

- 5 The variation with time t of the displacement x of a point in a transverse wave T_1 is shown in Fig. 5.1.

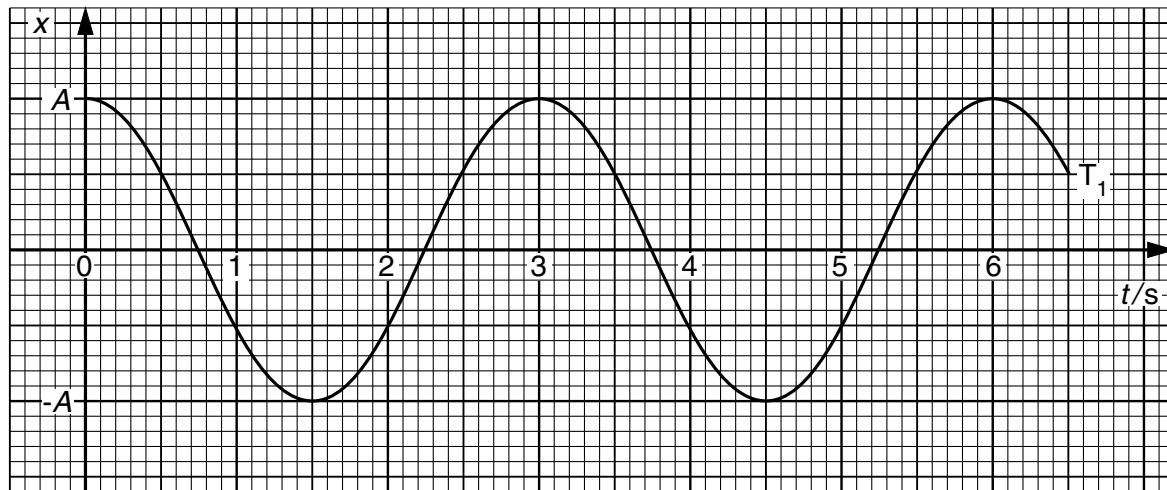


Fig. 5.1

- (a) By reference to displacement and direction of travel of wave energy, explain what is meant by a *transverse wave*.

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- (b) A second transverse wave T_2 , of amplitude A has the same waveform as wave T_1 but lags behind T_1 by a phase angle of 60° . The two waves T_1 and T_2 pass through the same point.

- (i) On Fig. 5.1, draw the variation with time t of the displacement x of the point in wave T_2 . [2]
- (ii) Explain what is meant by the *principle of superposition* of two waves.

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- (iii) For the time $t = 1.0$ s, use Fig. 5.1 to determine, in terms of A ,
- the displacement due to wave T_1 alone,
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 - the displacement due to wave T_2 alone,
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 - the resultant displacement due to both waves.
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