

ASSIGNMENT11.15_13Q

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QUESTION:

Given below are some functions of x and t to represent the displacement (transverse or longitudinal) of an elastic wave. State which of these represents (a) travelling wave, (ii) a stationary wave or (iii) none at all:

- (a) $y = 2 \cos(3x) \sin(10t)$
- (b) $y = 2 \sqrt{x - vt}$
- (c) $y = 3 \sin(5x - 0.5t) + 4 \cos(5x - 0.5t)$
- (d) $y = \cos x \sin t + \cos 2x \sin 2t$

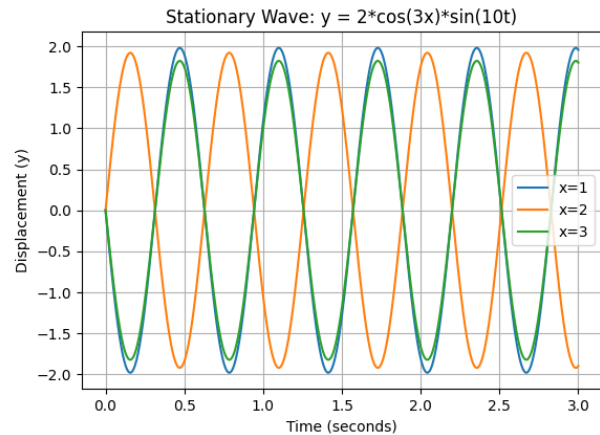


Fig. 1. DIPLACEMENT vs TIME-graph1

SOLUTION:

TRAVELLING WAVE	STATIONARY WAVE
$y(x, t) = A \sin(kx \pm \omega t)$	$y(x, t) = A \sin kx \cos \omega t$
PARAMETERS	DEFINITION
A	Amplitude
ω	Angular Velocity
x	Position
k	Wavenumber

TABLE I
TRAVELLING WAVE vs STATIONARY WAVE

Let us assume an equation:

$$A(x) \cos(\omega t + \phi(x))$$

STATIONARY WAVE CON- DITION	TRAVELLING WAVE CON- DITION
(1) $A(x) = A_0 \sin(\omega t + \alpha)$	(1) $A(x) = \text{constant}$
(2) $\phi(x) = \text{phase constant}$	(2) $\phi(x) = kx + c$

TABLE II
TRAVELLING WAVE vs STATIONARY WAVE

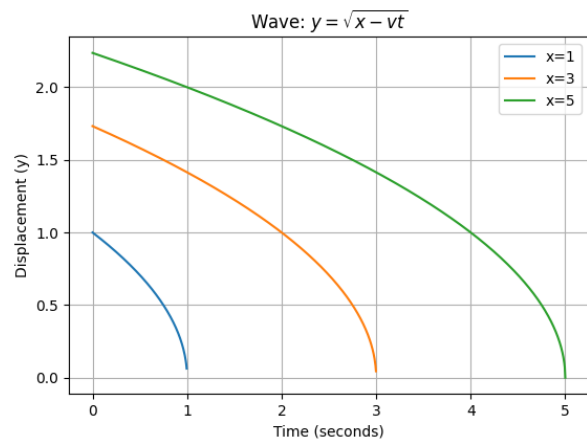


Fig. 2. DIPLACEMENT vs TIME-graph2

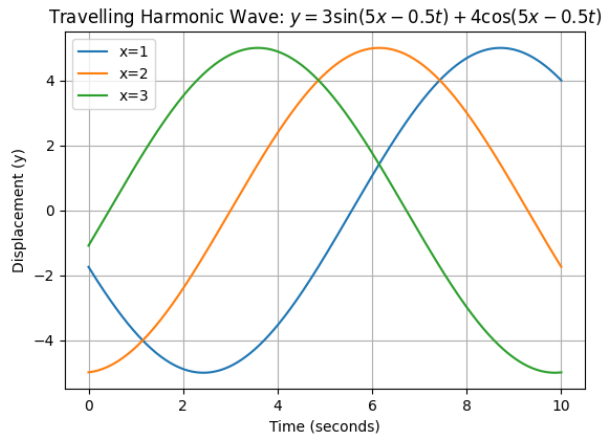


Fig. 3. DIPLACEMENT *vs* TIME-graph3

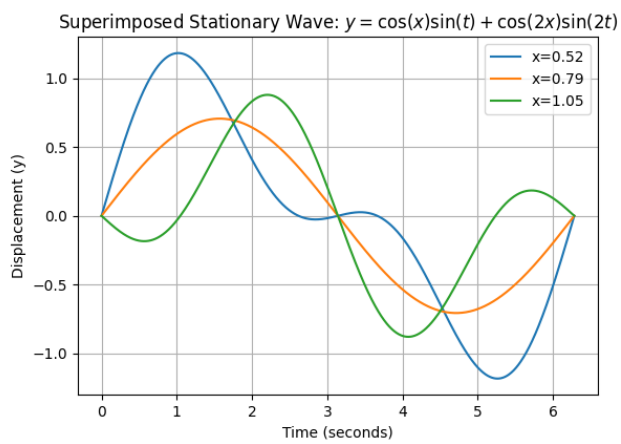


Fig. 4. DIPLACEMENT *vs* TIME-graph3