

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 (i) travelling wave, (ii) a stationary wave or (iii) none at all:

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

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:

$$y = A(x) \cos(\omega t + \phi(x)) \quad (1)$$

Fig. 1 and Fig. 3 are self explanatory for

STATIONARY WAVE CONDITION	TRAVELLING WAVE CONDITION
(1) $A(x)$ should be a function of position x , and it can be expressed as $A(x) = A_0 \cos(\omega t + \alpha)$ where A_0 is a constant, k is the wavenumber, x is the position and α is a phase constant.	(1) $A(x)$ should be a constant, and it can be expressed as $A(x) = A_0$ where A_0 is a constant number.
(2) $\phi(x)$ can be expressed as $\phi(x) = c$ where c is a constant.	(2) $\phi(x)$ represents a linear expression in x , and it can be expressed as $\phi(x) = kx + \theta$ where k is the wavenumber and θ is the phase constant.

TABLE II
TRAVELLING WAVE vs STATIONARY WAVE

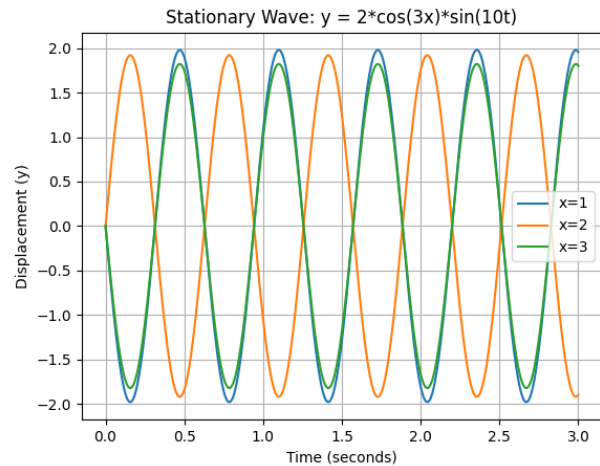


Fig. 1. DIPLACEMENT vs TIME-graph1

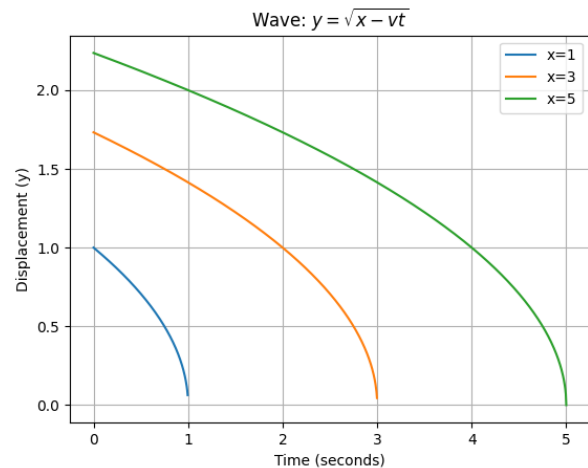


Fig. 2. DIPLACEMENT vs TIME-graph2

stationary and travelling waves. Fig. 2 and Fig. 4 are neither stationary nor travelling waves.

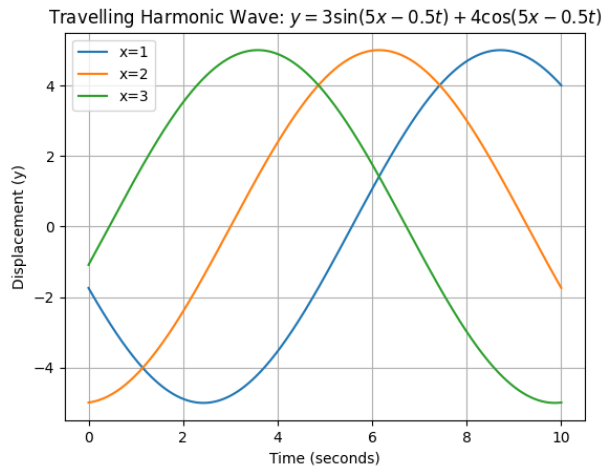


Fig. 3. DIPLACEMENT vs TIME-graph3

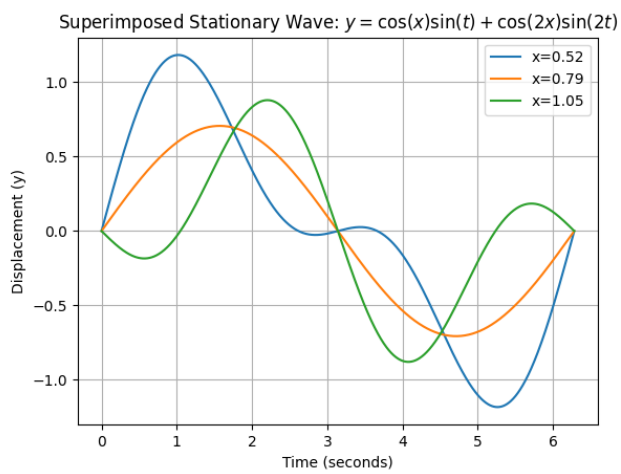


Fig. 4. DIPLACEMENT vs TIME-graph4