

B.Sc Sem-II

"Compression waves in a fluid".

When waves are set up in a fluid the excess Pressure is given by -

$$p = -K \frac{dy}{dx} \longrightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

where $K (= \gamma^2 \rho)$ is the volume elasticity or bulk modulus of elasticity and $\frac{dy}{dx}$ denotes the volumetric strain for a stationary wave in an open end pipe. The equation is

$$y = -2a \sin \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda} \cos \frac{2\pi vt}{\lambda}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = - \left\{ \frac{4\pi a}{\lambda} \right\} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda} \cos \frac{2\pi vt}{\lambda}$$

$\therefore$ From equation $\textcircled{1}$ we have, $p = K \left(\frac{4\pi a}{\lambda} \right) \cos \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda} \cos \frac{2\pi vt}{\lambda}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or } p &= \gamma^2 \rho \left(\frac{4\pi a}{\lambda} \right) \cos \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda} \cos \frac{2\pi vt}{\lambda} \\ &= p_{\max} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda} \cos \frac{2\pi vt}{\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } p_{\max} = \gamma^2 \rho \left(\frac{4\pi a}{\lambda} \right)$$

$$\text{or } p = p_{\max} \cos \frac{2\pi vt}{\lambda} \longrightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$\text{where, } p_{\max} \cos \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda} \longrightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

It represents the amplitude of Pressure variation at a point distant x from the interface. This is the expression for the excess pressure which indicates that the pressure varies harmonical with time whose

$$\text{period} = \frac{2\pi x}{2\pi v/\lambda} = \frac{\lambda}{v}$$

The same as that of component waves.

Since, at antinodal points $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$, $\cos \frac{2\pi x}{\lambda} = 0 \Rightarrow$

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