

Note further that:

$$\left\langle \tilde{I}_a^{\parallel}(x=0, t) \right\rangle_t = \frac{1}{2} p_o u_o^{\parallel} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{p_o^2}{\rho_o c} = \frac{1}{2} \rho_o c u_o^{\parallel 2} = \frac{1}{2} u_o^{\parallel 2} z_o \quad (\text{Watts}/m^2)$$

and again using the relation $p_o = \rho_o c u_o^{\parallel} = z_o u_o^{\parallel}$, that:

$$\tilde{I}_a^{\parallel}(x=0, \omega) = \left\langle \tilde{I}_a^{\parallel}(x=0, t) \right\rangle_t = c \left\langle w_{tot}^{inst}(x=0, t) \right\rangle_t = \frac{1}{2} p_o u_o^{\parallel} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{p_o^2}{\rho_o c} = \frac{1}{2} \rho_o c u_o^{\parallel 2} = \frac{1}{2} u_o^{\parallel 2} z_o \quad (\text{Watts}/m^2)$$

Example # 2: Two Counter-Propagating 1-D Plane Monochromatic Traveling Waves in “Free Air”:

In this example, we imagine two **un-equal** strength harmonic (*i.e.* single-frequency) sound sources located at $x = \pm\infty$, with an observer/listener located near/at the origin $x = 0$. At the observer’s location there will therefore be two 1-D monochromatic plane traveling waves propagating in opposite directions in “*free air*” (*i.e.* the Great Wide-Open).

The ***physical, instantaneous time-domain*** over-pressure amplitudes associated with the right- and left-going 1-D monochromatic plane waves are individually ***purely real*** quantities:

$$p_A(x, t) = A \cos(\omega t - kx + \varphi_A^o) \quad \text{and} \quad p_B(x, t) = B \cos(\omega t + kx + \varphi_B^o) \quad \text{with} \quad A \neq B \quad \{\text{necessarily}\}$$

Note here that the frequency and position-independent phases φ_A^o and φ_B^o are explicitly included here to generalize the {relative} phase relation between the two counter-propagating 1-D monochromatic traveling waves, *e.g.* consider their phase relation at $x = 0$ and $t = 0$:

$$p_A(x=0, t=0) = A \cos \varphi_A^o \quad \text{and} \quad p_B(x=0, t=0) = B \cos \varphi_B^o.$$

The corresponding complex ***time-domain*** over-pressure amplitudes are:

$$\tilde{p}_A(x, t) = \tilde{A} e^{i(\omega t - kx)} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{p}_B(x, t) = \tilde{B} e^{i(\omega t + kx)} \quad \text{with} \quad \tilde{A} \neq \tilde{B} \quad \{\text{necessarily}\}$$

where $\tilde{A} = |\tilde{A}| e^{i\varphi_A^o} \equiv A e^{i\varphi_A^o}$ and $\tilde{B} = |\tilde{B}| e^{i\varphi_B^o} \equiv B e^{i\varphi_B^o}$.

Each individual complex ***time-domain*** over-pressure amplitude satisfies its own Euler’s equation:

$$\frac{\partial u_{A,B}^{\parallel}(x, t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{\rho_o} \frac{\partial p_{A,B}(x, t)}{\partial x}$$

The corresponding right- and left-going complex ***time-domain*** longitudinal particle velocities are:

$$\tilde{u}_A^{\parallel}(x, t) = \frac{\tilde{A}}{\rho_o c} e^{i(\omega t - kx)} \equiv \tilde{u}_{A_o}^{\parallel} e^{i(\omega t - kx)} \quad \text{and:} \quad \tilde{u}_B^{\parallel}(x, t) = -\frac{\tilde{B}}{\rho_o c} e^{i(\omega t + kx)} \equiv -\tilde{u}_{B_o}^{\parallel} e^{i(\omega t + kx)} \quad (\text{using } c = \omega/k)$$

Note the $-ve$ sign in the left-going complex longitudinal particle velocity amplitude, which simple reflects the fact that it is propagating in the $-ve$ x -direction.