

Thus, the complex transverse velocity,  $u_y(x, t) = \partial y(x, t)/\partial t$  of the driven string, at an arbitrary point,  $x$  and time,  $t$  is given by:

$$u_y(x, t) = \frac{\partial y(x, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{i\omega |F| \sin[k(L-x)]}{kT \cos(kL)} e^{i\omega t}$$

Again, the complex mechanical input impedance,  $Z^{\text{input}}$  of the driven string at the driving point,  $x = 0$  is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} Z^{\text{input}} &\equiv \frac{F(t)}{u_y(x=0, t)} = \frac{kT \cos(kL)}{i\omega \sin(kL)} = -i \frac{kT}{\omega} \cot(kL) \\ &= -i \frac{T}{v_x} \cot(kL) = -i \sqrt{\mu T} \cot(kL) = -i \mu v_x \cot(kL) \\ &= -i Z_o \cot(kL) \end{aligned}$$

Note that here, for the driven free end-fixed end boundary conditions of this string, the complex mechanical input impedance,  $Z^{\text{input}}$  of the driven string at the driving point,  $x = 0$  is purely reactive - i.e. it is purely imaginary!

The (complex) power, or time rate of energy transfer from the “free” end support at  $x = 0$  to the string is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} P(t) &= \frac{\partial E(t)}{\partial t} = F(t) u_y^*(x=0, t) = -i \frac{\omega |F|^2 \sin(kL)}{kT \cos(kL)} \\ &= -i \frac{v_x |F|^2}{T} \tan(kL) = -i \frac{v_x |F|^2}{T \cot(kL)} = \frac{v_x |F|^2}{iT \cot(kL)} \\ &= \frac{|F|^2}{(Z^{\text{input}})^*} = \frac{|F|^2}{i Z_o \cot(kL)} \end{aligned}$$

Here, the power is (also) purely reactive - i.e. purely imaginary, or  $90^\circ$  out of phase with the driving force. The physical meaning of this is the following. The driving force inputs energy into the string at  $x = 0$ , creating a right-moving traveling wave. The right-moving traveling wave propagates on the string until it reaches the fixed end at  $x = L$ , whereupon it is reflected and polarity-flipped, converted into left-moving traveling wave. The left-moving traveling wave then propagates back to  $x = 0$ , where it leaves the string, returning its associated energy to the power source. Thus, a given amount of energy is put into the vibrating string at  $x = 0$  by the complex driving force,  $F(t)$ , however a little while later, this same energy comes back and is returned to the driving force. Thus, for the equilibrium situation, no *net* energy is transferred to/from this string!

The driving force,  $F(t)$  has angular frequency,  $\omega = 2\pi f$ . In principle, the free end support at  $x = 0$  can be driven at any frequency,  $f$ . Because of the free end-fixed end boundary conditions at  $x = 0$  and  $x = L$ , respectively, at certain driving frequencies *resonances* (maximum amplitudes) and *anti-resonances* (minimum amplitudes) in the transverse vibrations of the string of length,  $L$  will occur. However, because of the free end-fixed end boundary conditions, the modes of