







The speed of a sound wave in air depends on the temperature (c=331 + 0.6 T) where T is the temperature in $^{\circ}$ C.

During the day the air is warmest right next to the ground and grows cooler above the ground. This is called a temperature lapse. Since the temperature decreases with height, the speed of sound also decreases with height. This means that for a sound wave traveling close to the ground, the part of the wave closest to the ground is traveling the fastest, and the part of the wave farthest above the ground is traveling the slowest. As a result, the wave changes direction and bends upwards. This can create a "shadow zone" region into which the sound wave cannot penetrate. A person standing in the shadow zone will not hear the sound even though he/she might be able to see the source. The sound waves are being refracted upwards and will never reach the observer.



This means that for a sound wave traveling close to the ground, the part of the wave closest to the ground is traveling the slowest, and the part of the wave farthest above the ground is traveling the fastest. As a result, the wave changes direction and bends downwards. Temperature inversions most often happen at night after the sun goes down when the ground (or water in a lake) cools off quickly, while the air above the ground remains warm. This downward refraction of sound is why you can hear the conversations of campers across the lake, when otherwise you should not be able to hear them. (remember that they can probably hear you too!)











Fig. 2.5-11 *Top*: A low-velocity layer surrounded by high-velocity material acts as a waveguide. Rays incident on either interface at angles exceeding the critical angle undergo total internal reflection. *Bottom*: The SOFAR channel, a low-velocity zone (*right*) in the ocean, acts as a waveguide, as shown by ray paths from a source in the channel (*left*). Note the non-SI units for distance and velocity. (Ewing *et al.*, 1957)





Here is a comparison between the 2013/02/12 North Korea nuclear explosion, and an M5.1 earthquake in Nevada on 2013/02/13 recorded at seismic stations a few hundred kilometers away. The initial sound of the nuclear explosion is much stronger, likely due to efficient generation of compressional wave (P wave) for an explosive source. In comparison, the earthquake generated stronger shear waves that arrived later than the P wave.











damped harmonic oscillator composed of a spring and dashpot

Newton's Law: $\mathbf{F} = m\mathbf{a}$

Case for no damping:



$$m \frac{d^2 u(t)}{dt^2} + k u(t) = 0$$

Solution is perpetual harmonic oscillation:

 $u(t) = Ae^{i\omega_0 t} + Be^{i\omega_0 t}$ or $u(t) = A_0 \cos(\omega_0 t)$

(A and B are constants)

The mass moves back and forth with a natural frequency $\omega_0 = (k/m)^{1/2}$

where k is the spring constant.

Once the motion is started, the oscillation continues forever.







Traditional Land Deployment









