

Spherical Wave from Moving Source

Sum up periodic spherical wavefronts from a moving source. Wave velocity is c and source velocity is v . The start time of each successive wavefront is t_s . The wavefronts have Gaussian shapes. Try $v=1$, $c=1.5$ to illustrate the Doppler effect, $v=c=1.5$ for a shock wave, and $v=2$, $c=1.5$ for a bow wave.

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val = { c → 1.5, v → 1, width → 0.1};
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$$\text{wfunc}[x_, y_, t_] = \sum_{t_s=0}^{20} \frac{e^{-(\sqrt{(x-v t_s)^2 + y^2} - c(t-t_s))^2 / \text{width}}}{\sqrt{(x-v t_s)^2 + y^2}} + 0.1;$$

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wplot[t_] := DensityPlot[Evaluate[wfunc[x, y, t] /. val],
  {x, -10, 30}, {y, -20, 20}, PlotRange → {0, 1}, ColorFunction → Hue, PlotPoints → 80];
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Table[wplot[t], {t, 0, 20, 1}];
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