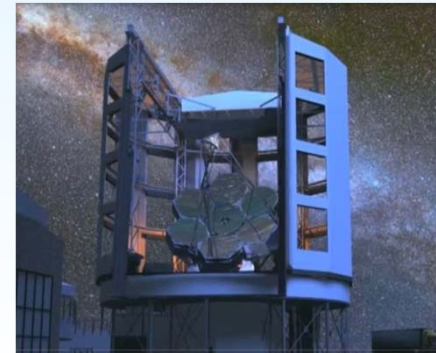
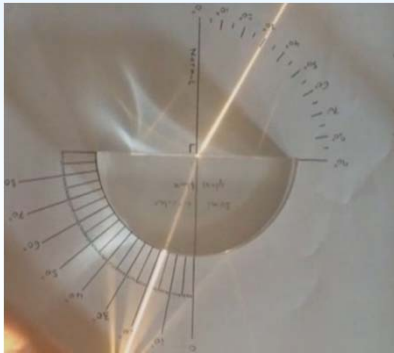
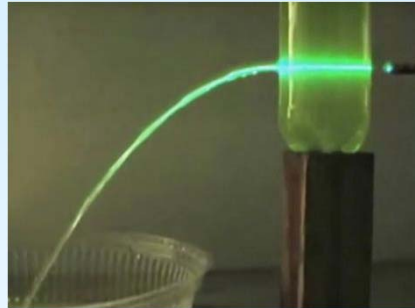
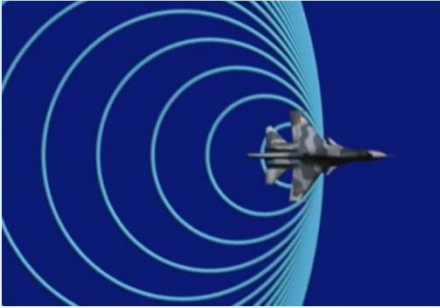




# Wavemechanics and optics



## Chapter 15 - Mechanical waves





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## Part 1. Transverse waves





## What is a wave ?

- ❑ A wave is when a system is disturbed from its equilibrium and the disturbance is moving.
- ❑ A mechanical wave propagates in a medium.
- ❑ An electromagnetic wave can propagate without a medium in vacuum.
- ❑ Waves transports energy but not matter.





# Mechanical waves: Transverse waves



**Transverse wave:** The medium moves transverse to the wave direction.



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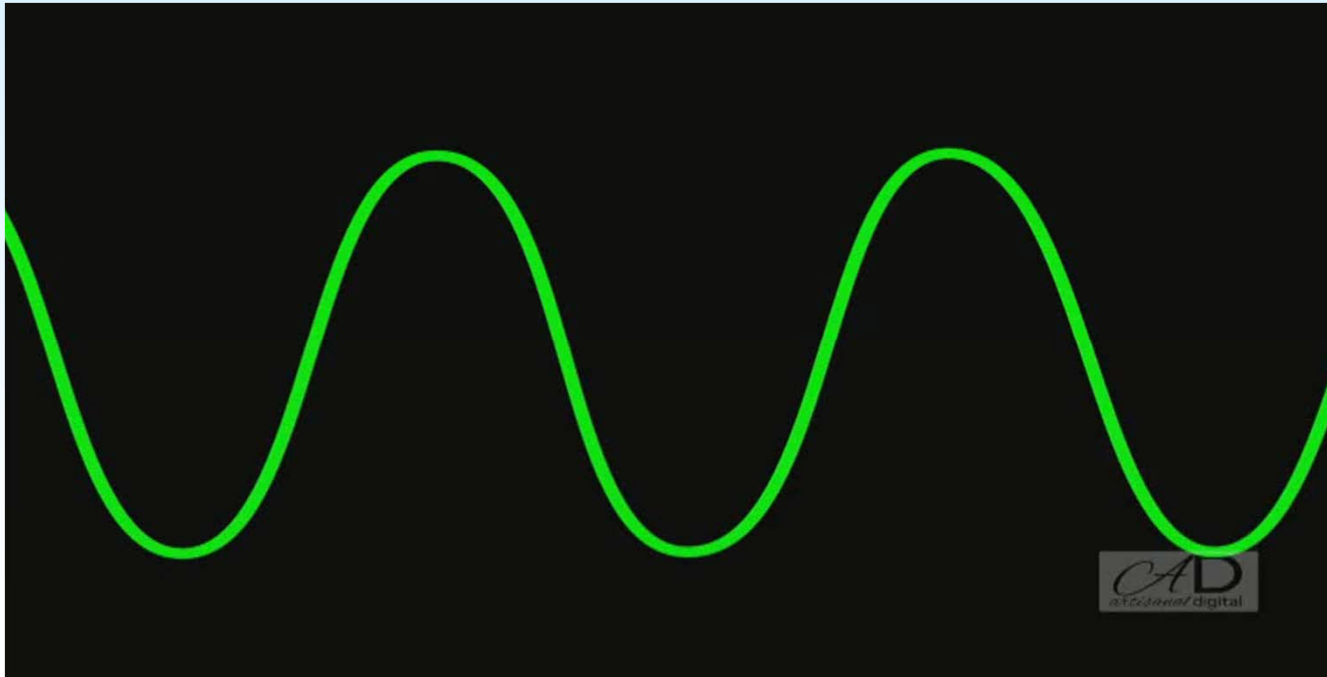




# Mechanical waves: Transverse waves



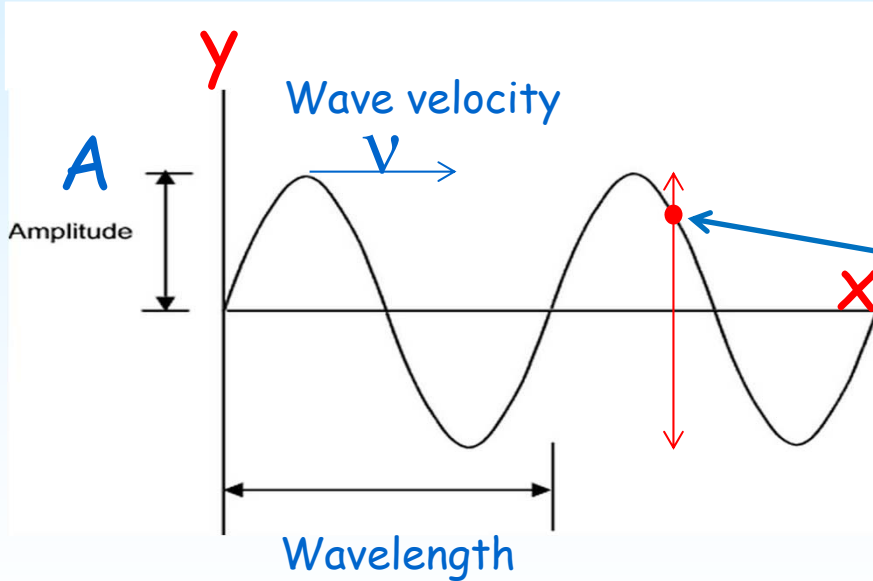
A special transverse wave is **the sinusoidal wave**:



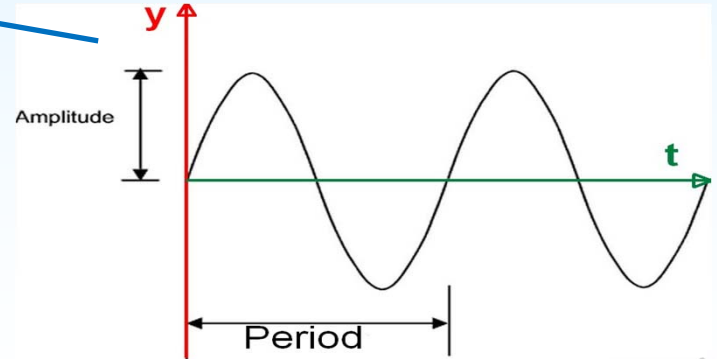


# Mechanical waves: Transverse waves

## Transverse sinusoidal waves



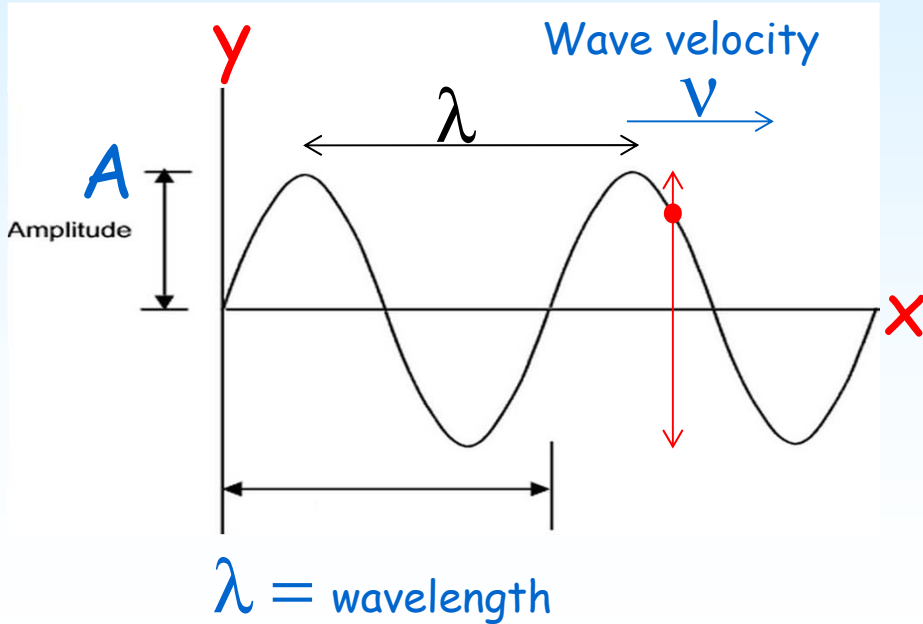
Every point on the wave moves up and down like an harmonic oscillator with the period  $T$ .





# Mechanical waves: Transverse waves

## Definitions:



A: Amplitude (m)

T: Period (s)

$\lambda$ : Wavelength (m)

v: Wave speed (m/s) =  $\lambda / T$

f: Frequency (Hz) =  $1 / T$

$\omega$ : Angular frequency (radians/s) =  $2 \pi f$

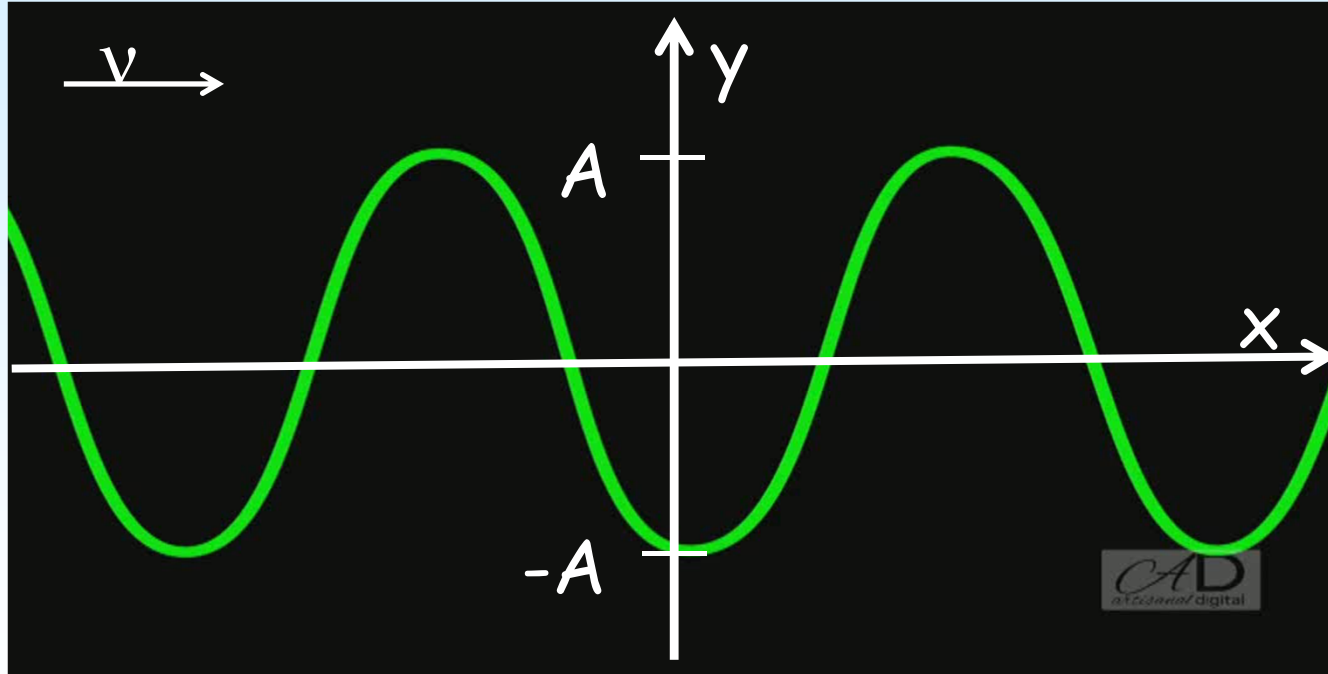
k: Wave number (radians/m) =  $2 \pi / \lambda$







# Mechanical waves: Transverse waves





## Part 2. Longitudinal waves

Longitudinal waves created by  
"The Offspring":

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# Mechanical waves: Longitudinal waves

## Longitudinal waves:

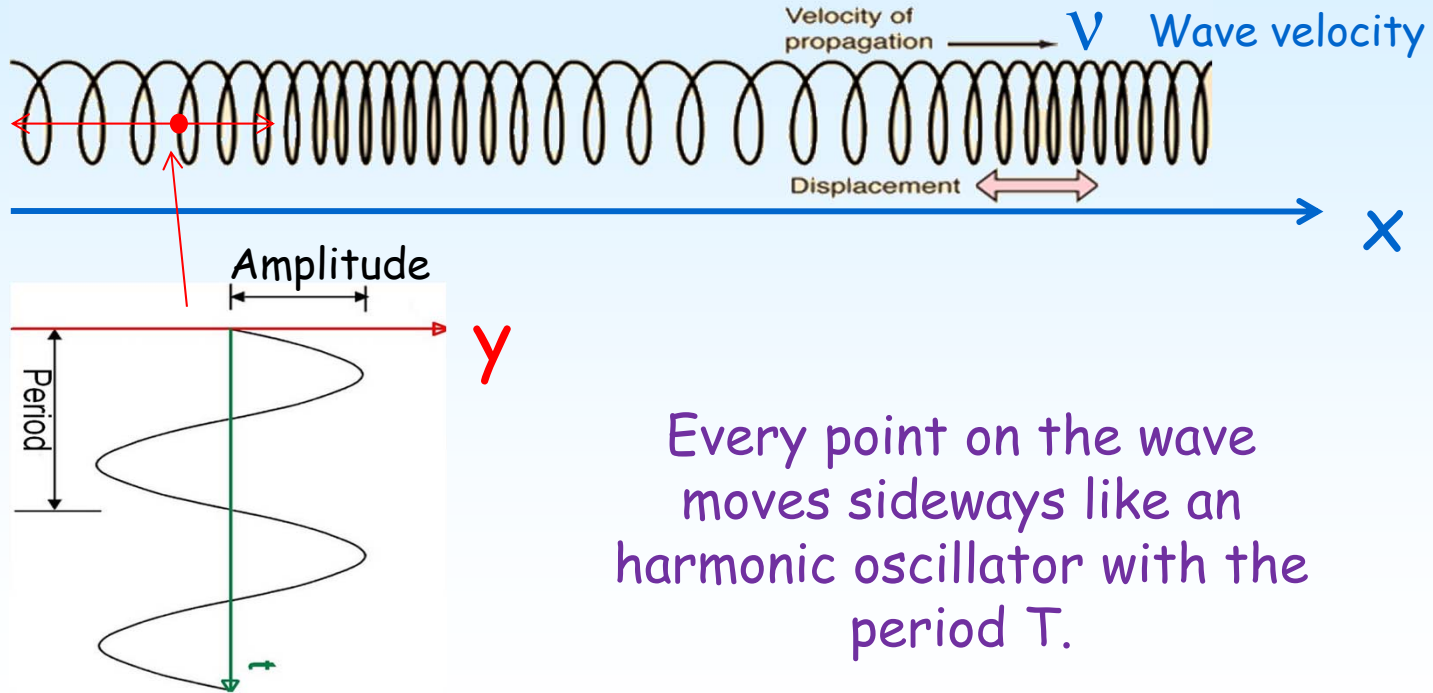
The medium moves in the wave direction.





# Mechanical waves: Longitudinal waves

## Longitudinal sinusoidal waves

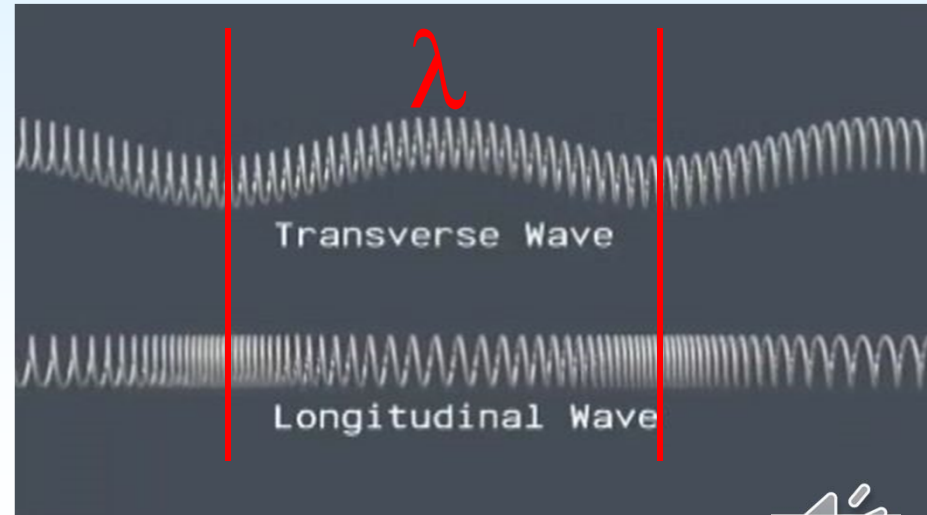
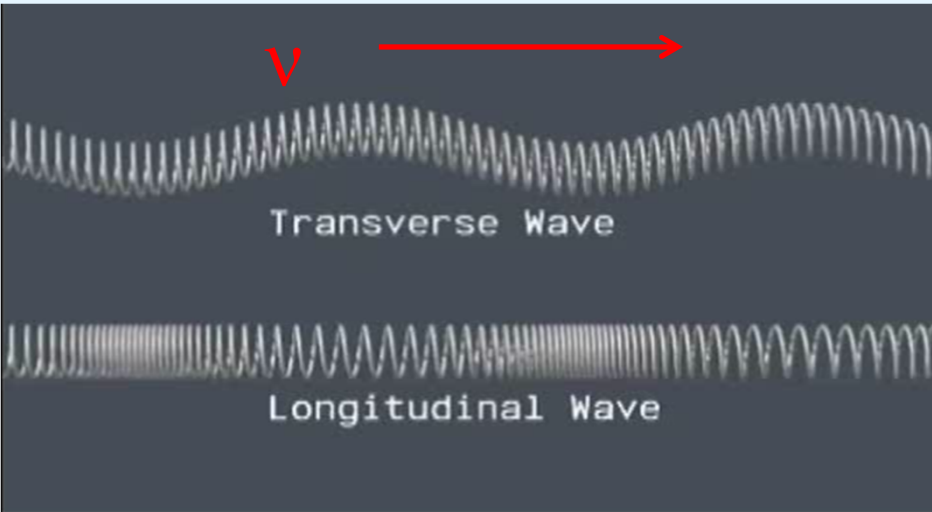


Every point on the wave moves sideways like an harmonic oscillator with the period  $T$ .



What is the wavelength ( $\lambda$ ) for a sinusoidal wave ?  
What is the wave velocity ( $v$ ) ?

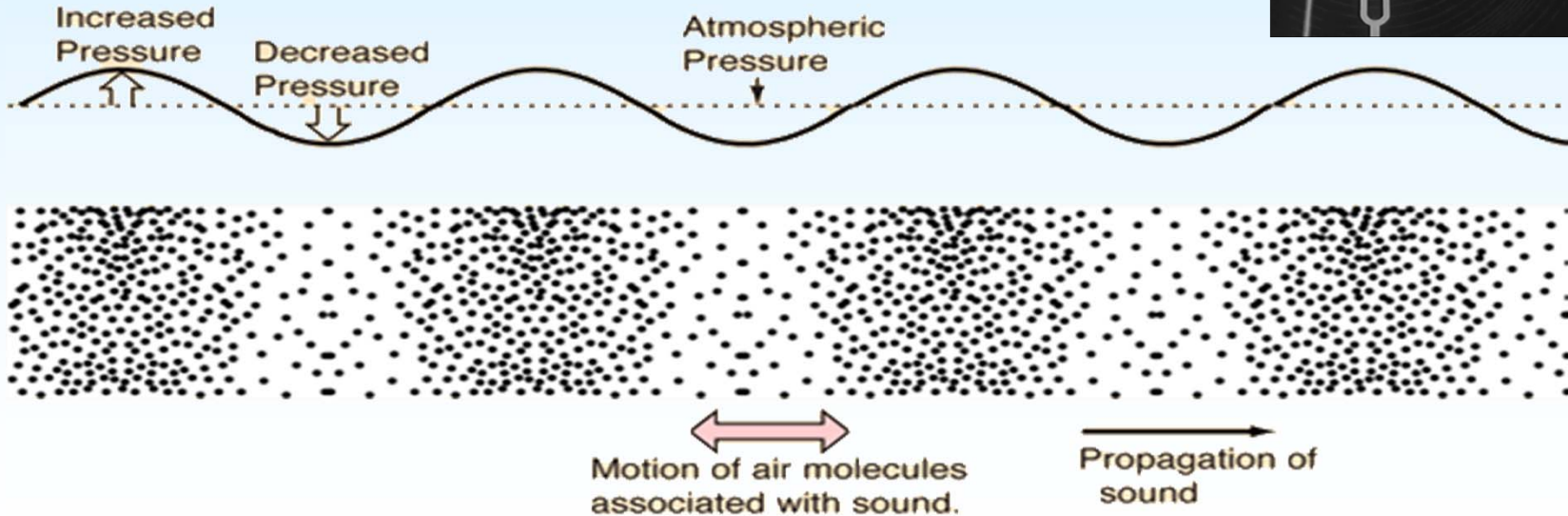
$$v = \lambda / T = \lambda f$$





# Mechanical waves: Longitudinal waves

**Sound** = longitudinal waves in air.





## Part 3. Problems

$$\frac{1}{n} \sin x = ?$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sin x =$$

$$six = 6$$





# Mechanical waves: Problems



The speed of sound depends on the temperature and is 344 m/s at 20 degrees.

What, then, is the wavelength of sound with the frequency 262 Hz ?

$$v = f \lambda$$

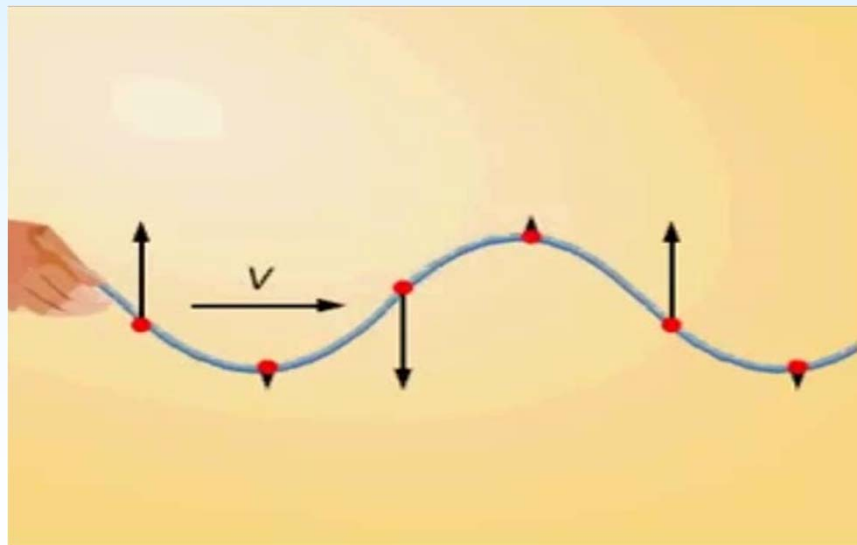
$$\lambda = \frac{v}{f} = \frac{344 \text{ m/s}}{262 \text{ Hz}} = \frac{344 \text{ m/s}}{262 \text{ s}^{-1}} = 1.31 \text{ m}$$





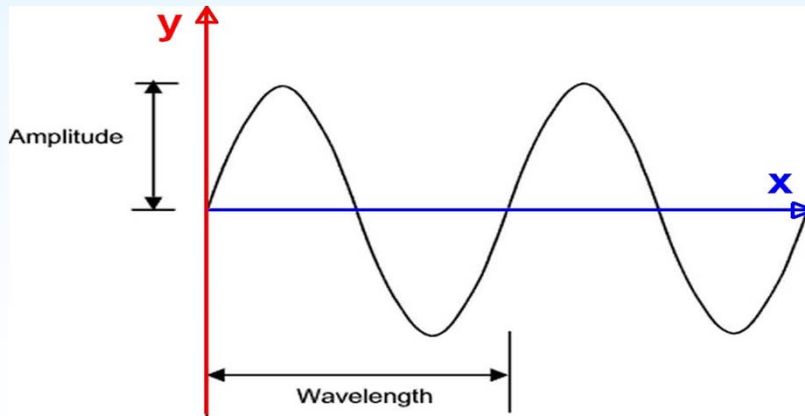


## Part 4. The wavefunction

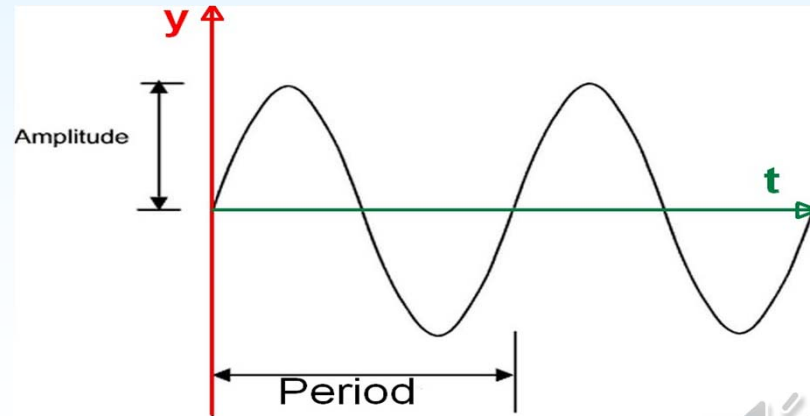


The wavefunction  $y(x,t)$ : The wave function describes the height of the wave as a function of both distance and time.

The height of the wave as a function of distance  $x$ :



The height of the wave as a function of time  $t$ :



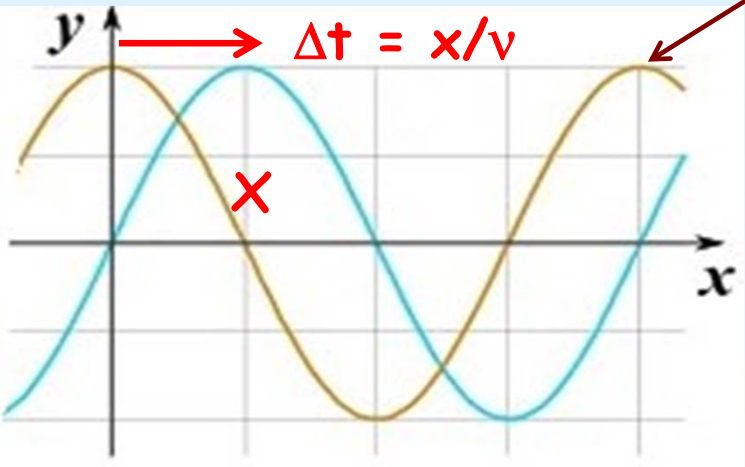


# Mechanical waves: The wavefunction



A wave travels the distance  $x$  over the time  $\Delta t$ :

Suppose that the point at  $x = 0$  can be described by  $y(0,t) = A\cos(\omega t)$



Another point at distance  $x$  will have the same  $y$  as the wave had at a time  $\Delta t = x/v$  earlier e.g. substitute  $t$  with  $t-x/v$ :

$$y(x,t) = A\cos(\omega(t-x/v))$$

$$y(x,t) = A\cos(\omega(x/v-t)) \text{ because } \cos(-x) = \cos(x)$$

$$y(x,t) = A\cos(\omega(x/v-t)) = A\cos(2\pi f(x/v-t)) = A\cos(2\pi(fx/v-ft))$$

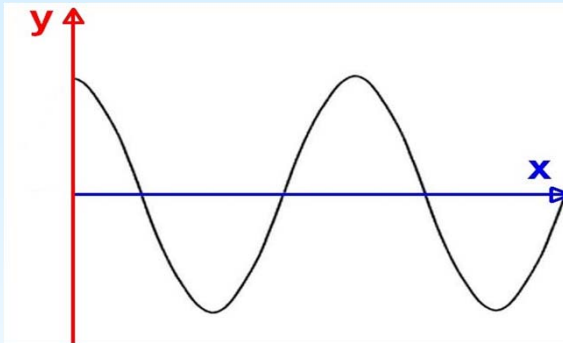
$$y(x,t) = A\cos(2\pi(x/\lambda-t/T)) = A\cos(kx-\omega t)$$

$$f/v = \overset{\uparrow}{1/\lambda} \quad \overset{\uparrow}{f} = 1/T$$

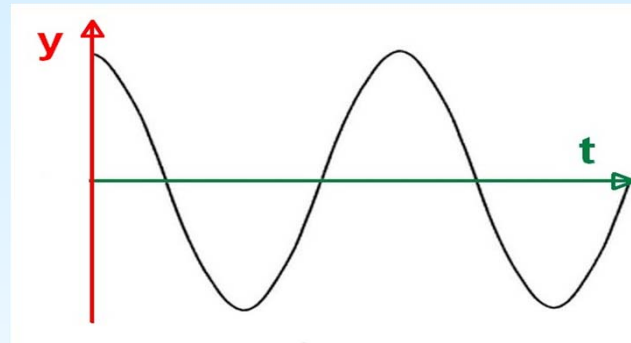




# Mechanical waves: The wavefunction



$$y(x, t = 0) = A \cos kx$$



$$y(x = 0, t) = A \cos \omega t$$

$y(x, t) = A \cos(kx - \omega t)$  (sinusoidal wave moving in +x-direction)

+ if moving in the negative x direction





# Mechanical waves: The wavefunction



$$y(x, t) = A \cos(kx - \omega t) \quad (\text{sinusoidal wave moving in } +x\text{-direction})$$

Amplitude:  $A$

Wavenumber:

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

$$v = \lambda / T$$

$$f = 1 / T$$

Angular frequency:

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

$$v = \lambda / T = (2\pi/k) / (2\pi/\omega) = \omega / k$$





The wavefunction:

$$y(x, t) = A \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

Velocity and acceleration:

$$v_y(x, t) = \frac{\partial y(x, t)}{\partial t} = \omega A \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

$$a_y(x, t) = \frac{\partial^2 y(x, t)}{\partial t^2} = -\omega^2 A \cos(kx - \omega t) = -\omega^2 y(x, t)$$



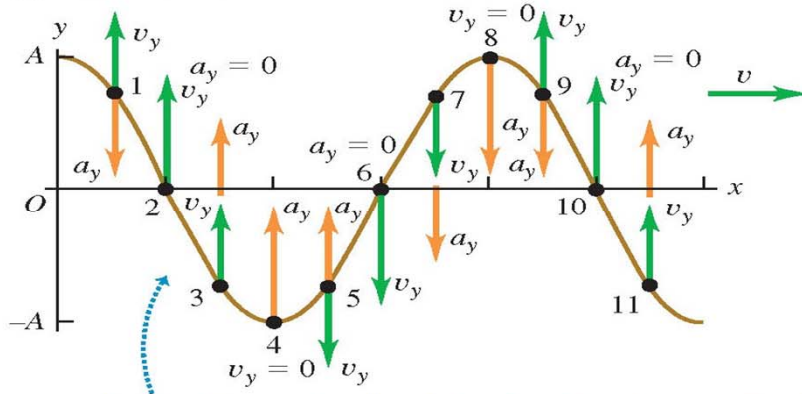
Velocity:

$$v_y(x, t) = \frac{\partial y(x, t)}{\partial t} = \omega A \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

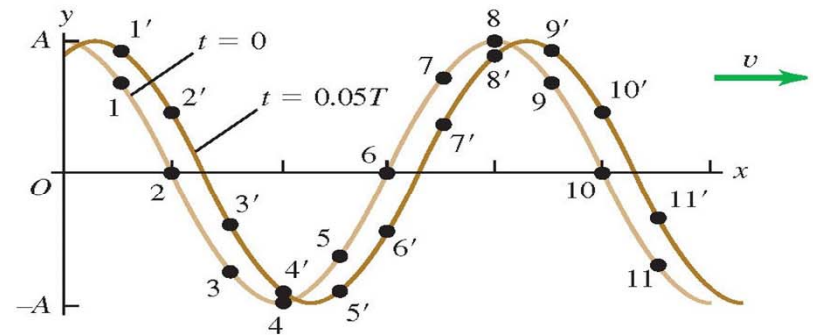
Acceleration:

$$a_y(x, t) = \frac{\partial^2 y(x, t)}{\partial t^2} = -\omega^2 A \cos(kx - \omega t) = -\omega^2 y(x, t)$$

(a) Wave at  $t = 0$



(b) The same wave at  $t = 0$  and  $t = 0.05T$



- Acceleration  $a_y$  at each point on the string is proportional to displacement  $y$  at that point.
- Acceleration is upward where string curves upward, downward where string curves downward.



The equation for the standard model in particle physics:

## Part 5. The wave equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{SM} = & -\frac{1}{2}\partial_\nu g_\mu^a \partial_\nu g_\mu^a - g_s^{abc} \partial_\mu g_\nu^a g_\mu^b g_\nu^c - \frac{1}{4}g_s^2 f^{abc} f^{ade} g_\mu^b g_\nu^c g_\mu^d g_\nu^e - \partial_\nu W_\mu^+ \partial_\nu W_\mu^- - \\
 & M^2 W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- - \frac{1}{2}\partial_\nu Z_\mu^0 \partial_\nu Z_\mu^0 - \frac{1}{2c_w^2} M^2 Z_\mu^0 Z_\mu^0 - \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu A_\nu \partial_\mu A_\nu - ig_{cw} (\partial_\nu Z_\mu^0 (W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- - W_\nu^+ W_\mu^-) - \\
 & Z_\nu^0 (W_\mu^+ \partial_\nu W_\mu^- - W_\mu^- \partial_\nu W_\mu^+) + Z_\mu^0 (W_\nu^+ \partial_\nu W_\mu^- - W_\nu^- \partial_\nu W_\mu^+) - ig_{sw} (\partial_\nu A_\mu (W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- - \\
 & W_\nu^+ W_\mu^-) - A_\nu (W_\mu^+ \partial_\nu W_\mu^- - W_\mu^- \partial_\nu W_\mu^+) + A_\mu (W_\nu^+ \partial_\nu W_\mu^- - W_\nu^- \partial_\nu W_\mu^+)) - \\
 & \frac{1}{2}g^2 W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- W_\nu^+ W_\mu^- + \frac{1}{2}g^2 W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- + g^2 c_w^2 (Z_\mu^0 W_\nu^+ Z_\nu^0 W_\mu^- - Z_\nu^0 W_\mu^+ Z_\nu^0 W_\nu^-) + \\
 & g^2 s_w^2 (A_\mu W_\nu^+ A_\nu W_\mu^- - A_\mu A_\nu W_\nu^+ W_\mu^-) + g^2 s_w c_w (A_\mu Z_\nu^0 (W_\nu^+ W_\mu^- - W_\mu^+ W_\nu^-) - \\
 & 2A_\mu Z_\mu^0 W_\nu^+ W_\nu^-) - \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu H \partial_\mu H - 2M^2 \alpha_h H^2 - \partial_\mu \phi^+ \partial_\mu \phi^- - \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu \phi^0 \partial_\mu \phi^0 - \\
 & \beta_h \left( \frac{2M^2}{g^2} + \frac{2M}{g} H + \frac{1}{2}(H^2 + \phi^0 \phi^0 + 2\phi^+ \phi^-) \right) + \frac{2M^4}{g^2} \alpha_h - g \alpha_h M (H^3 + H \phi^0 \phi^0 + 2H \phi^+ \phi^-) - \\
 & \frac{1}{8}g^2 \alpha_h (H^4 + (\phi^0)^4 + 4(\phi^+ \phi^-)^2 + 4(\phi^0)^2 \phi^+ \phi^- + 4H^2 \phi^+ \phi^- + 2(\phi^0)^2 H^2) - g M W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- H - \\
 & \frac{1}{2}g \frac{M}{c_w} Z_\mu^0 Z_\mu^0 H - \frac{1}{2}ig (W_\mu^+ (\phi^0 \partial_\mu \phi^- - \phi^- \partial_\mu \phi^0) - W_\mu^- (\phi^0 \partial_\mu \phi^+ - \phi^+ \partial_\mu \phi^0)) + \\
 & \frac{1}{2}g (W_\mu^+ (H \partial_\mu \phi^- - \phi^- \partial_\mu H) + W_\mu^- (H \partial_\mu \phi^+ - \phi^+ \partial_\mu H)) + \frac{1}{2}g \frac{1}{c_w} (Z_\mu^0 (H \partial_\mu \phi^0 - \phi^0 \partial_\mu H) + \\
 & M (\frac{1}{c_w} Z_\mu^0 \partial_\mu \phi^0 + W_\mu^+ \partial_\mu \phi^- + W_\mu^- \partial_\mu \phi^+) - ig \frac{s_w^2}{c_w} M Z_\mu^0 (W_\mu^+ \phi^- - W_\mu^- \phi^+) + ig_{sw} M A_\mu (W_\mu^+ \phi^- - \\
 & W_\mu^- \phi^+) - ig \frac{1-2c_w^2}{2c_w} Z_\mu^0 (\phi^+ \partial_\mu \phi^- - \phi^- \partial_\mu \phi^+) + ig_{sw} A_\mu (\phi^+ \partial_\mu \phi^- - \phi^- \partial_\mu \phi^+) - \\
 & \frac{1}{4}g^2 W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- (H^2 + (\phi^0)^2 + 2\phi^+ \phi^-) - \frac{1}{8}g^2 \frac{1}{c_w} Z_\mu^0 Z_\mu^0 (H^2 + (\phi^0)^2 + 2(2s_w^2 - 1)^2 \phi^+ \phi^-) - \\
 & \frac{1}{2}g^2 \frac{s_w^2}{c_w} Z_\mu^0 \phi^0 (W_\mu^+ \phi^- + W_\mu^- \phi^+) - \frac{1}{2}ig^2 \frac{s_w^2}{c_w} Z_\mu^0 H (W_\mu^+ \phi^- - W_\mu^- \phi^+) + \frac{1}{2}g^2 s_w A_\mu \phi^0 (W_\mu^+ \phi^- + \\
 & W_\mu^- \phi^+) + \frac{1}{2}ig^2 s_w A_\mu H (W_\mu^+ \phi^- - W_\mu^- \phi^+) - g^2 \frac{s_w}{c_w} (2c_w^2 - 1) Z_\mu^0 A_\mu \phi^+ \phi^- - g^2 s_w^2 A_\mu A_\mu \phi^+ \phi^- + \\
 & \frac{1}{2}ig_s \lambda_{ij}^a (\bar{q}_i^c \gamma^\mu q_j^c) g_\mu^a - \bar{e}^\lambda (\gamma^\mu + m_e^c) e^\lambda - \bar{\nu}^\lambda (\gamma^\mu + m_\nu^c) \nu^\lambda - \bar{u}_j^c (\gamma^\mu + m_u^c) u_j^c - \bar{d}_j^c (\gamma^\mu + m_d^c) d_j^c + \\
 & ig_{sw} A_\mu \left( -(\bar{e}^\lambda \gamma^\mu e^\lambda) + \frac{2}{3}(\bar{u}_j^c \gamma^\mu u_j^c) - \frac{1}{3}(\bar{d}_j^c \gamma^\mu d_j^c) \right) + \frac{ig_c}{4c_w} Z_\mu^0 \left( (\bar{\nu}^\lambda \gamma^\mu (1 + \gamma^5) \nu^\lambda) + (\bar{e}^\lambda \gamma^\mu (4s_w^2 - \\
 & 1 - \gamma^5) e^\lambda) + (\bar{d}_j^c \gamma^\mu (\frac{1}{3}s_w^2 - 1 - \gamma^5) d_j^c) + (\bar{u}_j^c \gamma^\mu (1 - \frac{8}{3}s_w^2 + \gamma^5) u_j^c) \right) + \\
 & \frac{ig}{2\sqrt{2}} W_\mu^+ \left( (\bar{\nu}^\lambda \gamma^\mu (1 + \gamma^5) U^{lep}{}_{\lambda\kappa} e^\kappa) + (\bar{u}_j^c \gamma^\mu (1 + \gamma^5) C_{\lambda\kappa} d_j^c) \right) + \\
 & \frac{ig}{2\sqrt{2}} W_\mu^- \left( (\bar{e}^\kappa U^{lep}{}_{\kappa\lambda} \gamma^\mu (1 + \gamma^5) \nu^\lambda) + (\bar{d}_j^c C_{\kappa\lambda}^\dagger \gamma^\mu (1 + \gamma^5) u_j^c) \right) + \\
 & \frac{ig}{2M\sqrt{2}} \phi^+ \left( -m_e^c (\bar{\nu}^\lambda U^{lep}{}_{\lambda\kappa} (1 - \gamma^5) e^\kappa) + m_\nu^c (\bar{\nu}^\lambda U^{lep}{}_{\lambda\kappa} (1 + \gamma^5) e^\kappa) + \right. \\
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 & \left. \left. \frac{ig}{2M\sqrt{2}} \phi^- \left( m_d^\lambda (\bar{d}_j^c C_{\lambda\kappa}^\dagger (1 + \gamma^5) u_j^c) - m_u^c (\bar{d}_j^c C_{\lambda\kappa}^\dagger (1 - \gamma^5) u_j^c) - \frac{g}{2} \frac{m_\lambda^2}{M} H (\bar{u}_j^c u_j^c) - \frac{g}{2} \frac{m_\lambda^2}{M} H (\bar{d}_j^c d_j^c) + \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. \frac{ig}{2} \frac{m_\lambda^2}{M} \phi^0 (\bar{u}_j^c \gamma^5 u_j^c) - \frac{ig}{2} \frac{m_\lambda^2}{M} \phi^0 (\bar{d}_j^c \gamma^5 d_j^c) \right) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$







# Mechanical waves: The wave equation

The wavefunction:

$$y(x, t) = A \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

Velocity and acceleration:

$$v_y(x, t) = \frac{\partial y(x, t)}{\partial t} = \omega A \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

$$a_y(x, t) = \frac{\partial^2 y(x, t)}{\partial t^2} = -\omega^2 A \cos(kx - \omega t) = -\omega^2 y(x, t)$$

Curvature:

$$\frac{\partial^2 y(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = -k^2 A \cos(kx - \omega t) = -k^2 y(x, t)$$

$$v = \lambda / T = \omega / k$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 y(x, t) / \partial t^2}{\partial^2 y(x, t) / \partial x^2} = \frac{\omega^2}{k^2} = v^2$$

The wave equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 y(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 y(x, t)}{\partial t^2}$$





# Mechanical waves: The wave equation



The wave equation: 
$$\frac{\partial^2 y(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 y(x, t)}{\partial t^2}$$

The wave equation describes also waves that are not sinusoidal !

It even describes waves that are not periodic !

And waves in three dimensions !





## Part 6. Problems

$$\frac{1}{n} \sin x = ?$$

$$\cancel{\frac{1}{n}} \cancel{\sin} x =$$

$$six = 6$$





# Mechanical waves: Problems



You wave a rope up and down and create a sine wave with the frequency 2.00 Hz, the amplitude 0.075 m and the wave speed 12.0 m/s.

Calculate the period, the wavelength, the angular frequency and the wave number !

$$\begin{aligned} f &= 1/T \\ \omega &= 2\pi f \\ v &= f \lambda \\ k &= 2\pi/\lambda \end{aligned}$$

Given:

- A: Amplitude = 0.075 m
- f: Frequency =  $1 / T = 2.00$  Hz
- v: Wave speed =  $\lambda / T = 12.0$  m/s

To calculate:

- T: Period =  $1 / f = 0.5$  s
- $\lambda$ : Wavelength =  $v T = 6.00$  m
- $\omega$ : Angular frequency =  $2 \pi f = 4\pi$  rad/s
- k: Wave number =  $2 \pi / \lambda = \frac{1}{3}\pi$  rad/m





# Mechanical waves: Problems



At  $t = 0$ , the rope you hold in your hand ( $x = 0$ ) is in its highest position (0.075 m).

What is the wave function for the oscillations ?

What will be the wave function at  $x = 0$  and  $x = 3.00$  m ?

Calculated previously:

$\omega$ : Angular frequency =  $2 \pi f = 4\pi$  rad/s

$k$ : Wave number =  $2 \pi / \lambda = \frac{1}{3}\pi$  rad/m

$$y(x,t) = A \cos(kx - \omega t) = 0.075 \cos(\frac{1}{3}\pi x - 4\pi t)$$

$$\cos(-x) = \cos(x)$$

$$y(0,t) = 0.075 \cos(-4\pi t) = 0.075 \cos(4\pi t)$$

$$y(3,t) = 0.075 \cos(\pi - 4\pi t) = -0.075 \cos(-4\pi t) = -0.075 \cos(4\pi t)$$

$$\cos(\pi - x) = -\cos(x)$$

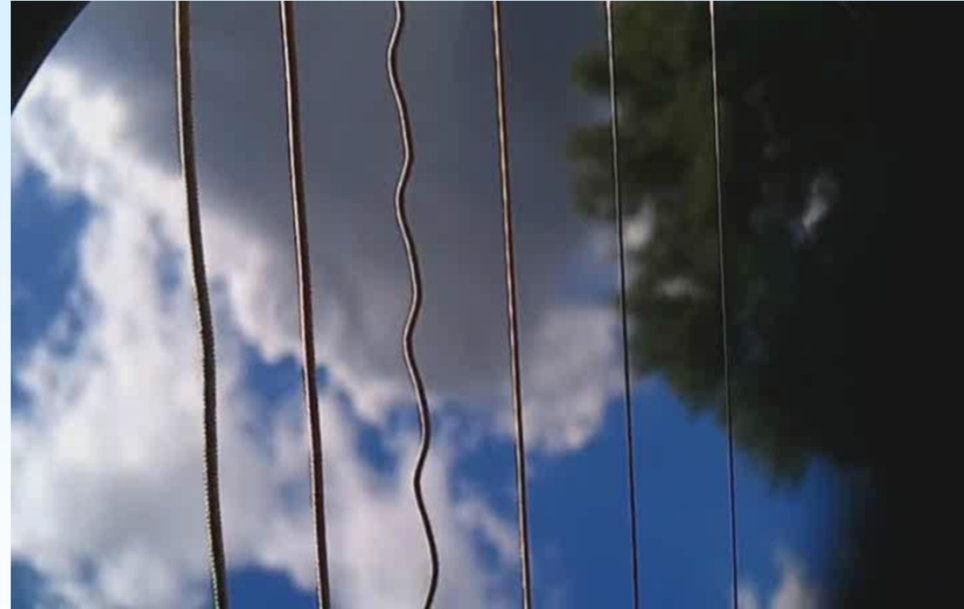




# Mechanical waves: Wave speed



## Part 7. Wave speed and string properties



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ttgLyWFINJI>





# Mechanical waves: Wave speed



Goal:

Find out how the wave speed depends on the properties of the string !

How:

Look at the forces on a small string segment and apply Newton's law:

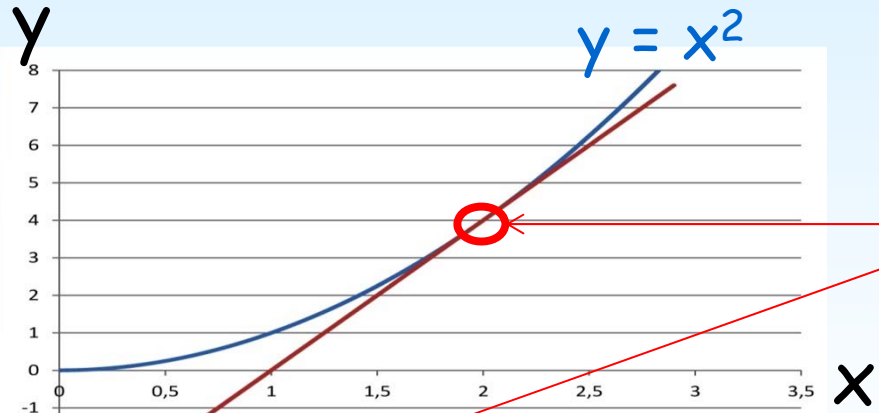
$$F = m a$$





# Mechanical waves: Wave speed

First, a little repetition of the meaning of the derivative.  
Using the function  $y = x^2$  as an example!



$$y = x^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 4 \text{ for } x = 2$$

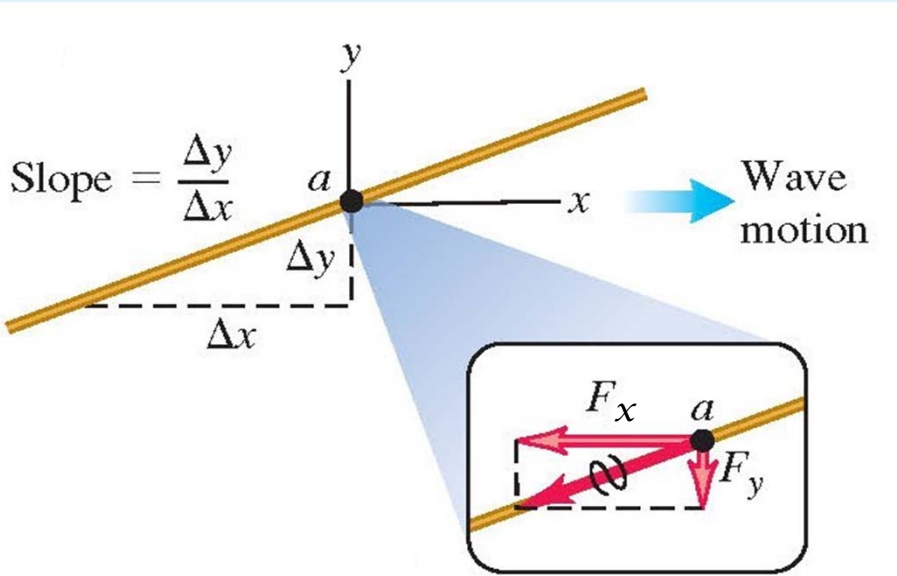
$y = 4x - 4$  is the tangent to  $y = x^2$  in the point  $x = 2$

The derivation gives the slope of the tangent.



# Mechanical waves: Wave speed

We start by looking at the forces at a point on the string !



The ratio of the force in the y-direction to the force in the x-direction is given by the slope of the string which is given by the derivative:

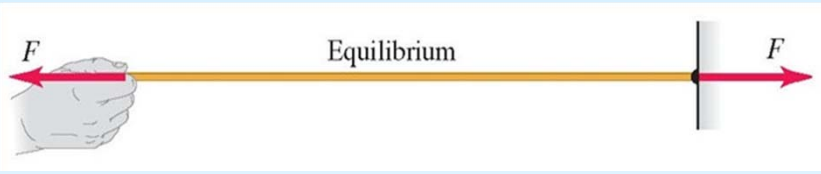
$$\text{Slope} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{F_y}{F_x} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$
$$F_y(x, t) = -F_x \frac{\partial y(x, t)}{\partial x}$$

$F_y$  is in the negative y direction



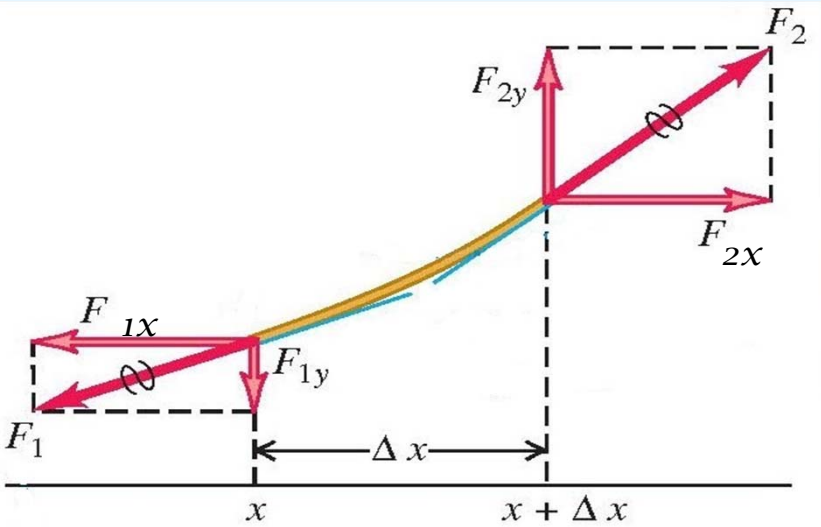


# Mechanical waves: Wave speed



When the string is at rest, there is only one force in the x direction: **The string tension (F).**

Then we look at the forces in a segment of the string:



When a transverse wave passes the string it will move up and down but not laterally, i.e., the force in the x-direction will still be = the string tension:

$$F_{1x} = -F_{2x} = F$$

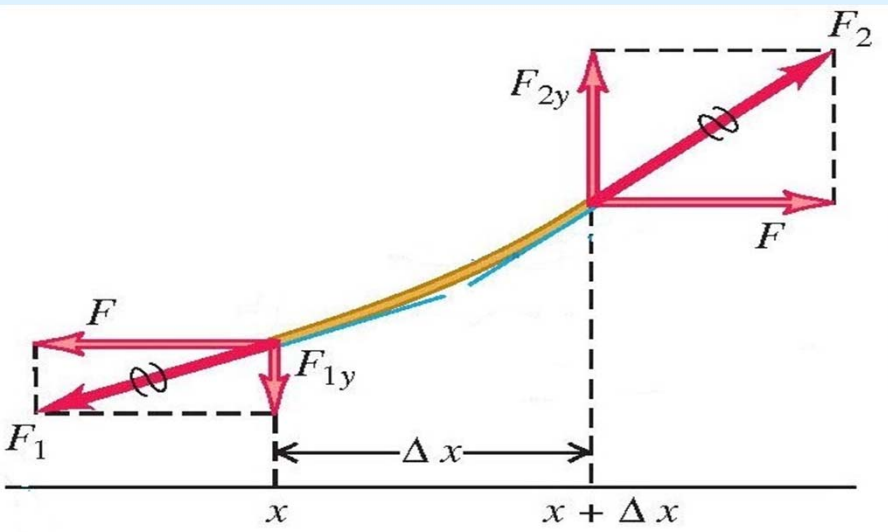




# Mechanical waves: Wave speed



Now it's time to use the derivative at the endpoints:



$$\frac{F_{1y}}{F} = -\left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}\right)_x$$

$$\frac{F_{2y}}{F} = \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}\right)_{x+\Delta x}$$

The total force in the y-direction then becomes

$$F_y = F_{1y} + F_{2y} = F \left[ \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}\right)_{x+\Delta x} - \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}\right)_x \right]$$





# Mechanical waves: Wave speed

Now it's time to use Newton's law:

$\mu$ : String mass per unit length.



$m = \mu \Delta x$  is the mass of the string segment.

$F = ma$  (Newton's law) where the acceleration is the second derivative with respect to time:

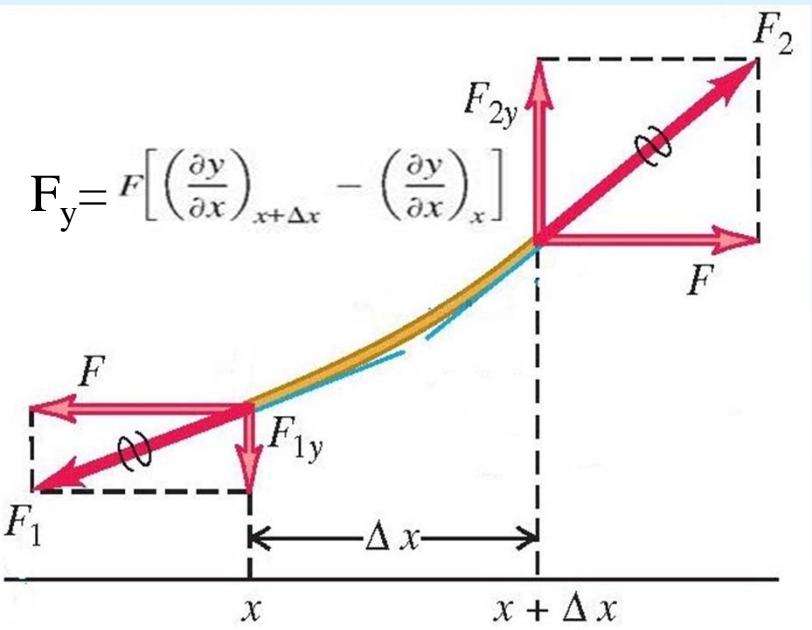
$$F_y = ma = \mu \Delta x \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$$

But we have earlier shown that:

$$F_y = F \left[ \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)_{x+\Delta x} - \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)_x \right]$$



$$F \left[ \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)_{x+\Delta x} - \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)_x \right] = \mu \Delta x \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$$





# Mechanical waves: Wave speed

Our new equation can be re-written as:

$$F \left[ \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)_{x+\Delta x} - \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)_x \right] = \mu \Delta x \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$$

Divide by  $F \Delta x$

$$\frac{\left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)_{x+\Delta x} - \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)_x}{\Delta x} = \frac{\mu}{F} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$$

When  $\Delta x$  goes to zero this is equivalent to the second derivative with respect to  $x$ .

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\mu}{F} \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2}$$

+

$$\frac{\partial^2 y(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 y(x, t)}{\partial t^2}$$

=

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

You can now combine this equation with the wave equation:

The result is that the wave speed becomes:





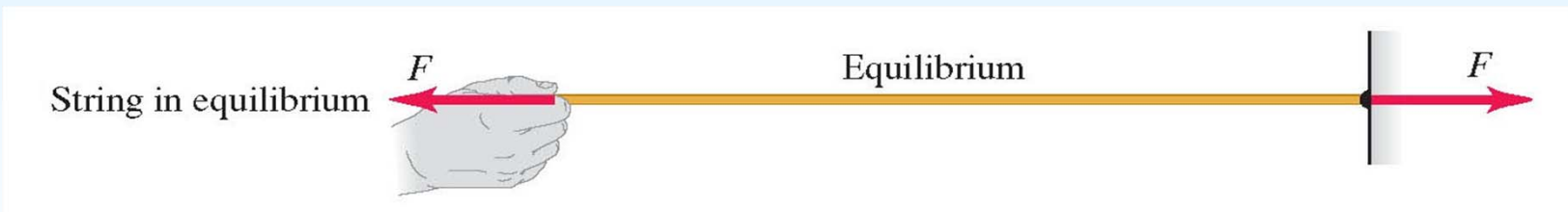
# Mechanical waves: Wave speed

Conclusion: The wave speed depends on two things:

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

← The string tension

← The mass of the string per unit length



More generally:

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{\text{Restoring force returning the system to equilibrium}}{\text{Inertia resisting the return to equilibrium}}}$$





## Part 8. Problems

$$\frac{1}{n} \sin x = ?$$

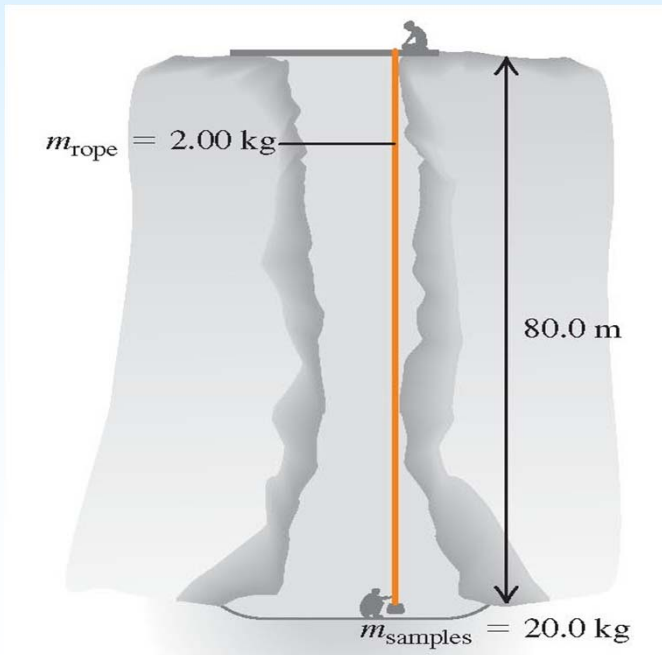
$$\cancel{\frac{1}{n}} \cancel{\sin} x =$$

$$six = 6$$



# Mechanical waves: Problems

A man in a hole sends a signal by making a wave on a rope at whose end it hangs a weight of 20 kg. What is the speed of the wave in the rope? If the rope is put into sinus oscillation with  $f = 2\text{ Hz}$ , how many wavelengths can fit on the rope?



The tension in the rope due to the box is

$$F = m_{\text{box}}g = (20.0 \text{ kg})(9.80 \text{ m/s}^2) = 196 \text{ N}$$

and the rope's linear mass density is

$$\mu = \frac{m_{\text{rope}}}{L} = \frac{2.00 \text{ kg}}{80.0 \text{ m}} = 0.0250 \text{ kg/m}$$

the wave speed is

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{F}{\mu}} = \sqrt{\frac{196 \text{ N}}{0.0250 \text{ kg/m}}} = 88.5 \text{ m/s}$$

the wavelength is

$$\lambda = \frac{v}{f} = \frac{88.5 \text{ m/s}}{2.00 \text{ s}^{-1}} = 44.3 \text{ m}$$

There are  $(80.0 \text{ m})/(44.3 \text{ m}) = 1.81$  wavelengths (that is, cycles of the wave) in the rope.







# Mechanical waves: Power



## Part 9. Power

How much work  
is done every  
second?





# Mechanical waves: Power



**Wave power (P):** The instantaneous rate at which energy is transferred along the wave. (P = energy per unit time)

Units: W or J/s

The power in general :

$$P = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v}$$

(instantaneous rate at which force  $\vec{F}$  does work on a particle)

Power along the wave (P):

$$P(x, t) = F_y(x, t)v_y(x, t)$$

because y is the only direction where the speed of the string is not zero



$$P = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{v}$$

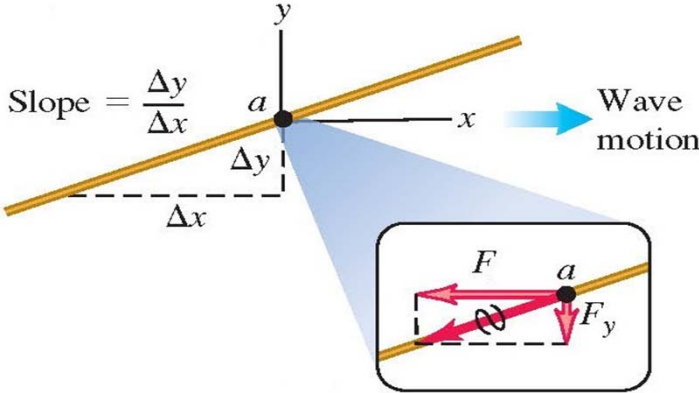
$$P(x, t) = F_y(x, t)v_y(x, t)$$

$$F_y(x, t) = -F \frac{\partial y(x, t)}{\partial x}$$

$$P(x, t) = F_y(x, t)v_y(x, t) = -F \frac{\partial y(x, t)}{\partial x} \frac{\partial y(x, t)}{\partial t}$$

**The power of the wave:**

$$P(x, t) = Fk\omega A^2 \sin^2(kx - \omega t)$$



$$y(x, t) = A \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

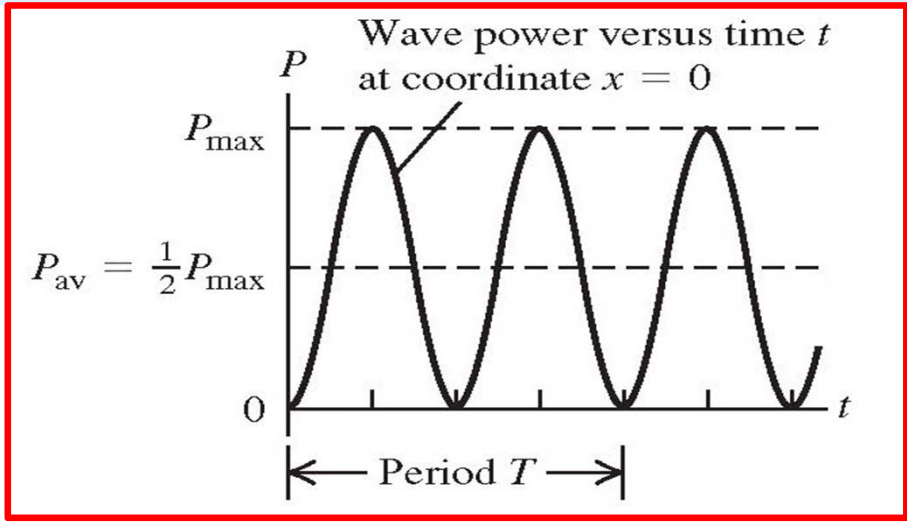
$$\frac{\partial y(x, t)}{\partial x} = -kA \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

$$\frac{\partial y(x, t)}{\partial t} = \omega A \sin(kx - \omega t)$$





# Mechanical waves: Power



**The wave power:**

$$P(x, t) = Fk\omega A^2 \sin^2(kx - \omega t)$$

$$P_{max} = Fk\omega A^2 = \sqrt{\mu F} \omega^2 A^2$$

&

$$P_{av} = \frac{1}{2} Fk\omega A^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\mu F} \omega^2 A^2$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{F}{\mu}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad k = \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{\frac{F}{\mu}}}$$

$$v = \frac{\omega}{k}$$





## Part 10. Problems

$$\frac{1}{n} \sin x = ?$$

$$\frac{1}{\cancel{n}} \cancel{\sin} x =$$

$$six = 6$$





# Mechanical waves: Problems



A: Amplitude = 0.075 m

f: Frequency =  $1 / T = 2.00$  Hz

v: Wave speed =  $\lambda / T = 12.0$  m/s

T: Period =  $1 / f = 0.5$  s

$\lambda$ : Wavelength =  $v T = 6.00$  m

$\omega$ : Angular frequency =  $2 \pi f = 4\pi$

k: Wave number =  $2 \pi / \lambda = \frac{1}{3}\pi$

$\mu$ : Linear mass density = 0.250 kg/m

F: Tension = 36.0 N

You swing a rope up and down and create a sine wave with the frequency 2.00 Hz, the amplitude 0.075 m and the wave speed 12.0 m/s. The rope weighs 250 grams per meter and is tensioned with the force of 36.0 N.

Calculate the maximum power and average power needed.

$$P_{\max} = \sqrt{\mu F \omega^2 A^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(0.250 \text{ kg/m})(36.0 \text{ N})(4.00\pi \text{ rad/s})^2(0.075 \text{ m})^2}$$

$$= 2.66 \text{ W}$$

$$P_{\text{av}} = \frac{1}{2} P_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} (2.66 \text{ W}) = 1.33 \text{ W}$$





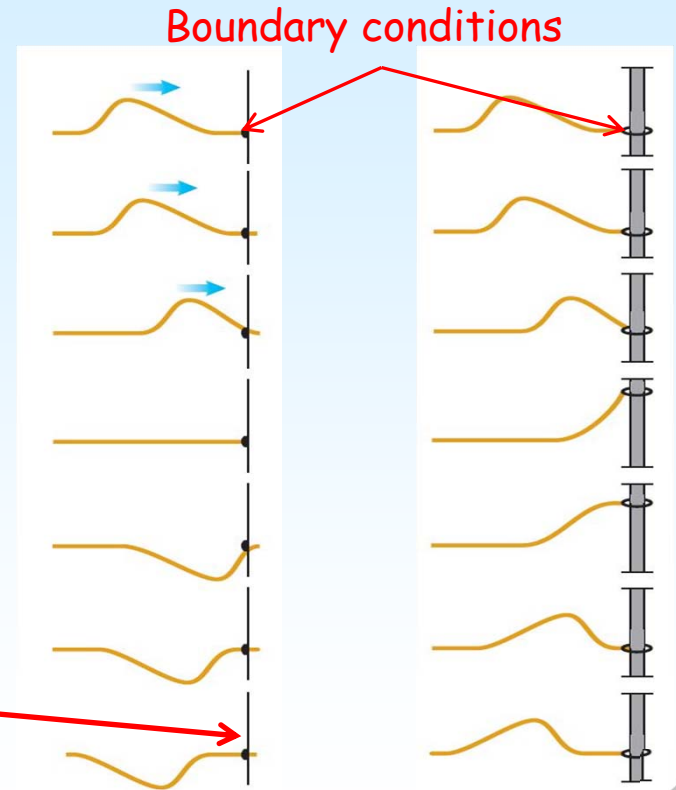
## Part 11. Reflection of waves



## Reflections of a wave



The support provides an opposite force which produces an inverted wave.







# Mechanical waves: Reflections



The wavefunction of two waves is typically the sum of the individual wavefunctions.

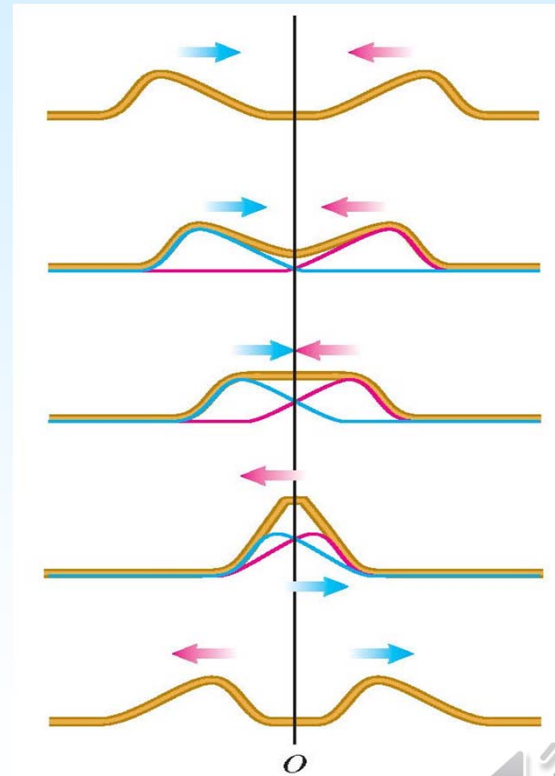
$$y(x, t) = y_1(x, t) + y_2(x, t)$$

This is called the principle of superposition.

This is true **if the wave equations** for the waves **are linear** (they contain the function  $y(x,t)$  only to the first power).

For example can sinusoidal waves be superimposed like this because their wave equation is linear.

$$\frac{\partial^2 y(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 y(x, t)}{\partial t^2}$$





# Mechanical waves: Reflections



Different boundary conditions

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

<https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/wave-on-a-string>





## Part 12. Standing waves



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NpEevfOU4Z8>





# Mechanical waves: Standing waves



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-gr7KmTOrx0>





# Mechanical waves: Standing waves

Manual  
 Oscillate  
 Pulse

Restart

Fixed End  
 Loose End  
 No End

Simulating an elastic string

Slow Motion  
 Normal

Amplitude: 0.61 cm  
 Frequency: 0.35 Hz  
 Damping: None to Lots  
 Tension: Low to High

Rulers  
 Timer  
 Reference Line

Harmonic oscillation

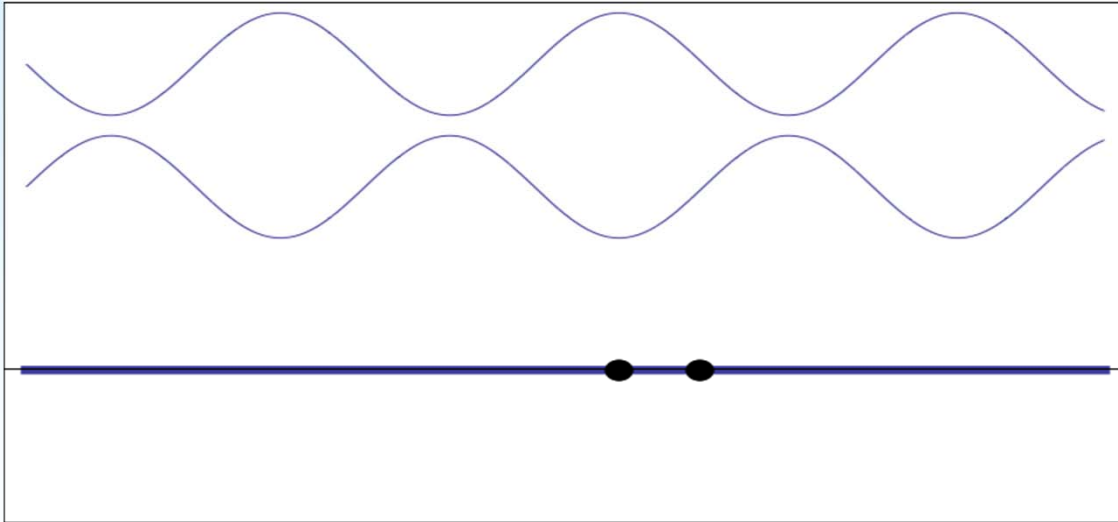




# Mechanical waves: Standing waves

Two waves with the same frequency and wavelength pass each other:

<http://www.acs.psu.edu/drussell/Demos/superposition/superposition.html>



$$y_2(x, t) = A \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

$$y_1(x, t) = -A \cos(kx + \omega t)$$

$$y(x, t) = y_1(x, t) + y_2(x, t) = A[-\cos(kx + \omega t) + \cos(kx - \omega t)]$$





# Mechanical waves: Standing waves

Superposition of two waves:

$$y(x, t) = y_1(x, t) + y_2(x, t) = A[-\cos(kx + \omega t) + \cos(kx - \omega t)]$$

+

Trigonometry:  $\cos(a \mp b) = \cos a \cos b \pm \sin a \sin b$

=

$$y(x, t) = A[-\cancel{\cos(kx)}\cos(\omega t) + \cancel{\sin(kx)}\sin(\omega t) + \cancel{\cos(kx)}\cos(\omega t) + \cancel{\sin(kx)}\sin(\omega t)]$$

=

The wavefunction for a standing wave:

$$y(x, t) = y_1(x, t) + y_2(x, t) = 2A \sin kx \sin \omega t$$



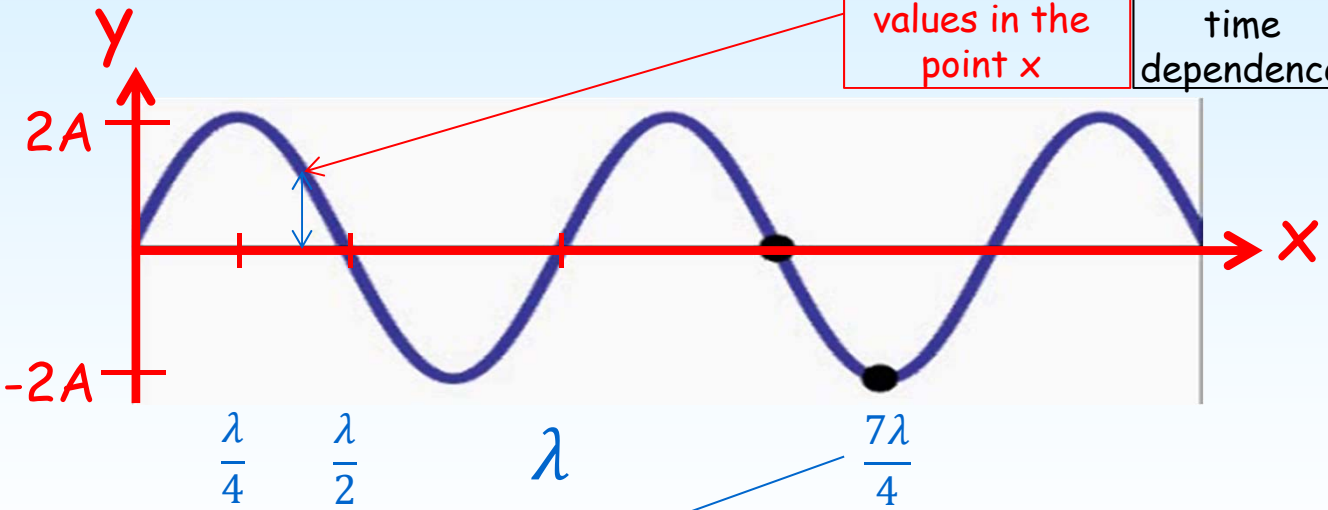


# Mechanical waves: Standing waves

$$y(x, t) = 2A \sin(kx) \sin(\omega t) = 2A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} x\right) \sin(\omega t)$$

Gives max-min values in the point x

Gives the time dependence



$$y\left(\frac{7\lambda}{4}, t\right) = 2A \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \frac{7\lambda}{4}\right) \sin(\omega t) = 2A \sin\left(\frac{7\pi}{2}\right) \sin(\omega t) = -2A \sin(\omega t)$$







# Mechanical waves: Standing waves



**Nodes:**

$$y(x, t) = y_1(x, t) + y_2(x, t) = 2A \sin kx \sin \omega t$$

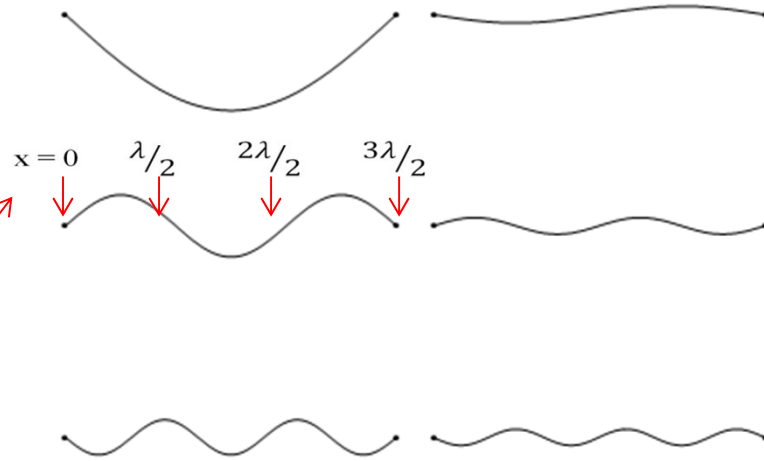
The nodes are given by  **$\sin(kx) = 0$**

$$kx = 0, \pi, 2\pi, 3\pi, 4\pi,$$

$$x = 0, \frac{\pi}{k}, \frac{2\pi}{k}, \frac{3\pi}{k}, \frac{4\pi}{k},$$

$$x = 0, \frac{\lambda}{2}, \frac{2\lambda}{2}, \frac{3\lambda}{2}, \frac{4\lambda}{2}, \quad \text{since } k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

$$x = 0, \frac{v}{2f}, \frac{2v}{2f}, \frac{3v}{2f}, \frac{4v}{2f}, \quad \text{since } \lambda = \frac{v}{f}$$





# Mechanical waves: Standing waves

What is the velocity and accelerationen ?

Displacement:

$$y(x,t) = 2A \sin(kx) \sin(\omega t)$$

Wavefunction

Velocity:

$$v_y(x,t) = \frac{\partial y(x,t)}{\partial t} \longrightarrow v_y(x,t) = 2A\omega \sin(kx) \cos(\omega t)$$

Acceleration:

$$a_y(x,t) = \frac{\partial v_y(x,t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 y(x,t)}{\partial t^2} \longrightarrow a_y(x,t) = -2A\omega^2 \sin(kx) \sin(\omega t)$$





## Part 13. String instruments

Octobasse  
violin



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=12X-i9YHzmE>

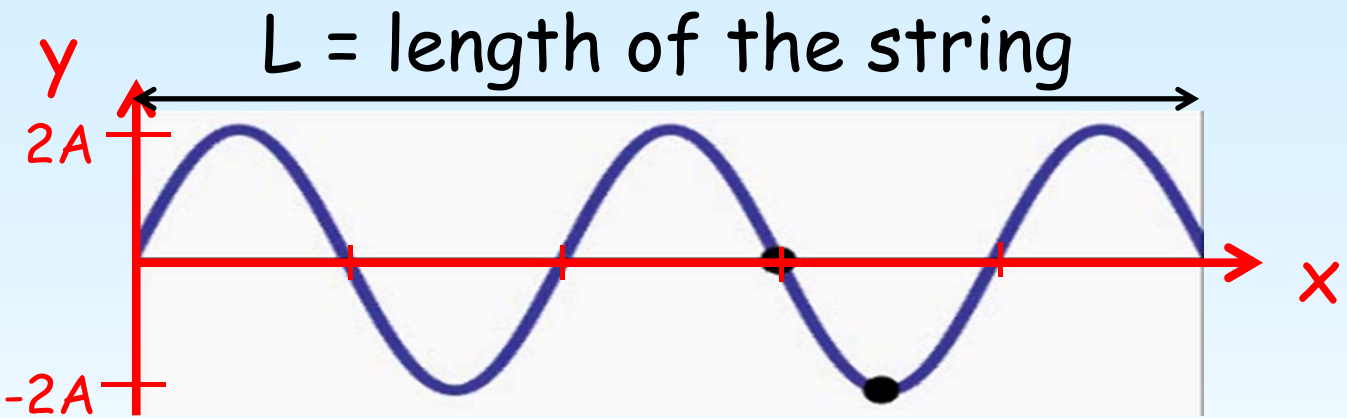




# Mechanical waves: String instruments



Example of a standing wave on a string:



Nodes: 0       $\frac{\lambda}{2}$        $\lambda$        $\frac{3\lambda}{2}$        $2\lambda$        $\frac{5\lambda}{2} = L$

$$\lambda = \frac{2L}{5}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{v}{f}$$

$$f = \frac{5v}{2L}$$

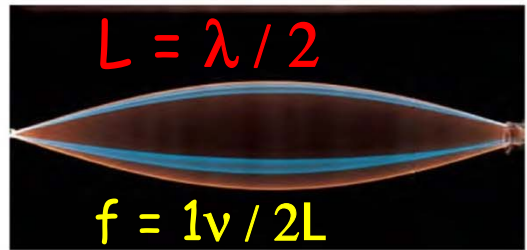
The speed of the waves that build up the standing wave.



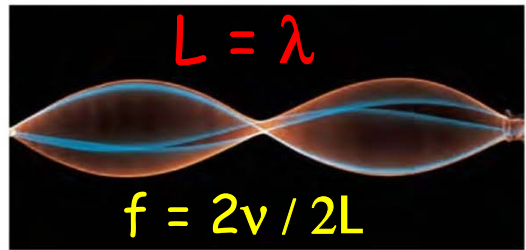
# Mechanical waves: String instruments

$L =$  length of the string

(a) String is one-half wavelength long.



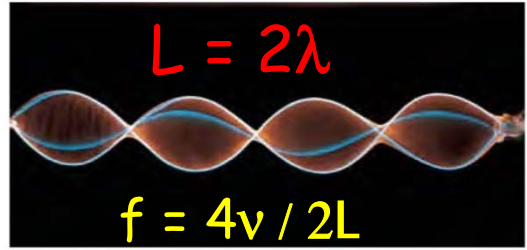
(b) String is one wavelength long.



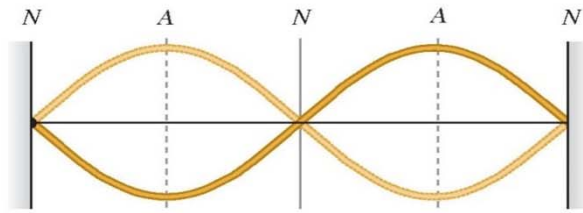
(c) String is one and a half wavelengths long.



(d) String is two wavelengths long.



$$f = v / \lambda$$



$N =$  nodes: points at which the string never moves

$A =$  antinodes: points at which the amplitude of string motion is greatest

Node Antinode Node Antinode Node





# Mechanical waves: String instruments



Strings of length  $L$  having nodes at both ends:

Nodes when  $\sin(kx) = 0$   
 $x = 0, \frac{\pi}{k}, \frac{2\pi}{k}, \frac{3\pi}{k}, \dots$   
 $= 0, \frac{\lambda}{2}, \frac{2\lambda}{2}, \frac{3\lambda}{2}, \dots$

$$L = n \frac{\lambda}{2} \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

$$\lambda_n = \frac{2L}{n} \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

$$\lambda = 2L / n = v / f$$

$$f_n = n \frac{v}{2L} = n f_1 \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

$f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots$  Harmonic frequencies  
 $f_1$ : Fundamental frequency  
 $f_2, f_3, f_4, \dots$  Overtones

1st harmonic  
 $n = 1$   
 $\lambda_n = \frac{2}{n}L$   
 $f_n = \frac{v}{\lambda_n}$  ← samma för alla  $n$   
En halv period  
 $\lambda_1 = \frac{2}{1}L$     $f_1 = \frac{v}{\lambda_1} = \frac{v}{2L}$

2nd harmonic  
 $n = 2$   
En hel period  
 $\lambda_2 = \frac{2}{2}L$     $f_2 = \frac{v}{\lambda_2} = \frac{v}{L} = 2f_1$

3rd harmonic  
 $n = 3$   
Tre halva perioder  
 $\lambda_3 = \frac{2}{3}L$     $f_3 = \frac{v}{\lambda_3} = \frac{v}{2/3L} = 3f_1$

# Mechanical waves: String instruments

$$f_1 = v/2L$$

$$v = \sqrt{F/\mu}$$

$$f_1 = \frac{1}{2L} \sqrt{\frac{F}{\mu}}$$

Long string: Low frequency  
Thick string: Low frequency  
Large tension: High frequency



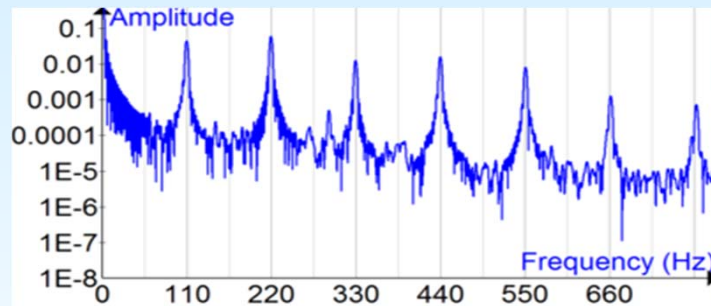


# Mechanical waves: String instruments

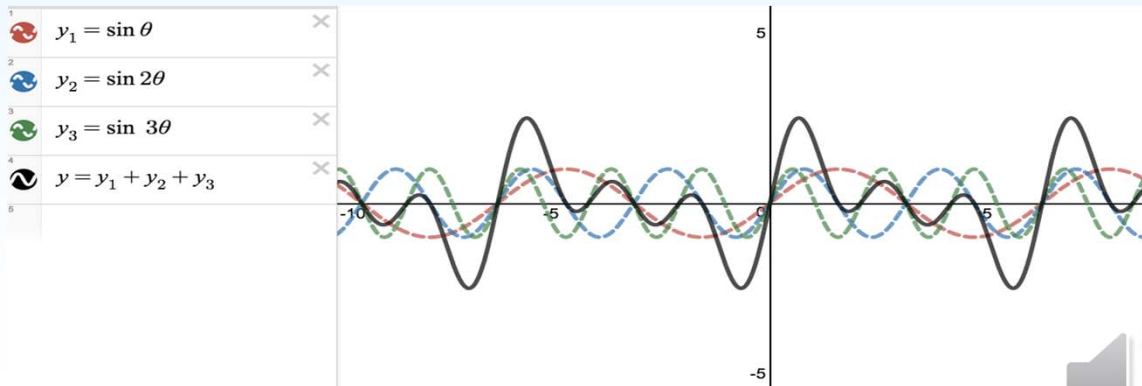


A string in a stringed instrument normally produces not only a fundamental frequency but an overlay of all harmonic frequencies.

The amplitude of the different frequencies varies: 



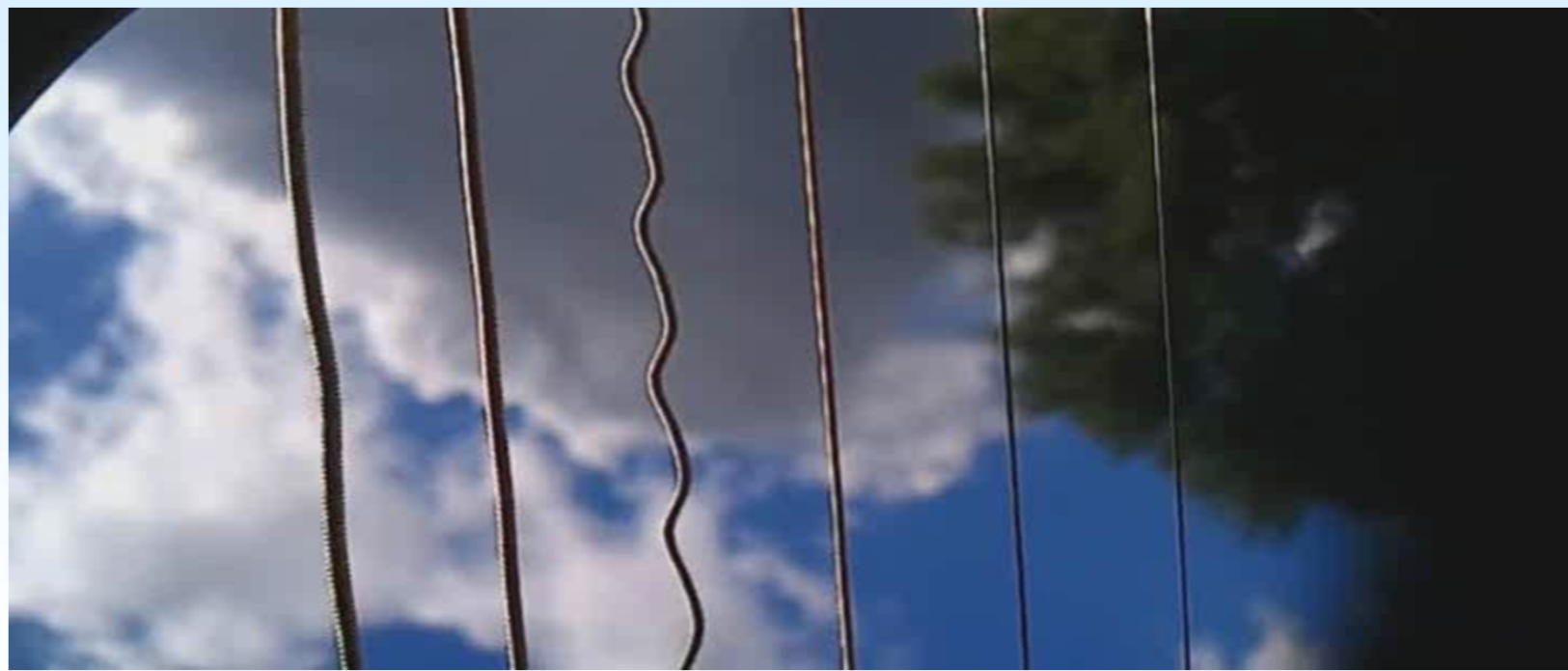
The resulting wave has a complicated shape: 







# Mechanical waves: String instruments





## Part 14. Problems

$$\frac{1}{n} \sin x = ?$$

$$\frac{1}{\cancel{n}} \cancel{\sin} x =$$

$$six = 6$$





# Mechanical waves: Problems



A sine wave moves in negative x-direction along a guitar string at the speed of 143 m/s.

The amplitude is 0.750 mm and the frequency 440 Hz.

The wave is reflected at  $x = 0$  and forms a standing wave.

What will be the function that describes the movement of the string in the y-direction ?

$$y(x,t) = 2A \sin(kx) \sin(\omega t)$$

$$A = 0.750 \text{ mm} = 7.50 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$$

$$\omega = 2\pi f = (2\pi \text{ rad})(440 \text{ s}^{-1}) = 2760 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$k = \frac{\omega}{v} = \frac{2760 \text{ rad/s}}{143 \text{ m/s}} = 19.3 \text{ rad/m}$$



# Mechanical waves: Problems



$$\begin{aligned}v &= 143 \text{ m/s} \\f &= 440 \text{ Hz} \\A &= 0.00075 \text{ m} \\ \omega &= 2760 \text{ rad/s} \\k &= 19.3 \text{ rad/m}\end{aligned}$$

Where will there be nodes on the string ?

There will be nodes for

$$x = 0, \frac{\lambda}{2}, \frac{2\lambda}{2}, \frac{3\lambda}{2}, \dots$$

$$f = v / \lambda \implies \lambda = v / f = 143 / 440 = 0.325 \text{ m}$$

There will be nodes for  $x = 0, 0.163 \text{ m}, 0.325 \text{ m},$





$$v = 143 \text{ m/s}$$

$$f = 440 \text{ Hz}$$

$$A = 0.00075 \text{ m}$$

$$\omega = 2760 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$k = 19.3 \text{ rad/m}$$

What is **the amplitude** of the standing wave?

What will be **the maximum speed** and **the maximum acceleration**?

$$y(x,t) = 2A \sin(kx) \sin(\omega t)$$



$$\text{Amplitude} = 2A = 0.0015 \text{ m}$$

$$v_y(x,t) = 2A\omega \sin(kx) \cos(\omega t)$$

$$v_{y(x,t)\text{max}} = 2A\omega = 4.14 \text{ m/s}$$

$$a_y(x,t) = -2A\omega^2 \sin(kx) \sin(\omega t)$$

$$a_{y(x,t)\text{max}} = 2A\omega^2 = 11426 \text{ m/s}^2$$





# Mechanical waves: Problems



An octobasse has a string that is 2.50 m long and weighs 40.0 grams per meter.

What tension force is needed for the fundamental frequency to be 20.0 Hz ?

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{F}{\mu}} \quad f_n = \frac{nv}{2L} \quad \longrightarrow \quad f_1 = \frac{1}{2L} \sqrt{\frac{F}{\mu}}$$

$$F = 4\mu L^2 f_1^2 = 4(40.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg/m})(2.50 \text{ m})^2(20.0 \text{ s}^{-1})^2 = 400 \text{ N}$$





# Mechanical waves: Problems



$$\begin{aligned}f_1 &= 20.0 \text{ Hz} \\L &= 2.50 \text{ m} \\ \mu &= 40.0 \text{ g/m} \\ F &= 400 \text{ N}\end{aligned}$$

What will be the frequency and wavelength of the second harmonic frequency ?

What will be the frequency and wavelength of the second overtone ?

$$f_n = n \frac{v}{2L} = nf_1 \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

$$\lambda_n = \frac{2L}{n} \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

$$f_2 = 2f_1 = 2(20.0 \text{ Hz}) = 40.0 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{2L}{2} = \frac{2(2.50 \text{ m})}{2} = 2.50 \text{ m}$$

The second overtone is the second frequency above the fundamental frequency, i.e.  $n = 3$

$$f_3 = 3f_1 = 3(20.0 \text{ Hz}) = 60.0 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\lambda_3 = \frac{2L}{3} = \frac{2(2.50 \text{ m})}{3} = 1.67 \text{ m}$$





# Mechanical waves: Problems



$$\begin{aligned}f_1 &= 20.0 \text{ Hz} \\L &= 2.50 \text{ m} \\ \mu &= 40.0 \text{ g/m} \\F &= 400 \text{ N} \\ \lambda_1 &= 1.25 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

The string vibrates at its fundamental frequency.

What is the frequency and wavelength of the sound it emits?

The speed of sound is 344 m/s.

$$v = \lambda / T = \lambda f$$

$$\lambda = v / f$$

$$f = f_1 = 20.0 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\lambda_{1(\text{sound})} = \frac{v_{\text{sound}}}{f_1} = \frac{344 \text{ m/s}}{20.0 \text{ Hz}} = 17.2 \text{ m}$$







# Mechanical waves: Summary



## Part 15. Summary





# Mechanical waves: Summary



The sinusoidal oscillations on a string are described by the wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 y(x, t)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} \frac{\partial^2 y(x, t)}{\partial t^2}$$

which has the wavefunction as a solution

$$y(x, t) = A \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

Velocity and acceleration are obtained by derivation

$$v_y(x, t) = \frac{\partial y(x, t)}{\partial t} = \omega A \sin(kx - \omega t)$$
$$a_y(x, t) = \frac{\partial^2 y(x, t)}{\partial t^2} = -\omega^2 A \cos(kx - \omega t) = -\omega^2 y(x, t)$$

Wave speed

$$v = \lambda / T = \omega / k \qquad v = \sqrt{\frac{F}{\mu}}$$





# Mechanical waves: Summary



Average power



$$P_{av} = \frac{1}{2} \mu (\omega A)^2 v = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\mu F} (\omega A)^2$$

The power function



$$P(x,t) = 2P_{av} \sin^2(kx - \omega t)$$

Wavefunction for a standing wave



$$y(x,t) = 2A \sin(kx) \sin(\omega t)$$

Fundamental frequency



$$f_1 = \frac{1}{2L} \sqrt{\frac{F}{\mu}}$$

$$f_n = n f_1 \quad n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$$

