

Wave equation

$$c = f \lambda$$

c : Speed of wave (m/s)

f : Ultrasound frequency (Hz)

λ : Ultrasound wavelength (m)

Speed of ultrasound

$$c = \sqrt{k/\rho}$$

c : Speed of ultrasound (m/s)

k : Stiffness of material ($\text{Kg m}^{-1} \text{s}^{-2}$)

ρ : Density of material (Kg/m^3)

Acoustic Impedance

$$z = \sqrt{\rho k} = \rho c$$

z : Acoustic impedance ($\text{Kg m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$)

k : Stiffness of material ($\text{Kg m}^{-1} \text{s}^{-2}$)

ρ : Density of material (Kg/m^3)

c : Speed of ultrasound (m/s)

Reflection of Ultrasound at Interfaces

$$\frac{I_r}{I_i} = \left(\frac{z_2 - z_1}{z_2 + z_1} \right)^2$$

I_i : Incident ultrasound wave intensity

I_r : Reflected ultrasound wave intensity

z_2, z_1 : Acoustic impedances for two media at interface

Larmor equation

$$\omega_o = \gamma B_0$$

ω_o : Resonance frequency (Hz)

B_0 : Static magnetic field (pronounced “BE ZERO”)

γ : Gyromagnetic ratio (constant for each nucleus, = 42.6 MHz/T for H¹)