

Chapter 11

After this you can

- discuss the properties of waves and distinguish wave motion from particle motion
- discuss what causes waves to propagate and what effects the speed of propagation



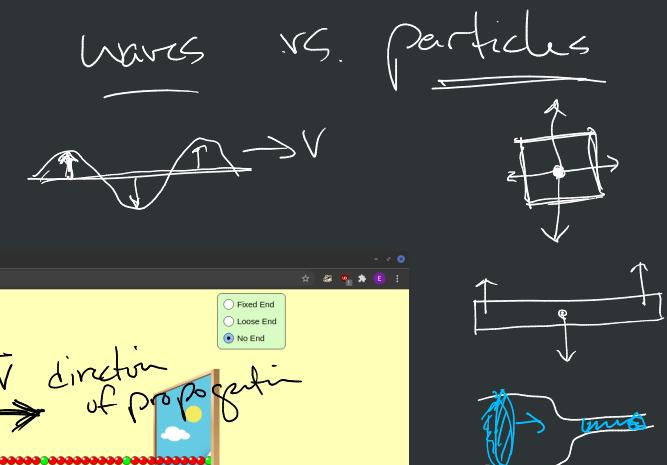
wave - a travelling 'disturbance'

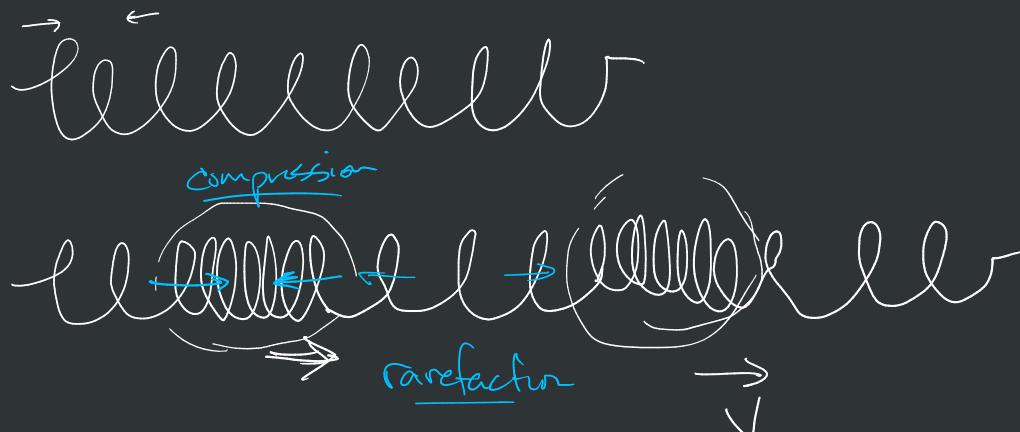
→ carries and delivers energy, but no large scale movement of matter

mechanical waves - distortions of a medium
→ that travel through the medium

- transverse waves - distortion (string, ripple) is \perp to the direction of travel
- longitudinal wave - distortion (sound) is \parallel to the direction of travel

A screenshot of the PhET 'Wave on a String' simulation. It shows a horizontal string with red beads. A green bead is being pulled upwards, creating a transverse wave. A dashed arrow labeled 'direction of propagation' points to the right. The word 'distortion' is written next to the string. The simulation interface includes buttons for 'Manual', 'Restart', 'Slow Motion', and 'Normal'. Sliders for 'Damping' (None, Lots), 'Tension' (Low, High), and checkboxes for 'Rulers', 'Timer', and 'Reference Line'.

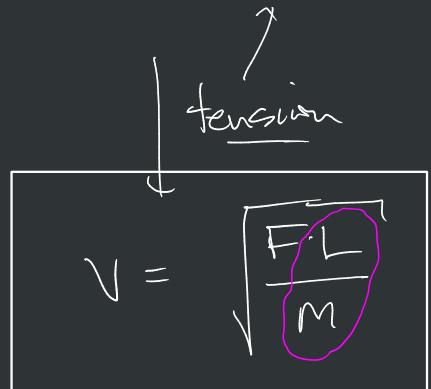


$\rightarrow \leftarrow$ 

Wave Speed depends on the medium

Waves on a string

$$V \propto F^{1/2} L^{1/2} m^{-1/2}$$


 $V = \sqrt{\frac{F \cdot L}{\mu}}$

$$\frac{M}{L} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{like a density} \\ \text{but not volume} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\mu = \frac{M}{L} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{linear mass density} \\ \text{mass} \end{array} \right\}$$

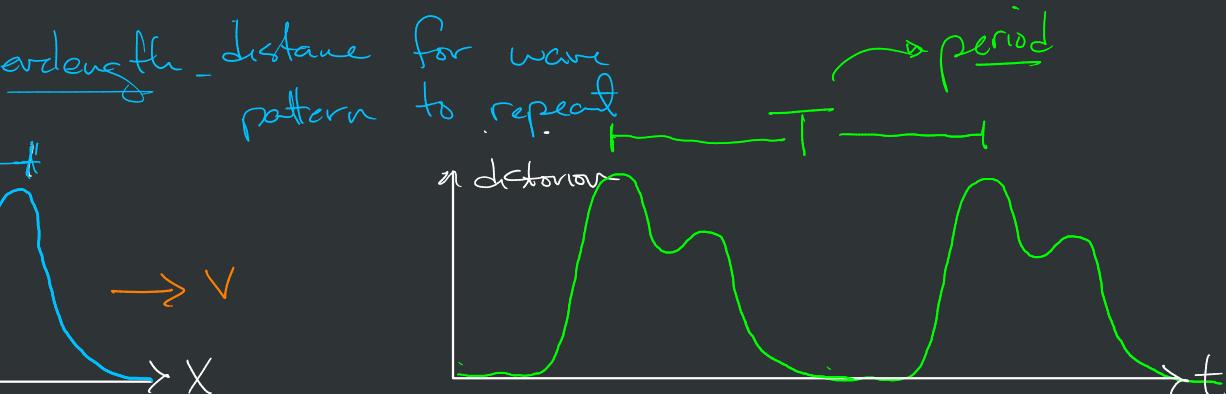
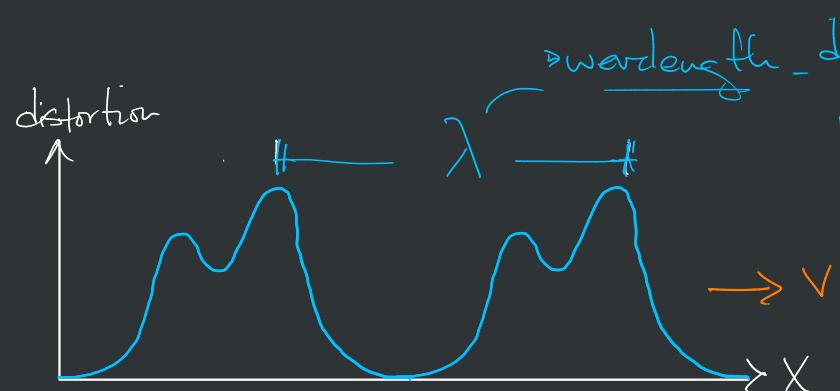
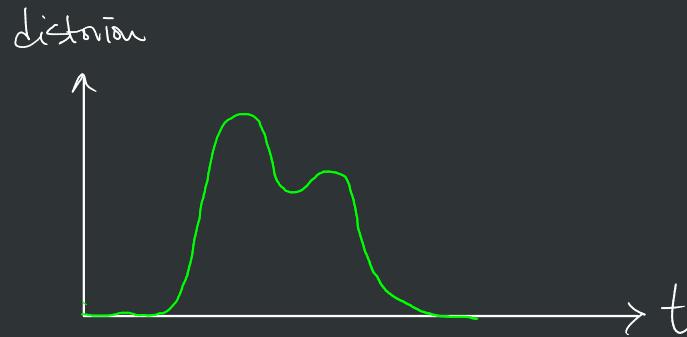
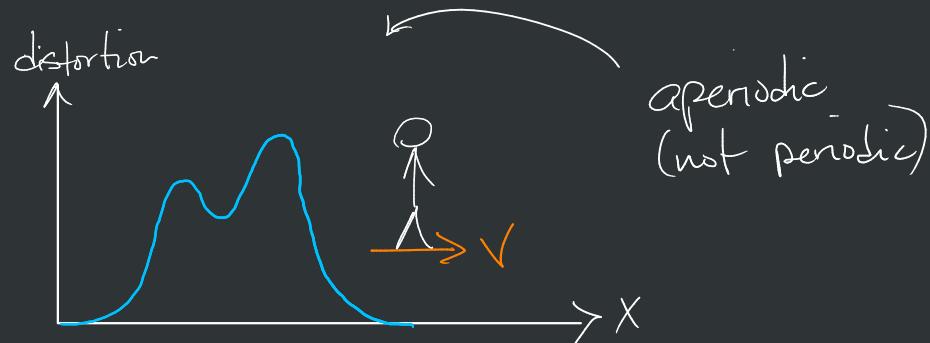
$$V = \sqrt{\frac{F}{\mu}}$$

-or-

$$\Rightarrow V \propto F^{1/2} \mu^{-1/2}$$

After this you can

- discuss properties of periodic waves unique from aperiodic waves
- discuss the special case of harmonic travelling waves
- identify key quantities from the mathematical description of a wave



periodic

$$V = \frac{\lambda}{T}$$

$$\lambda = \sqrt{T}$$

$$\text{frequency} = \frac{1}{T}$$

$$V = \lambda \cdot f$$

For waves on a string:

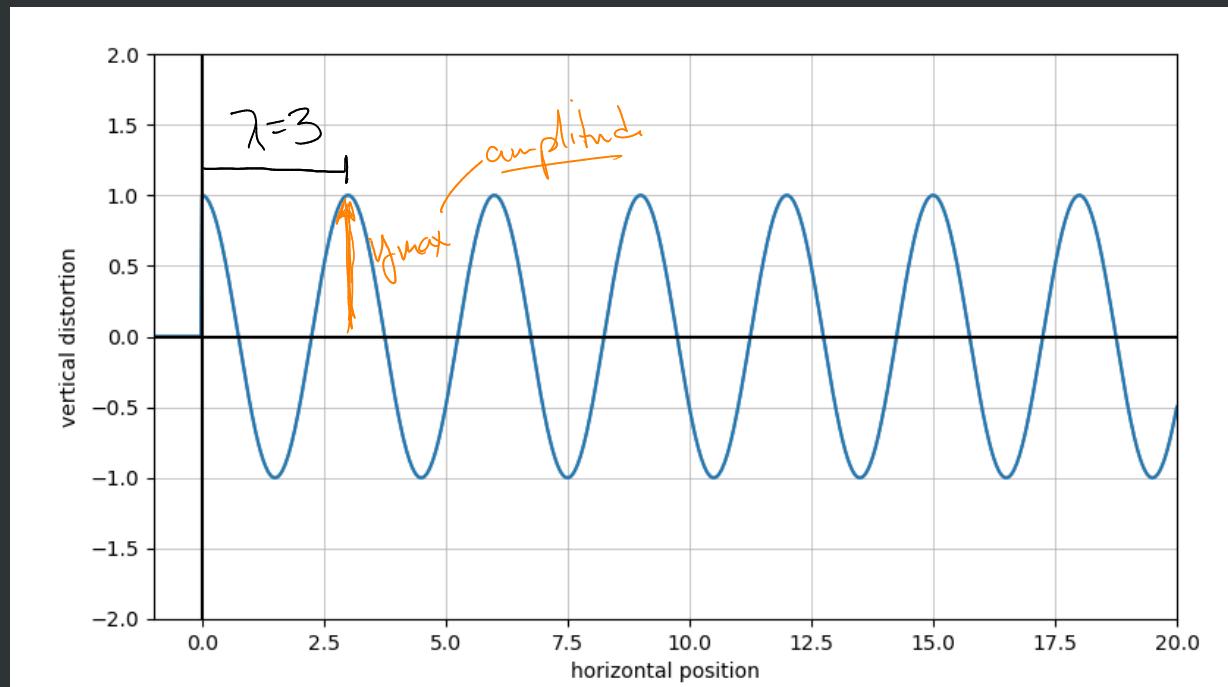
$$v = \sqrt{\frac{F}{m} L}$$

← physical attributes
that cause the
velocity

$$v = \lambda \cdot f$$

← relationship between
wavelength and frequency

Harmonic Travelling Wave



$$y(x, t) = y_{\max} \cos(\omega x - \omega t)$$

$$y(x, t) = y_{\max} \cos\left(\omega \left(\frac{x}{v} - t\right)\right)$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi f$$

$$y = y_{\max} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T} \left(\frac{x}{v} - t\right)\right)$$

$$y = y_{\max} \cos\left(2\pi \left(\frac{x}{\lambda} - \frac{t}{T}\right)\right)$$

$$\downarrow v = \frac{\lambda}{T} \Rightarrow \lambda = v \cdot T$$

$$y = y_{\max} \cos\left(2\pi \left(\frac{x}{\lambda} - \frac{t}{T}\right)\right)$$

$$y = y_{\max} \cos\left(\underbrace{\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} x}_{\text{wavenumber}} - \underbrace{\frac{2\pi}{T} t}_{\omega}\right)$$

wavenumber
(not spring constant) k

angular freq ω

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k}$$

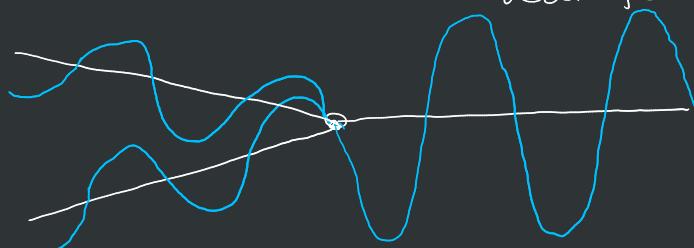
$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

$$V = \frac{\lambda}{T}$$

$$V = \left(\frac{2\pi}{k} \right) \left(\frac{\omega}{2\pi} \right)$$

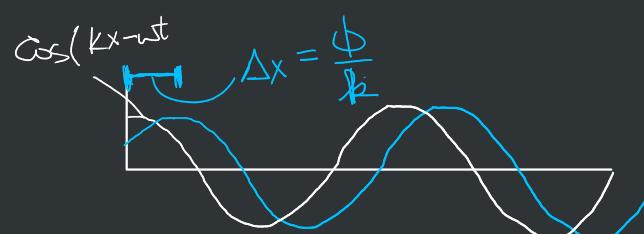
$$\boxed{V = \frac{\omega}{k}}$$

Multiple Waves \rightarrow principle of superposition - at any time the resultant waveform is the sum of the individual waveforms

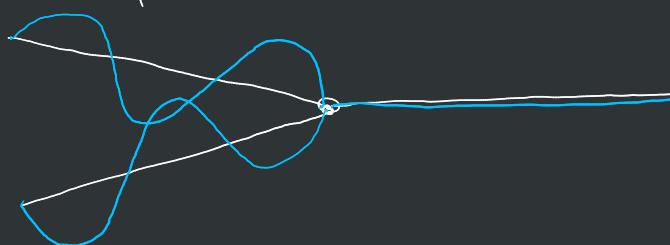


Constructive Interference

phase difference = 0 radians
increased amplitude results

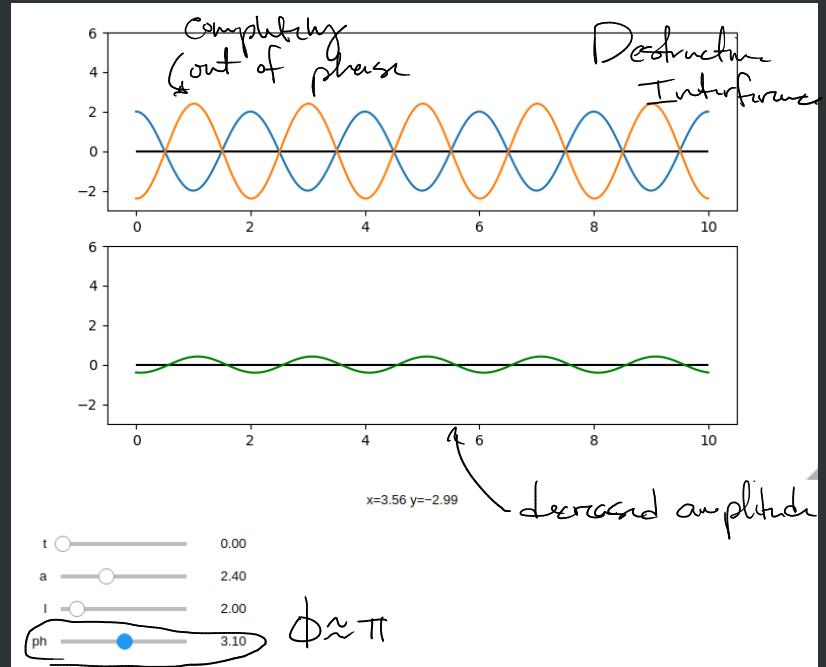
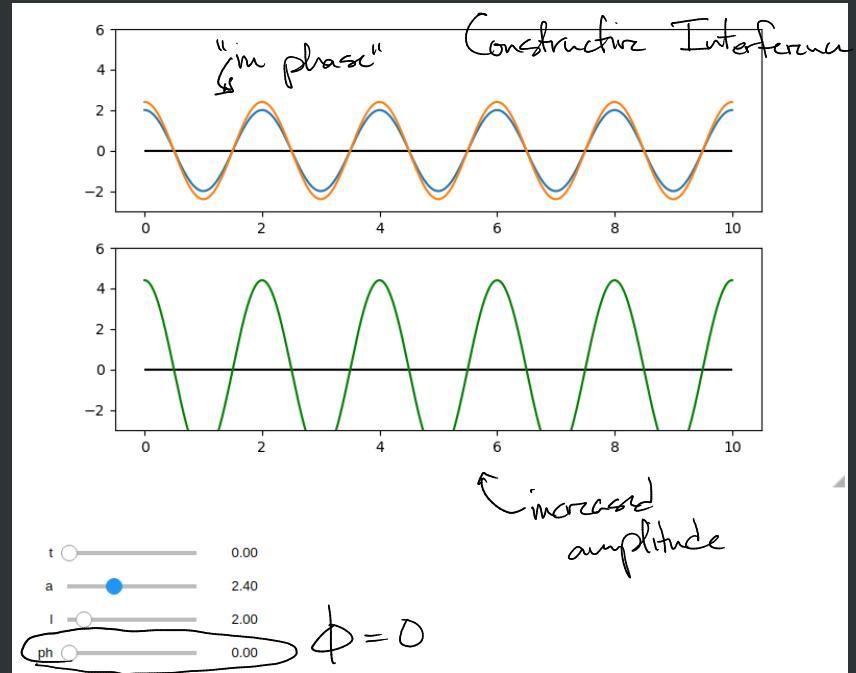


$$\begin{aligned} &\text{phase shift} \\ &\phi = k \Delta x \\ &\Rightarrow \Delta x = \frac{\phi}{k} \end{aligned}$$

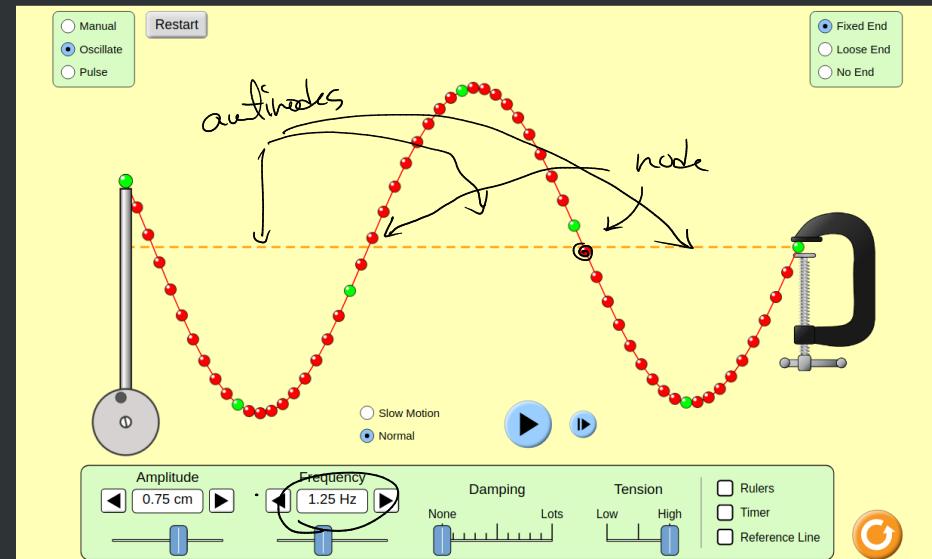
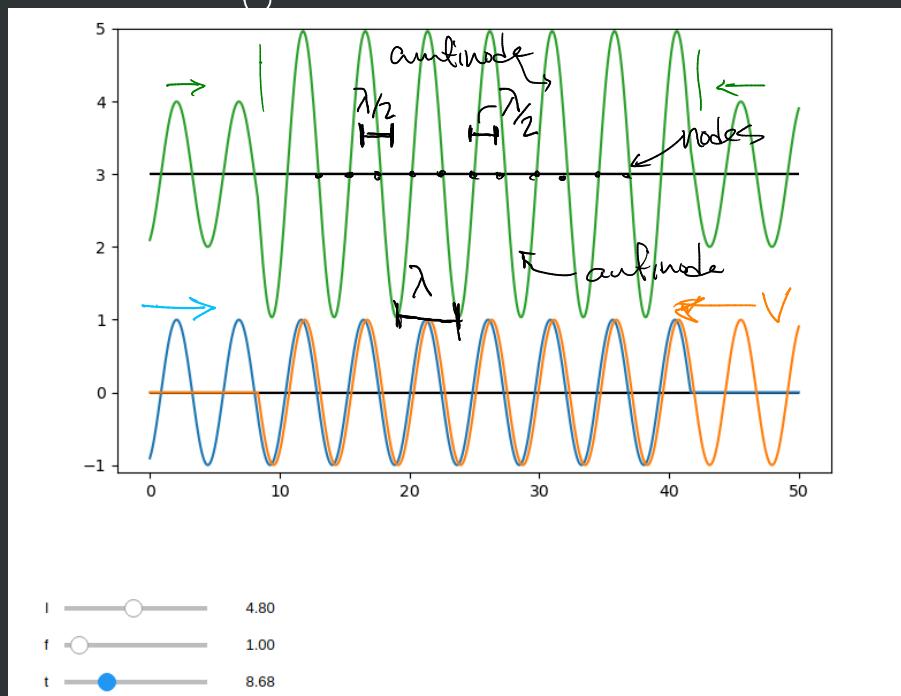


Destructive Interference

phase difference = pi radians
decreased amplitude results

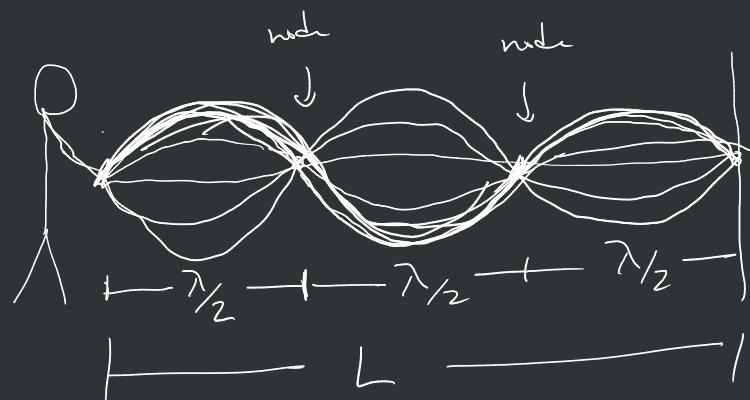
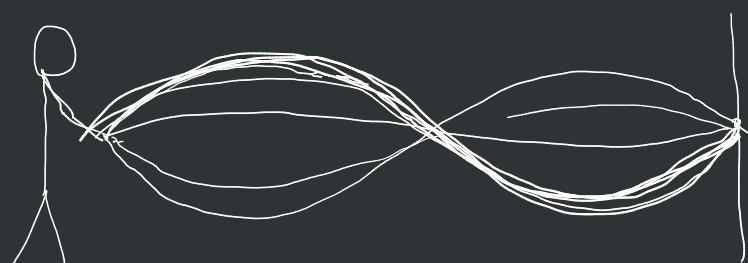
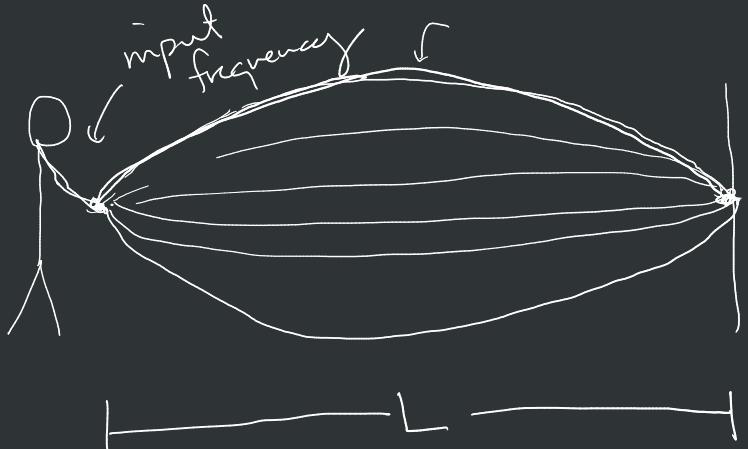


Standing Waves



$$V = \lambda \cdot f$$

↑ caused by tension, mass density

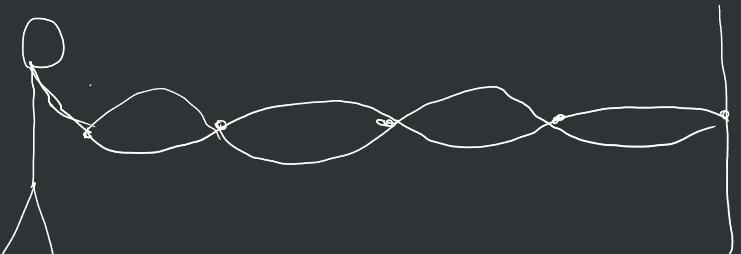


λ must have certain values with respect to the length of the string
↳ only be integer numbers of antinodes

antinodes	wavelength	frequency
1	$\lambda_1 = \frac{2L}{1}$	$V = f_1 \cdot \lambda_1$ $f_1 = \frac{V}{\lambda_1}$ $\left(\frac{1V}{2L} = f_1 \right)$

	wavelength	frequency
2	$\lambda_2 = \frac{2L}{2}$	$V = f_2 \lambda_2$ $f_2 = \frac{2V}{2L}$

	wavelength	frequency
3	$\lambda_3 = \frac{2L}{3}$	$V = f_3 \lambda_3$ $f_3 = \frac{3V}{2L}$



in general

n	$\lambda_n = \frac{2L}{n}$	$f_n = \frac{n\pi}{2L}$
4	$\lambda_4 = \frac{2L}{4}$	$f_4 = \frac{4\pi}{2L}$

