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WAVE MOTION

String Waves (Part-1)

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STRING WAVES – PART 1

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Chapter	Formulae_Concept VIDEO LINK		
Unit & Dimensions	https://youtu.be/wdd-wlZF4Hk	Electrostatics	https://youtu.be/3stXbGRMcrk
Errors and Vectors	https://youtu.be/pVoN045dV8I	Capacitors	https://youtu.be/EXEiickNUKY
Vernier Calliper	https://youtu.be/gYd2PtMz0mw	Current Electricity	https://youtu.be/gm8FUfjrX18
Screw Gauge	https://youtu.be/U4NNxFaFliE	Moving Charges and Magnetic Effect of Current	https://youtu.be/ULD2Ok1CGJk
Kinematics_Motion in 1d	https://youtu.be/4_Zo5WhMf7w	Earth's Magnetism	https://youtu.be/a4CT5uVwAK4
Kinematics_Motion in 2d	https://youtu.be/7JIR8gNRQIs	Magnetic Properties	https://youtu.be/63 cwdYXNIYE
Laws of Motion	https://youtu.be/Rn1bLst7eGk	EMI	https://youtu.be/puVavm_GFRM
Friction	https://youtu.be/kjrXoE-kDl8	Alternating Current	https://youtu.be/74dTY-pzM_o
Work Energy Power	https://youtu.be/KnFymKHlkT0	Ray Optics	https://youtu.be/BhnyTWzIlBA
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Centre of Mass	https://youtu.be/3f0u4L-lyyw	Wave Optics Part 2_Diffraction_Polarization	https://youtu.be/ymMyyJGGqnY
Cons of Momentum & Collision	https://youtu.be/O6j1mLp06XI	Optical Instruments	https://youtu.be/OQssbDH0A4I
Rotational Motion – Part 1	https://youtu.be/OHni1DRdfAQ	Electromagnetic Waves	https://youtu.be/bcVXgEkyQZY
Rotational Motion – Part 2	https://youtu.be/quglqfYRCrk	Semiconductors_Basics + Zener Diode	https://youtu.be/_A2JomQ7-50
Rotational Motion_Part 3	https://youtu.be/rAj2huLVaEk	Semiconductors_Transistors	https://youtu.be/psDwl84Nzb0
Gravitation	https://youtu.be/gSXxjk89l_c	Semiconductors_Logic Gates	https://youtu.be/pZdQAzLbFT0
Properties of Solids	https://youtu.be/RFKx9B9yo3M	Communication Systems	https://youtu.be/8NgMqK9X79Y
Fluid Statics (Part 1)	https://youtu.be/Y717vQpUEJQ	Modern Physics_Part 1_Atomic Physics	https://youtu.be/9VKUnE3mpHk
Fluid Dynamics (Part 2)	https://youtu.be/V8xUWWK2oT0	Modern Physics_Part 2_Photoelectric Effect	https://youtu.be/24oTQp84jrk
Fluid Properties (Part 3)	https://youtu.be/Rlb7ofNG09I	Modern Physics_Part 3_Dual Nature of Light	https://youtu.be/0zoR_saMAQY
Simple Harmonic Motion	https://youtu.be/OYjjyPlzddE	Modern Physics_Part 4_Radioactivity	https://youtu.be/AdX3YBhQyog
Thermal Properties	https://youtu.be/PyNboHgtYzM	Modern Physics_Part 5_Nuclear Physics	https://youtu.be/VDWqVahGixc
Heat Transfer	https://youtu.be/XO1tvFhlaoI	Modern Physics_Part 6_X Rays	https://youtu.be/dSHXdzX7NX0
KTG	https://youtu.be/iz_kf1jRDRw		
Thermodynamics	https://youtu.be/fB7pfj77za8		
Wave Motion -Organ Pipes and Resonance Tube	https://youtu.be/9-BxOaamnwg		
Wave Motion - Doppler's Effect			



1. Waves (Transverse & Longitudinal)

↓
Energy is transmitted
from one point to
another

↳ also called Travelling
waves

↓
Transverse
Disturbance
travels in x -dirⁿ
but particle moves
in dirⁿ \perp to x -axis
↳ string waves

Longitudinal
Particle moves
along the same
dirⁿ as disturbance
↳ Sound waves

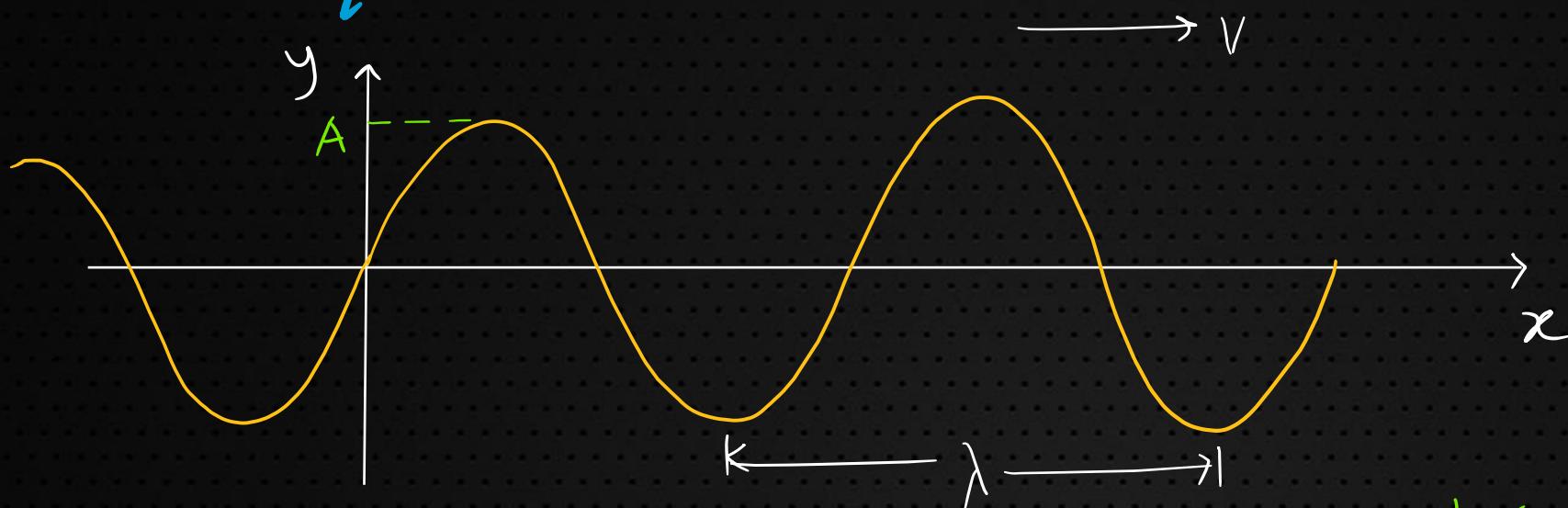


2. Travelling vs Standing Waves (string waves)

See the animation in Video (YouTube)



3. Wave Equation (string waves)



Wave speed

$$V = \frac{\text{Coeff of } t}{\text{Coeff of } x} = \frac{\omega}{K}$$

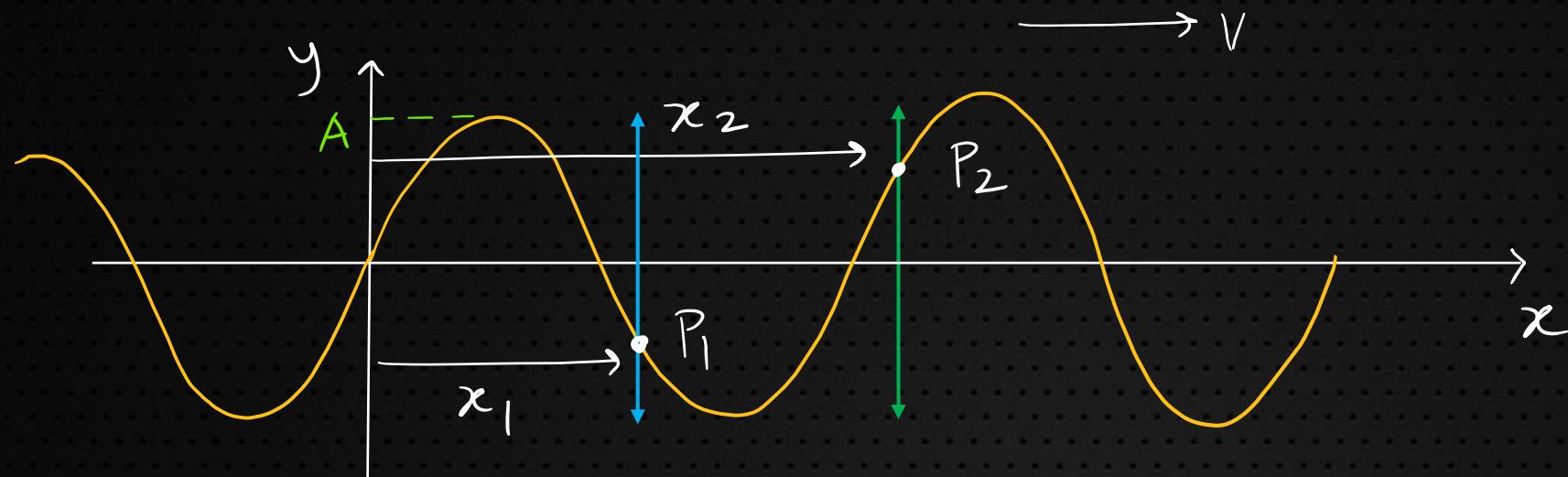
$$= f\lambda$$

$$y = A \sin(\omega t - Kx + \phi)$$

Amplitude
 Angular freq, $\omega = 2\pi f = \frac{2\pi}{T}$
 Initial phase Const.
 Angular wave no, $K = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$



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$$y = A \sin(\omega t - Kx + \phi) \rightarrow y_1 = A \sin(\omega t - Kx_1 + \phi)$$

SHM eqn of P_1

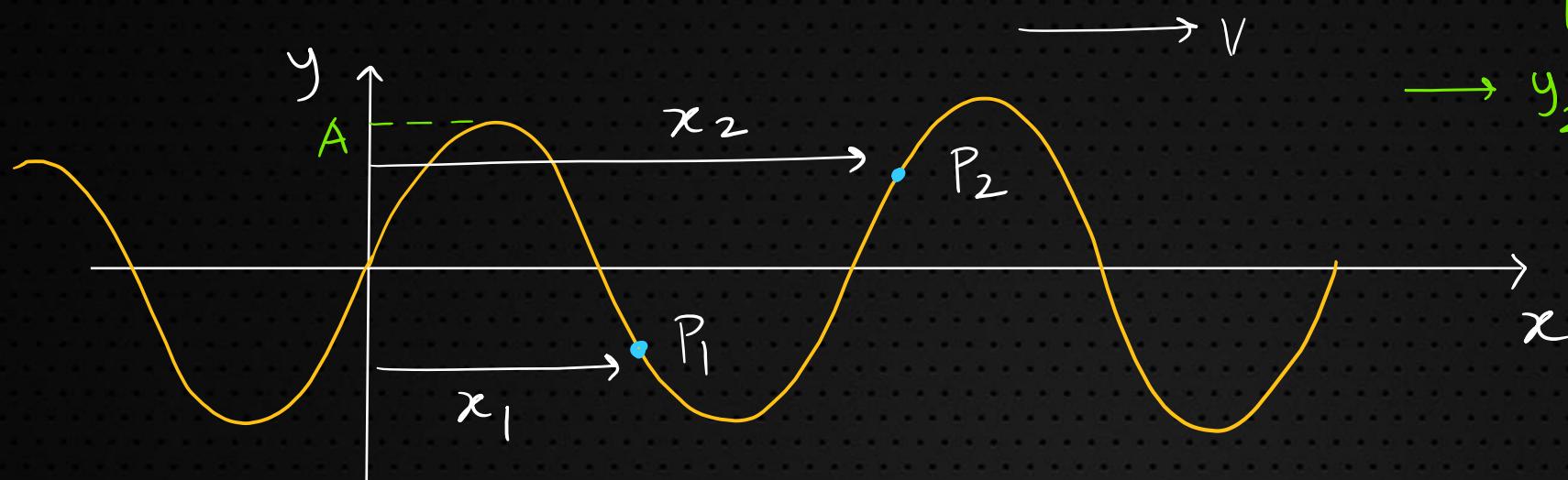
$$\rightarrow y_2 = A \sin(\omega t - Kx_2 + \phi)$$

SHM eqn of P_2

Amp of all particle
is same.



4. Path & Phase difference



$$\rightarrow y_1 = A \sin(\omega t - Kx_1 + \phi)$$

$$\rightarrow y_2 = A \sin(\omega t - Kx_2 + \phi)$$

Phase difference, $\Delta\phi = \phi_1 - \phi_2 = K(x_2 - x_1)$

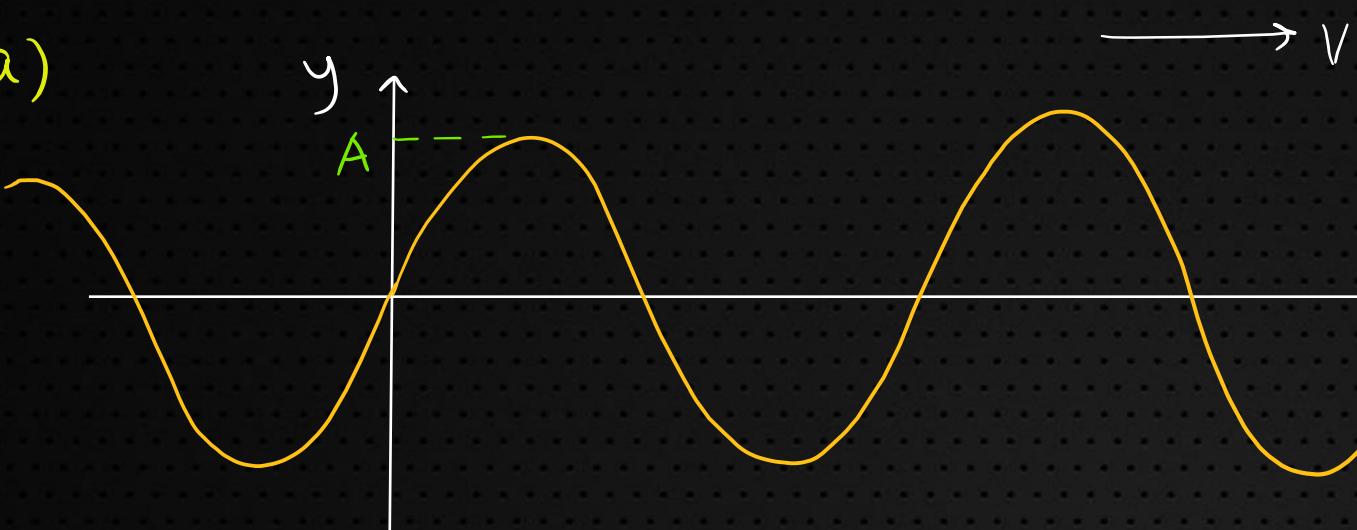
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\Delta\phi = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \cdot \Delta x}$$

Δx is path difference



5. Direction of Wave Motion in Eqn

(a)

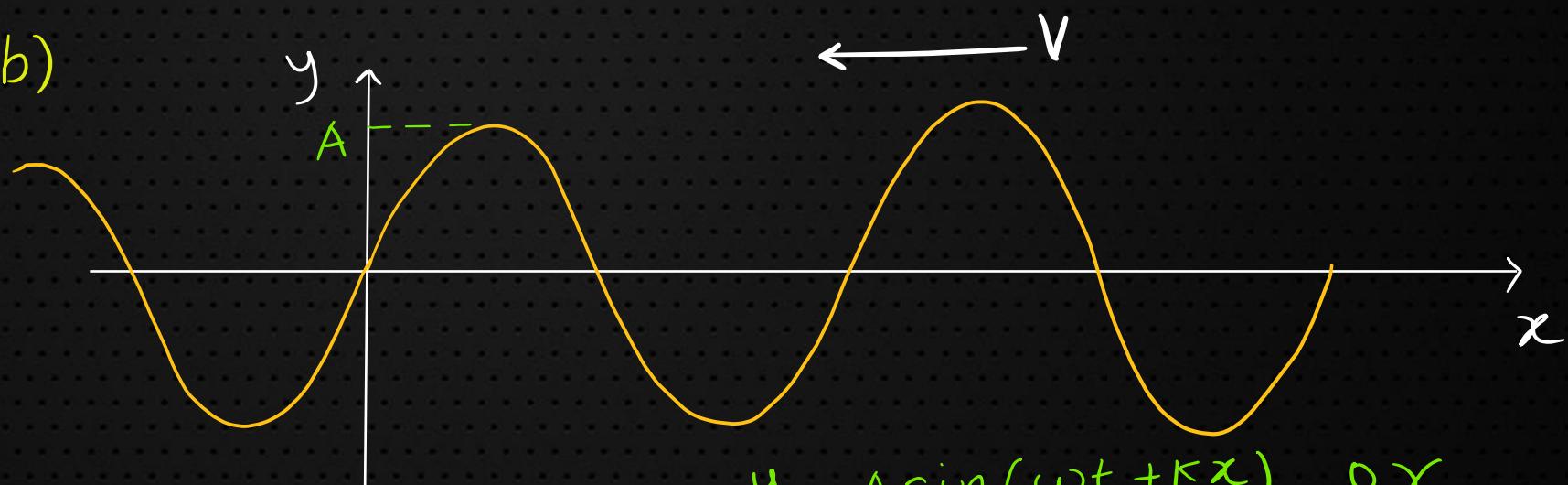


$$y = A \sin(\omega t - kx)$$

or

$$= A \sin(-\omega t + kx)$$

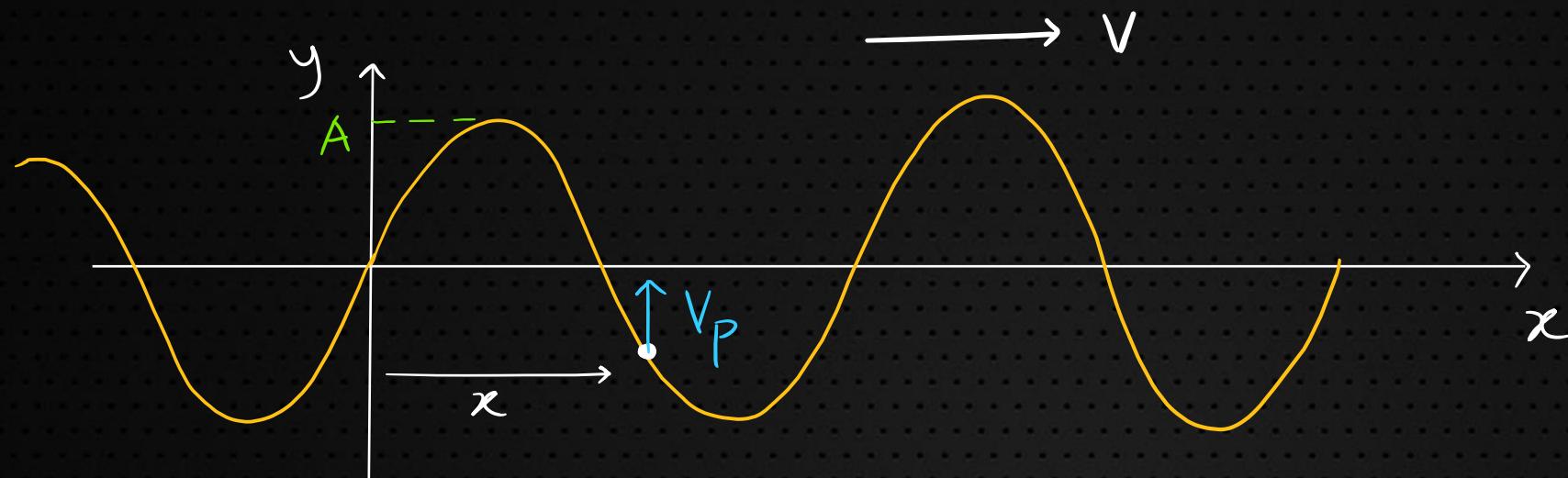
(b)



$$y = A \sin(\omega t + kx) \text{ or}$$
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6. Particle Velocity & Acceleration



$$y = A \sin(\omega t - kx + \phi)$$



$$v_p = \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_p = A\omega \cos(\omega t - kx + \phi)$$

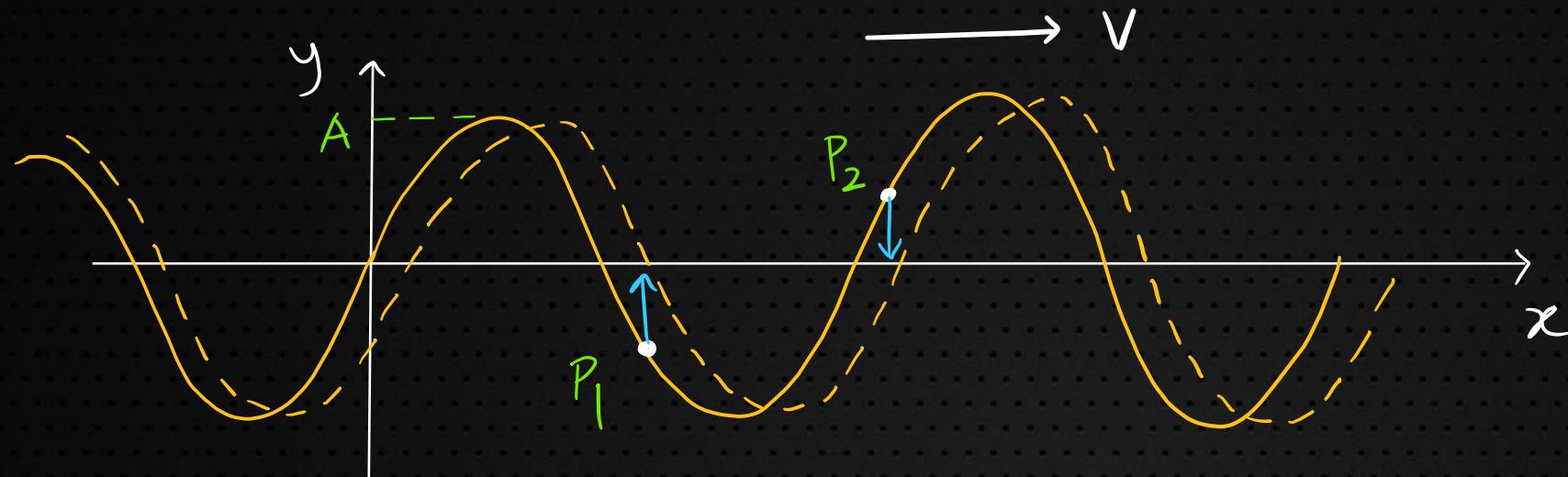
or, $v_p = \omega \sqrt{A^2 - y^2}$

*{ y is posn of particle at
x distance at time t }*

and, $a_p = \frac{dv_p}{dt} \Rightarrow a_p = -\omega^2 y$



7. Particle Direction at time t



Method 1 : $v_p = -V \times \text{slope}$

{ at P_1 slope is $-ve$
 $\therefore v_p$ is $+ve \Rightarrow \uparrow$

Method 2: Draw wave after dt time
 → Same result.



8. Questions on Wave Eqn

Ex 1. A wave is represented by the equation ;

$$y = A \sin (10 \pi x + 15\pi t + \pi/3)$$

where, x is in metre and t is in second. The expression represents

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- (a) a wave travelling in the positive x -direction with a velocity 1.5 m/s
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- (c) a wave travelling in the negative x -direction with a wavelength 0.2 m
- (d) a wave travelling in the positive x -direction with a wavelength 0.2 m



8. Questions on Wave Eqn

Solⁿ:

(i) travelling in -ve x dirⁿ

$$(ii) K = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \Rightarrow 10\pi = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

$$\therefore \lambda = 0.2 \text{ m}$$

$$(iii) V = \frac{\omega}{K} = \frac{15\pi}{10\pi} = 1.5 \text{ m/s}$$

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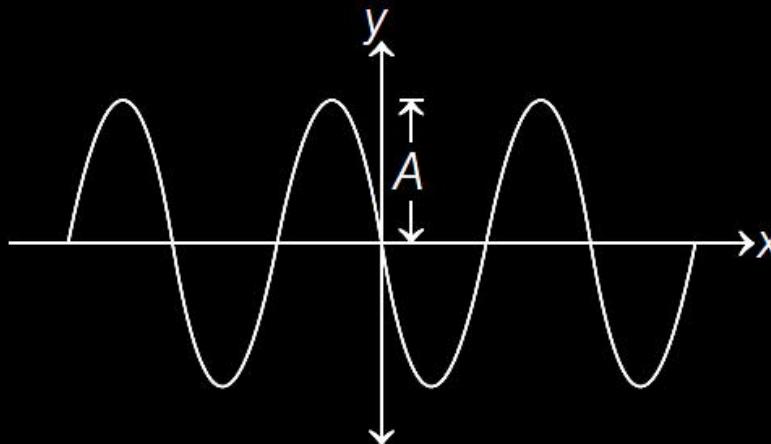
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Ex 2.

A progressive wave travelling along the positive x -direction is represented by $y(x, t) = A \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi)$. Its snapshot at $t = 0$ is given in the figure. (2019 Main, 12 April I)



For this wave, the phase ϕ is

- (a) $-\frac{\pi}{2}$
- (b) π
- (c) 0
- (d) $\frac{\pi}{2}$



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Ex 2.

$$\text{Sol}: v_p = \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = -A\omega \cos(kx - \omega t + \phi)$$

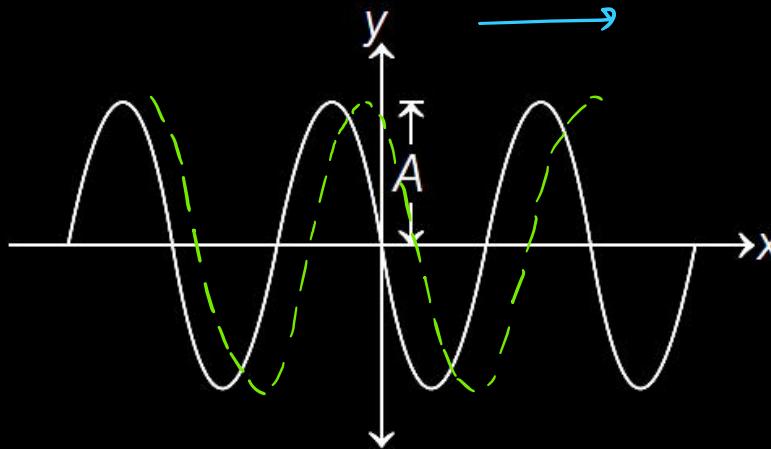
\Rightarrow At $t = 0$ particle at origin

was moving up.

$$v_p = -A\omega \cos(\phi) \quad \left\{ x \in t = 0 \right.$$

$$\therefore v_p \text{ is } +ve \Rightarrow \boxed{\phi = \pi}$$

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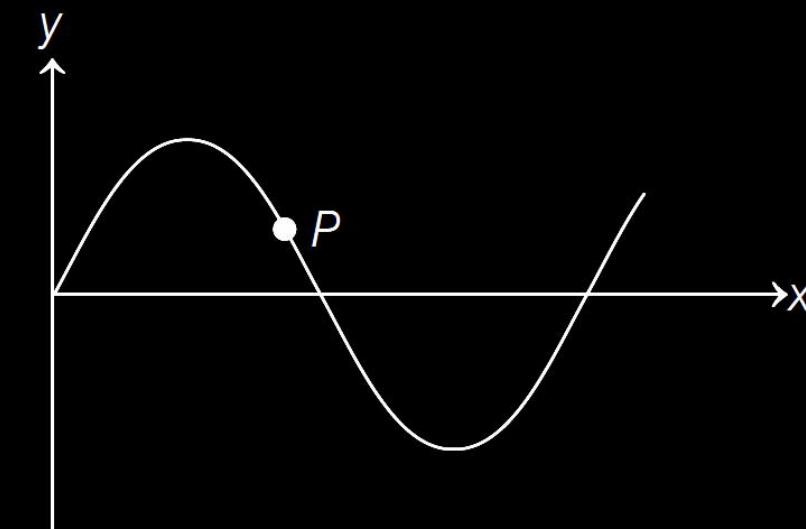


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Ex 3.

A transverse sinusoidal wave moves along a string in the positive x -direction at a speed of 10 cm/s. The wavelength of the wave is 0.5 m and its amplitude is 10 cm. At a particular time t , the snap-shot of the wave is shown in figure. The velocity of point P when its displacement is 5 cm is (2008)

- (a) $\frac{\sqrt{3}\pi}{50} \hat{\mathbf{j}}$ m/s (b) $-\frac{\sqrt{3}\pi}{50} \hat{\mathbf{j}}$ m/s (c) $\frac{\sqrt{3}\pi}{50} \hat{\mathbf{i}}$ m/s (d) $-\frac{\sqrt{3}\pi}{50} \hat{\mathbf{i}}$ m/s



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$$\text{Soln: } v_p = \omega \sqrt{A^2 - y_p^2} \quad \left\{ v = \frac{\omega}{k} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow v_p = V \cdot \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \sqrt{A^2 - y_p^2}$$

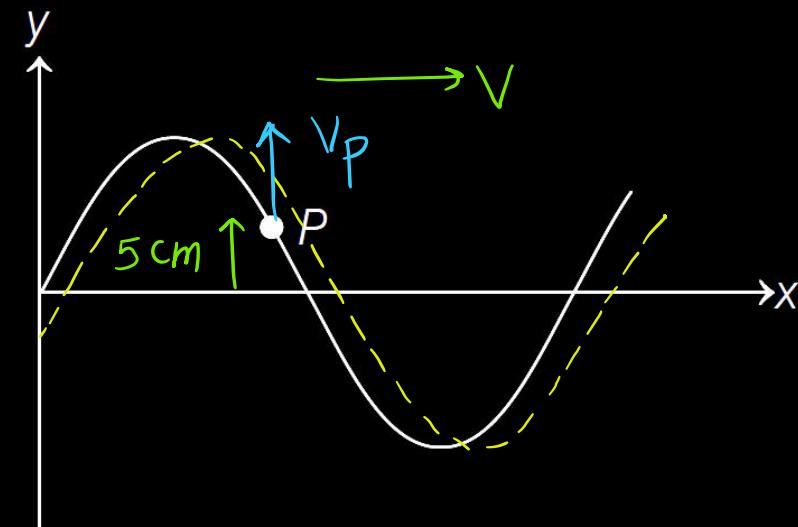
$$= 0.1 \times \frac{2\pi}{0.5} \sqrt{(0.1)^2 - (0.05)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{3}\pi / 50 \text{ m/s} (\hat{j})$$

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Ex4. The amplitude of a wave disturbance travelling in the positive x -direction is given by $y = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$ at time $t = 0$ and

by $y = \frac{1}{[1+(x-1)^2]}$ at $t = 2$ s, where x and y are in metre.

The shape of the wave disturbance does not change during the propagation. The velocity of the wave is m/s.

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Solⁿ: \hookrightarrow concept used is graph shifting.

$$V = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5 \text{ m/s}$$

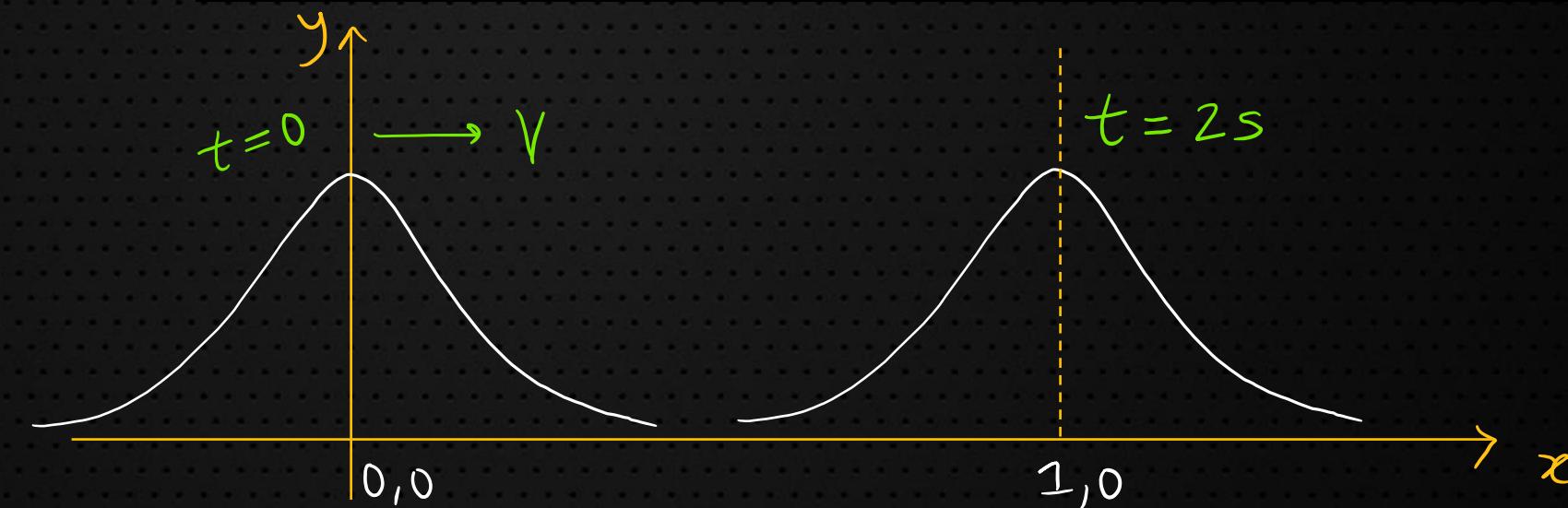
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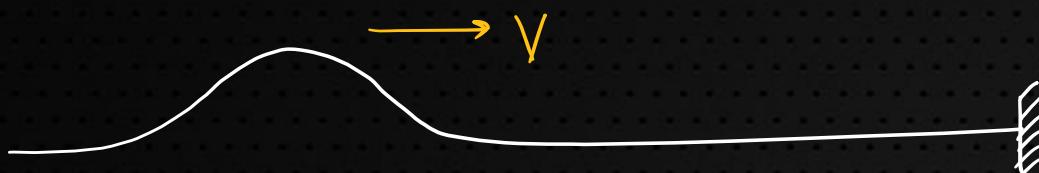
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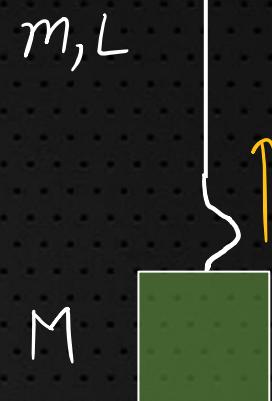
Ex5.



$$v = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}}$$

Tension in string
mass / length

A hand-drawn diagram showing a horizontal string with several vertical tick marks along its length, representing a mass per unit length distribution.

 $M \gg m$ 

Find time to reach top.

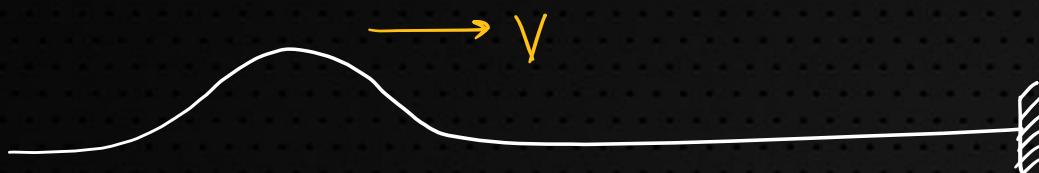


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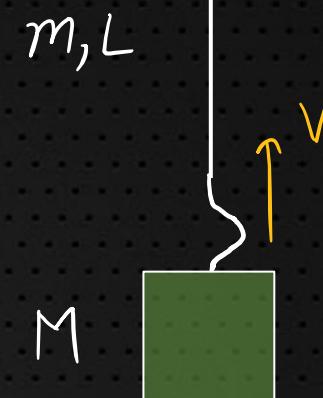


$$M \gg m$$



$$v = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}}$$

Tension in string
mass/length



Find time to reach top.

$$\text{soln: } \because M \gg m \Rightarrow T \text{ in string} \simeq Mg$$

$$\therefore v = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}} = \sqrt{\frac{Mg}{m/L}} = \sqrt{\frac{MgL}{m}}$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{L}{v} = \sqrt{\frac{mL}{Mg}}$$



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Ex 6. A heavy ball of mass M is suspended from the ceiling of a car by a light string of mass m ($m \ll M$). When the car is at rest, the speed of transverse waves in the string is 60 ms^{-1} . When the car has acceleration a , the wave speed increases to 60.5 ms^{-1} . The value of a , in terms of gravitational acceleration g is closest to

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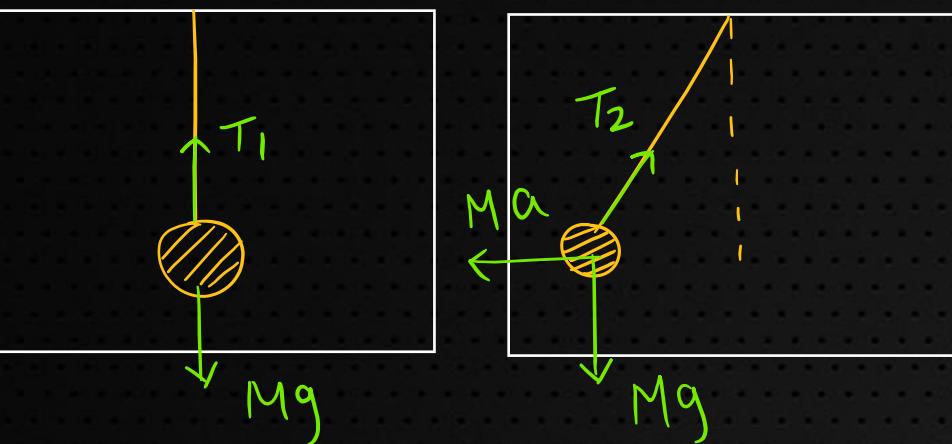
- (a) $\frac{g}{20}$
- (b) $\frac{g}{5}$
- (c) $\frac{g}{30}$
- (d) $\frac{g}{10}$

So/n:



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Ex 6.



$$T_1 = Mg$$

$$T_2 = M\sqrt{g^2 + a^2}$$

So/ln: $V \propto \sqrt{T} \Rightarrow \frac{V_2}{V_1} = \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1}\right)^{1/2} = \left(\frac{M\sqrt{g^2 + a^2}}{Mg}\right)^{1/2}$

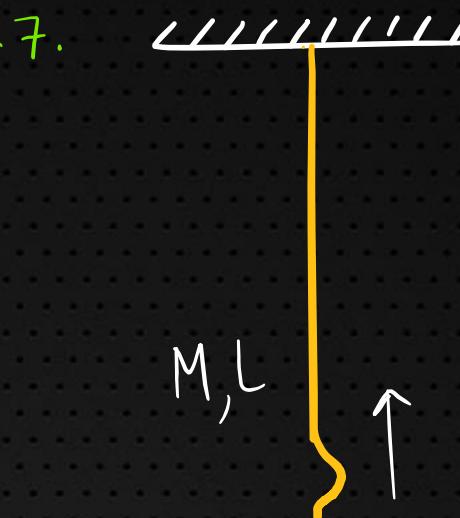
$$\Rightarrow \frac{V_2}{V_1} = \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{g^2}\right)^{1/4} \Rightarrow \frac{60.5}{60} = \left(1 + \frac{a^2}{g^2}\right)^{1/4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(1 + \frac{0.5}{60}\right)^4 = 1 + \frac{a^2}{g^2} \Rightarrow 1 + \frac{2}{60} = 1 + \frac{a^2}{g^2} \therefore a = \frac{g}{\sqrt{30}}$$

$$(1+x)^n \sim 1+nx$$



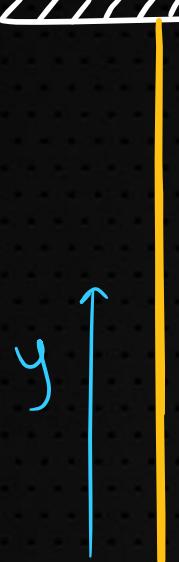
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Ex 7. 

Find time taken to
reach top.



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Solⁿ: Ex 7. 

Find time taken to reach top.

$$T = \frac{M}{L} y \cdot g$$

$$\Rightarrow v(y) = \sqrt{\frac{T}{M}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{Myg/L}{M/L}} = \sqrt{gy}$$

$$\therefore a = v \frac{dv}{dy} = \sqrt{gy} \cdot \sqrt{g} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}}$$

\because at $y=0, T=0 \Rightarrow u=0$

$$\Rightarrow s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$\Rightarrow L = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{g}{2} \cdot t^2$$

$$a = g/2$$

$$t = 2 \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}}$$

Ans.



10. Avg. Power & Intensity Transmitted

$$\hookrightarrow P_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{2} \rho s v \omega^2 A^2$$

ρ : density of string

s : cross-secⁿ area of string

or

$$P_{\text{avg}} = 2\pi^2 f^2 A^2 \rho v s$$

ω : $2\pi f$

A : Amplitude

v : wave speed , $\sqrt{T/\mu}$

$$\hookrightarrow I = P_{\text{avg}}/s = 2\pi^2 f^2 A^2 \rho v$$



PYQs LINKS (JEE MAIN)

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<https://youtu.be/xcTzAJr-nOI>

2021 March

<https://youtu.be/2BDGi9GUS3s>

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