



Re-envisioning Accessibility for Math-Intensive OER

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Format for today

Getting to know you (5 minutes)

- Level of expertise with math and accessibility
- What do you hope to learn in this session?

Philosophy of accessibility (2 minutes)

Case studies (10 minutes)

Practices/solutions from your own experience (7 minutes)

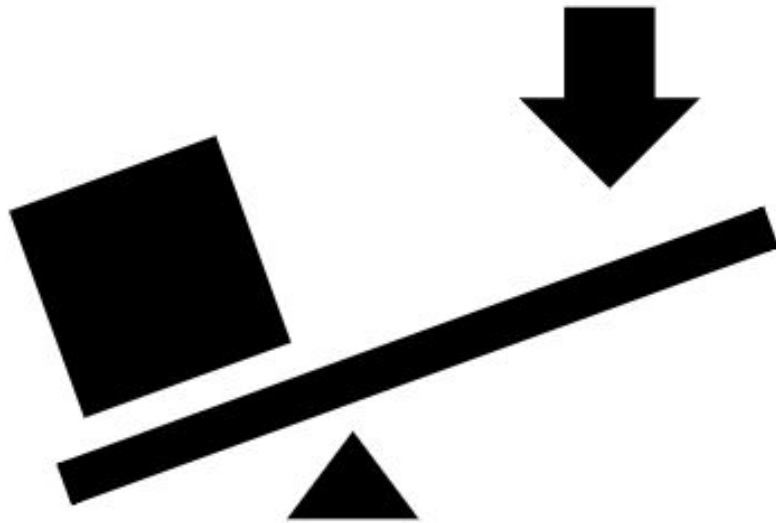
Hallway conversations

Getting to know you

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Accessibility Philosophy



Levers for readers to do more

Accessibility Philosophy



Level of effort

- Ours
- For adaptation

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Bolted on?

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Baked in!

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Internal Energy:
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 $= m \int \frac{dx}{dt} d\vec{V} = m \int_0^{\vec{V}} \vec{V} d\vec{V}$
 $W = \frac{m \cdot \vec{V}^2}{2} = \Delta KE$

Equating all three energy forms:

$\Delta PE = \Delta KE = \Delta U [J]$
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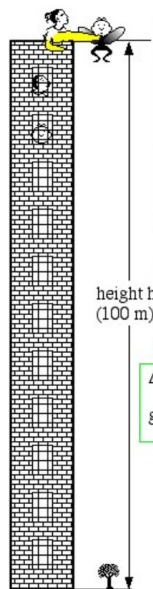
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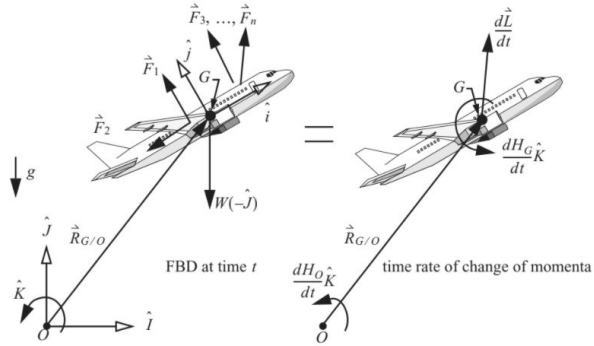


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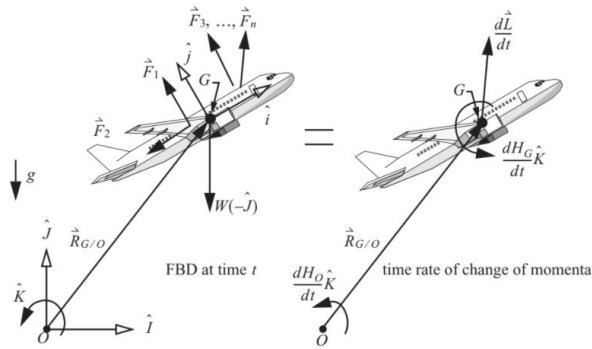


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Note that A_m and ψ are not determined by the wave equation, but instead are properties of the source. Specifically, A_m is determined by how hard we blow, and ψ is determined by the time at which we began to blow and the location of the trumpet. For simplicity, let us assume that we begin to blow at time $t \ll 0$; i.e., in the distant past so that the sound pressure field has achieved steady state by $t = 0$. Also, let us set $\psi = 0$ and set $A_m = 1$ in whatever units we choose to express $p(x, t)$. We then have:

$$p(x, t) = \cos(\omega t - \beta x) \quad (1.4)$$

Now we have everything we need to make plots of $p(x, t)$ at various times.

Figure 1.3(a) shows $p(x, t = 0)$. As expected, $p(x, t = 0)$ is periodic in x . The associated period is referred to as the *wavelength* λ . Since λ is the distance required for the phase of the wave to increase by 2π rad, and because phase is increasing at a rate of β rad/m, we find:

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} \quad (1.5)$$

In the present example, we find $\lambda \cong 77.3$ cm.

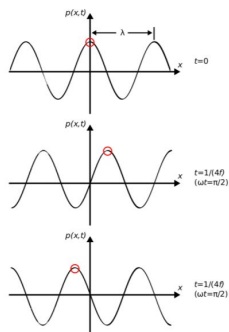
Wavelength $\lambda = 2\pi/\beta$ is the distance required for the phase of a sinusoidal wave to increase by one complete cycle (i.e., 2π rad) at any given time.

Now let us consider the situation at $t = +1/4f$, which is $t = 568 \mu\text{s}$ and $\omega t = \pi/2$. We see in Figure 1.3(b) that the waveform has shifted a distance $\lambda/4$ to the right. It is in this sense that we say the wave is propagating in the $+x$ direction. Furthermore, we can now compute a *phase velocity* v_p : We see that a point of constant phase has shifted a distance $\lambda/4$ in time $1/4f$, so

$$v_p = \lambda f \quad (1.6)$$

In the present example, we find $v_p \cong 340$ m/s; i.e., we have found that the phase velocity is equal to the speed of sound c_s . It is in this sense that we say that the phase velocity is the speed at which the wave propagates.⁵

⁵It is worth noting here is that “velocity” is technically a vector; i.e., speed in a given direction. Nevertheless, this quantity is actually just a speed, and this particular abuse of terminology is generally accepted.



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Figure 1.3: The differential pressure $p(x, t)$ for (a) $t = 0$, (b) $t = 1/4f$ for “ $-\beta x$,” as indicated in Equation 1.4 (wave traveling to right); and (c) $t = 1/4f$ for “ $+\beta x$,” (wave traveling to left).

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density, change with altitude in the Troposphere. We start with the differential form of the hydrostatic equation and combine it with the Perfect Gas equation to eliminate the density term.

$$dP = -\rho g dh, \quad P = \rho RT$$

or,

$$dP/dh = -\rho g = -(P/RT)g$$

which is rearranged to give

$$dP/P = -(g/RT)dh.$$

Now we substitute in the lapse rate relationship for the temperature to get

$$dP/P = \{g/[R(T_{sl}-Lh)]\} dh.$$

This is now a relationship with only one variable (P) on the left and only one (h) on the right. It can be integrated to give

$$P_{alt}/P_{sl} = [T_{alt}/T_{sl}]^{g/LR}$$

In a similar manner we can get a relationship to find the density at any altitude in the troposphere

$$\rho_{alt}/\rho_{sl} = [T_{alt}/T_{sl}]^{(g-LR)/LR}$$

So now we have equations to find pressure, density, and temperature at any altitude in the troposphere. Care has to be taken with units when using these equations. All temperatures must be in absolute values (Kelvin or Rankine instead of Celsius or Fahrenheit). ***The exponents in the pressure and density ratio equations must be unitless. Exponents cannot have units!***

We can use these equations up to the top of the Troposphere, that is, up to 11,000 meters or 36,100 feet in altitude. Above that altitude is the Stratosphere where temperature is modeled as being constant up to roughly 100,000 feet.

The Stratosphere

We can use the temperature lapse rate equation result at 11,000 meters altitude to find the temperature in this part of the Stratosphere.

$$T_{\text{stratosphere}} = 216.5^\circ\text{K} = 389.99^\circ\text{R} = \text{constant}$$

The equations for determining the pressure and density in the constant temperature part of the stratosphere are different from those in the troposphere since temperature is constant. And, since temperature is constant both pressure and density vary in the same manner.

$$P_j/P_i = \rho_j/\rho_i = e^{g(h_i-h_j)/RT}$$

Problems

- The math **renders as a picture** in ALL of the examples.
- Math was created in a **variety of authoring tools** -- an image editor, an obsolete software page, LaTeX, MSWord
- Math was **displayed in different file types** (PNGs in HTML, PDF, MSWord)
- In three cases, none of the math is **editable**. In one case, the math is only editable if you have the LaTeX sourcefiles.



Solutions

- 1) Reader-side solution
- 2) Content-developer side solution

Solutions

- HTML Output
 - LaTeX, AsciiMath or MathML + MathJax = HTML/CSS
 - LaTeX, Word, Markdown + Pandoc = HTML
- (opensource) Pandoc LaTeX, Word, Markdown

1.5 The Standard Atmosphere

We said we were starting with the Ideal Gas Equation of State, $P=RT$. We will also make use of the **Hydrostatic Equation**, another relationship you have seen before in chemistry and physics:

$$\Delta P = -\rho g \Delta h$$

This tells us how pressure changes with height in a column of fluid. This tells us how pressure changes as we move up or down through the atmosphere.

These two equations, the Perfect Gas Equation of State and the Hydrostatic Equation, have three variables in them; pressure, density, and temperature. To solve for these properties at any point in the atmosphere requires us to have one more equation, one involving temperature. This is going to require our **first assumption**. We must have some relationship that can tell us how temperature should vary with altitude in the atmosphere.

Many years of measurement and observation have shown that, in general, the lower portion of the atmosphere, where most airplanes fly, can be modeled in two segments, the **Troposphere** and the **Stratosphere**. The temperature in the troposphere is found to drop fairly linearly as altitude increases. This linear decrease in temperature continues up to about 36,000 feet (about 11,000 meters). Above this altitude the temperature is found to hold constant up to altitudes over 100,000 ft. This constant temperature region is the lower part of the **Stratosphere**. The troposphere and stratosphere are where airplanes operate, so we need to look at these in detail.

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