

Lecture 9

- Power and Intensity
- Doppler effect for
 - (i) mechanical waves e.g. sound
 - (ii) EM waves

Power and Intensity

- Power is rate of transfer of energy by wave
- Brightness/loudness depends also on area receiving power:

intensity, $I = \frac{P}{a} =$ power-to-area ratio
(SI units: W/m^2)

- Uniform spherical wave

$$I = \frac{P_{source}}{4\pi r^2}$$

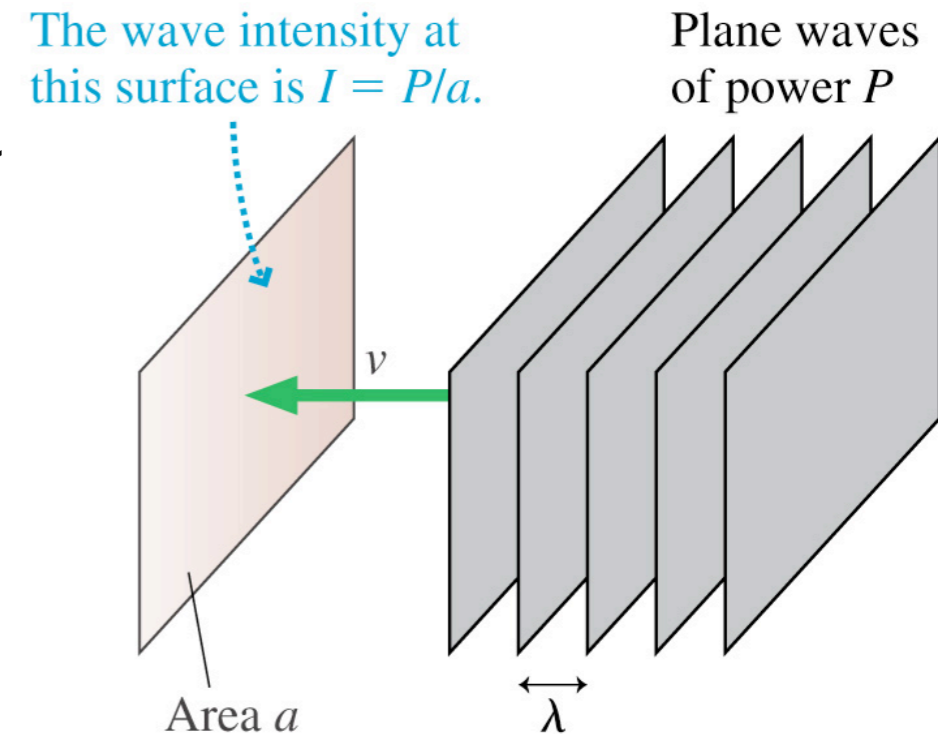
(from energy conservation:

total energy crossing wavefront is same)

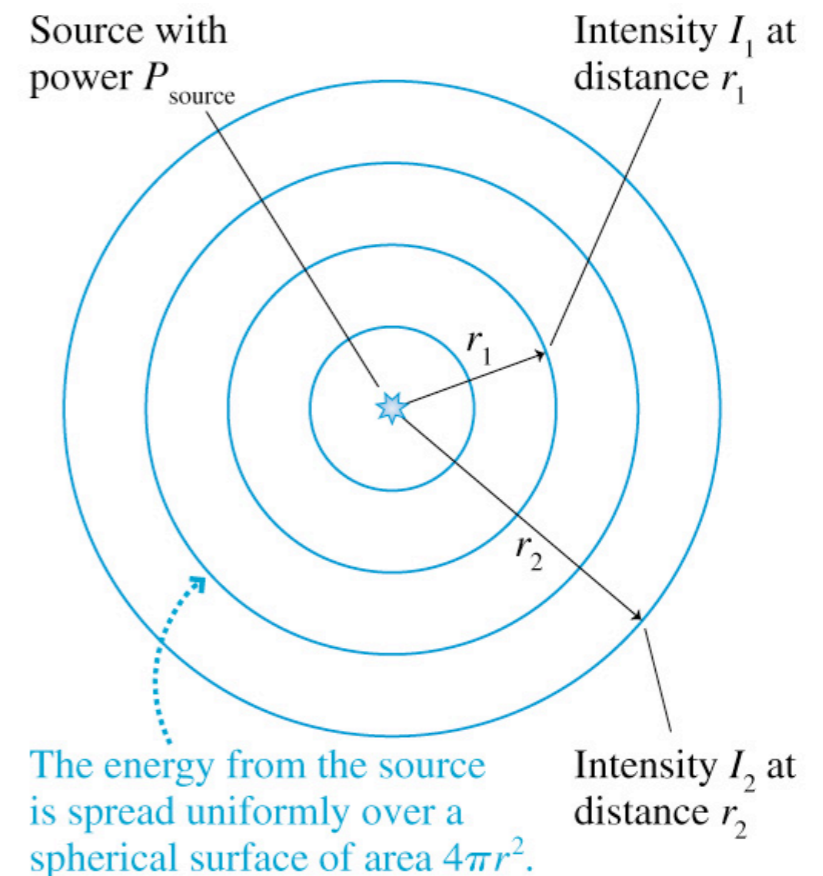
$$\frac{I_1}{I_2} = \frac{r_2^2}{r_1^2}$$

$$I \propto A^2$$

(energy of oscillations $E = \frac{1}{2}kA^2$)



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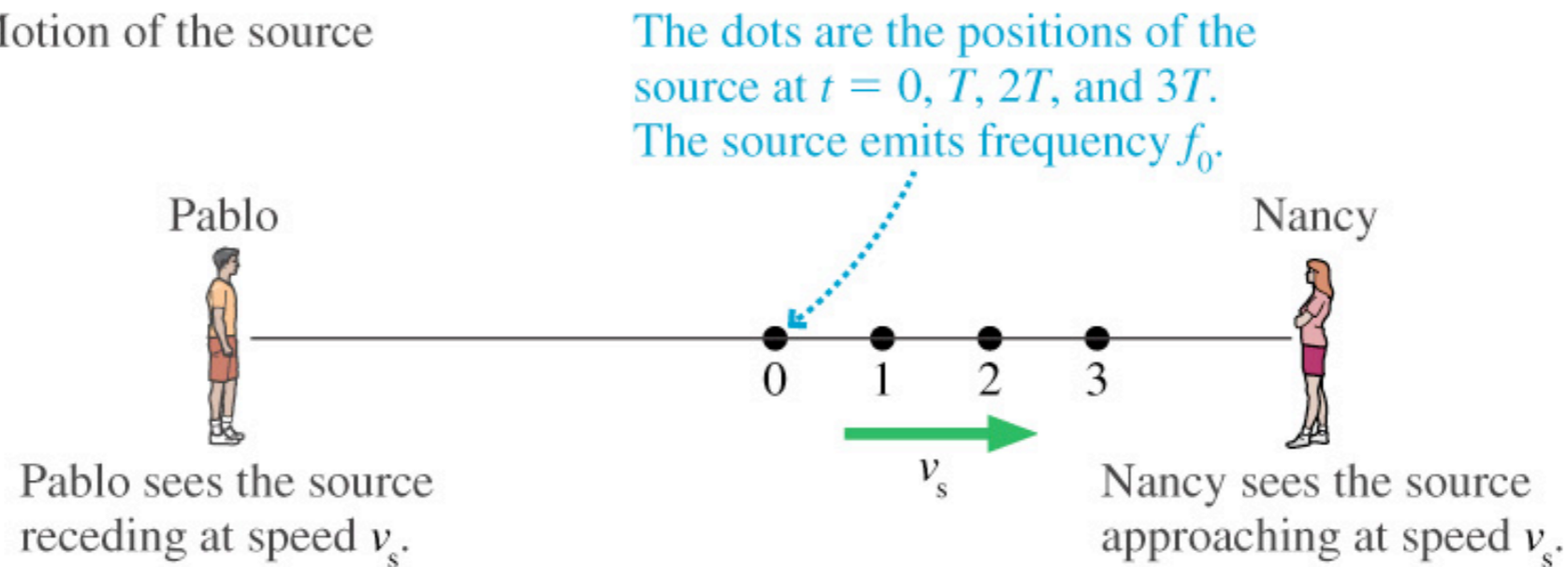


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Doppler effect

- relative motion between observer and wave source modifies frequency e.g. pitch of ambulance siren drops as it goes past
- moving source: Pablo detects (λ_-, f_-) , Nancy detects (λ_+, f_+) vs. (λ_0, f_0) if source at rest

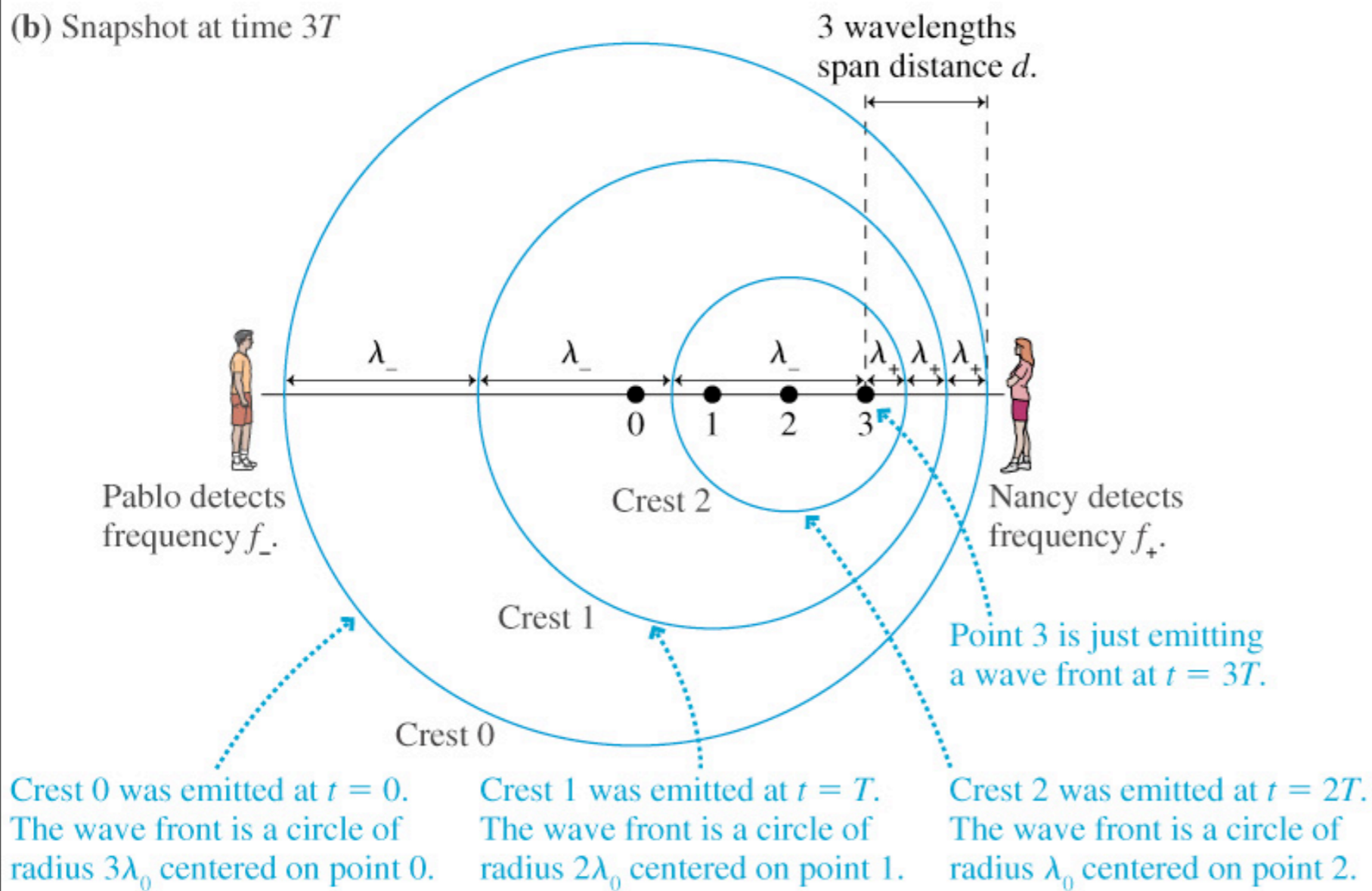
(a) Motion of the source



Doppler effect: derivation

- motion of wave crest (once leaves source) governed by medium (not affected by source moving) \rightarrow wave crests bunched up in front/ stretched out behind: $\lambda_+ < \lambda_0 < \lambda_- + \text{speed } v \Rightarrow f_+ > f_0 > f_-$

(b) Snapshot at time $3T$



In time $t = 3T$,
 source moves $3v_s T$,
 wave (crest 0) moves $3vT$
 \Rightarrow 3 wave crests in
 $3vT \mp 3v_s T \dots = 3\lambda_{\pm}$

$$f_{\pm} = \frac{v}{\lambda_{\pm}} = \frac{v}{v \mp v_s}$$

Doppler effect for moving source

$$f_+ = \frac{f_0}{1 - v_s/v} \quad (\text{Doppler effect for an approaching source})$$

$$f_- = \frac{f_0}{1 + v_s/v} \quad (\text{Doppler effect for a receding source})$$

Doppler effect: moving observer

- not same as source moving: motion relative to medium (not just source vs. observer) matters...

$$f_+ = (1 + v_o/v)f_0 \quad (\text{observer approaching a source})$$

$$f_- = (1 - v_o/v)f_0 \quad (\text{observer receding from a source})$$

Doppler effect for EM waves

- no medium: use Einstein's theory of relativity

$$\lambda_{red} = \sqrt{\frac{1+v_s/c}{1-v_s/c}}$$

(receding source: longer wavelength, red shift)

$$\lambda_{blue} = \sqrt{\frac{1-v_s/c}{1+v_s/c}}$$

(approaching source: shorter wavelength, blue shift)

where v_s is the speed of the source *relative* to the observer