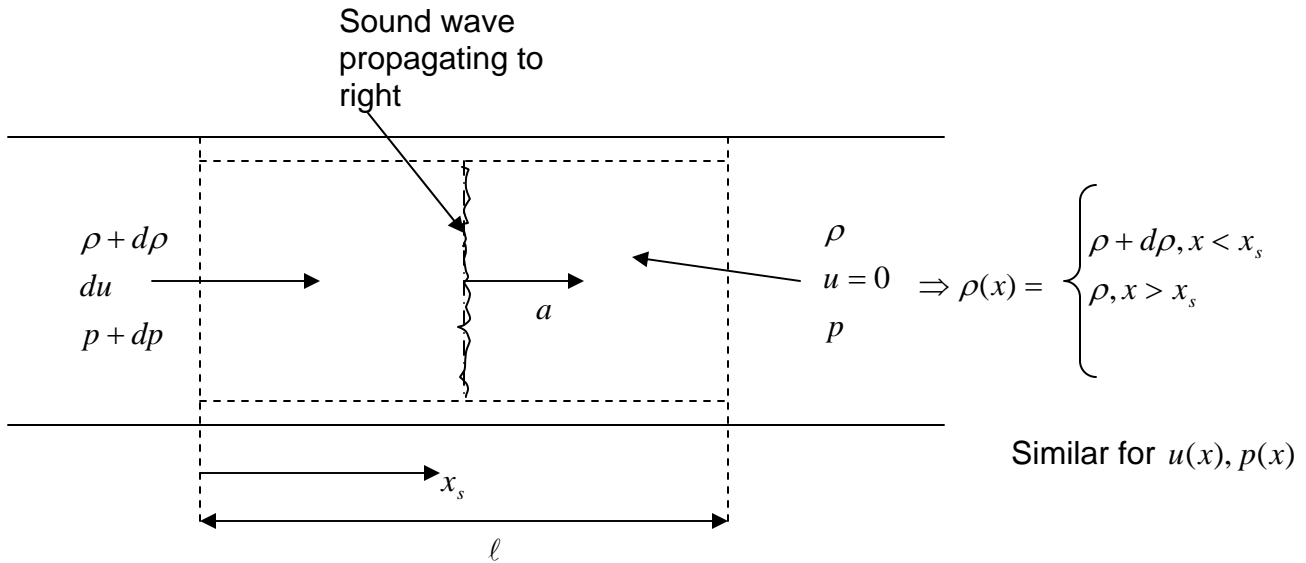


Derivation of Sound Wave Properties



Assume:

* Sound wave creates small disturbances in an isentropic manner.

Mass

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_0^\ell \rho(x) dx + \rho u \Big|_\ell - \rho u \Big|_0 = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[\int_0^{x_s} (\rho + d\rho) dx + \int_{x_s}^\ell \rho dx \right] + \rho u \Big|_\ell - (\rho + d\rho) du = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[\int_0^{x_s} d\rho dx + \underbrace{\int_0^\ell \rho dx}_{\text{Constant time}} \right] - (\rho + d\rho) du = 0$$

Constant
time

$$\frac{d}{dt} [d\rho x_s] - (\rho + d\rho) du = 0$$

$$d\rho \frac{dx_s}{dt} - (\rho + d\rho) du = 0$$

$$d\rho a - \rho du - \underbrace{d\rho du}_{\text{Higher order}} = 0$$

Higher
order

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{d\rho a = \rho du}$$

Isoentropic disturbances

Constant entropy disturbances for perfect, ideal gases satisfy:

$$\frac{p}{\rho^\gamma} = \text{const.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p + dp}{(\rho + d\rho)^\gamma} = \frac{p}{\rho^\gamma}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p + dp}{p} = \left(\frac{\rho + d\rho}{\rho} \right)^\gamma$$

$$1 + \frac{dp}{p} = \left(1 + \frac{d\rho}{\rho} \right)^\gamma$$

$$1 + \frac{dp}{p} = 1 + \gamma \frac{d\rho}{\rho}$$

$$\boxed{dp = \frac{\gamma p}{\rho} d\rho}$$

Conservation of Momentum

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_0^{\ell} \rho u dx + (\rho u^2 + p)|_{\ell} - (\rho u^2 + p)|_0 = 0$$

$\underbrace{\rho du a}_{\rho du a} + \underbrace{p}_{p} - \underbrace{(\rho u^2 + p)}_{(p + dp)} = 0$
← Higher order terms eliminated

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\rho a du = dp}$$

Summarizing:

Mass: $a d\rho = \rho du$ (1)

Isoentropic: $dp = \frac{\gamma p}{\rho} d\rho$ (2)

Momentum: $\rho a du = dp$ (3)

Combining a*(1) – (3) gives:

$$a^2 d\rho = dp$$

Then, using (2) gives:

$$a^2 d\rho = \frac{\gamma p}{\rho} d\rho$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(a^2 - \frac{\gamma p}{\rho} \right) d\rho = 0$$

Since $d\rho \neq 0$, then $\boxed{a^2 = \frac{\gamma p}{\rho}}$. We've just derived the speed of sound for an

Ideal, perfect gas.

Note: without assuming ideal, perfect gas, the general result is $a^2 = \left. \frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho} \right|_{s=const.}$

One other thing of interest: Suppose the sound wave caused a change in pressure, dp . Then, the change in velocity is:

$$du = \frac{1}{\rho a} dp \Rightarrow du \text{ has same sign as } dp$$