

**Physics 2101**  
**Section 3**  
**Apr 14<sup>th</sup>**



**Announcements:**

- Quiz Friday
- Midterm #4, April 28<sup>th</sup> 6 pm
- Final: May 11<sup>th</sup>-7:30am
- Make up Final: May 15<sup>th</sup>-7:30am

**Class Website:**

<http://www.phys.lsu.edu/classes/spring2010/phys2101-3/>

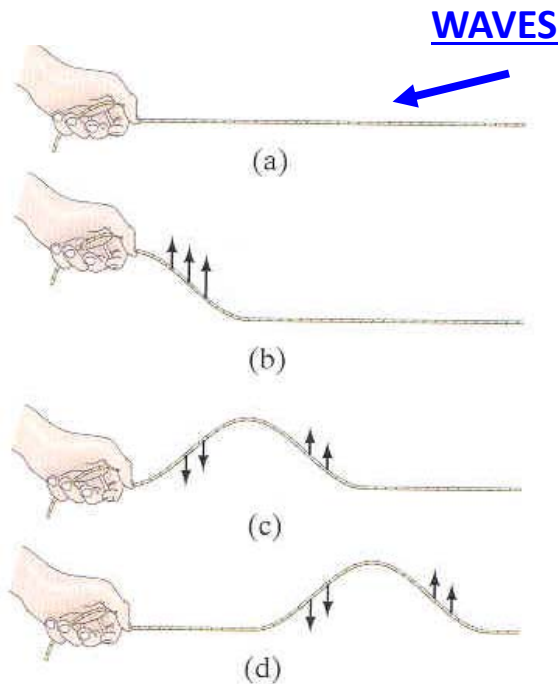
<http://www.phys.lsu.edu/~jzhang/teaching.html>

# Chap. 16 Waves

## Waves and particle

Vibration → waves

- Sound - medium vibrates
- Surface ocean waves - no net water is displaced
- Mechanical waves - Newton's equations with medium
- Electro-magnetic waves - NO MEDIUM light (photons)

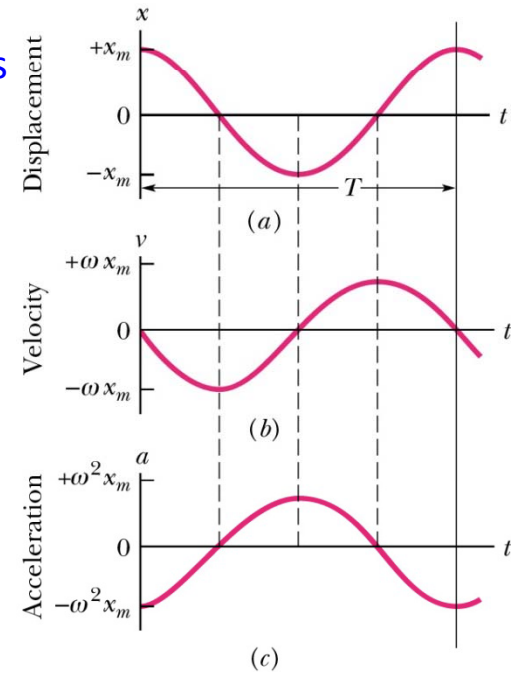


WAVES

Pulse - single wave  
Periodic wave - sinusoidal waves

Particle

- Displacement
- Velocity
- Acceleration

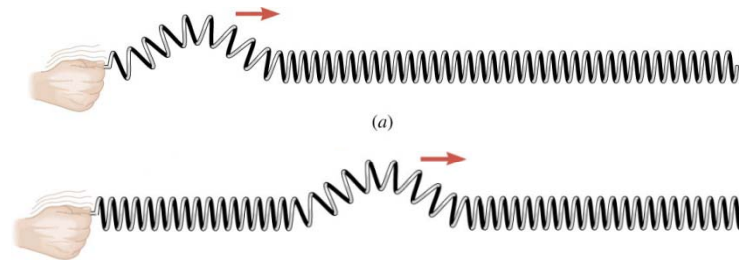


# Oscillation vs Wave

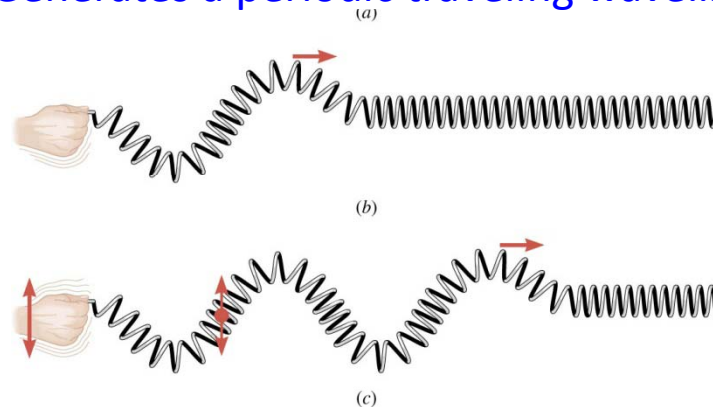
- How do you describe the motion?
- How many variables do you need?

# Traveling Waves

**A Pulse:** A pulse can be sent along a spring... it travels to the right over time



**Repeating the Pulse:** Generates a periodic traveling wave...

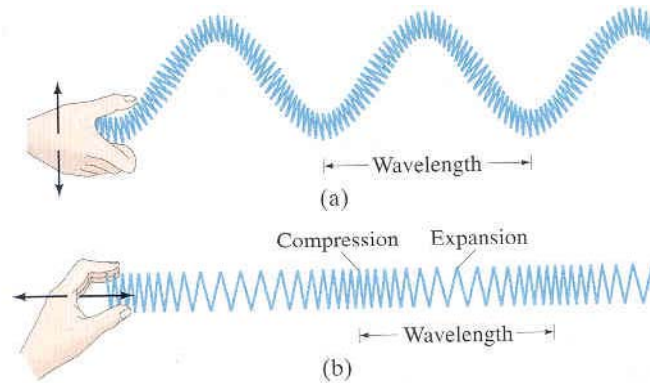


**If it reflects off of the other (fixed) end correctly it becomes a Standing Wave - it looks like the wave is standing still**

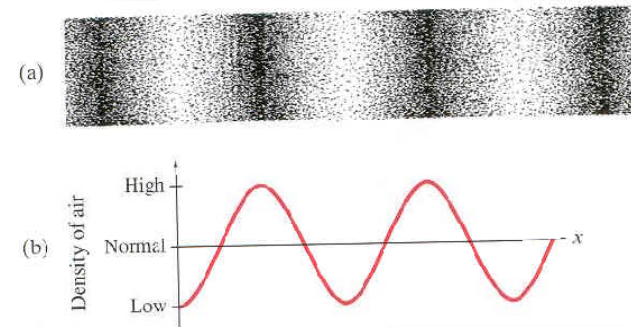
# Transverse vs Longitudinal Waves

**Transverse:** Displacement of particle is perpendicular to the direction of wave propagation

**Longitudinal:** Displacement (vibration) of particles is along same direction as motion of wave



- Sound (fluids...)
- Ocean currents
- top vs bottom

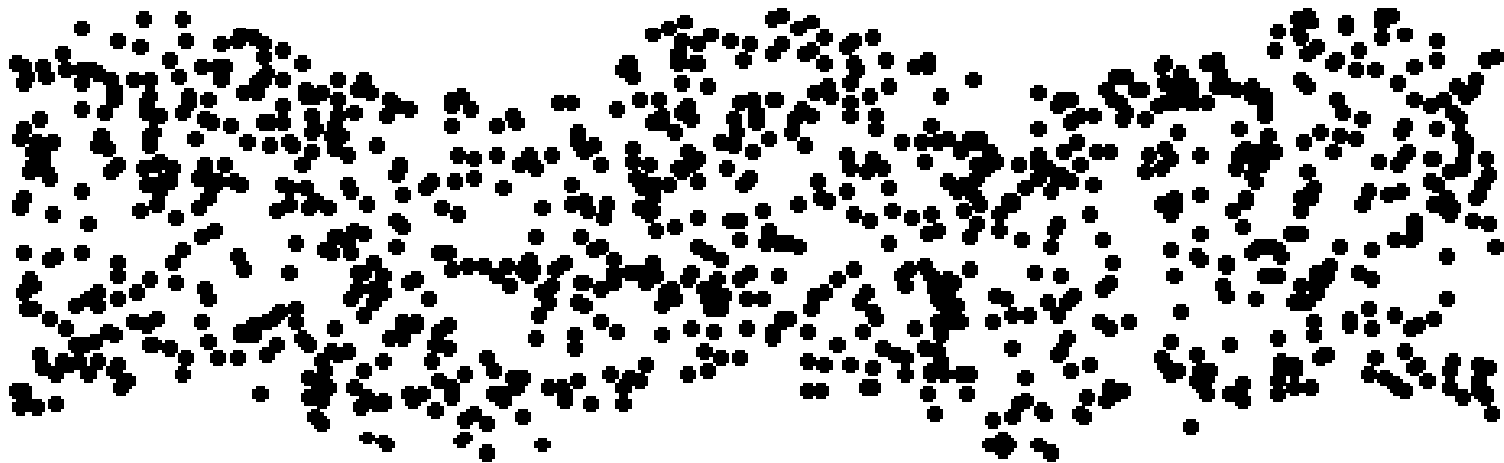


**Traveling Waves** - they travel from one point to another - Nodes move  
**Standing Waves** - they look like they're standing still - Nodes do not move

# Transverse Waves

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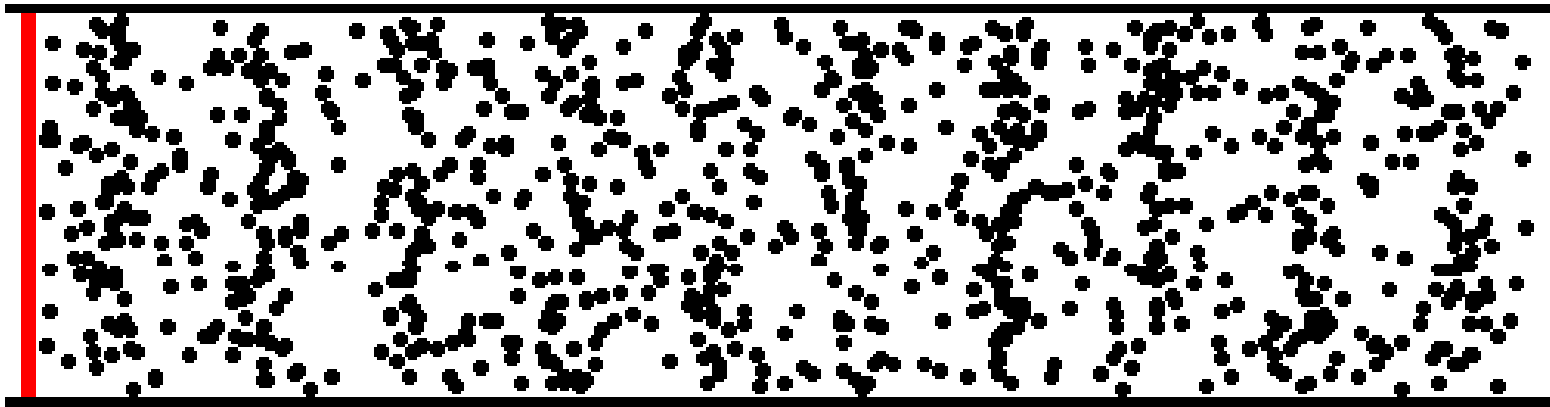
In a transverse wave the motion of the particles of the medium is perpendicular to the direction of the wave's travel



# Longitudinal Waves

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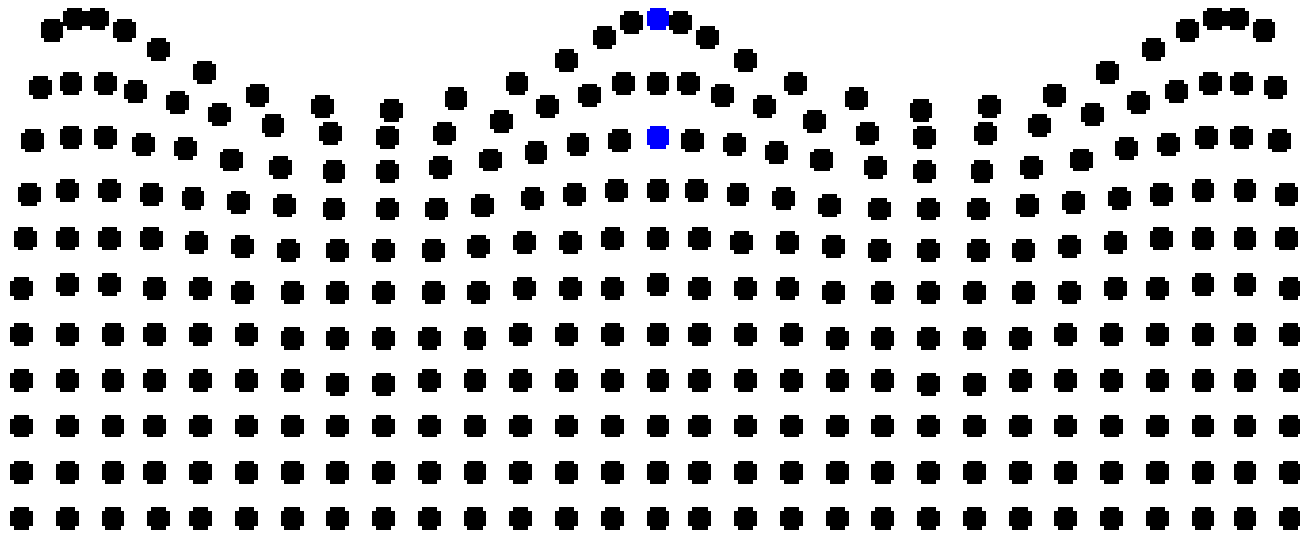
A longitudinal pulse travels along the medium but does not involve the transport of matter ... just energy



Here are periodic longitudinal waves – pick a single particle and follow its motion as the wave goes by

# A Wave on the Water

A water wave is a combination of a **longitudinal** and a **transverse** wave ... notice how the blue dots make a circular motion:

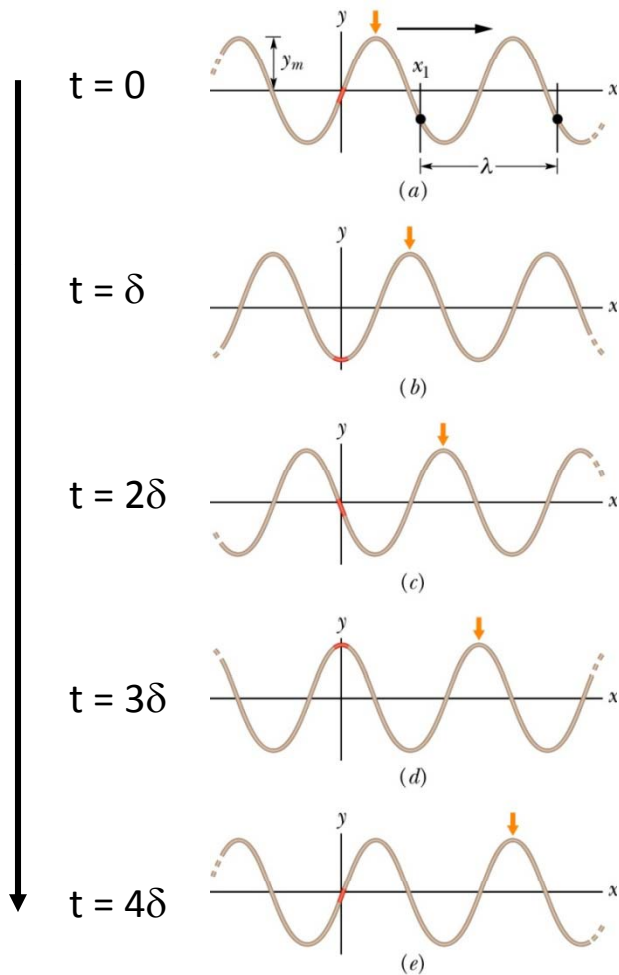


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# Description of *transverse* traveling wave

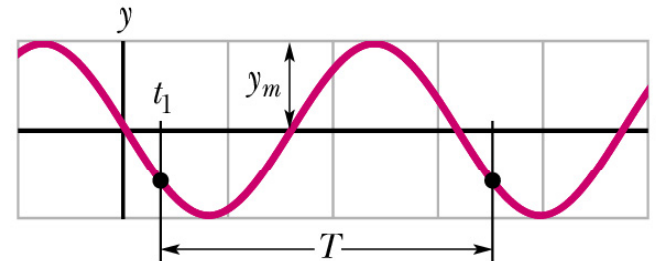
Displacement (y) versus position (x)



$$y(x,0) = y_{\max} \sin(kx) \quad k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

Spatially Periodic ( repeats ) :  $k\lambda = 2\pi$

Temporally Periodic ( repeats ) :  $\omega T = 2\pi$



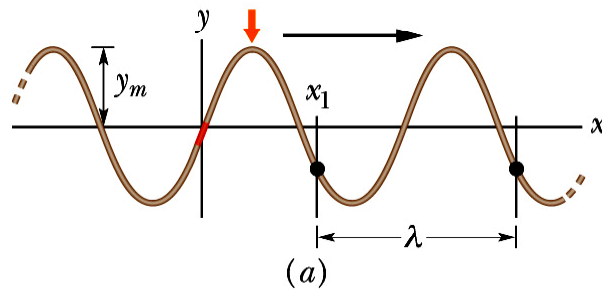
$$y(0,t) = y_{\max} \sin(-\omega t) \quad \omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

**Displacement versus time does not show "shape"**

# Description of transverse wave

- To describe a wave (particle) on a “string” , the transverse displacement (y) depends on both the position (x) along the string and the time (t)

Displacement Y versus position X

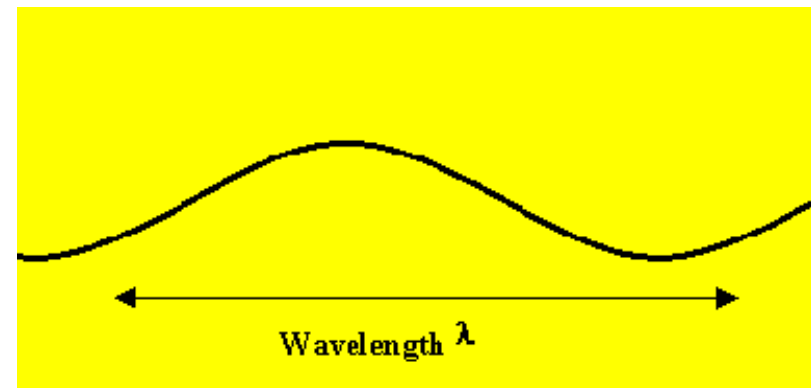


Spatially Periodic ( it repeats )

$$vT = \lambda$$

velocity \* period  
is wavelength

Displacement Y versus time t



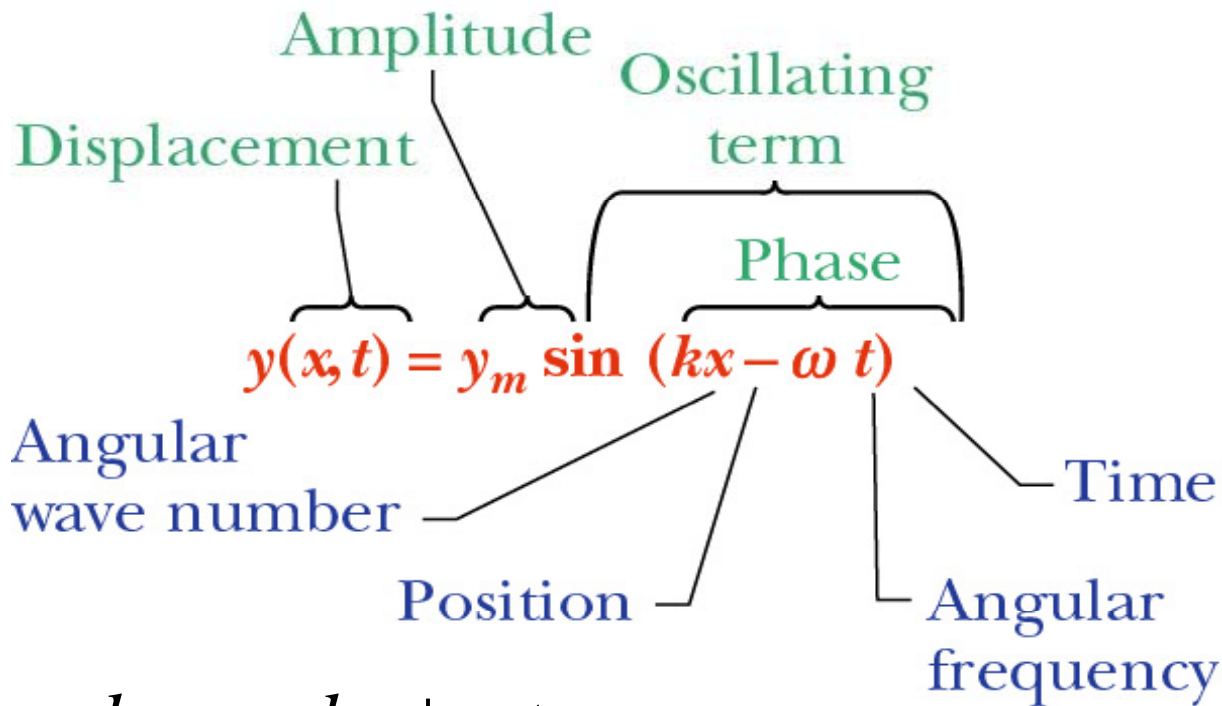
Temporally Periodic ( it repeats )

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

period &  
frequency

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

# Description of traveling wave: mathematical



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

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

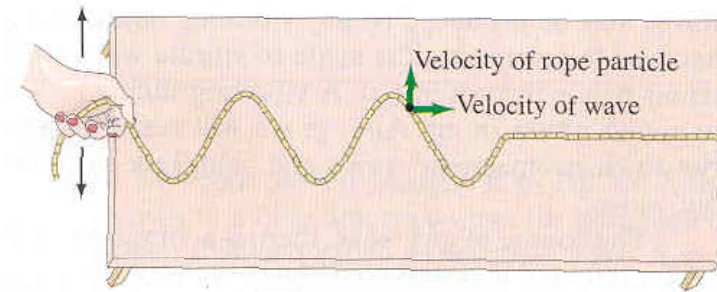
phase :  $kx \pm \omega t$

$kx - \omega t \Rightarrow$  Wave traveling in + x direction

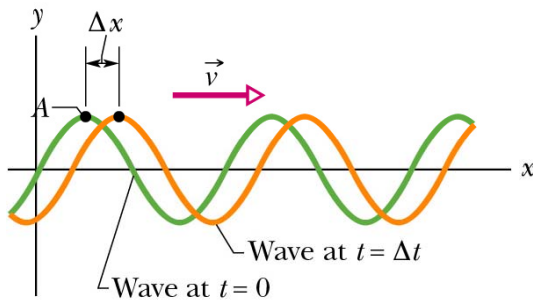
$kx + \omega t \Rightarrow$  Wave traveling in - x direction

**What is the velocity at which the wave crests move?**

# Wave speed



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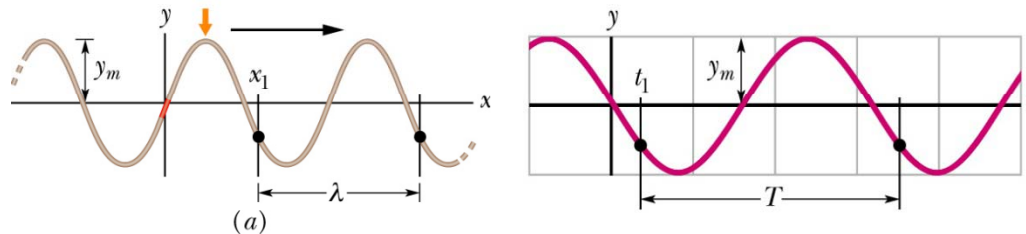


phase :  $kx - \omega t = \text{const.}$

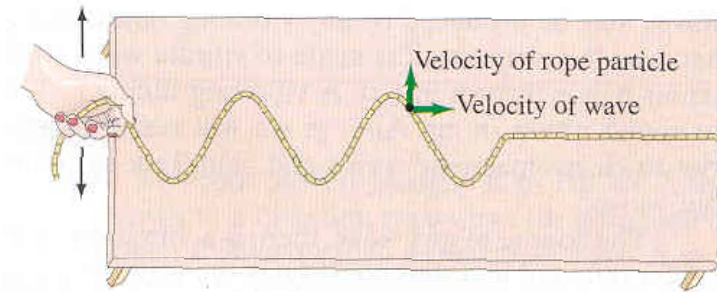
$$\Rightarrow k \frac{dx}{dt} - \omega = 0$$

$$v_{\text{wave}} = \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{\lambda}{T} = \lambda f$$

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## Velocity of particle

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

$$v_t(x, t) = -\omega y_m \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

$$|v_t(x, t)|_{\max} = \omega y_m$$

# Wavelengths of Radio Stations

Waves like radio, light, x-rays etc. are part of the electromagnetic spectrum. They travel with a velocity:

$$v = c = \text{speed of light}$$

$$= 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

What is the wavelength of talk radio WJBO am 1150?

$$f = 1150 \text{ kHz} = 1150 \times 10^3 \text{ Hz}$$

$$= 1.15 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{1.15 \times 10^6 / \text{s}}$$

$$= 261 \text{ m}$$

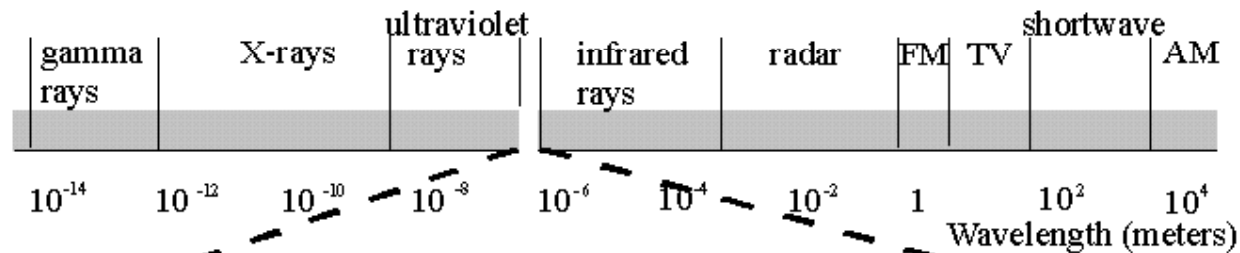
What is the wavelength of KLSU fm 91.1?

$$f = 91.1 \text{ MHz} = 91.1 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz}$$

$$= 9.11 \times 10^7 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{9.11 \times 10^7 / \text{s}}$$

$$= 3.29 \text{ m}$$



# Problems

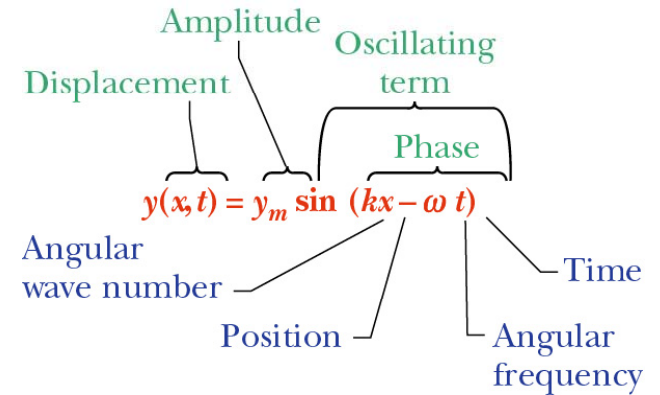
## Sample problem 16

A wave traveling along a string is described by:  $y(x,t) = 0.00327 \sin(72.1x - 2.72t)$   
in which the numerical constants are in SI units (0.00327 m, 72.1 rad/m, and 2.72 rad/s).

- a) Which direction are the waves traveling? Positive x-direction
- b) What is the amplitude of the waves?  $y_{\max} = 0.00327 \text{ m} = 3.27 \text{ mm}$
- c) What is the wavelength?  $k = 72.1 \text{ rad/m} \rightarrow \lambda = 0.0871 \text{ m} = 87.1 \text{ mm}$
- d) What is the period?  $\omega = 2.72 \text{ rad/s} \rightarrow T = 2.31 \text{ s}$
- e) What is the frequency?  $T = 2.31 \text{ s} \rightarrow f = 0.433 \text{ Hz}$
- f) What is the velocity of the wave ( $v_w$ )?  $v_w = \omega / k = \lambda f = 38 \text{ mm/s}$
- g) What is the displacement  $y$  at  $x = 22.5 \text{ cm}$  and  $t = 18.9 \text{ s}$ ?  $y = 1.92 \text{ mm}$   
make sure your calculator is in radians
- h) What is  $u$ , (or  $v_t$ ) the transverse velocity, at  $x = 22.5 \text{ cm}$  and  $t = 18.9 \text{ s}$ ?  $u = -\omega y_m \cos(kx - \omega t)$
- i) What is  $a_t$ , the transverse acceleration, at  $x = 22.5 \text{ cm}$  and  $t = 18.9 \text{ s}$ ?  $a_t = -\omega^2 y(x,t)$

# Problems

(a) write an equation describing a sinusoidal transverse wave traveling on a cord in the +x direction with a wavelength of 10 cm, a frequency of 400 Hz, and an amplitude of 2.0 cm.



$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} = \frac{2\pi \cdot \text{rad}}{(0.10 \cdot \text{m})} = 62.8 \cdot \text{rad/m}$$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi f = 2\pi \cdot \text{rad}(400 \cdot 1/\text{s}) = 2513 \cdot \text{rad/s}$$

$$y(x,t) = (0.02 \cdot \text{m}) \sin[(62.8 \cdot \text{rad/m})x - (2513 \cdot \text{rad/s})t]$$

(b) What is the maximum speed of a point on the cord

$$|u|_{\text{max}} = \omega y_{\text{max}} = (2513 \cdot \text{s}^{-1})(0.02 \cdot \text{m}) = 50.3 \cdot \text{m/s}$$

(c) What is the speed of the wave?

$$v_{\text{wave}} = \frac{\lambda}{T} = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{2513 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}}{62.8 \cdot \text{m}^{-1}} = 40 \cdot \text{m/s}$$