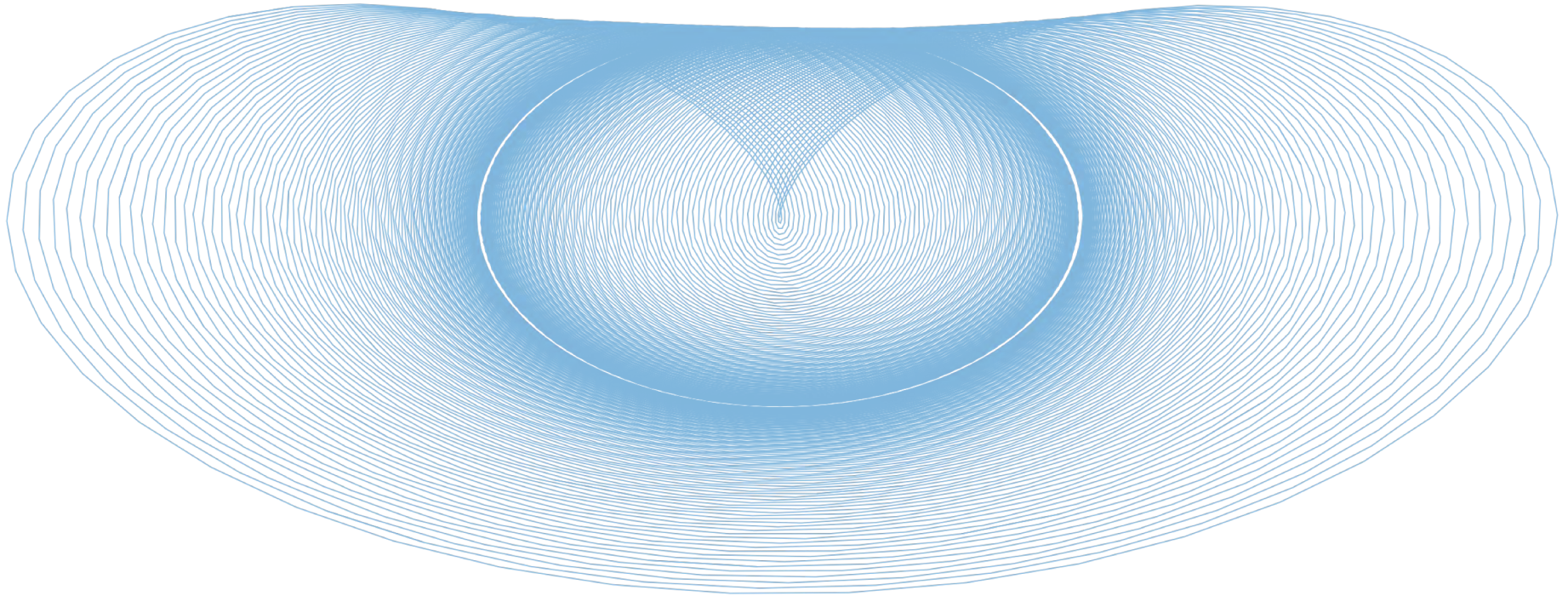


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Physics with Applications to Life Sciences



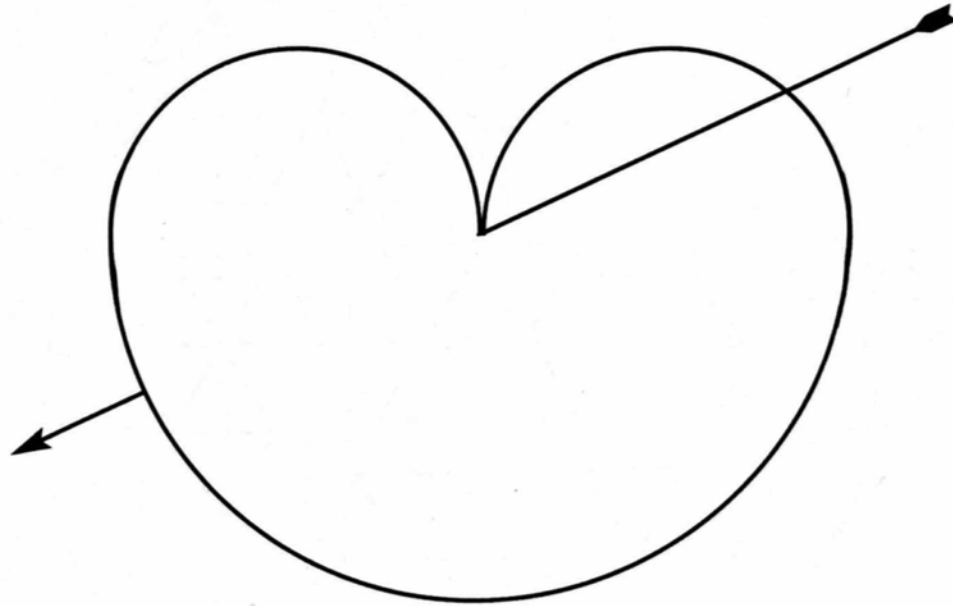
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Shot Through the Heart

This (okay, somewhat misshapen) Valentine heart consists of one large semicircle beneath two smaller semicircles. The arrow passes right through the point at which the two smaller semicircles meet.



Which part of the heart's perimeter is the longer: that lying above the line of the arrow, or that lying below?

Aside → Differentiating multivariable functions

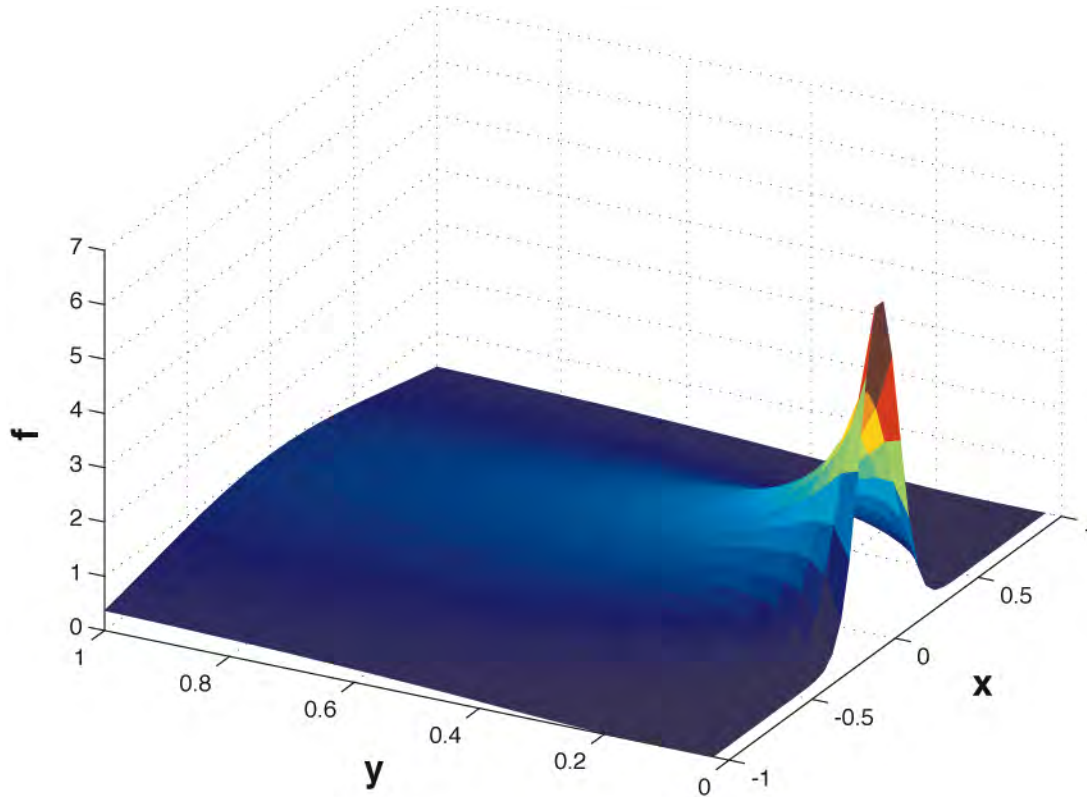
- Can take partial derivative with respect to partial derivative

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)$$

- Simplified notation:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (f_x) = (f_x)_y = f_{xy}$$

“Wave math” → Multivariable functions



$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{y}} e^{-x^2/y}$$

Solution to
diffusion equation
(or *heat eqn.*)

“Wave math” → The wave equation

- A wave's dependence upon space and time are interrelated via a PDE commonly referred to as the *wave equation*

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$$

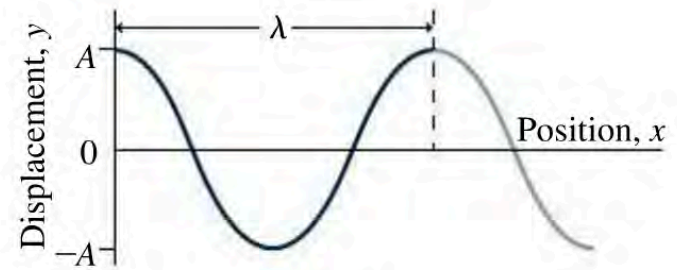
Note: One can readily derive this via combining Newton's 2nd Law and conservation of mass

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

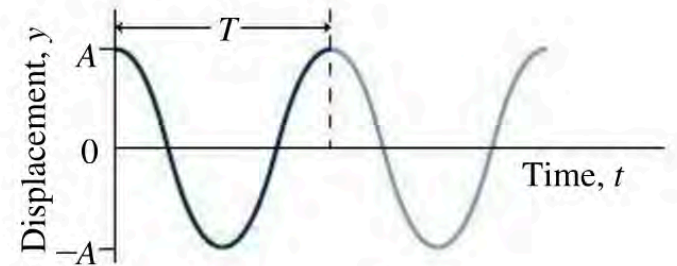
Possible solution to wave eqn. (“sinusoidal wave”)

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \quad (\text{wave number})$$

$$v = \frac{\lambda}{T} = \frac{2\pi/k}{2\pi/\omega} = \frac{\omega}{k}$$



(a)



(b)

“Wave math” → Multivariable functions (REVISITED)

$$D(x, t) = D(x - vt, t = 0)$$

So we rewrite as:

$$D(x, t) = A \sin\left(2\pi \frac{x - vt}{\lambda} + \phi_0\right) = A \sin\left(2\pi \left(\frac{x}{\lambda} - \frac{t}{T}\right) + \phi_0\right)$$

$$D(x, t) = A \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi_0)$$

(sinusoidal wave traveling in the positive x -direction)

Relevant derived quantities:

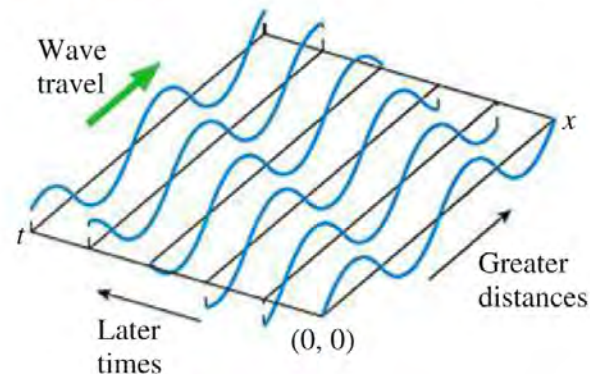
$$v = \lambda f = \lambda/T$$

$$\omega = 2\pi f = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

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

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

A sinusoidal wave moving along the x -axis.



Standing waves

- Consider that in 1-D, there can be two waves on a string: one going *forward* and one going *backward*

The superposition of two sinusoidal waves traveling in opposite directions.

(a)

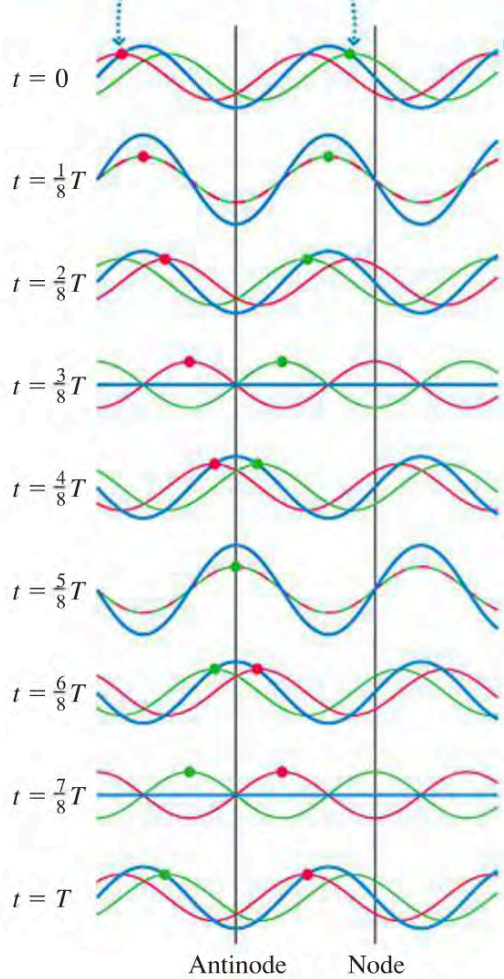
A string is carrying two waves moving in opposite directions.



- Their combination leads to interference (or *superposition*)
- Sometimes the waves interfere (i.e., add up) *constructively*, other times it is *destructively*

Standing waves

(b) The red wave is traveling to the right. The green wave is traveling to the left.



The blue wave is the superposition of the red and green waves.

At this time the waves exactly overlap and the superposition has a maximum amplitude.

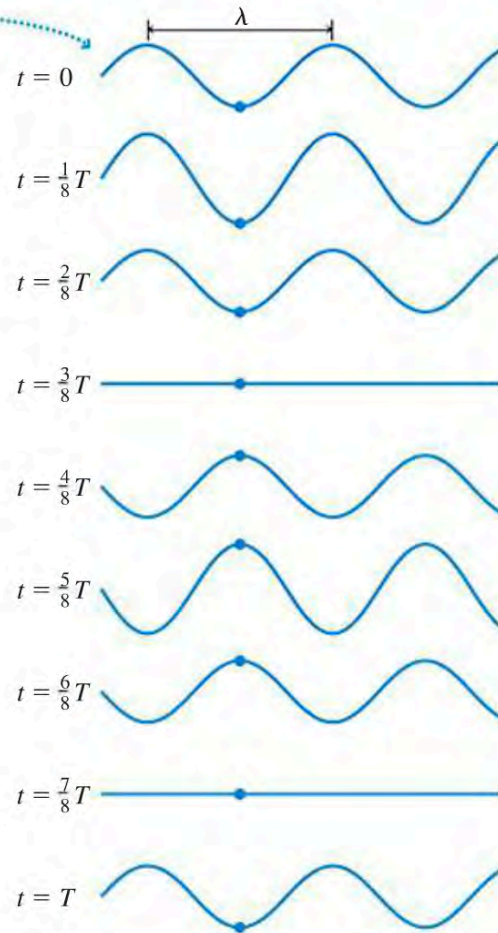
At this time a crest of the red wave meets a trough of the green wave. The waves cancel.

The superposition again reaches a maximum amplitude.

The waves again overlap and cancel.

At this time the superposition has the form it had at $t = 0$.

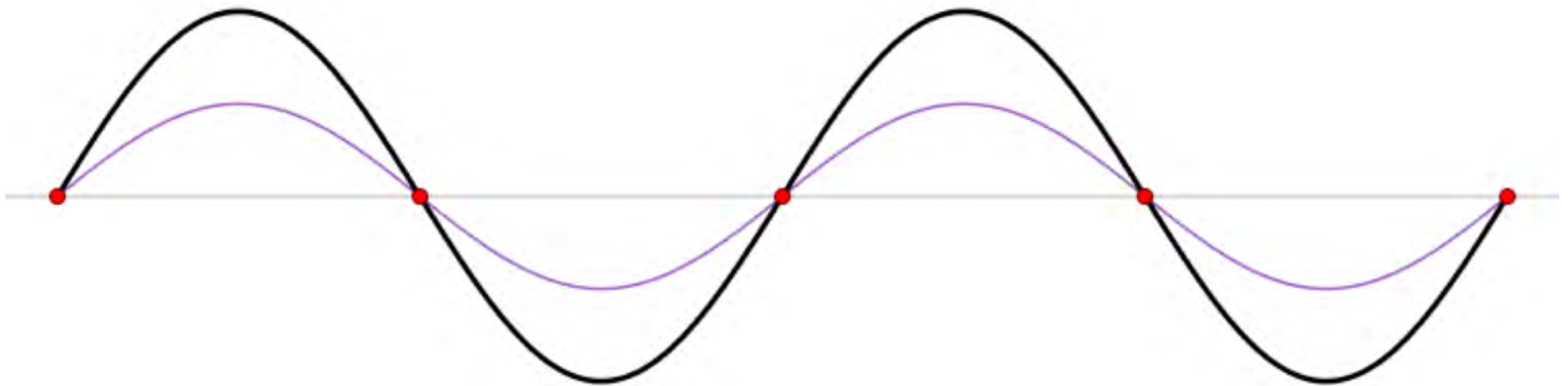
(c) The superposition is a standing wave with the same wavelength as the original waves.



→ A bit hard to see via a static picture....

Standing waves

... but is much more readily apparent via a movie



Blue is the left-going wave

Red is the right-going wave

Black is the sum of the two (i.e., the “standing” wave)

Note: Locations where the amplitude stays zero are called **nodes**

“Wave math” → Standing waves (REVISITED)

$$D_R = a \sin(kx - \omega t) \quad \text{Right-going wave}$$

Note: The difference here is the sign. For “bonus” credit, look up **d’Alembert’s formula**

$$D_L = a \sin(kx + \omega t) \quad \text{Left-going wave}$$

Via superposition:
$$D(x, t) = D_R + D_L = a \sin(kx - \omega t) + a \sin(kx + \omega t)$$

Relevant trig identity:
$$\sin(\alpha \pm \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta \pm \cos \alpha \sin \beta$$

Rewriting:

$$\begin{aligned} D(x, t) &= a(\sin kx \cos \omega t - \cos kx \sin \omega t) + a(\sin kx \cos \omega t + \cos kx \sin \omega t) \\ &= (2a \sin kx) \cos \omega t \end{aligned}$$

Note: A standing wave is not a traveling wave per se(!)

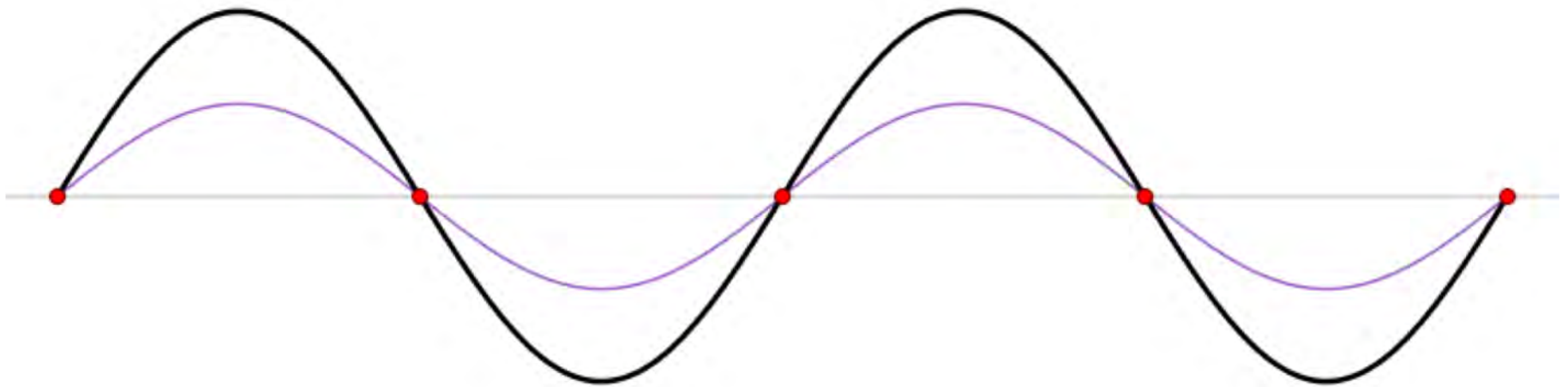
$$D(x, t) = A(x) \cos \omega t$$

$$A(x) = 2a \sin kx$$

Standing Waves (REVISITED)

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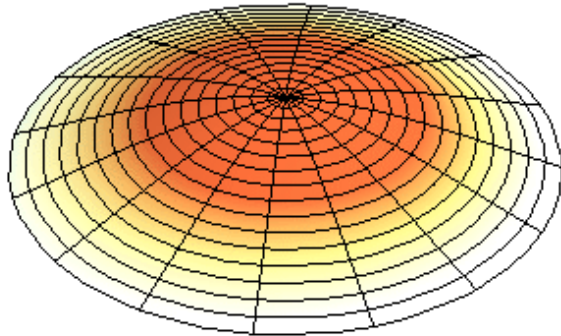
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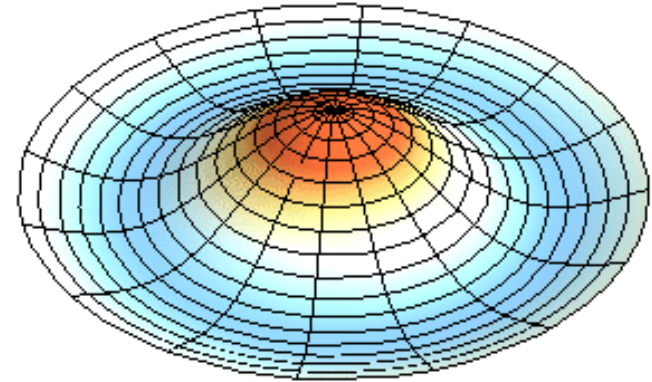
Standing waves

- Standing waves can arise in 2-D as well (e.g., drumhead)

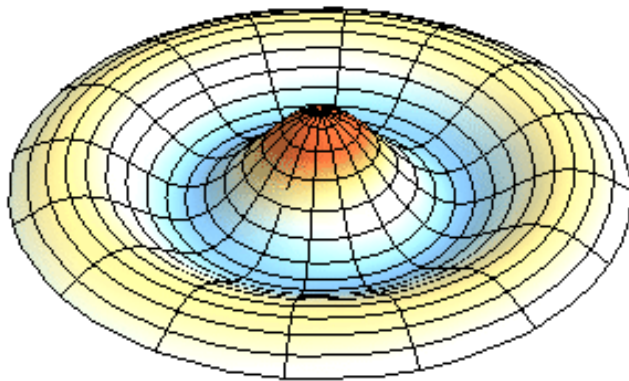
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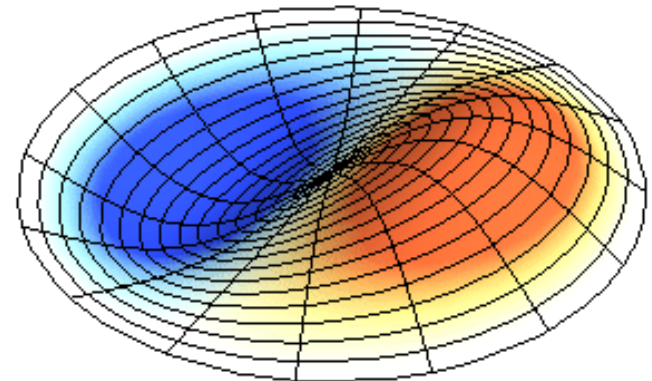
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(0,3) mode

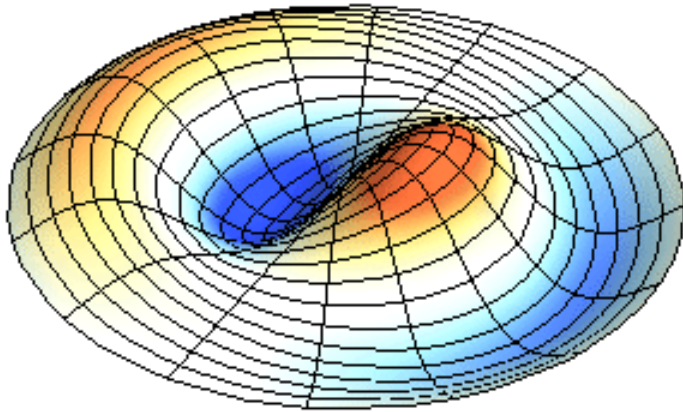


(1,1) mode

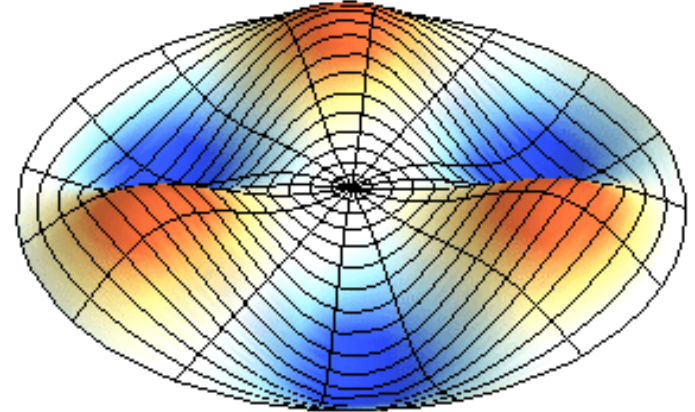


Standing waves

(1,2) mode



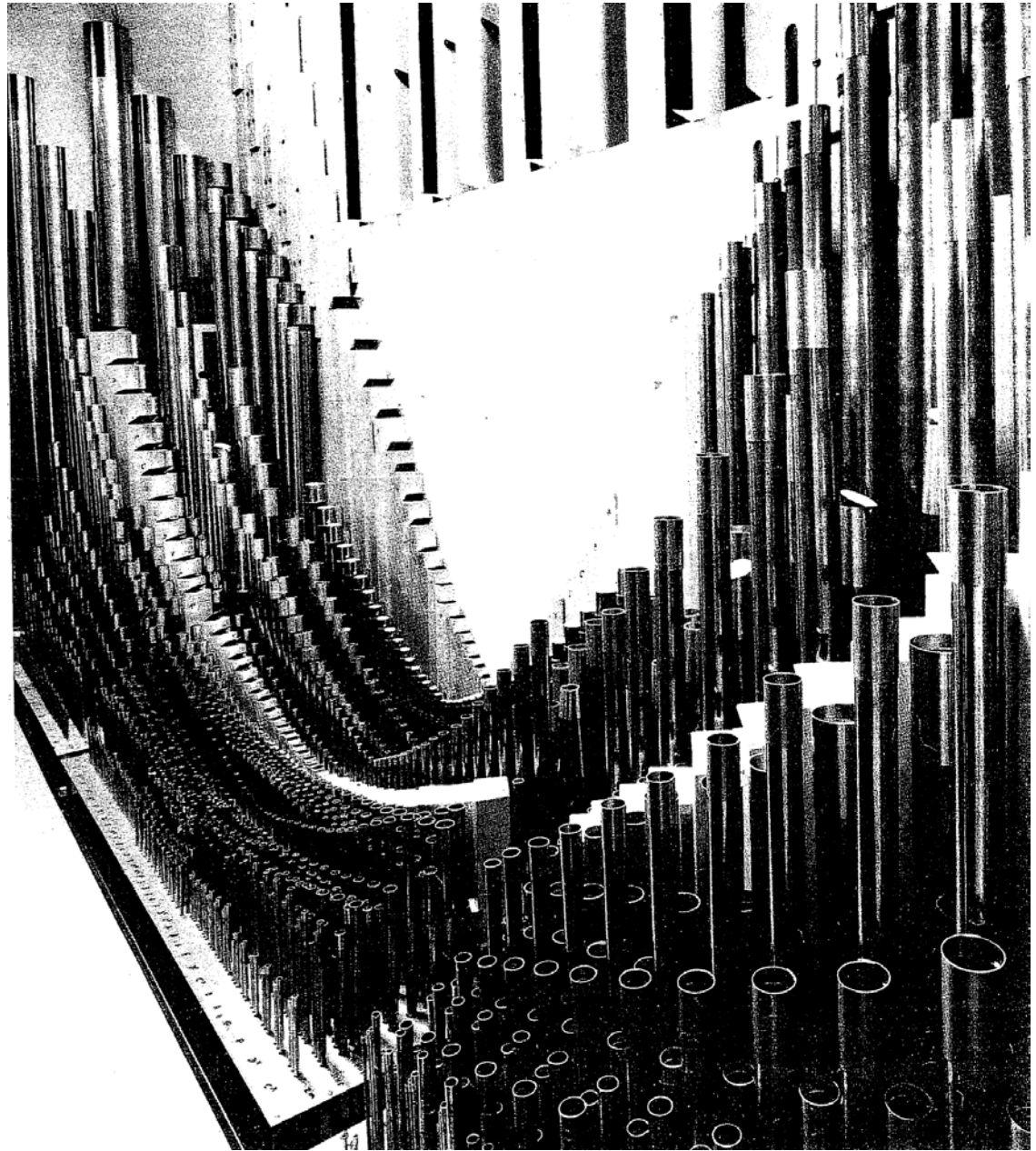
(3,1) mode



→ Note clear presence of nodes (chief characteristic of standing waves)

Standing waves

INTERIOR VIEW OF ORGAN at the Sydney Opera House shows some of its 26 ranks of pipes, most of which are of metal but some of which are of wood. The length of the speaking part of each pipe doubles at every 12th pipe; the pipe diameter doubles at about every 16th pipe. Through long experience master organ builders arrived at the proportions necessary for achieving balanced tone quality.



Looking ahead: Light as a wave....

➤ EM waves are a bit special in that they are not entirely consistent w/ our definition of a wave....

➤ We will need to develop further mathematical tools and physical concepts (e.g., electric fields, magnetism) to properly understand, classically at least, EM waves

Maxwell's equations

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A} = \frac{Q_{\text{in}}}{\epsilon_0}$$

Gauss's law

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A} = 0$$

Gauss's law for magnetism

$$\oint \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = -\frac{d\Phi_m}{dt}$$

Faraday's law

$$\oint \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \mu_0 I_{\text{through}} + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{d\Phi_e}{dt}$$

Ampère-Maxwell law

$$\vec{F} = q(\vec{E} + \vec{v} \times \vec{B}) \quad (\text{Lorentz force law})$$

Review: A traveling wave is a broad term, but in a general sense can be defined as occurring when a “condition of some kind is transmitted from one place to another by means of a medium, but the medium itself is not transported”

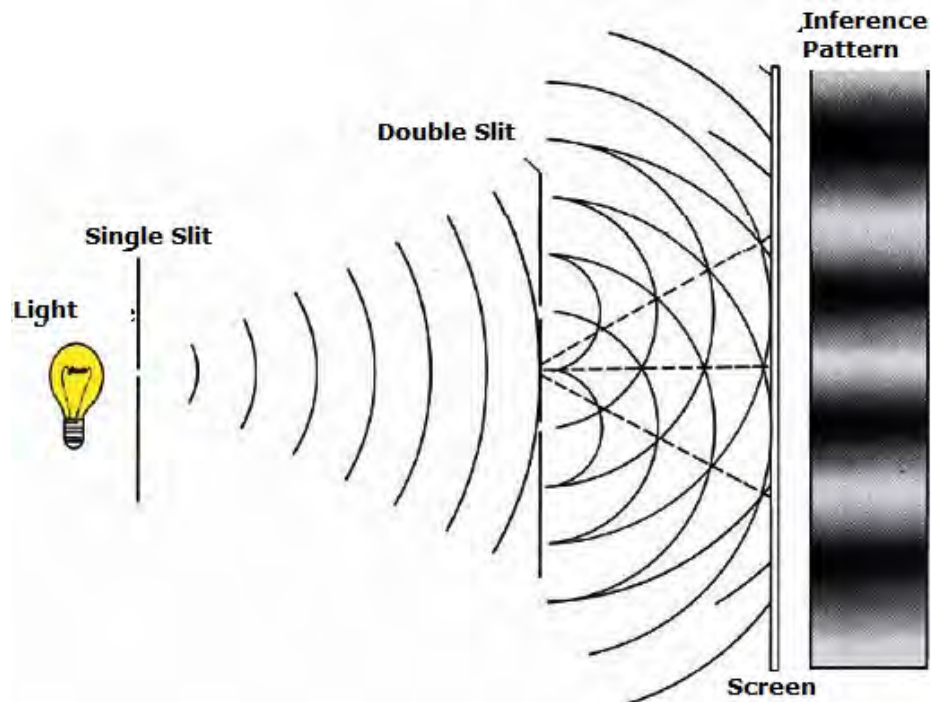
- **Gauss's law:** Charged particles create an electric field.
- **Faraday's law:** An electric field can also be created by a changing magnetic field.
- **Gauss's law for magnetism:** There are no isolated magnetic poles.
- **Ampère-Maxwell law, first half:** Currents create a magnetic field.
- **Ampère-Maxwell law, second half:** A magnetic field can also be created by a changing electric field.
- **Lorentz force law, first half:** An electric force is exerted on a charged particle in an electric field.
- **Lorentz force law, second half:** A magnetic force is exerted on a charge moving in a magnetic field.

→ Buried in all this is an even more basic notion: *Oscillations*

Interference & Diffraction

Review: Sometimes the waves interfere (i.e., add up) *constructively*, other times it is *destructively*

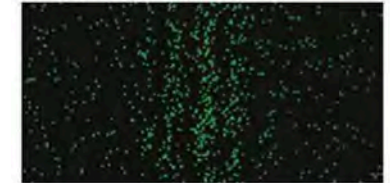
→ Same idea applies here re the “double slit” experiments previously described



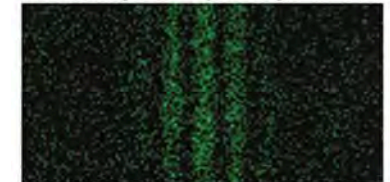
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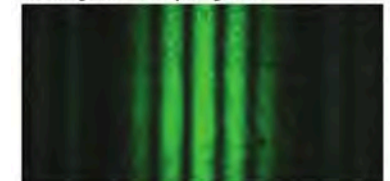
(b) Image after a slightly longer time



(c) Continuing to build up the image



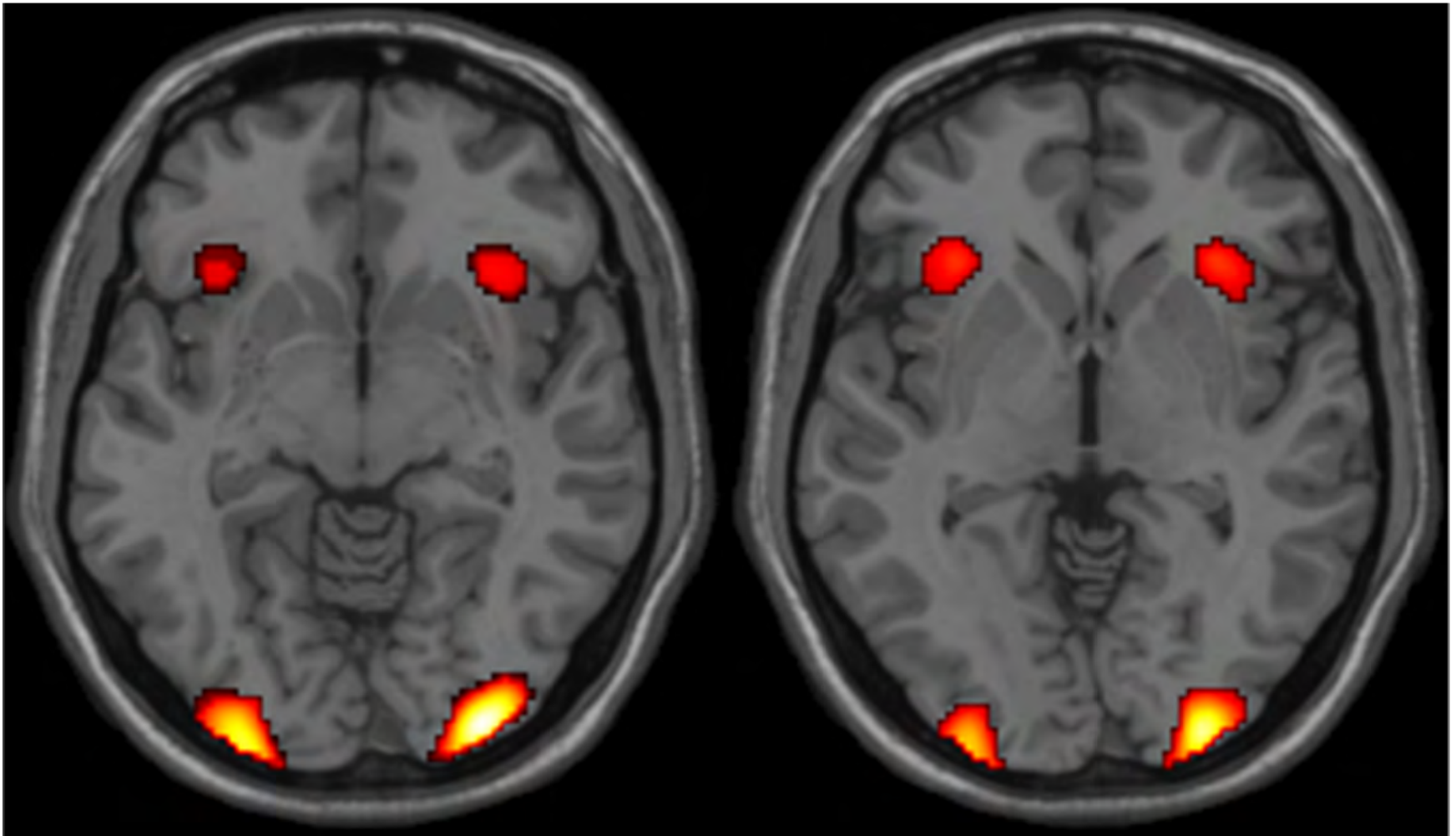
(d) Image after a very long time



Note: Relevant concept here is known as *Huygens-Fresnel principle*

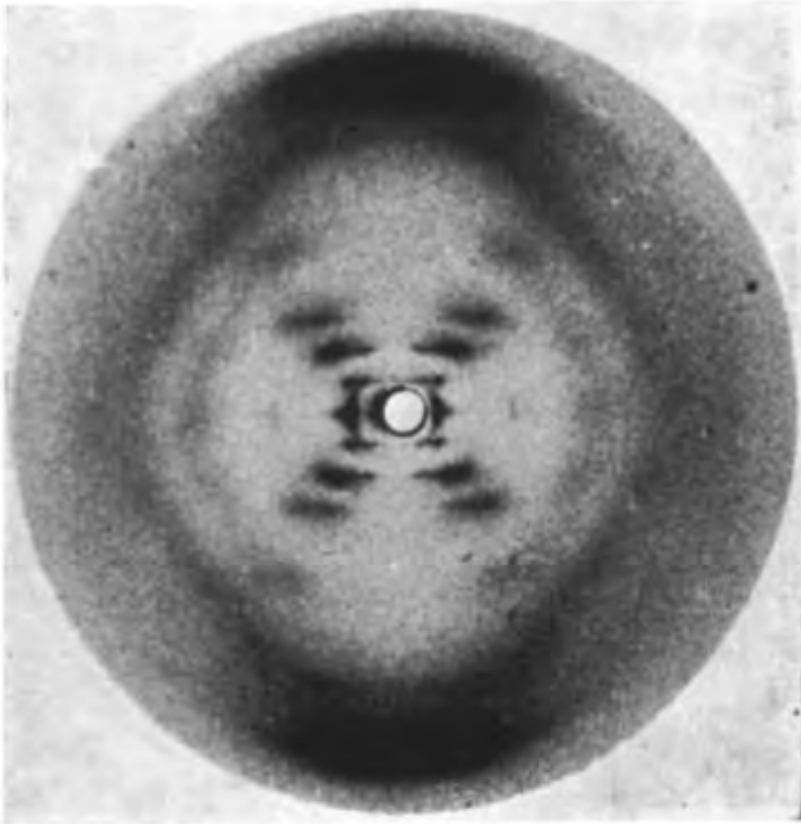
Question

How might we “see” brain? How it “function”?



Question

How do we make a 3-D image of really small things (e.g., molecular structure)?



Sodium deoxyribonucleate from calf thymus. Structure *B*

Franklin & Gosling (1953)



This figure is purely diagrammatic. The two ribbons symbolize the two phosphate—sugar chains, and the horizontal rods the pairs of bases holding the chains together. The vertical line marks the fibre axis

Watson & Crick (1953)

→ How did Watson and Crick actually figure out a “double helix” for DNA?

Caveat

Even “simple” questions can be hard...

e.g., How many mountain
peaks are there in this image?



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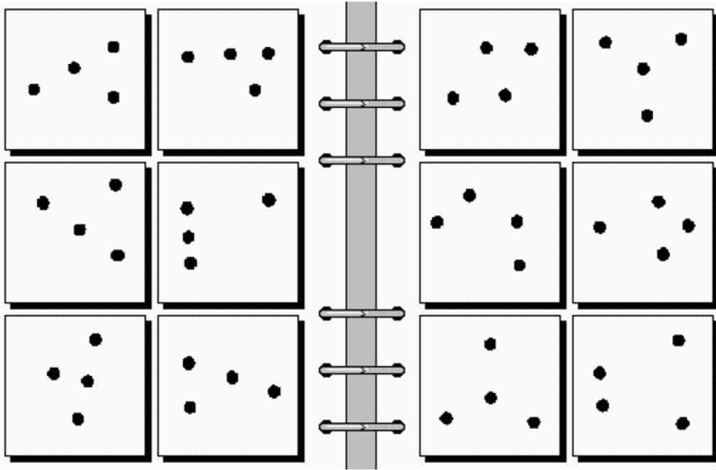
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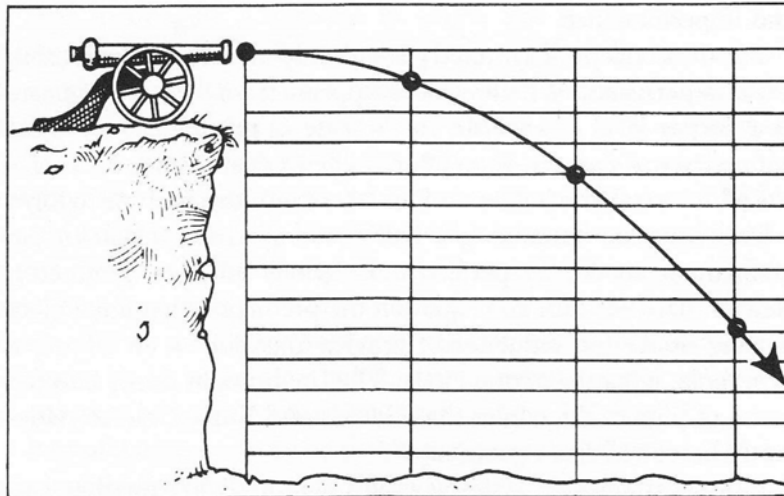
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Theme: Problem-solving.....

A man lives on the tenth floor of a building. Every day he takes the elevator to go down to the ground floor to go to work or to go shopping. When he returns he takes the elevator to the seventh floor and walks up the stairs to reach his apartment on the tenth floor. Why does he do this?



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e.g., "classical mechanics"

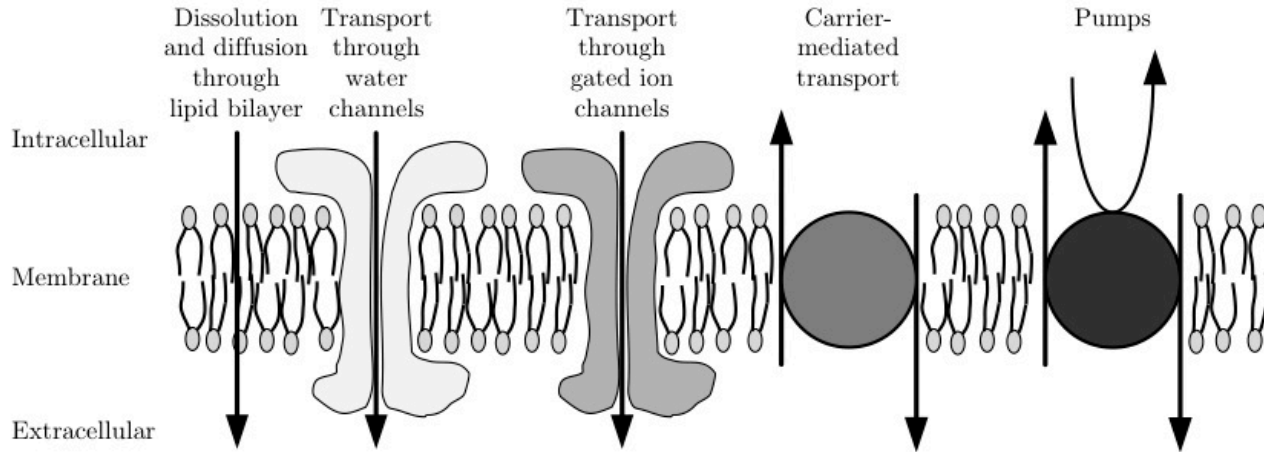
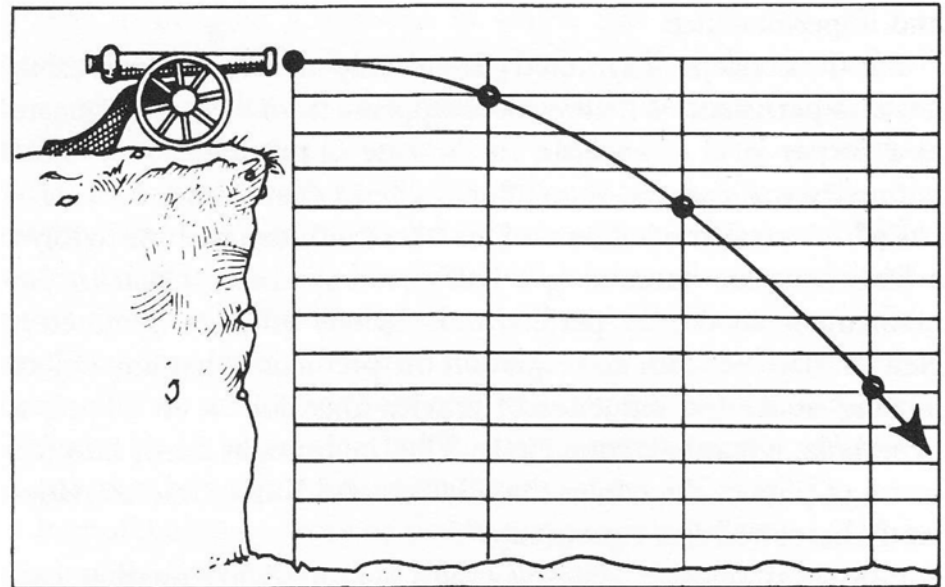


Figure 2.19

Note: Studying how stuff “moves” across a cell membrane is the same basic thing as the more general “how does stuff move?”

→ We initially delved into “mechanics” and easier sorts of “stuff” to study

e.g., “classical mechanics”

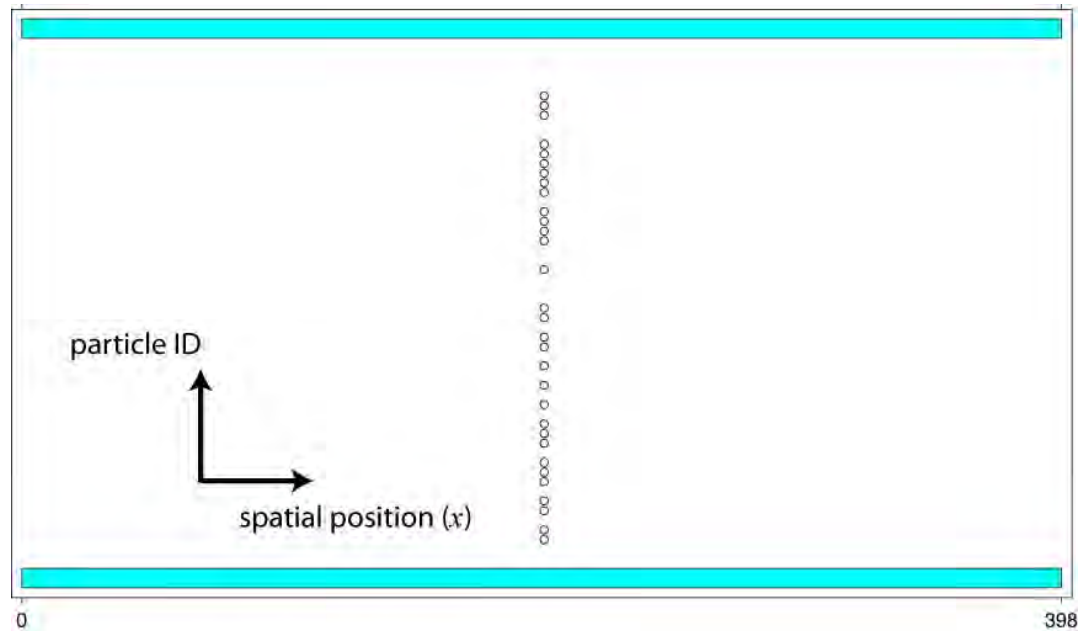


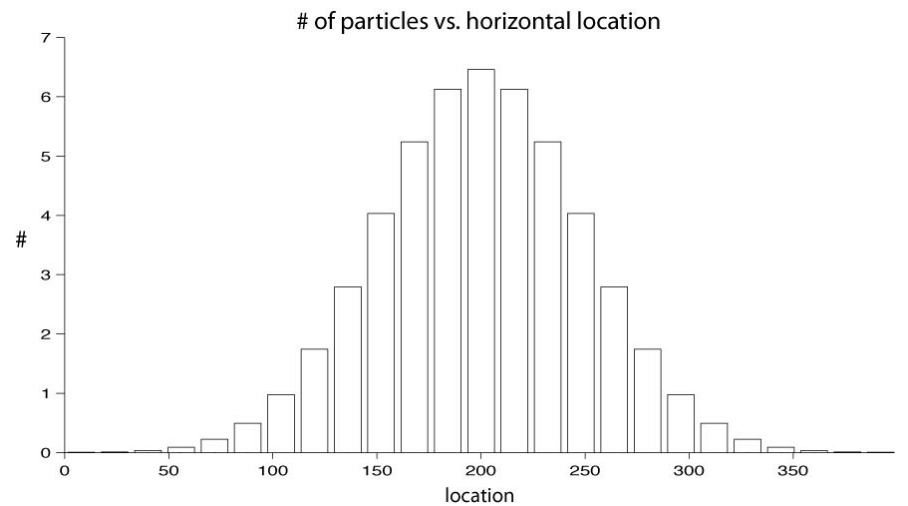
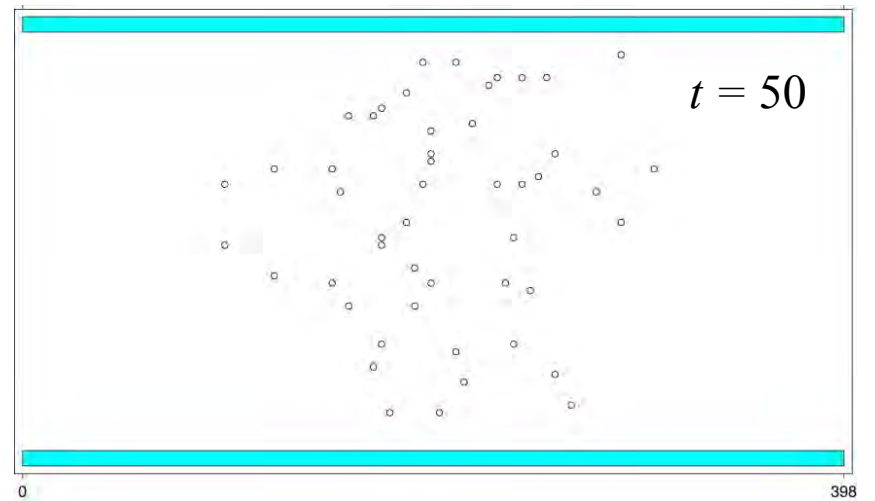
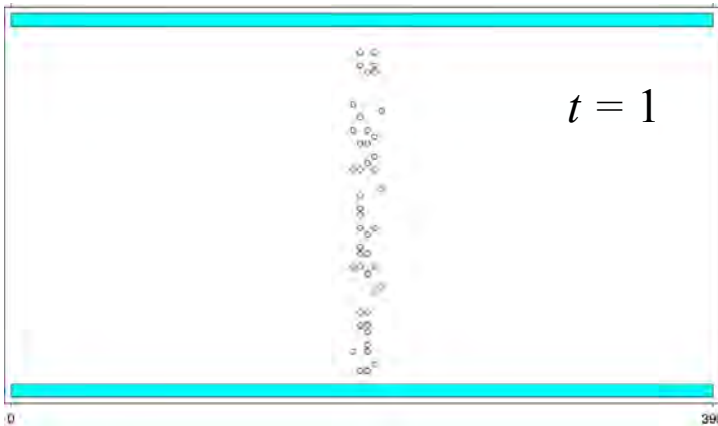
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Theme: Microscopic basis for diffusion

Brownian motion \Rightarrow 'Random Walker' (1-D)

Ensemble of Random Walkers





→ **Diffusion** (for which Brownian motion is the *microscopic* basis)

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