

- 4 (a) A progressive longitudinal wave travels through a medium from left to right. Fig. 4.1 shows the positions of some of the particles of the medium at time t_0 and a graph showing the particle displacements at the same time t_0 .

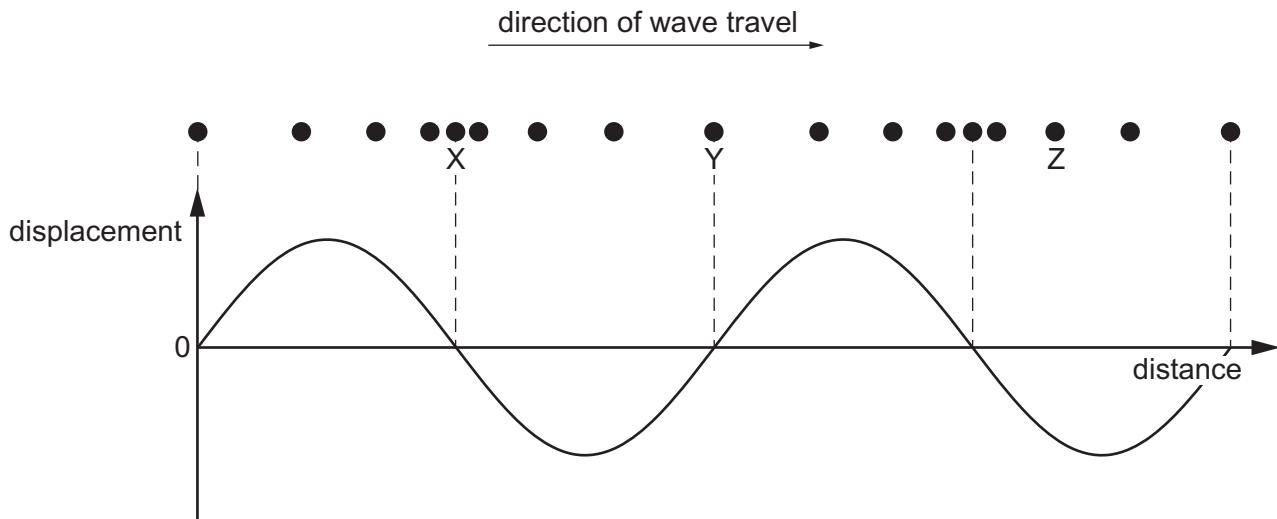


Fig. 4.1

Particle displacements to the right of their equilibrium positions are shown as positive on the graph and particle displacements to the left are shown as negative on the graph.

The period of the wave is T .

- (i) On Fig. 4.1, draw circles around two particles which are exactly one wavelength apart. [1]
- (ii) On Fig. 4.1, sketch a line on the graph to represent the displacements of the particles for the longitudinal wave at time $t_0 + \frac{T}{4}$. [3]
- (iii) State the direction of motion of particle Z at time $t_0 + \frac{T}{4}$.
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- (b) The frequency of the wave in (a) is 16 kHz. The distance between particles X and Y is 0.19 m.

Calculate the speed of the wave as it travels through the medium.

$$\text{speed} = \dots \text{ ms}^{-1} \quad [3]$$

- (c) A longitudinal sound wave is travelling through a solid. The initial intensity of the wave is I_0 . The frequency of the wave remains constant and the amplitude falls to half of its original value.

Determine, in terms of I_0 , the final intensity of the wave.

intensity = I_0 [2]

- (d) The sound wave in (c) now meets another sound wave travelling in the opposite direction.

- (i) State a condition necessary for these two waves to form a stationary wave.

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- (ii) State **two** ways in which a stationary wave differs from a progressive wave.

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