

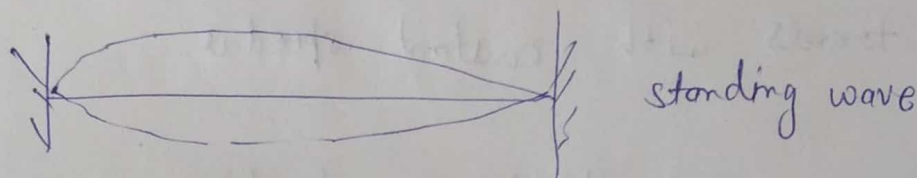
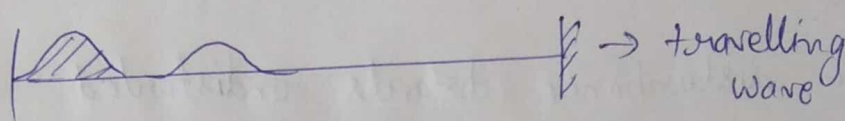
Lecture Notes :-

What is a wave? -

A wave is a disturbance that travels from one place to another.

Does a wave mean that the disturbance has to travel from one place to another?

Let us consider a string:-



So wave is a disturbance created at one place and travelling another place (travelling waves)

And An standing disturbance (Standing wave).

How we describe a wave:-

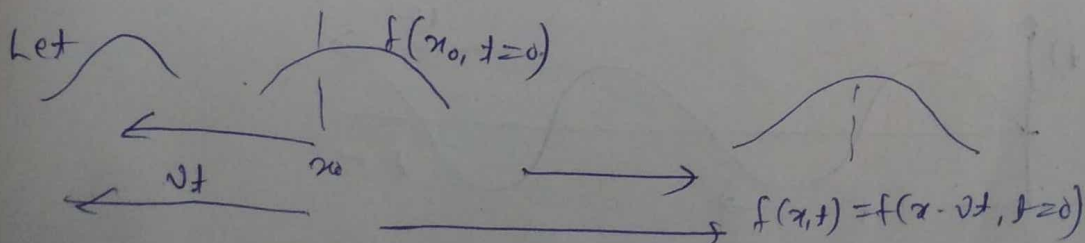
$$y(x,t) = A \sin 2\pi \left(\frac{x}{\lambda} - ft \right)$$

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

$$or A \cos 2\pi \left(\frac{x}{\lambda} - ft \right)$$

λ = wavelength

f = frequency



$$f(x,t) = f(x + vt, t=0)$$

So any disturbance created at origin may be any type of function/on will be given as a function of time as.

$$f(x, t) = f(x - vt, t=0)$$

→ travels right

$$f(x + vt, t=0)$$

→ travels left

Condition:-

- the disturbance travels undistorted.
- travels with constant speed v

Another way to write a function:-

$$f\left(t + \frac{x}{v}\right) \longleftarrow \text{left}$$

$$f\left(t - \frac{x}{v}\right) \longrightarrow \text{right}$$

Also a wave can be described as

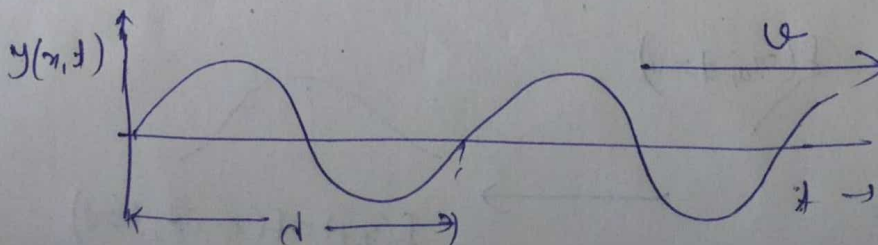
$$f(x + vt) \text{ and } f(x - vt).$$

Travelling waves:-

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

$$= A \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

x → displacement of wave in transverse direction

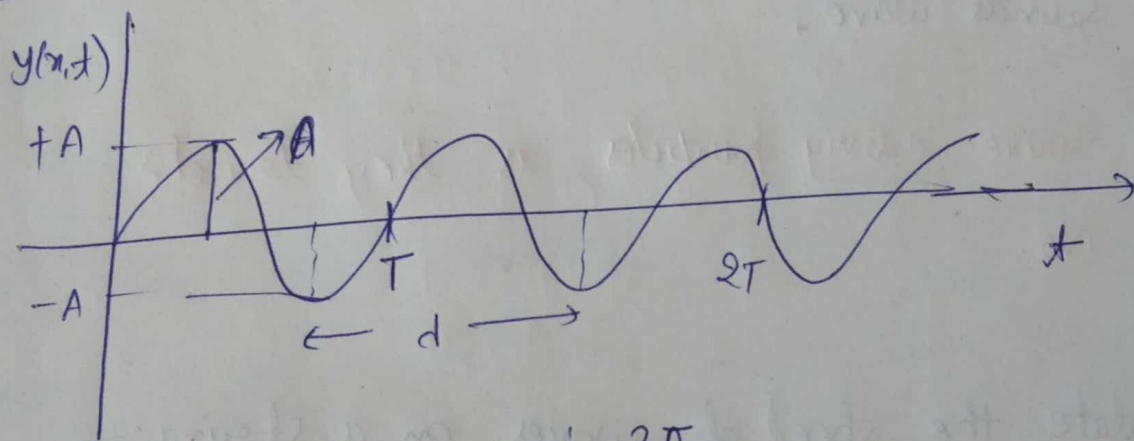


Amplitude:— Maximum displacement from equilibrium.
denoted by A .

wavelength:— Minimum distance b/w two points having the same phase is called wavelength (d).

period:— Time taken to complete one oscillation (T)

frequency:— No. of oscillation per unit time (f).



$$y(x, t=0) = A \sin \frac{2\pi}{d} x$$

$$\text{Wavenumber, } k = \frac{2\pi}{d}$$

$$v = f d$$

velocity of wave

$$\text{frequency } f = \frac{1}{T}$$

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

angular frequency

Sinusoidal wave:—

$$y(x, t) = A \sin 2\pi \left(\frac{x}{d} - ft \right)$$

Thus Two kinds of waves:-

① Transverse wave:-

$y(x,t)$ is \perp to travel direction,

e.g. waves on string, *

② longitudinal wave:-

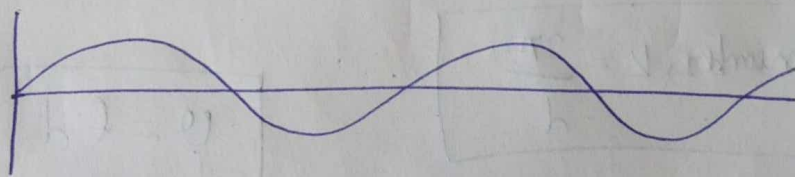
Disturbance is in the same direction as the direction of motion of wave.

e.g. sound wave,

Q. Do wave carry particles as they travel?

Ans - No.

① Calculate the speed of waves on a string:-



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

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

→ For waves on a string,

the restoring force is provided by the tension T

in the string. The inertial property will

in this case be linear mass density μ , which

is equal to $\frac{m}{L}$,

Thus if T and μ are assumed to be the only relevant physical quantities

$$v = c \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}}$$

for experiment $c = 1$

$$\# \quad v = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}}$$

→ speed of transverse waves on a stretched string.

(ii) Calculate the speed of sound waves: (longitudinal wave)

→ Sound waves travel in the form of compressions and rarefactions of small volume elements of air.

So the bulk modulus of the medium defined

$$B = - \frac{\Delta P}{\Delta V/V}$$

where $\Delta P =$ change in pressure

& $\frac{\Delta V}{V} =$ volume strain.

from calculation we get

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{B}{\rho}}$$

→ longitudinal waves in a medium.

→ density of medium.

For a linear medium like a solid bar: -

speed of waves $v = \sqrt{\frac{Y}{\rho}}$

$Y =$ Young's modulus of the material.