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 20% 5. Something else

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 Friday, September 21, 2018

- Wavelength, frequency, and wavenumber
- Jiggling of bonded atoms

Next lecture: IR spectra; ch4: (secs 1, 3, and 4 only): Atmospheric warming

Representative questions: On IR: 3.25, 3.59, 3.61

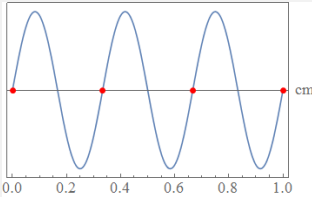
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wavelength λ , frequency ν , wavenumber $\tilde{\nu} = 1 / \lambda$

Wavenumber is the number of waves (wavelengths) that fit in one cm.

The figure spans 1 cm, showing a wave with speed $u = \nu\lambda = 1 \text{ cm/s}$.



So, $\nu = 3/\text{s}$ and $\lambda = 1/3 \text{ cm}$.

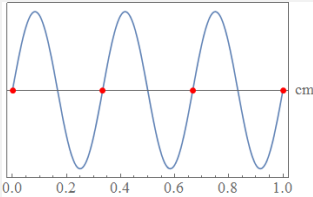
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Wavenumber is the number of waves (wavelengths) that fit in one cm.

The figure shows that there are 3 wavelengths in 1 cm.



So, in this case the wavenumber is $\tilde{\nu} = 3/\text{cm}$.

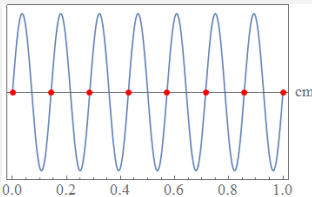
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Wavenumber is the number of waves (wavelengths) that fit in one cm.

This figure shows that there are 7 wavelengths in 1 cm.



So, in this case the wavenumber is $\tilde{\nu} = 7/\text{cm}$.

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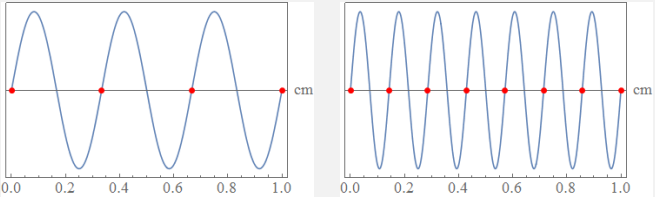
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wavelength λ , frequency ν , wavenumber $\tilde{\nu} = 1 / \lambda$

Wavenumber is the number of waves (wavelengths) that fit in one cm.

Larger wavenumber means smaller wavelength.



$\tilde{\nu} = 3/\text{cm}, \lambda = 1/3 \text{ cm}$

$\tilde{\nu} = 7/\text{cm}, \lambda = 1/7 \text{ cm}$

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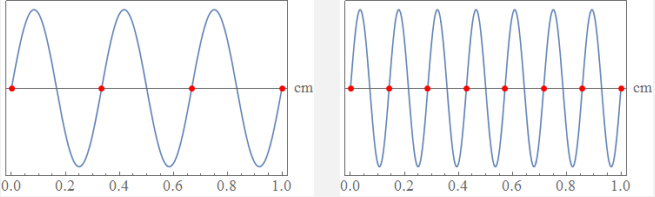
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wavelength λ , frequency ν , wavenumber $\tilde{\nu} = 1 / \lambda$

Wavenumber is the number of waves (wavelengths) that fit in one cm.

Larger wavenumber means larger frequency.



$\tilde{\nu} = 3/\text{cm}, \nu = 3/\text{s}$

$\tilde{\nu} = 7/\text{cm}, \nu = 7/\text{s}$

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[Quiz] Which has the **lowest** frequency?

0% 1. An antisymmetric H stretch at $9 \times 10^{13}/s$

0% 2. A sulfide, C-S, stretch at 600 cm^{-1}

0% 3. Red light at 700 nm

0% 4. Visible light at $6 \times 10^{14}/s$

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Jiggling of bonded atoms

Lighter faster; stronger faster; dissimilar approaches lighter

Interactive exploration

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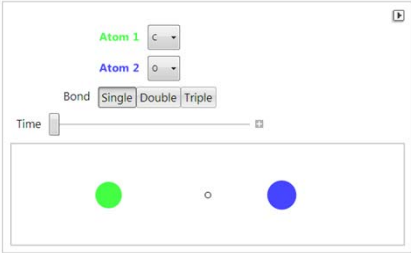
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<http://quantum.bu.edu/CDF/101/IRFrequency.cdf>



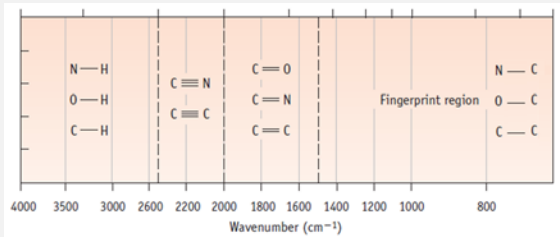
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IR spectra detect function groups

Lighter faster; stronger faster; dissimilar approaches lighter



4000 3500 3000 2600 2200 2000 1800 1600 1400 1200 1000 800

Wavenumber (cm^{-1})


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Jiggling of bonded atoms

O–H is at about 3500 cm^{-1}
C–H is at about 3000 cm^{-1}
This is reverse of what we predict based on mass.



What could account for this reversal?

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