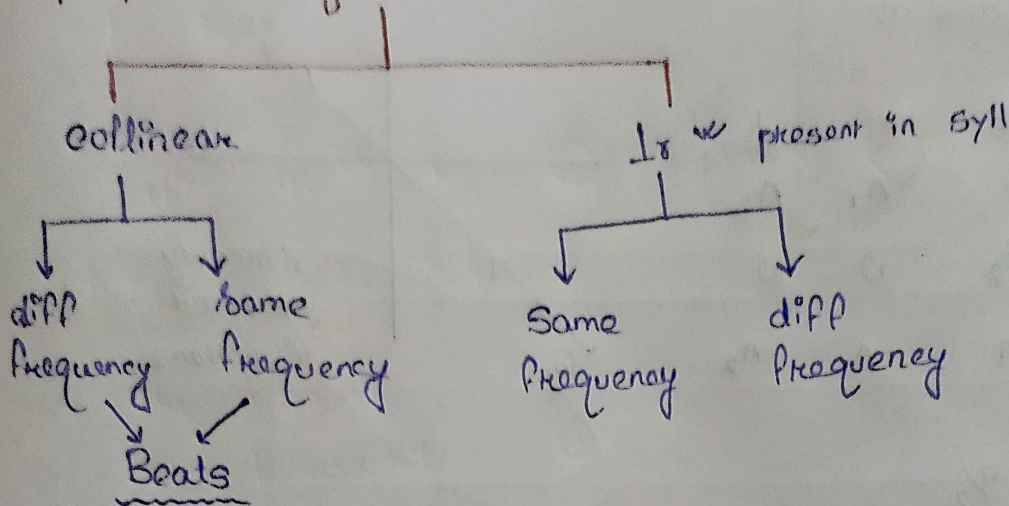


# Superposition of a harmonic oscillations



$$x_1 = A_1 \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$x_2 = A_2 \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$x = x_1 + x_2$$

$$x = A \cos(\omega t + S)$$

$$A^2 = A_1^2 + A_2^2 + 2A_1A_2 \cos(\phi_2 - \phi_1)$$

$$\tan S = (A_1 \sin \phi_1 + A_2 \sin \phi_2) / (A_1 \cos \phi_1 + A_2 \cos \phi_2)$$

## Superposition of two perpendicular oscillation of same frequency

$$x = A_1 \cos \omega t \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$y = A_2 \cos(\omega t + S) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\cos \omega t = \frac{x}{A_1} \Rightarrow \sin \omega t = \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{A_1^2}\right)^{1/2} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\cos(\omega t + S) = \frac{y}{A_2} \Rightarrow \sin S = \frac{y}{A_2} - \frac{x}{A_1} \cos S$$

$$\cos \omega t \cos S - \sin \omega t \sin S = \frac{y}{A_2}$$

$$\frac{x}{A_1} \cos S - \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{A_1^2}\right)^{1/2} \sin S = \frac{y}{A_2}$$

$$\frac{x}{A_1} \cos S - \frac{y}{A_2} = \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{A_1^2}\right)^{1/2} \sin S$$

$$\frac{x^2}{A_1^2} \cos^2 S + \frac{y^2}{A_2^2} - \frac{2xy}{A_1A_2} \cos S = \sin^2 S \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Ellipse

$$\frac{x^2}{A_1^2} + \frac{y^2}{A_2^2} - \frac{2xy}{A_1A_2} = 0 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

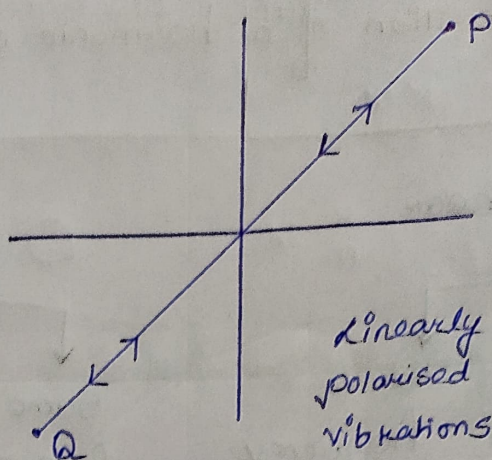
coincident straight lines  $\Rightarrow y = \frac{A_2}{A_1} x$



$$x = A_1 \cos \omega t$$

$$y = A_2 \cos \omega t$$

$\omega t$	$x$	$y$
0	$A_1$	$A_2$
$\pi/2$	0	0
$\pi$	$-A_1$	$-A_2$



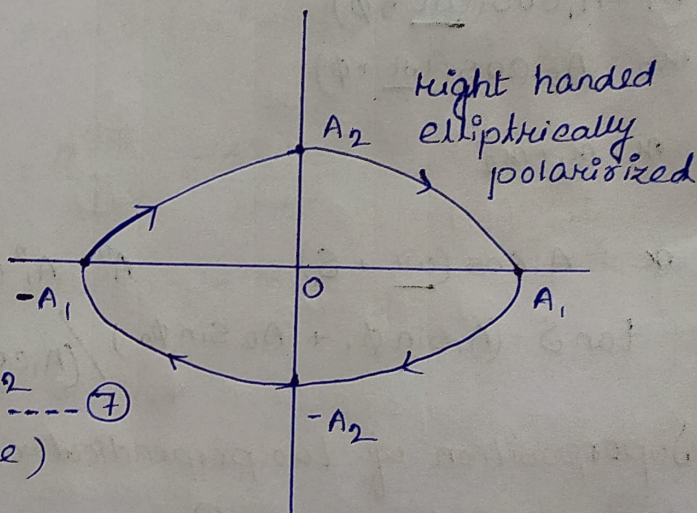
ii)  $\delta = \pi/2$

$$\frac{x^2}{A_1^2} + \frac{y^2}{A_2^2} = 1 \dots \dots \dots (6)$$

$$x = A_1 \cos \omega t$$

$$y = A_2 \cos(\omega t + \pi/2)$$

$$y = -A_2 \sin(\omega t)$$



if  $A_1 = A_2 \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = A^2$  (eq of circle)  $\dots \dots \dots (7)$

- Right angle
- Same frequency
- Same amplitude

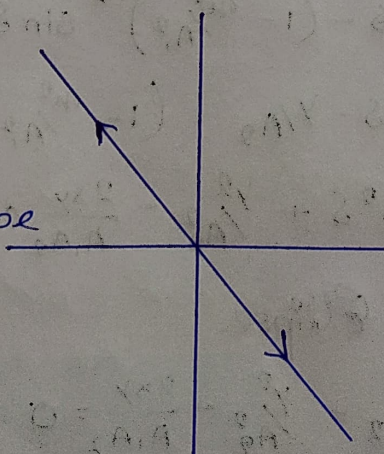
iii)  $\delta = \pi$

$$x = A_1 \cos \omega t$$

$$y = A_2 \cos(\omega t + \pi) = -A_2 \cos \omega t$$

$$(y + \frac{A_2}{A_1}x)^2 = 0$$

$$y = -\frac{A_2}{A_1}x \text{ -ve slope}$$



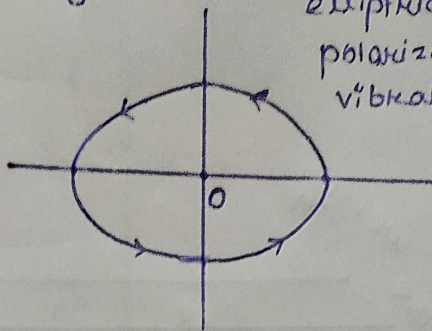


$$iv) \delta = 3\pi/2$$

$$\frac{x^2}{A_1^2} + \frac{y^2}{A_2^2} = 1$$

$A_1/2$  ← 0

Left handed  
elliptically  
polarized  
vibration

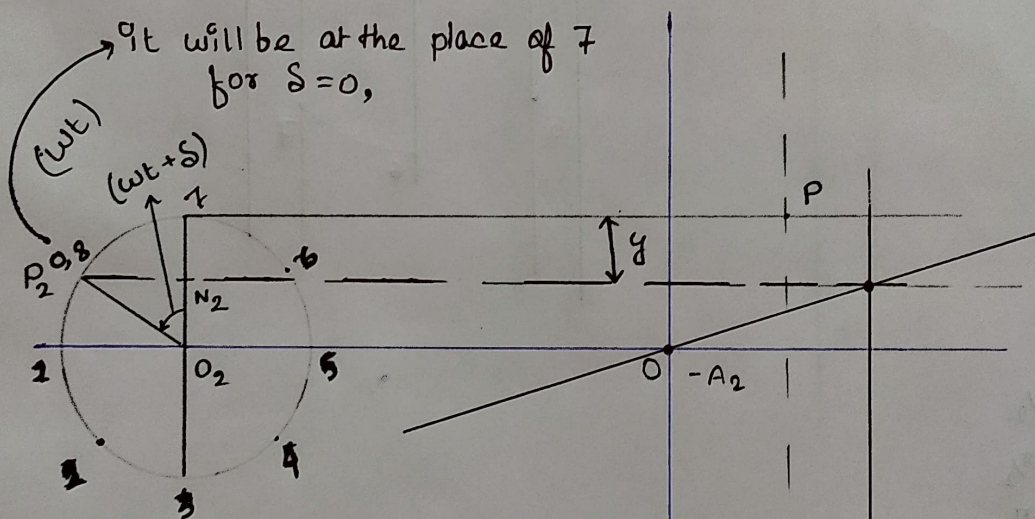


## (b) Graphical Method

$$x = A_1 \cos \omega t$$

$$y = A_2 \cos(\omega t + \delta)$$

Resultant → by double application of the rotating vector technique.



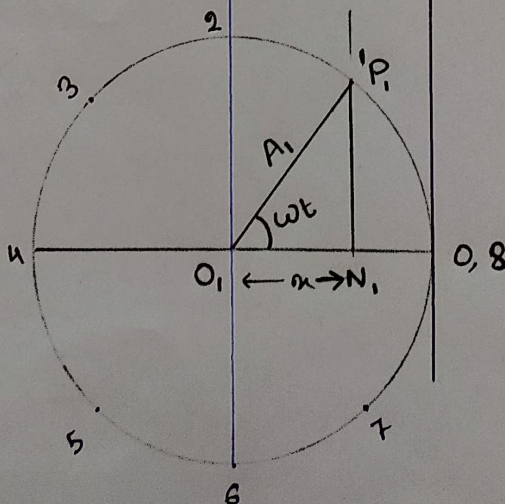
$$\frac{O_1 N_1}{O_1 P_1} = \frac{x}{A_1}$$

$$x = A_1 \cos \omega t$$

$$\delta = 0$$

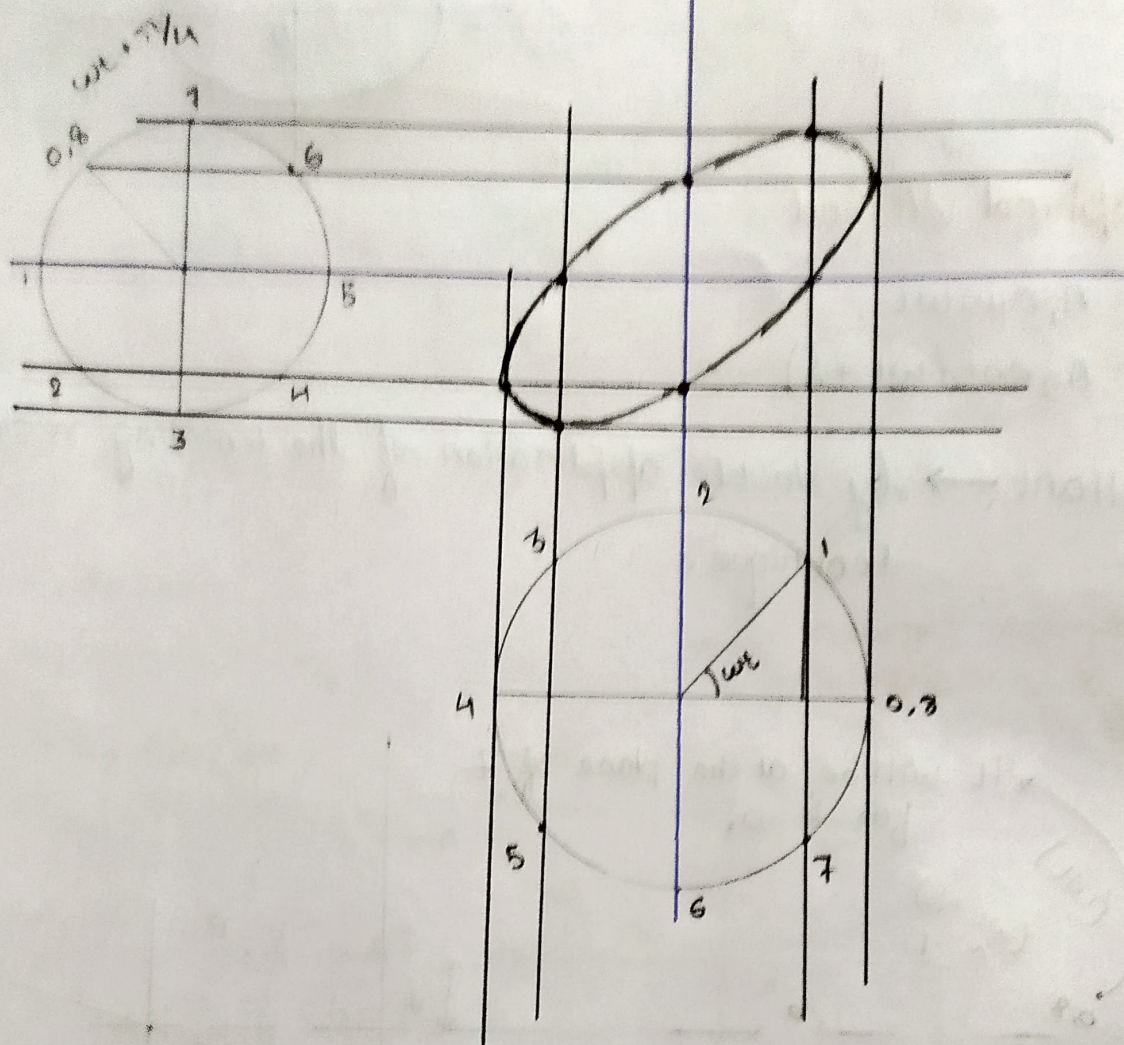
$$x = A_1 \cos \omega t$$

$$y = A_2 \cos(\omega t + 0)$$





$$S = \pi/4$$



$$\begin{aligned} & \pi \\ & \pi/2 \\ & 3\pi/2 \\ & 2\pi \end{aligned}$$



$$\delta = \pi/2$$

