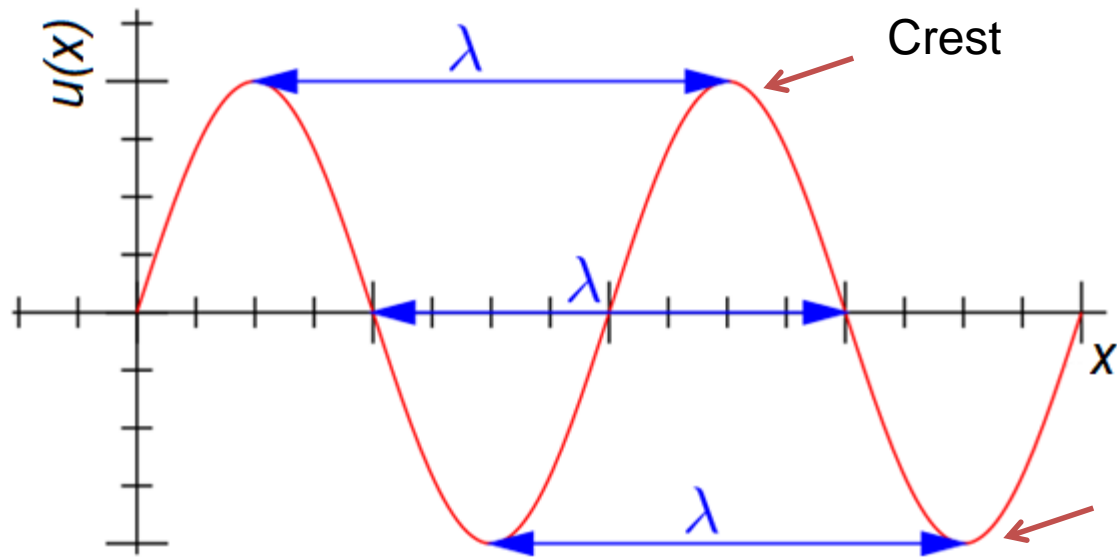
One important consequence:

$$v = f\lambda$$

speed or velocity ( $\text{ms}^{-1}$ )

wavelength (m)

frequency (Hz)

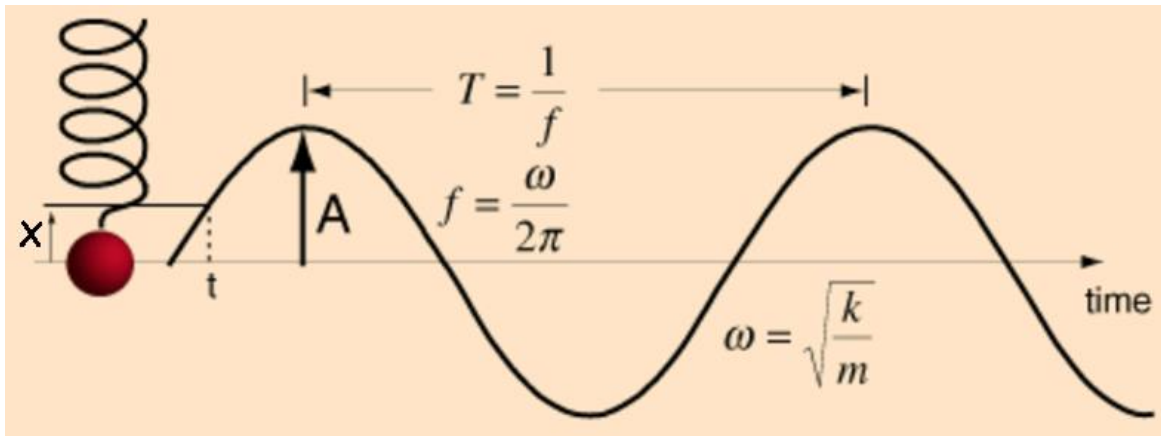


$\lambda$  – wavelength (distance)

$$\lambda = vT = \frac{v}{f}$$

Trough

Comment: topic with harmonic oscillators

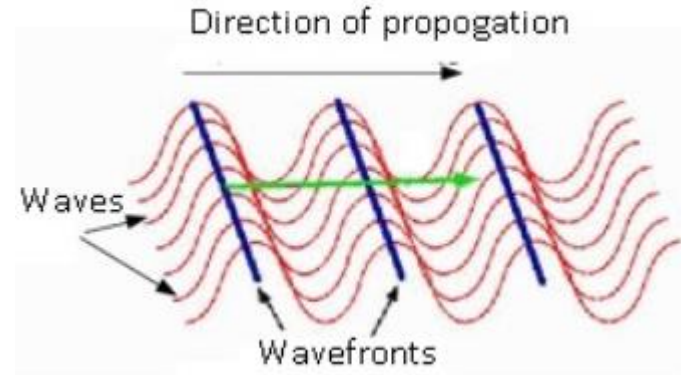


T – period (time)

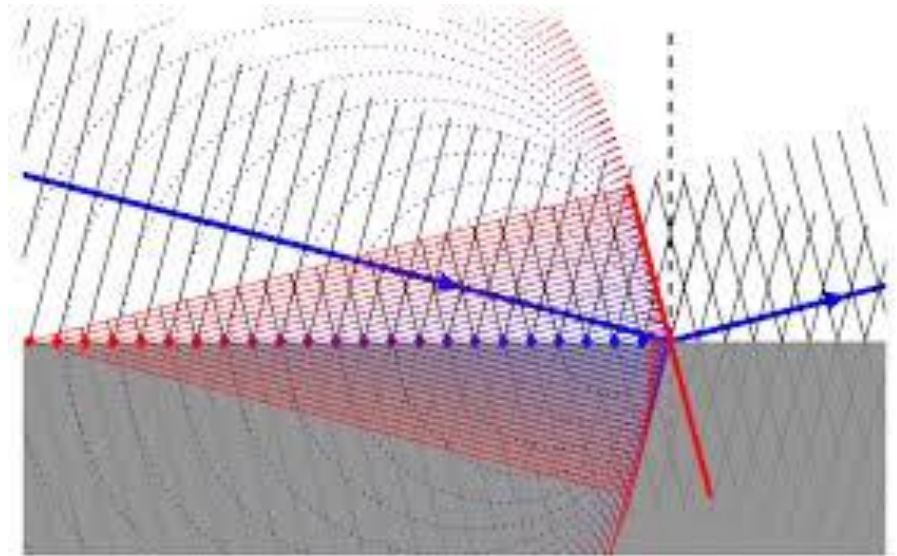
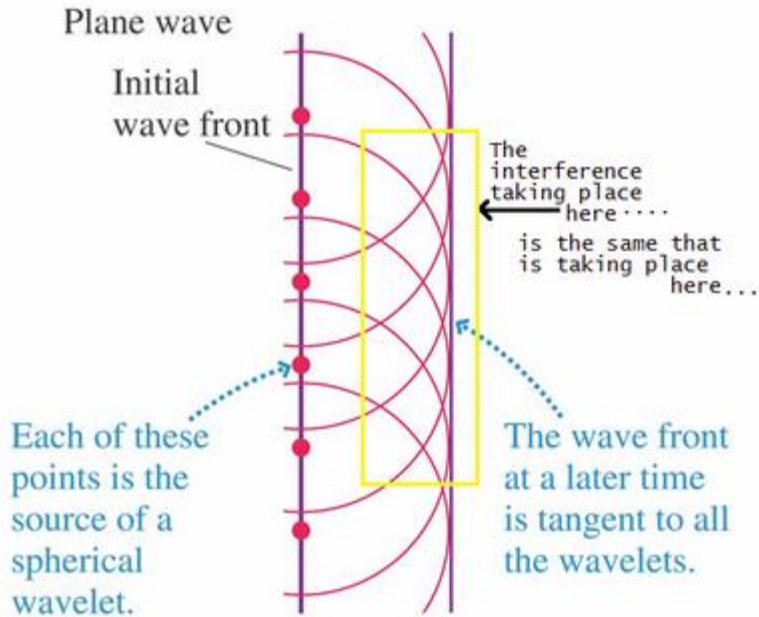
$$T = \frac{1}{f}$$

# Wavefronts, Huygens principle

Waves can propagate in packages, called as wavefronts.

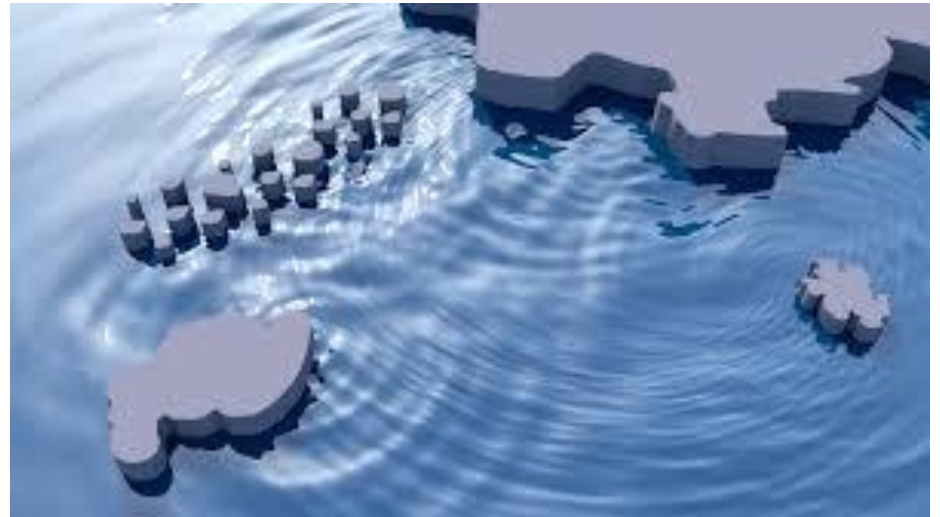
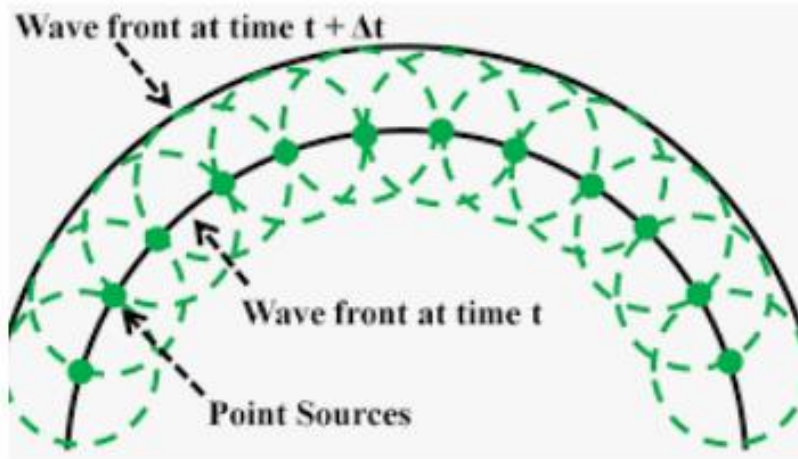


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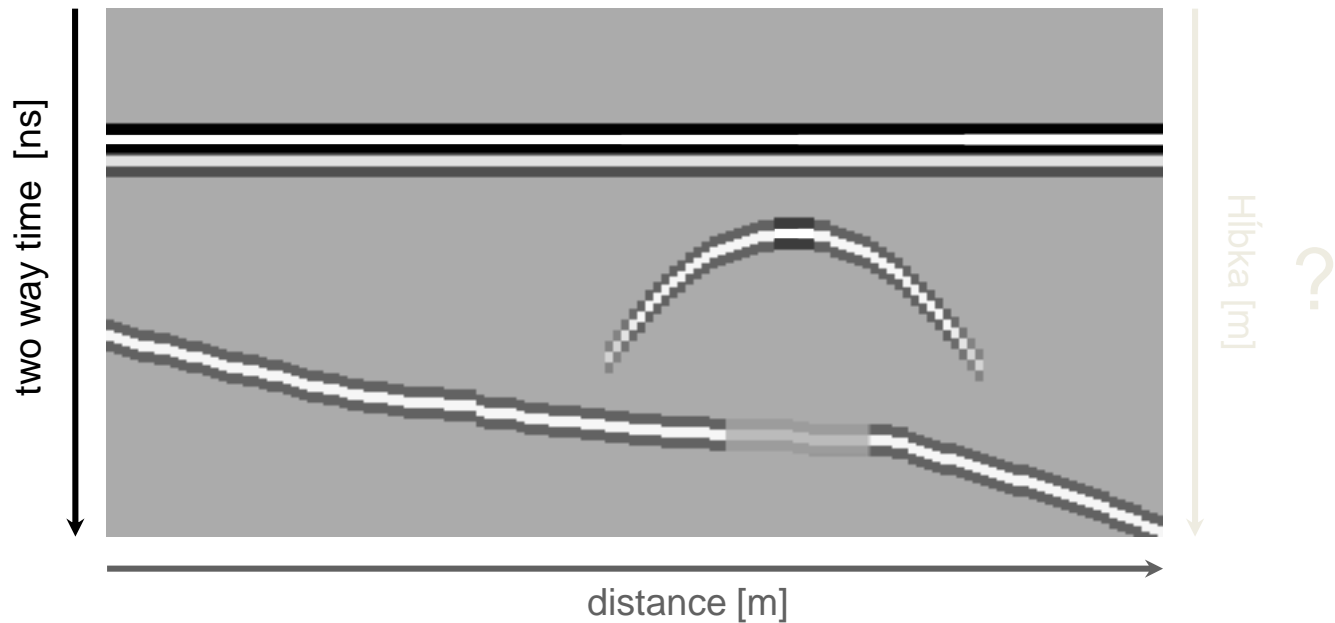
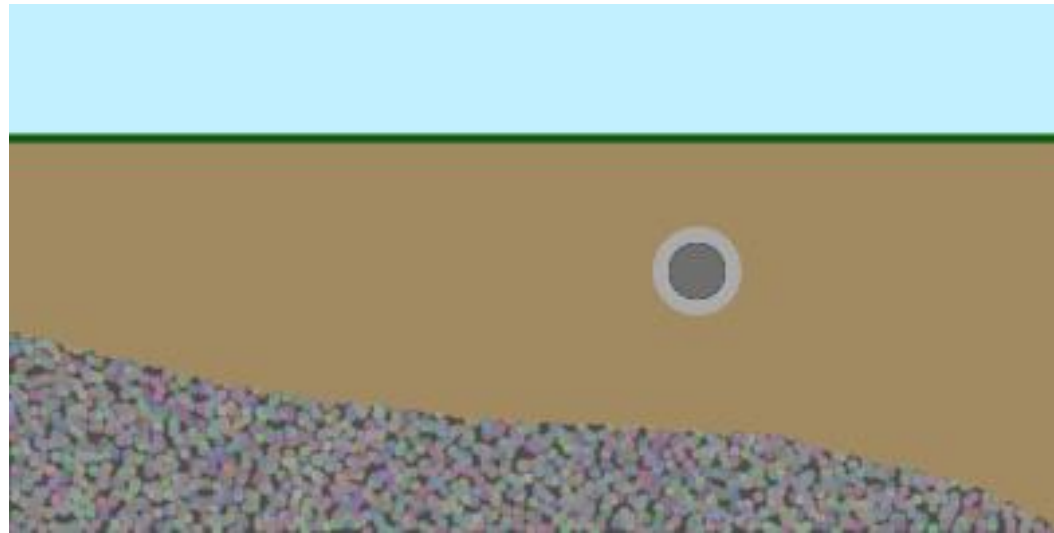


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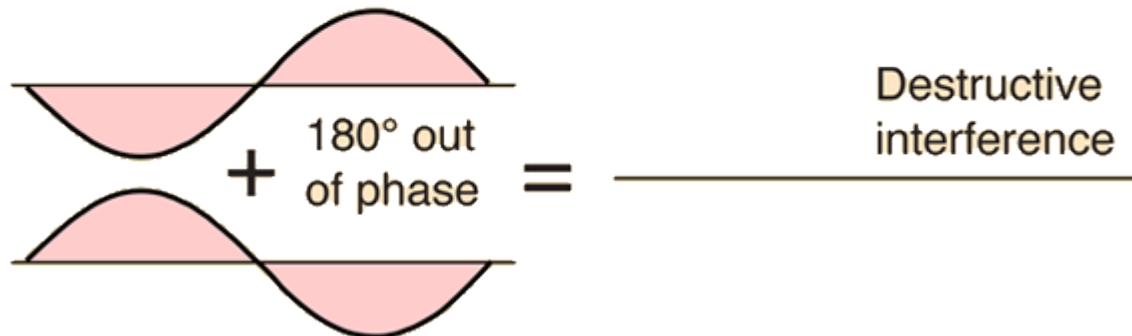
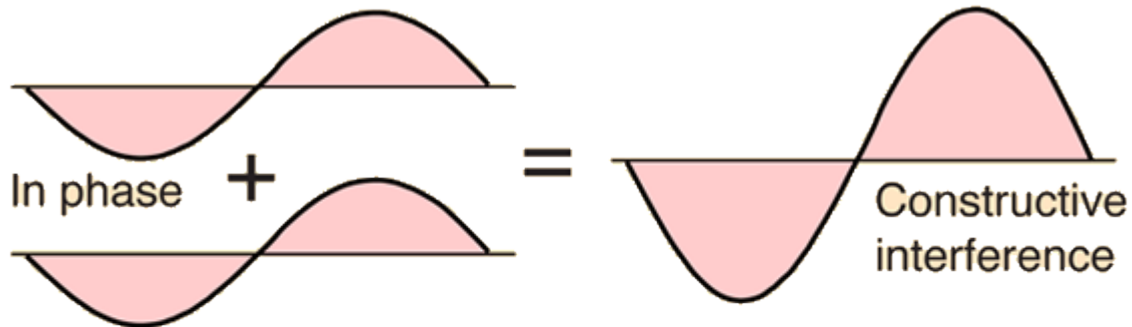
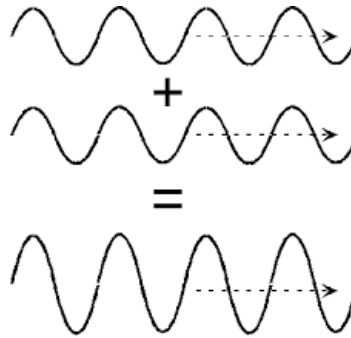
# example: Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)





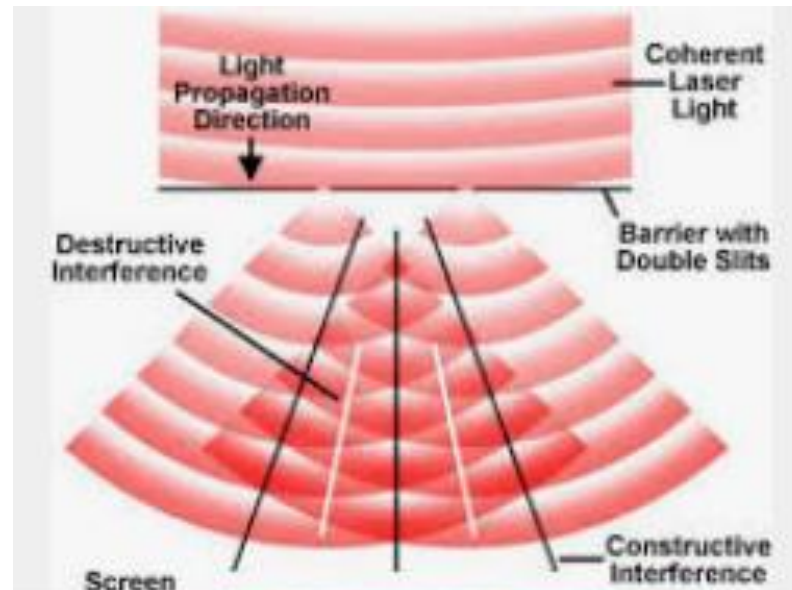
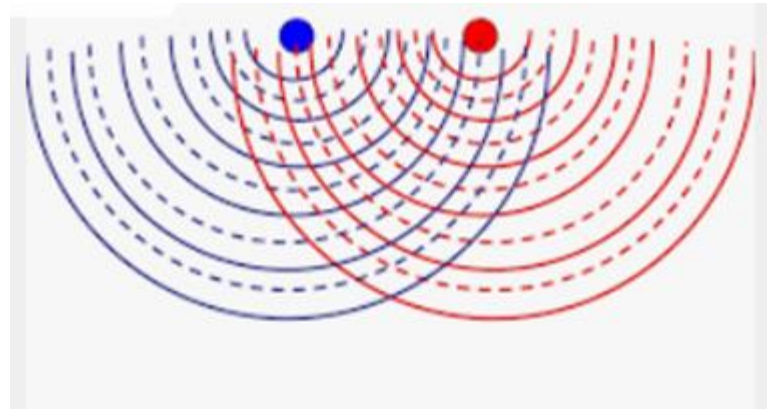
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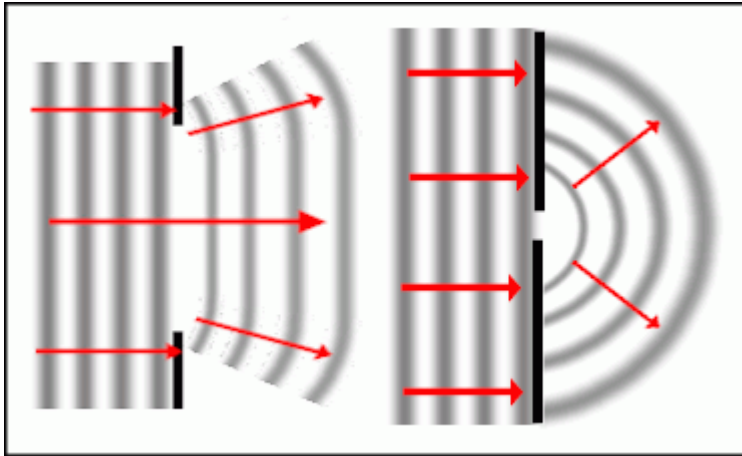
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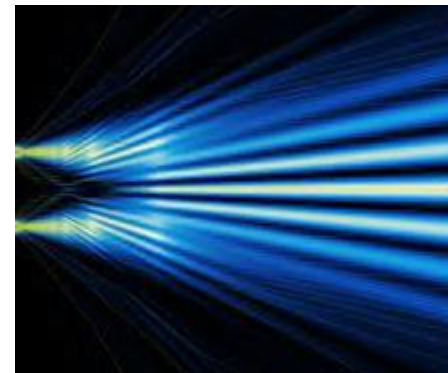
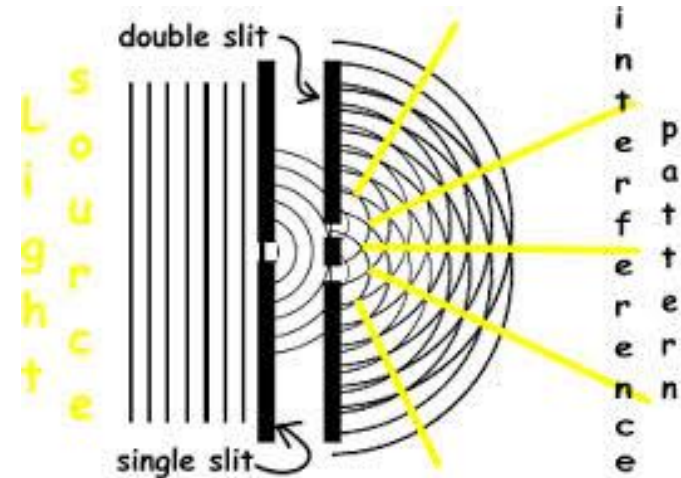
# Huygens principle – experiments with slits

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Experiment with one slit:

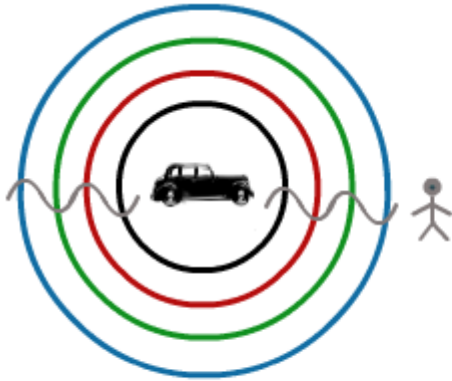


Experiment with double slit:

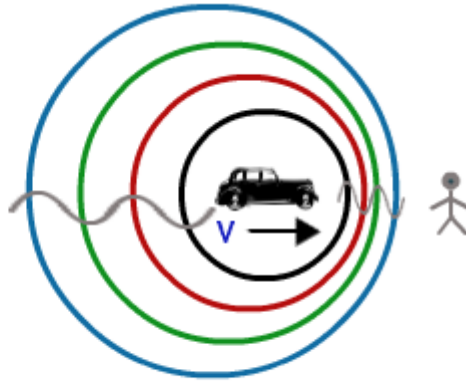


# Doppler effect

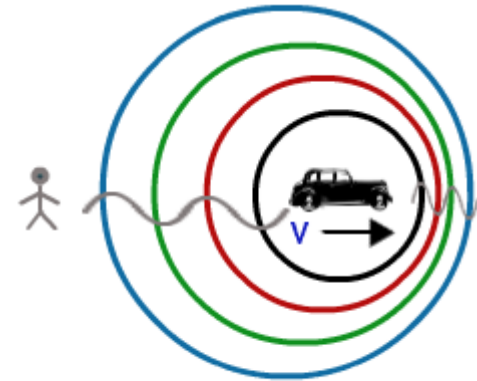
It is the change in frequency of a wave (or other periodic event) for an observer moving relative to its source. The received frequency is higher during the approach, identical at the instant of passing by, and lower during the recession.



Source at rest



Source in motion



Source in motion

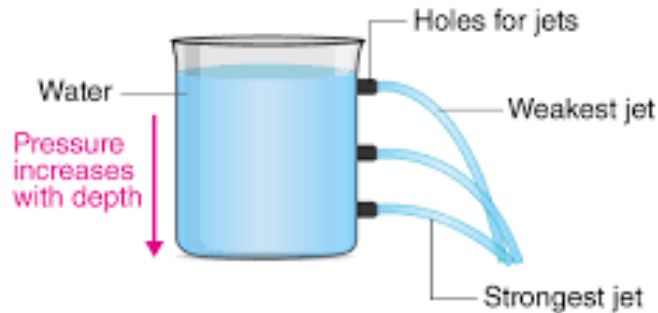


SHELDON COOPER

"I'm not a zebra. I am The Doppler Effect."

# flow of liquids and air

To understand the basic rules, which are valid for the flow of ideal liquids and air, we have to start with the [hydrostatic/airstatic pressure](#).



pressure in general:  
force/area

$$p = \frac{|\vec{F}|}{s} = \frac{F}{s}$$

Hydrostatic/airstatic pressure: comes from the weight of the liquid(water)/air column above some area.

Weight is gravity force of the mass of liquid(water)/air:

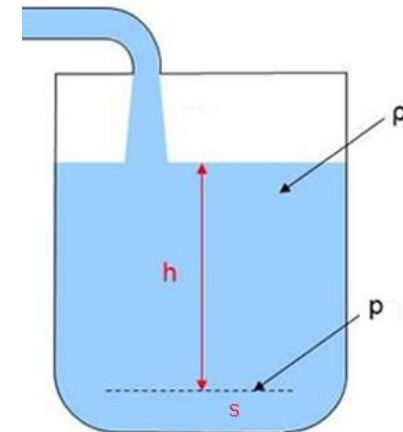
$$F_G = mg = \rho Vg = \rho shg.$$

[Hydrostatic/airstatic](#) pressure:

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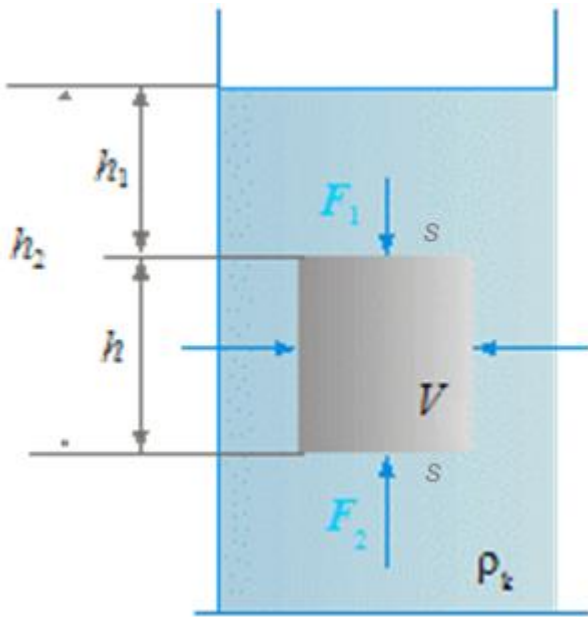
where  $\rho$  is the density of the liquid(water) or air.

Beside hydrostatic pressure we know also hydrodynamic pressure.



# flow of liquids and air

**Lifting force** ( $F_{\text{lift}}$ ), is the difference of hydrostatic pressures.



- On the upper base of the prism force  $F_1$  is acting:

$$F_1 = h_1 \rho g s$$

- On the bottom base force  $F_2$  is acting:

$$F_2 = h_2 \rho g s$$

$$F_2 > F_1$$

- Result of these two acting forces is the so called **hydrostatic lifting force  $F_{\text{lift}}$** :

$$F_{\text{lift}} = F_2 - F_1$$

$$F_{\text{lift}} = (h_2 - h_1) \rho g s$$

$$F_{\text{lift}} = h \rho g s$$

$$F_{\text{lift}} = \rho g V$$

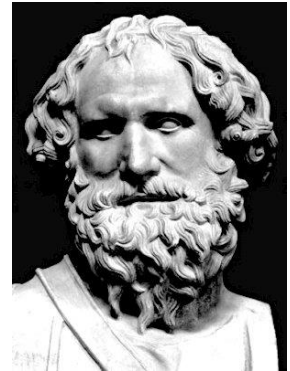
← **basics of the law of Archimedes**

Important:  $\rho$  is the density of the liquid (water) and the body!

# law of Archimedes

- Any body completely or partially submerged in a fluid (gas or liquid) at rest is acted upon by a lifting (upward) force, the magnitude of which is equal to the weight of the fluid displaced by the body.
- magnitude of the lifting (buoyant) force:

$$F_{\text{lift}} = \rho g V$$



**Archimedes**  
(approx. 287 – 212 BC)



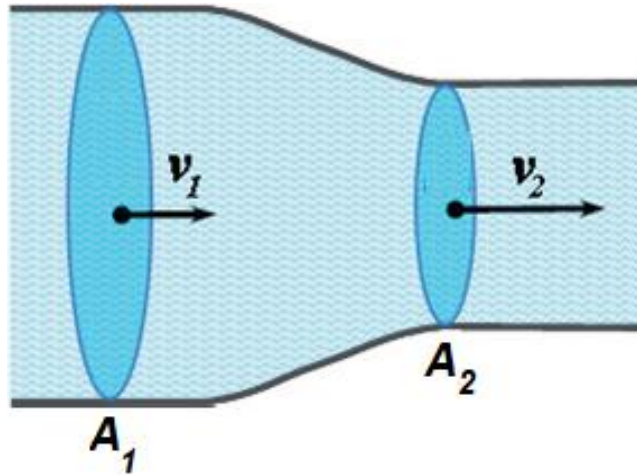
# flow of liquids and air

## Continuity equation (equation of the volume flow continuity)

For an ideal fluid (can not change the volume) is valid a **constant volume flow**:

$$|v|_1 A_1 = |v|_2 A_2 \Rightarrow |v| A = \text{const.}$$

It „speaks“ about the so called mass conservation.



Volume flow is defined as the volume, which pass thru some cross-section in some time.

Unit is: [m<sup>3</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>]

$$Q = \frac{V}{t} = \frac{dA}{t} = |v| A$$

here: Q – volume flow, V – volume, t – time,  
A – area, v – speed (velocity size),  
d – distance



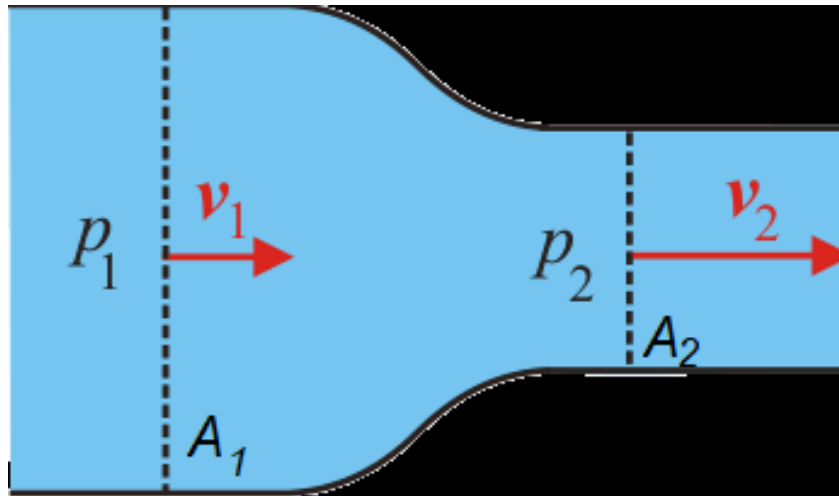
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## Bernoulli equation

For an ideal fluid (can not change the volume) following equation is valid:

$$p_1 + \rho h_1 g + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_1^2 = p_2 + \rho h_2 g + \frac{1}{2} \rho v_2^2 = \text{const.}$$

hydrostatic pressure                      hydrodynamic pressure

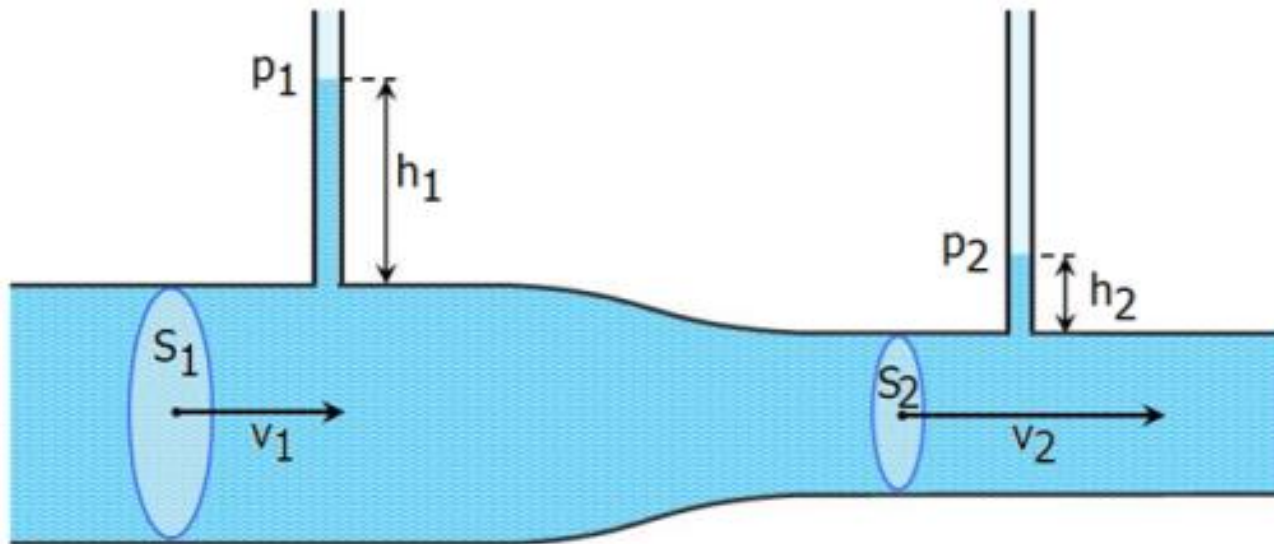


## flow of liquids and air

### Bernoulli equation – so called hydrodynamic paradox

$$p + \rho hg + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 = \text{const.}$$

It is a phenomenon, when in a narrower pipe (with higher flow speed) occurs smaller pressure.

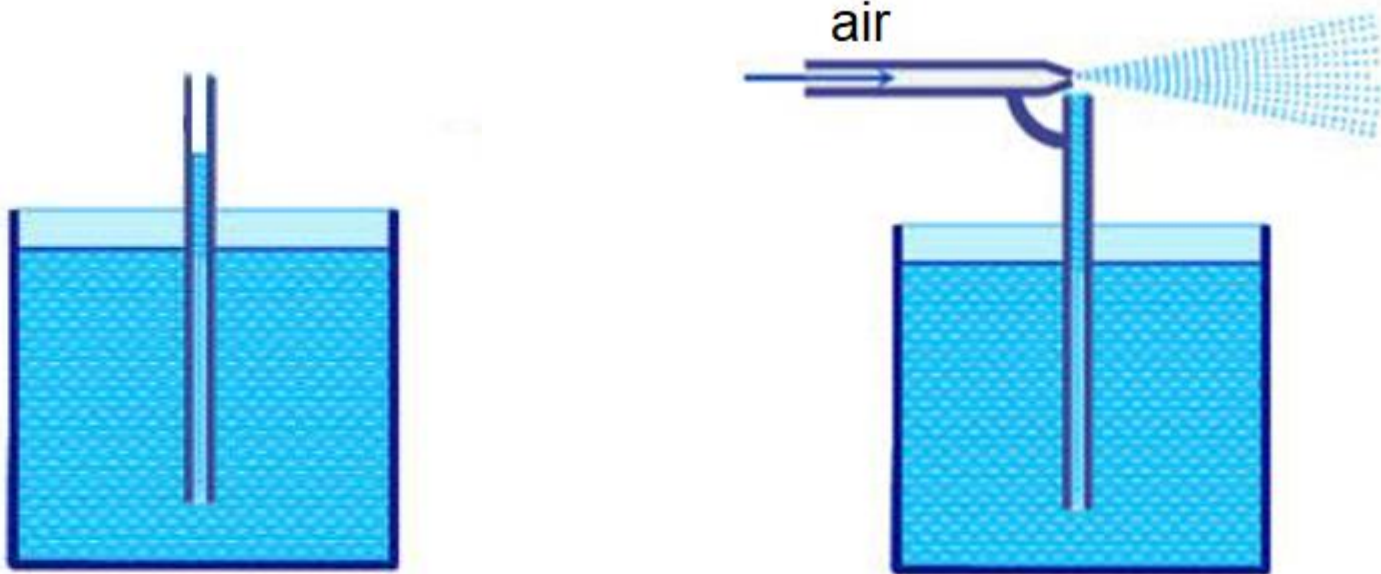


This is valid also for air (gas) – so called aerodynamic paradox.

## flow of liquids and air

**Bernoulli equation – so called hydrodynamic paradox**

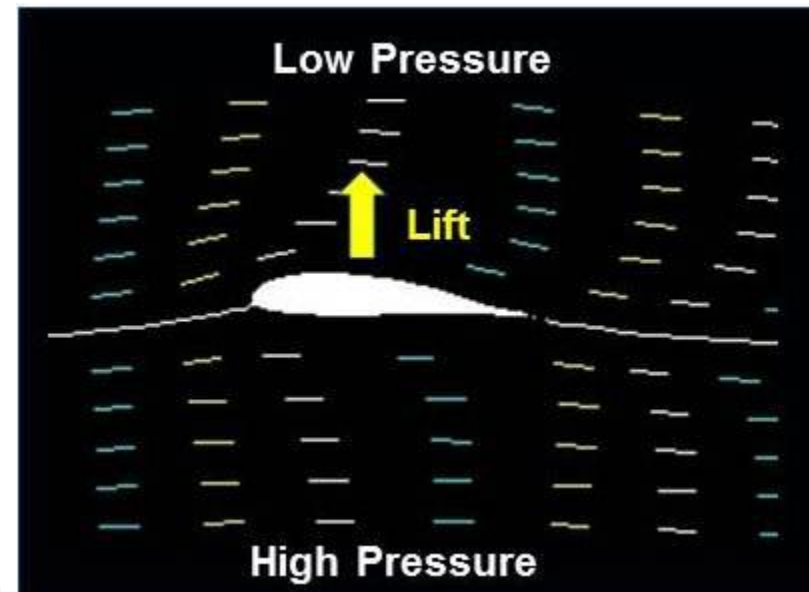
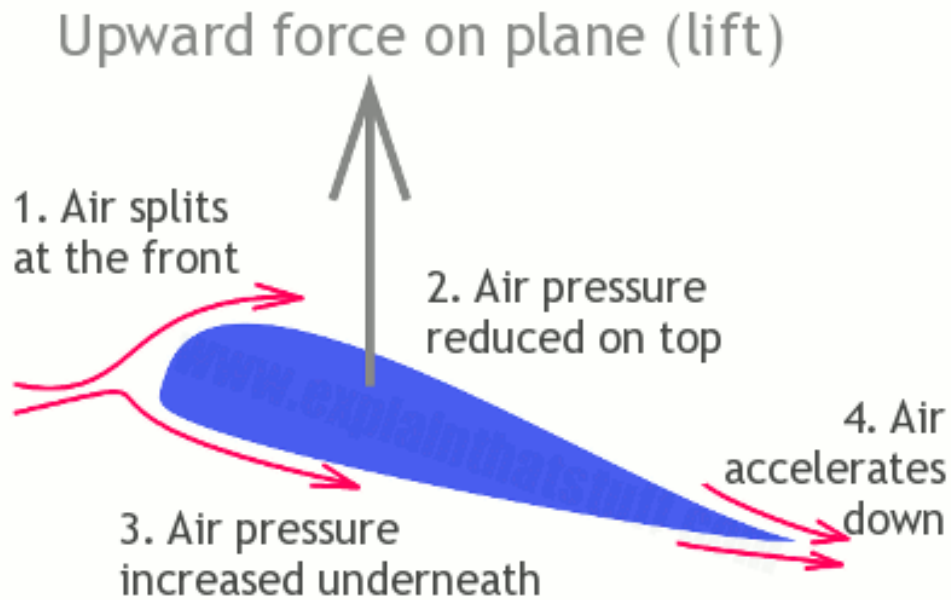
$$p + \rho hg + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 = \text{const.}$$



Principle of spray effect.

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## Why can a heavy aircraft stay in air and fly?



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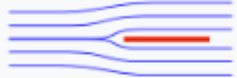
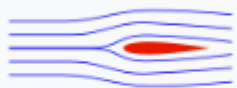
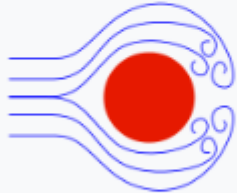
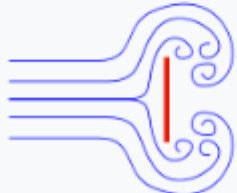
where:

C – so called drag coefficient (dimensionless),  
depending from the form of the object,

A – area of cross-section,

$\rho$  – density of the liquid,

v – velocity (speed).






| Shape and flow  | Form Drag |
|---|-----------|
|    | ≈0%       |
|    | ≈10%      |
|   | ≈90%      |
|  | ≈100%     |

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| Type of body     | Reference area $S$  | Drag coefficient $C_D$                |
|------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Cube             |    | $S = D^2$<br>1.05                     |
|                  |    | $S = D^2$<br>0.8                      |
| Solid hemisphere |  | $S = \pi D^2 / 4$<br>→ 0.42<br>← 1.17 |
|                  |  | $S = \pi D^2 / 4$<br>→ 0.38<br>← 1.42 |
| Thin disk        |  | $S = \pi D^2 / 4$<br>1.1              |

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## Blood pressure

Blood pressure is measured as two numbers: **Systolic** blood pressure (the first and higher number, ideally **120**) measures pressure inside your arteries when the heart beats. **Diastolic** blood pressure (the second and lower number, ideally **80**) measures the pressure inside the artery when the heart rests between beats.

Physical unit – an older unit is still used: [mm Hg].

Conversion: 1 mmHg = 133.322 Pa.

