

- 3 A sound wave that is *propagating towards the left* is represented by the two graphs below. Fig. 3.1 shows the variation with position along the wave of the displacement of the air particles from their equilibrium position at time  $t = 0$ . Fig. 3.2 shows the variation with time  $t$  of the displacement of an air particle from its equilibrium position.

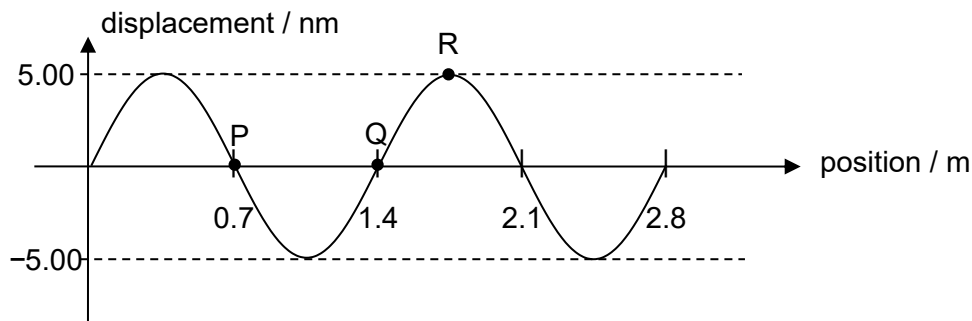


Fig. 3.1

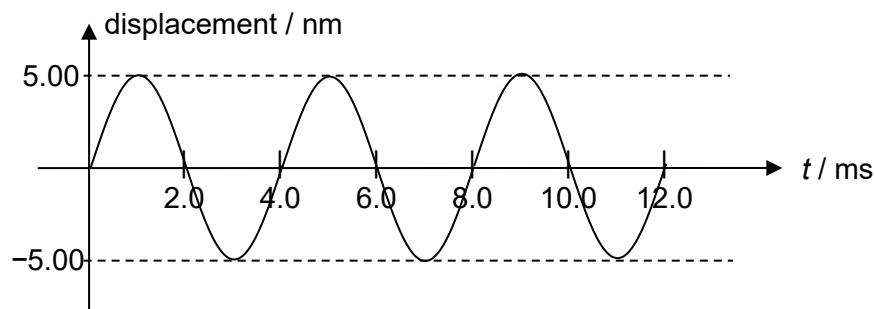


Fig. 3.2

- (a) Calculate the speed of the sound wave.

speed = .....  $\text{m s}^{-1}$  [2]

- (b) Fig. 3.1 shows three particles P, Q and R along the sound wave.  
**Taking rightwards to be positive**, identify the particle that is

- (i) instantaneously at rest at  $t = 0$ ,

particle = ..... [1]

- (ii) at the centre of a rarefaction at  $t = 0$ .

particle = ..... [1]

- (iii) Explain why displacement-time graph for particle Q is represented by Fig. 3.2.

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- (c) (i) Sketch in Fig. 3.1 the graph of the wave 1.0 ms later. Label the graph Y. [2]

- (ii) Particle S is 0.70 m to the right of particle R. [2]

Sketch in Fig. 3.2, the graph that corresponds to particle S. Label the graph Z.