

**MIDTERM EXAM #1**  
**Physics 1B Lecture 3**  
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**Tuesday, May 1st, 2018**  
**1:00 PM - 1:50 PM**

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You will have **50 minutes** to complete this exam. One standard 3" x 5" index card and a calculator are permitted. Notes, books, cell phones, and any other electronics are not allowed. **You must complete the exam using a blue or black ink pen. Exams completed in pencil will not receive credit.**

Please write your answer in the space below the problem. **You must write legibly and demonstrate your reasoning to get full credit.** For quantitative problems, always express your final answer in terms of the variables given in the problem unless otherwise stated. For clarity, please draw a box around your final answer.

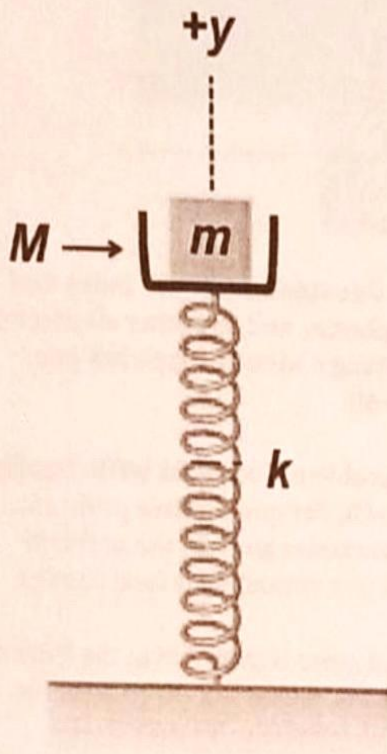
Extra paper is attached at the back of the exam and more is available in the front of the room. If a problem seems confusing or ambiguous, please ask the proctor for clarifications.

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**Problem 1 (30 points total):**

As shown in **Figure 1**, a tray of mass  $M$  is connected to the top of a vertical ideal spring of force constant  $k$ . A block of mass  $m$  is placed inside the tray. In the coordinate system for this problem,  $y = 0$  corresponds to the equilibrium position and the force of gravity acts in the  $-y$  direction. The acceleration magnitude due to gravity is  $g$ .

**Figure 1**

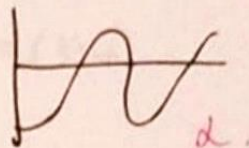


**Part A (10 points):** Assume that at time  $t = 0$ , the system is set into motion from its equilibrium position by giving the tray and block an initial speed  $v_0$  in the  $-y$  direction. Determine  $y(t)$ , the position of the tray and block as a function of time, in terms of  $k$ ,  $m$ ,  $M$ , and  $v_0$ . (For this part of the problem, you can assume that the amplitude of oscillations is sufficiently small so that the block remains in contact with the tray at all times.)

$$\sum F_y = ma_y$$

$$A = \sqrt{x_0^2 + \frac{(M+m)}{k} v_0^2}$$

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~~$y(t) = A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$~~

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$y(t) = -A \cos(\omega t + \phi)$

$\phi = 0$  because the graph is an inverted cosine

$$y(t) = -v_0 \sqrt{\frac{M+m}{k}} \cos(\omega t)$$

$$y(t) = -v_0 \sqrt{\frac{M+m}{k}} \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{M+m}} t\right)$$

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

just needed to be sin...

+2 for attempt

**Part B (10 points):** What is the maximum initial speed  $v_0$  that can be imparted to the block and tray so that the block remains in contact with tray at all times during the oscillation? Express your answer in terms of  $k$ ,  $m$ ,  $M$ , and  $g$ .

$$y(t) = -v_0 \sqrt{\frac{M+m}{k}} \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{M+m}} t\right)$$

$$v(t) = \frac{dy}{dt} = v_0 \sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{M+m}} t\right)$$

$$a(t) = \frac{dv}{dt} = v_0 \sqrt{\frac{k}{M+m}} \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{M+m}} t\right)$$

at peak, want:

$$\left| v_0 \sqrt{\frac{k}{M+m}} \right| = \left| \cancel{(M+m)} g \right|$$

at this point, the block ~~tray~~ will be @ instantaneous

Free-fall (tray is connected), so

don't have to worry about it "falling" at the right speed too

$$v_0 = mg \sqrt{\frac{M+m}{k}}$$

$m$  not supposed to be there.

+7

**Part C (10 points):** For the maximum allowed initial speed  $v_0$  found in Part B, use conservation of mechanical energy to find the distance from the equilibrium position at which the block and tray have one-half the maximum speed. Express your answer in terms of  $k$ ,  $m$ ,  $M$ , and  $g$ .

$$v_0 = mg \sqrt{\frac{M+m}{k}}$$

$$E_i = K \text{ (block is pushed downward)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(m+M)v_0^2$$

this is the max speed

$$E_f = \frac{1}{2}(m+M)\left(\frac{v_0}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2}ky^2$$

$$E_i = E_f, \text{ looking for } y$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(m+M)v_0^2 = \frac{1}{8}(m+M)v_0^2 + \frac{1}{2}ky^2$$

$$(m+M)v_0^2 = \frac{1}{4}(m+M)v_0^2 + ky^2$$

~~close~~  
+ 8

$$ky^2 = \frac{3}{4}(m+M)v_0^2$$

$$y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{3}{4k}(m+M)v_0^2}$$

$$= \pm \sqrt{\frac{3}{4k}(m+M) \cdot \left(mg \sqrt{\frac{M+m}{k}}\right)^2} = y$$

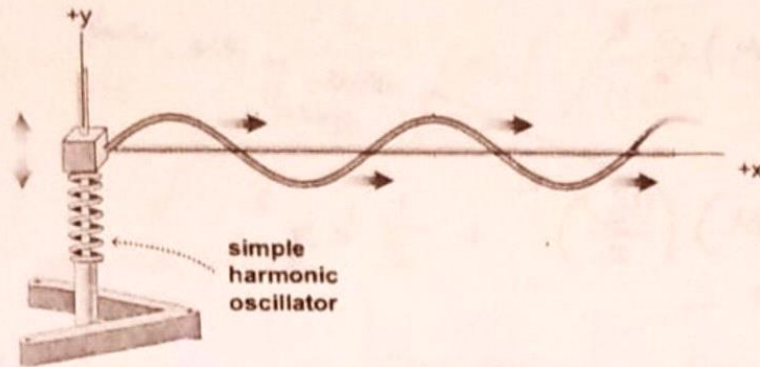
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**Problem 2 (40 points total):**

As shown in **Figure 2**, one end of a rope is attached to a simple harmonic oscillator at  $x = 0$  that oscillates along the  $y$ -axis. The oscillation generates a transverse sinusoidal wave that propagates along the rope in the  $+x$  direction. The oscillator operates at frequency  $f$  and amplitude  $A$  and has its most negative  $y$ -displacement at  $t = 0$ . The rope has a uniform linear mass density  $\mu$  and is stretched to a tension force of magnitude  $T_s$ .

this means  
 $-\cos(\dots)$

**Figure 2**



$$\underline{v = f\lambda} \quad \underline{v = \sqrt{\frac{T_s}{\mu}}}$$
$$\lambda = \frac{v}{f} = \frac{1}{f} \sqrt{\frac{T_s}{\mu}}$$

**Part A (10 points):** Determine the expression for  $y(x,t)$ , the transverse displacement of the rope as a function of  $x$ -position and time, in terms of  $A$ ,  $f$ ,  $\mu$ , and  $T_s$ .

$$y(x,t) = -A \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

Solve for  $k$ :

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

\*see left page for \*  
solving for  $\lambda$

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\left(\frac{1}{f} \sqrt{\frac{T_s}{\mu}}\right)}$$

$$\underline{\underline{k = 2\pi f \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{T_s}}}}$$

Solve for  $\omega$ :

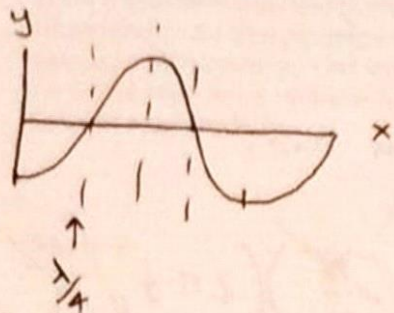
$$\omega = vk$$

$$= \left(\sqrt{\frac{T_s}{\mu}}\right) \left(2\pi f \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{T_s}}\right)$$

$$\underline{\underline{\omega = 2\pi f}}$$

$$y(x,t) = -A \cos\left[2\pi f \left(\sqrt{\frac{\mu}{T_s}} x - t\right)\right]$$

**Part B (10 points):** Consider a particle on the rope located at  $x = \lambda/4$ , where  $\lambda$  is the wavelength of the transverse sinusoidal wave. Derive an expression for the times  $t$  at which this particle has its maximum upward acceleration in terms of  $f$ . (Note that there are an infinite number of solutions).



$$y(y,t) = -A \cos \left[ 2\pi f \left( \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{T_s}} x - t \right) \right]$$

$$v_y(y,t) = \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = -A 2\pi f \sin \left[ 2\pi f \left( \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{T_s}} x - t \right) \right]$$

$$a_y(x,t) = \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = A 4\pi^2 f^2 \cos \left[ 2\pi f \left( \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{T_s}} x - t \right) \right]$$

Looking for  $t$  where  $a = a_{\max}$  @  $x = \frac{\lambda}{4} \rightarrow \frac{\lambda}{4} = \frac{4}{f} \sqrt{\frac{T_s}{\mu}}$

$$a_y \left( \frac{\lambda}{4}, t \right) = A 4\pi^2 f^2 \cos \left[ 2\pi f \left( \frac{4}{f} - t \right) \right]$$

want  $\cos(\dots)$  to be equal to 1 ... which happens at even multiples of  $\pi$

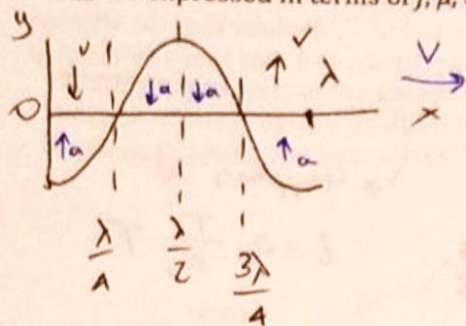
$$2\pi f \left( \frac{4}{f} - t \right) = n\pi, \quad n \text{ is even}$$

$$\frac{4}{f} - t = \frac{n}{2f}$$

$$t = \frac{4}{f} - \frac{n}{2f}, \quad n \text{ is even}$$



**Part C (10 points):** Consider the segment of the rope between  $x=0$  and  $x=+\lambda$ , where  $\lambda$  is the wavelength of the transverse sinusoidal wave. At  $t=0$ , where on this segment are both the transverse acceleration and transverse velocity positive (upward)? Express your answer as a range of positions ( $x_{min}$ ,  $x_{max}$ ), where  $x_{min}$  and  $x_{max}$  are expressed in terms of  $f$ ,  $\mu$ , and  $T_s$ .



looking @  $t=0$

conditions met:  $\left( \frac{3\lambda}{4}, \lambda \right)$ , where  $\lambda = \frac{1}{f} \sqrt{\frac{T_s}{\mu}}$

$$\left( \frac{3}{4f} \sqrt{\frac{T_s}{\mu}}, \frac{1}{f} \sqrt{\frac{T_s}{\mu}} \right)$$

↑ happens in these areas each multiple of a wavelength, so

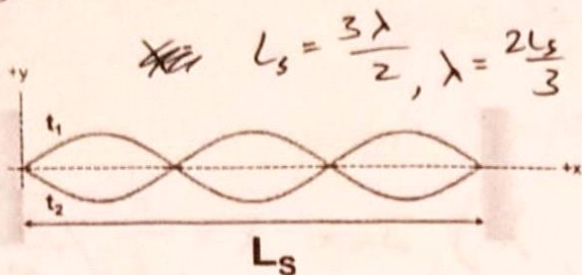
$n\lambda$  ( $x_{min}, x_{max}$ ), or  
integer multiple of wavelengths

$$\left( \frac{3}{4f} \sqrt{\frac{T_s}{\mu}}, \frac{1}{f} \sqrt{\frac{T_s}{\mu}} \right) @ \text{ multiples of } \frac{n}{f} \sqrt{\frac{T_s}{\mu}}, \text{ where}$$

$n$  is any integer

**Part D (10 points):** A segment of length  $L_s$  is now cut from the same rope (linear mass density  $\mu$ ) and tied between two walls at the same tension magnitude  $T_s$ . A normal mode with amplitude  $A_{sw}$  is excited on the string. Two successive photographs of the string are taken at times  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ , as shown in **Figure 3** below. Determine the expression for  $y(x,t)$ , the transverse displacement of the rope as a function of  $x$ -position and time, in terms of  $A_{sw}$ ,  $L_s$ ,  $\mu$ , and  $T_s$ . Assume that the left and right ends of the string are at  $x = 0$  and  $x = L_s$ , respectively, and that every element of the string is at  $y = 0$  (i.e., the string is horizontal) at  $t = 0$ .

Figure 3



happens at  $t = 0, \frac{T}{2}, T$

~~$y(x,t) = A_{sw} \sin(\omega t) \sin(kx)$~~

$y(x,t) = A_{sw} \sin(\omega t + \phi_1) \sin(kx + \phi_2)$

also 0

has to be 0, bc @  $t=0$ , the whole string is straight, so  $y(x,t)=0$

$$y(x,t) = A_{sw} \sin\left(3\pi L_s \sqrt{\frac{T_s}{\mu}} t\right) \sin(3\pi L_s x)$$

~~$\omega = 2\pi f$~~   
 ~~$f = \frac{v}{\lambda}$~~

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &= kv \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \sqrt{\frac{T_s}{\mu}} \\ &= \frac{6\pi L_s}{2} \sqrt{\frac{T_s}{\mu}} \end{aligned}$$

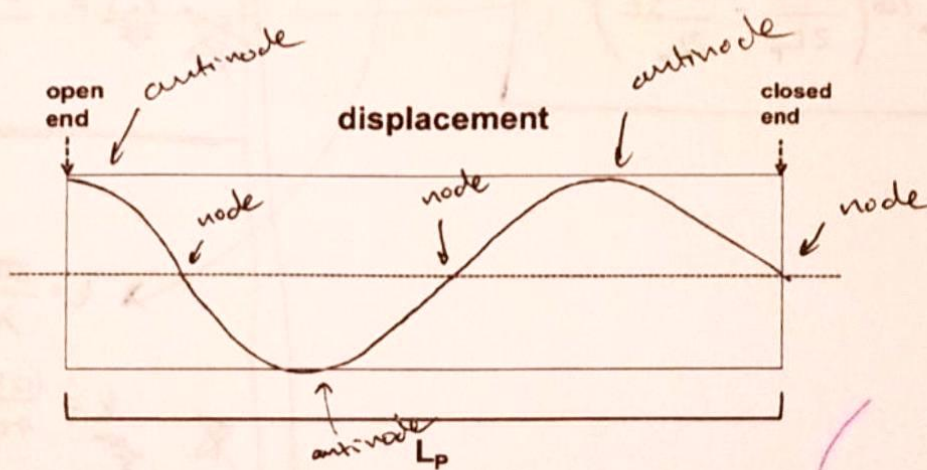
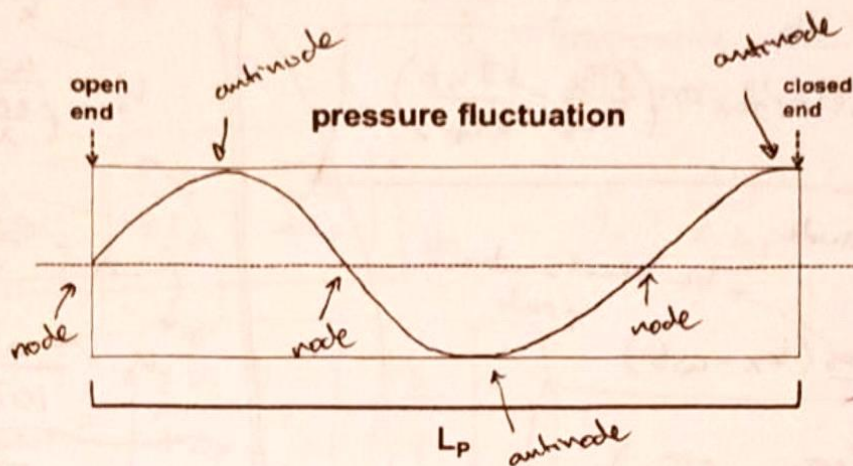
$$\omega = 3\pi L_s \sqrt{\frac{T_s}{\mu}}$$

$k = 3\pi L_s$

**Problem 3 (30 points total):**

Consider a musical pipe of length  $L_p$  that is open at one end and closed at the other. Air is blown into the pipe, exciting a longitudinal normal mode. Measurements indicate that there are three pressure fluctuation nodes associated with this normal mode.

**Part A (10 points):** In the spaces below, draw a representation of this normal mode in terms of the pressure fluctuation and in terms of the particle displacement, labeling all nodes and anti-nodes. You do not need to label the amplitudes.



**Part B (10 points):** Measurements indicate that the maximum pressure fluctuation is  $p_{max}$ , the maximum particle displacement is  $D_{max}$ , and the speed of sound in air is  $v_s$ . Determine the expressions for the pressure fluctuation  $P_w(x,t)$  and displacement  $D(x,t)$  as functions of  $x$ -position and time in terms of  $D_{max}$ ,  $p_{max}$ ,  $v_s$ , and  $L_p$ . Assume the open and closed ends of the pipe are at  $x = 0$  and  $x = L_p$ , respectively, and that the entire pipe is at the equilibrium pressure at  $t = 0$ .

6  $P_w = BkA \sin(kx - \omega t)$ , where  $BkA = p_{max}$

$$P_w = p_{max} \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

$$P_w(x,t) = p_{max} \sin\left(\frac{5\pi x}{2L_p} - \frac{5\pi v_s t}{2L_p}\right)$$

$D(x,t) = D_{max} \cos(kx - \omega t)$   
*↑ this is amplitude*  
*→ bc. starts at a peak*

$$D(x,t) = D_{max} \cos\left(\frac{5\pi x}{2L_p} - \frac{5\pi v_s t}{2L_p}\right)$$

$$v_s = \frac{\omega}{k}, \text{ where } k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

$$v_s = \frac{\omega}{\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}\right)} = \frac{\omega \lambda}{2\pi}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{4L}{n} = \frac{4L}{5}$$

$$v_s = \frac{4\omega L}{10\pi} = \frac{2\omega L}{5\pi}$$

$$\omega = \frac{5\pi v_s}{2L_p}$$

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}, \text{ and } \lambda = \frac{4L}{5}$$

$$k = \frac{10\pi}{4L} = \frac{5\pi}{2L}$$

SCRATCH WORK,  
SOLVING FOR  
 $\omega$  and  $k$

**Part C (10 points):** You now take a second identical pipe of length  $L_p$  and excite a normal mode corresponding to the next allowed harmonic above the one in Parts A and B. If both pipes are played simultaneously, what is the resulting beat frequency? Express your answer in terms of  $v_s$  and  $L_p$ .

10 w/ 3 pressure nodes,  $n=5$ . ~~the~~ Next allowed harmonic is  $n=7$ .

$$f_{\text{beat}} = |f_5 - f_7|$$

$f_5$  - frequency of pipe in A/B ( $n=5$ )

$f_7$  = frequency of ~~modified pipe~~  
 $n=7$  pipe

$$f_{\text{beat}} = \left| \frac{5v_s}{4L_p} - \frac{7v_s}{4L_p} \right|$$

$$f_n = \frac{nv_s}{4L_p}$$

Simplified

$$f_{\text{beat}} = \left| \frac{2v_s}{4L_p} \right| = \left| \frac{v_s}{2L_p} \right|$$

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Problem 1:

Part A \_\_\_\_\_ / 10  
Part B \_\_\_\_\_ / 10  
Part C \_\_\_\_\_ / 10  
Total \_\_\_\_\_ / 30

Problem 2:

Part A \_\_\_\_\_ / 10  
Part B \_\_\_\_\_ / 10  
Part C \_\_\_\_\_ / 10  
Part D \_\_\_\_\_ / 10  
Total \_\_\_\_\_ / 40

Problem 3:

Part A \_\_\_\_\_ / 10  
Part B \_\_\_\_\_ / 10  
Part C \_\_\_\_\_ / 10  
Total \_\_\_\_\_ / 30

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## SCORING

### Problem 1:

Part A: \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

Part B: \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

Part C: \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

Total: 19 / 30

### Problem 2:

Part A: \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

Part B: \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

Part C: \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

Part D: \_\_\_\_\_ / 10

Total: 40 / 40

### Problem 3:

Part A: 10 / 10

Part B: 6 / 10

Part C: 10 / 10

Total: 26 / 30

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