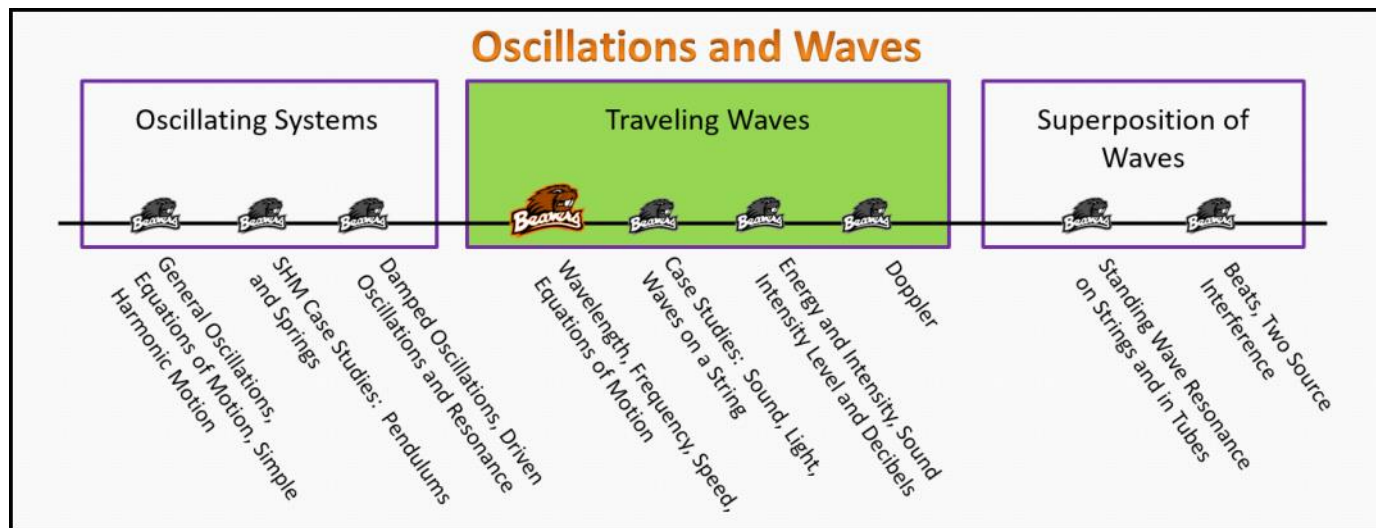


# Traveling Waves

## Foundation Stage (TW.2.L1)

### Lecture 1

#### Wavelength, Frequency, Speed, Equations of Motion



**Textbook Chapters** (\* Calculus version)

- o **BoxSand** :: KC videos ( [Traveling Waves](#) )
- o **Knight** (College Physics : A strategic approach 3<sup>rd</sup>) :: 14.1 ; 14.2 ; 14.3 ; 14.4
- o **\*Knight** (Physics for Scientists and Engineers 4<sup>th</sup>) :: 15.1 ; 15.2 ; 15.3 ; 15.4
- o **Giancoli** (Physics Principles with Applications 7<sup>th</sup>) :: 11-1 ; 11-2 ; 11-3

**Warm up**

**TW.2.L1-1:**

**Description:** Using a graphing device, plot a sin function and determine its motion based on adding and subtracting a constant in the argument.

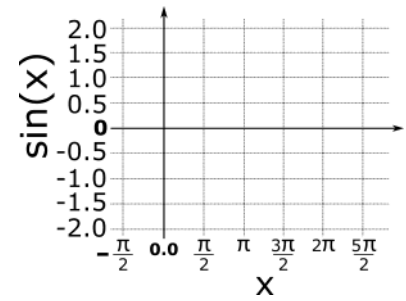
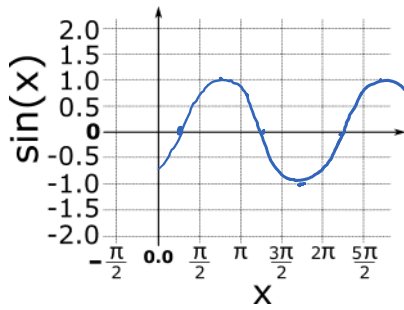
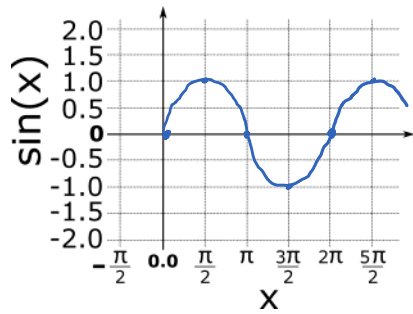
**Learning Objectives:** [?] - Can you identify the objectives from the previous lecture, and this lecture, that this question is relevant to?

**Problem Statement:** Using your favorite graphing device (e.g. graphing calculator, WolframAlpha, Mathematica, MATLAB, etc..) sketch the following plots on the given graphs below from  $x = -\pi/2$  and  $x = 2\pi$ .

(a)  $\sin(x)$

(b)  $\sin(x - \pi/8)$

(c)  $\sin(x + \pi/8)$



(d) What can you conclude about the direction of motion of the sin function if you subtract or add a value in the argument?

*Sin (x - something) moves the wave to the right*

### Selected Learning Objectives

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### Key Terms

- Mechanical wave
- Electromagnetic wave
- Matter wave
- Gravity wave
- Transverse wave
- Longitudinal wave
- Combination of transverse and longitudinal waves
- Wavelength
- Wave number
- Wave speed
- Oscillator speed
- Snapshot graph
- History graph

### Key Equations

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### Key Concepts

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### Questions

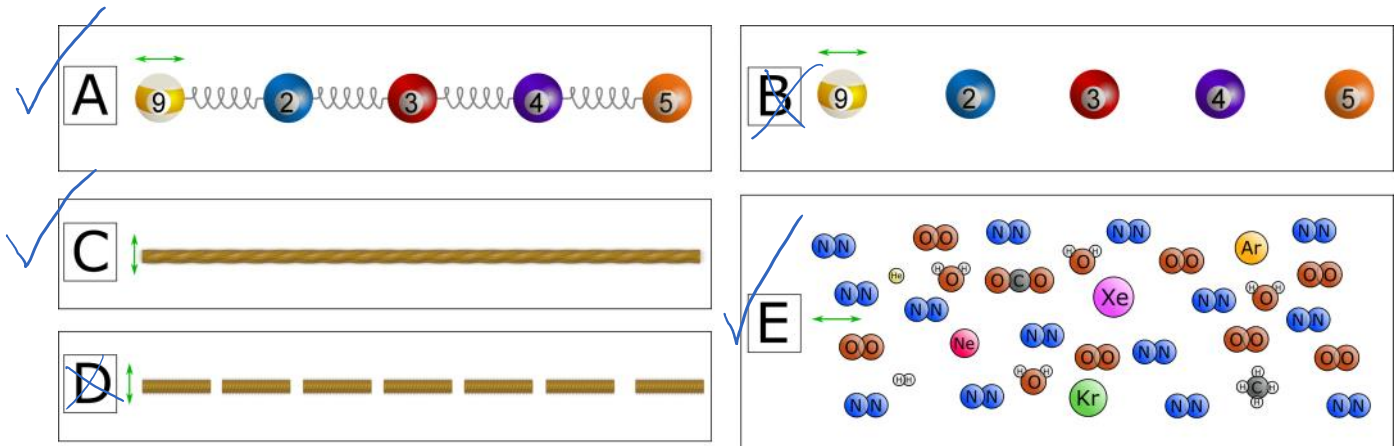
### Act I: Classifying Waves

**TW.2.L1-2:**

**Description:** Conceptual question about features of oscillators. (3 minutes)

**Learning Objectives:** [1, 12, 13]

**Problem Statement:** Which system would sustain a traveling wave if you wiggled the left most end?



**TW.2.L1-3:**

**Description:** Given graphs of potential energy vs position identify non-oscillatory motion. (3 minutes)

**Learning Objectives:** [1, 12, 13]

**Problem Statement:** Which of the following are necessarily true about traveling waves?





- (1) Traveling waves transport energy from one location to another.
- (2) Traveling waves are a collection of many oscillators.
- (3) Traveling waves transport matter from one location to another.
- (4) Traveling waves have a velocity that is dependent on the medium though which the wave travels.
- (5) Traveling waves have a frequency determined by the source of the wave.

**TW.2.L1-4:**

**Description:** Conceptual question about features of oscillators. (2 minutes + 2 minutes + 2 minutes + 2 minutes)

**Learning Objectives:** [1, 12, 13]

**Problem Statement:** Match the wave phenomena with the wave type.



- (a) Crowd at sporting event. 
  - (b) Diffraction pattern of accelerated electrons through two small slits. 
  - (c) HAM Radio waves. 
  - (d) A ripple of space-time. 
- (1) Gravity wave.
  - (2) Electromagnetic wave.
  - (3) Matter wave.
  - (4) Mechanical wave.

**TW.2.L1-5:**

**Description:** Given graphs of potential energy vs position identify simple harmonic oscillators. (3 minutes)

**Learning Objectives:** [1, 12, 13]

**Problem Statement:** Match the wave phenomena with the mode of the wave.

- (a) Crowd at sporting event. 
  - (b) Earthquake wave. 
  - (c) Water wave. 
- (1) Transverse wave.
  - (2) Longitudinal wave.
  - (3) Combination of transverse and longitudinal.

## Act II: Characteristics of Waves

**TW.2.L1-6:**

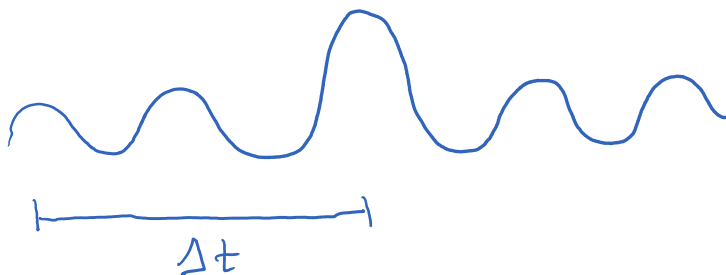
**Description:** Given force equations as a function of displacement from equilibrium, identify which would give rise to simple harmonic motion. (3 minutes)

**Learning Objectives:** [1, 12, 13]

**Problem Statement:** A friend shows you a picture of a series of periodic ripple on the surface of a pond from a stone thrown into the pond.

(a) Your friend tells you the picture was taken 2.3 seconds after the source began emitting the wave. From this picture what can you determine?

- (1) Wave length.  $\leftarrow \Delta t / 2$
- (2) Period.  $\leftarrow$
- (3) Frequency.  $\leftarrow \frac{1}{T} = \frac{2}{\Delta t}$
- (4) Wave speed.
- (6) Amplitude.



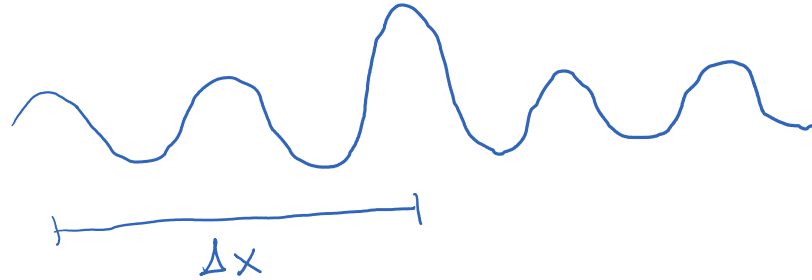
(b) What if your friend showed you the picture and instead only told you that the outermost ripple is 10.0 m from the source of the ripples. What could you determine then?

- (1) Wave length.  $\leftarrow \Delta x / 2$
- (2) Period.
- (3) Frequency.
- (4) Wave speed.
- (6) Amplitude.

*if you also know  $\Delta t$  from previous question, then*



from previous question, then you can find these.



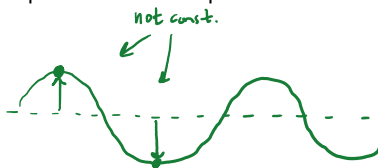
**TW.2.L1-7:**

**Description:** Conceptual question about period for simple harmonic motion. (2 minutes)

**Learning Objectives:** [1, 12, 13]

**Problem Statement:** With regards to traveling waves in one medium, which of the following are constants in both space and time?

- (1) Wave speed. ← determined by medium
- (2) Frequency. ← determined by source!
- (3) Oscillator speed.
- (4) Wavelength. ← result of 1+2 ↗
- (5) Displacement from equilibrium.



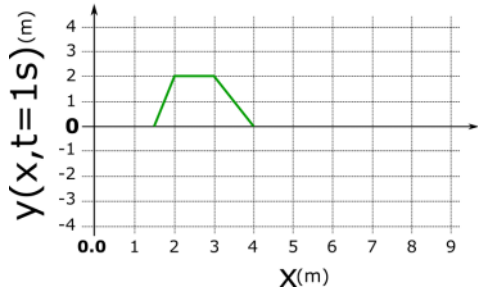
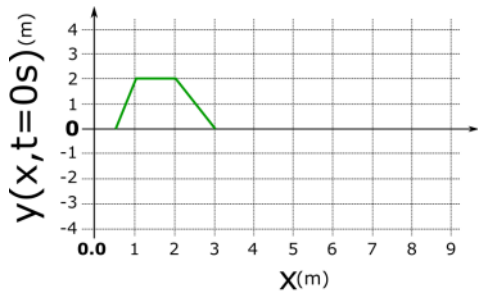
**Act III: Equation Modeling**

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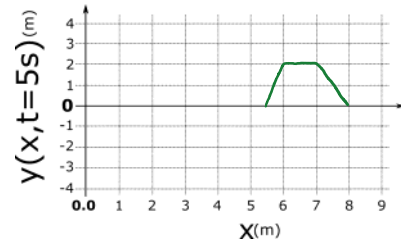
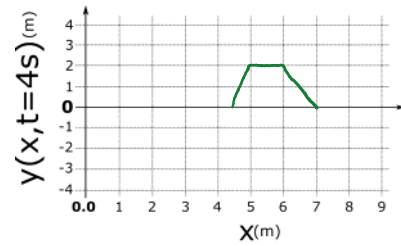
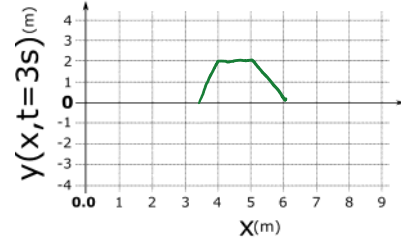
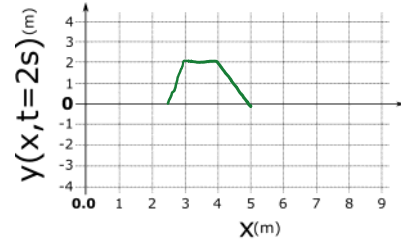
**Description:** Conceptual question about equilibrium position for simple harmonic motion. (4 minutes)

**Learning Objectives:** [1, 12, 13]

**Problem Statement:** Consider the two snapshots of a wave pulse traveling along the x-direction. Assume the pulse does not change its shape in the time intervals we are interested in.



(b) Sketch the wave pulse at  $t = 2$  s, 3 s, 4 s, and 5 s.



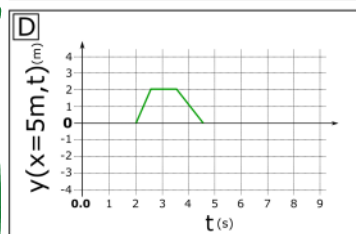
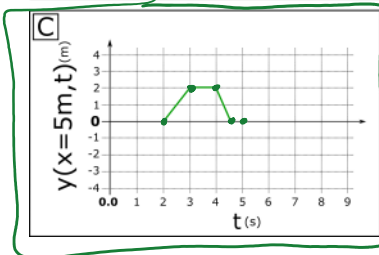
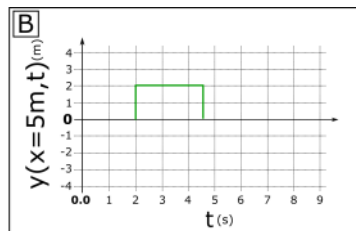
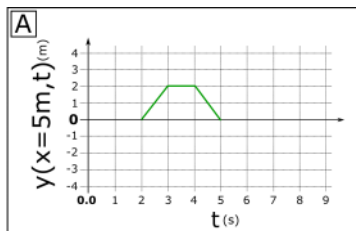
(a) What is the speed of the wave?

1 m/s

$x = 5\text{m}$

$t$ (s)	$y$ (m)
0	0
1	0
2	0
3	2
4	2
4.5	0
5	0

(c) Which of the following plots represents the history graph for the wave pulse at  $x = 5$  meters?

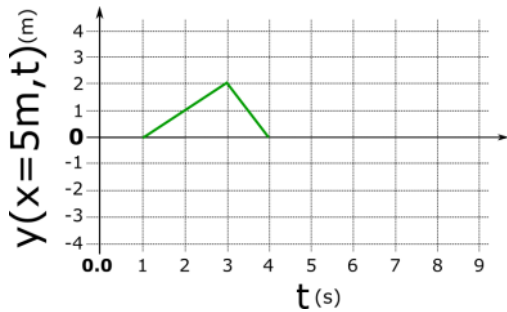


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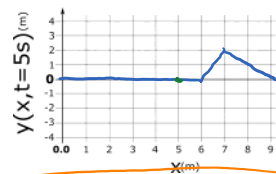
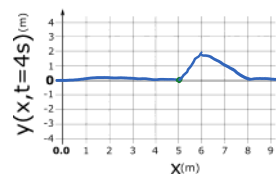
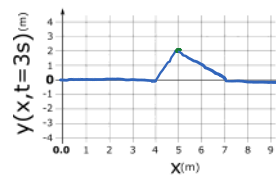
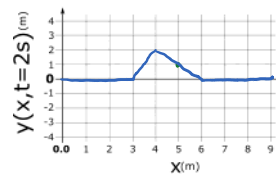
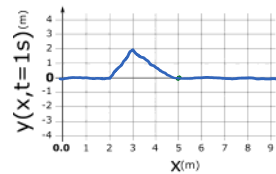
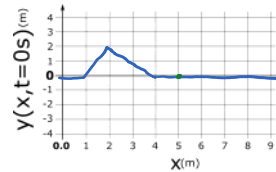
**Description:** Complete an energy flow diagram for a SHO. (3 minutes)

**Learning Objectives:** [1, 12, 13]

**Problem Statement:** Consider the history plot for a traveling wave pulse that maintains its shape. The history plot was created at  $x = 5$  m. Sketch snapshots of the wave pulse on the provided graphs given that the pulse has a speed of 1 m/s to the right.

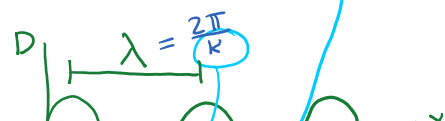
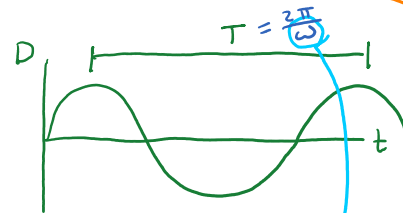


I drew the green dots on each graph → first, then  $t=2$ s picture



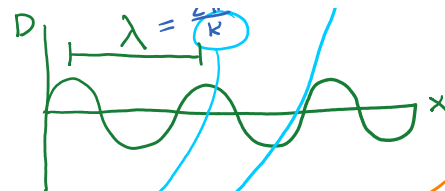
period ( $T$ ) is time it takes for one oscillation.

Wavelength ( $\lambda$ ) is 1.1... for one





Wavelength ( $\lambda$ ) is distance for one oscillation



**TW.2.L1-10:**

**Description:** Conceptual question relating energy and amplitude of a simple harmonic oscillator. (3 minutes)

**Learning Objectives:** [1, 12, 13]

**Problem Statement:** A traveling wave is modeled by the equation  $D(x,t) = 45 \sin(0.5x - 2t)$ , where  $D$  and  $x$  are in meters,  $t$  is in seconds, and all other constants are in SI units.

(a) What is the amplitude of the wave?

$$45 \text{ m}$$

(b) What is the period of the wave?

$$\omega = 2 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sec}}$$

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

(c) What is the wavelength of the wave?

$$k = 0.5 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{meter}} \leftarrow \text{spatial frequency}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k} = 4\pi \text{ meters}$$

(d) What is the wave speed?

$$v = \lambda f$$

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

$$= (4\pi \text{ m}) \left( \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{\text{s}} \right)$$

$$v = 4 \text{ m/s}$$

(e) Does the wave travel in the positive x-direction or negative x-direction?

+x direction

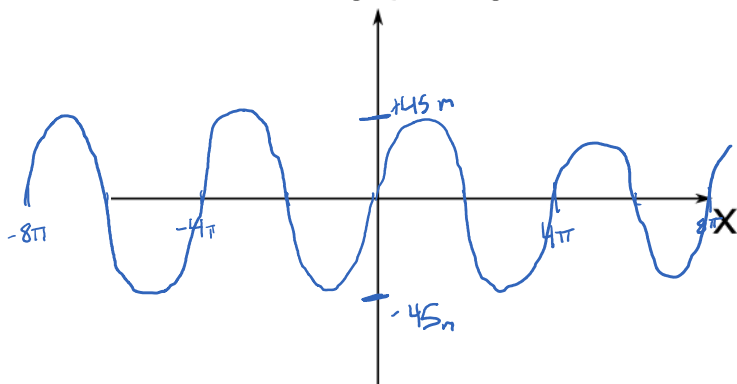
(f) What mode of wave is this?

could be either transverse or long.!

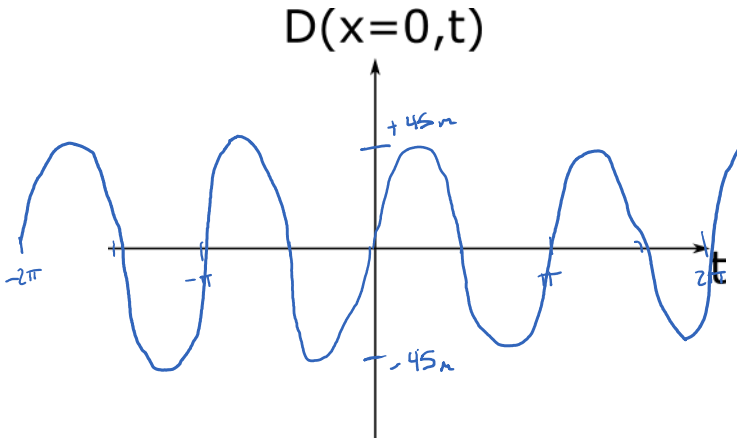
(g) A traveling wave is modeled by the equation  $D(x,t) = 45 \sin(0.5x - 2t)$ , where  $D$  and  $x$  are in meters,  $t$  is in seconds, and all other constants are in SI units. Sketch a snapshot of the wave at  $t = 0$  s as a function of position. Include about two oscillations in both the positive and negative x region.

$D(x,t=0)$

$$\Rightarrow D(x,0) = 45 \sin(0.5x)$$



(h) A traveling wave is modeled by the equation  $D(x,t) = 45 \sin(0.5x - 2t)$ , where  $D$  and  $x$  are in meters,  $t$  is in seconds, and all other constants are in SI units. Sketch the displacement from equilibrium of the wave at  $x = 0$  as a function of time. Include about two oscillations in both the positive and negative t regions.



**TW.2.L1-11:**

**Description:** Energy analysis for a SHO. (6 minutes)

**Learning Objectives:** [1, 12, 13]

**Problem Statement:** A traveling wave is modeled by the graphical representations shown below, a snapshot and a history graph are shown below for  $t = 0$  s and  $x = 0$  s respectively.

(a) What is the amplitude of the wave?

$\lambda = 1.5 \text{ m}$

(b) What is the period of the wave?

$0.37 \text{ sec} \rightarrow 0.87 \text{ sec}$   
 $\Rightarrow T = 0.5 \text{ sec}$

(c) What is the wavelength of the wave?

$0.5 \text{ m} \rightarrow 2.5 \text{ m}$   
 $\lambda = 2 \text{ m}$

(d) What is the wave speed?

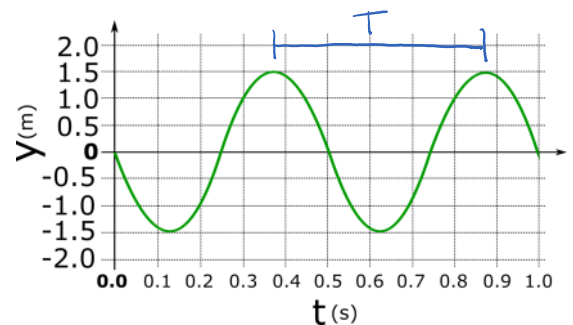
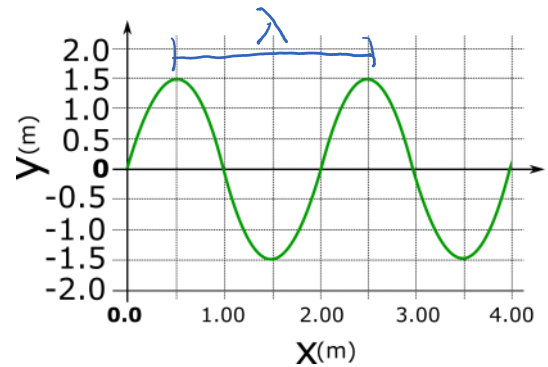
$v = \lambda f = \frac{\lambda}{T} = 4 \text{ m/s}$

(e) Does the wave travel in the positive x-direction or negative x-direction?

can't tell

(f) What mode of wave is this?

$y(x, t) \Rightarrow$  transverse



(f) What mode of wave is this?

$y(x,t) \Rightarrow$  transverse

t(s)

(g) Which of the following equations is a correct mathematical representation for this traveling wave assuming all constants are SI units?

(1)  $D(x,t) = 1.5 \sin(\pi x - 4\pi t)$

(2)  $D(x,t) = 1.5 \sin(2x - 0.5t)$

(3)  $D(x,t) = 1.5 \cos(2x - 0.5t)$

(4)  $D(x,t) = -1.5 \sin(-\pi x + 4\pi t)$

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} = \frac{2\pi}{2} = \pi \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{m}}$$

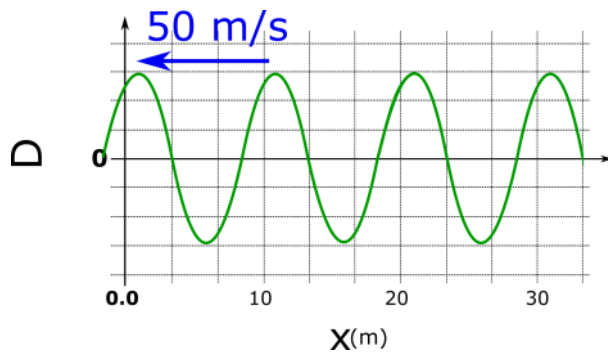
$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = \frac{2\pi}{\frac{1}{2}} = 4\pi \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sec}}$$

**TW.2.L1-12:**

**Description:** Conceptual question about angular frequency vs angular velocity. (4 minutes)

**Learning Objectives:** [1, 12, 13]

**Problem Statement:** What is the frequency of this traveling wave?



$$\lambda = 10 \text{ m}$$

$$v = 50 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v = f\lambda$$

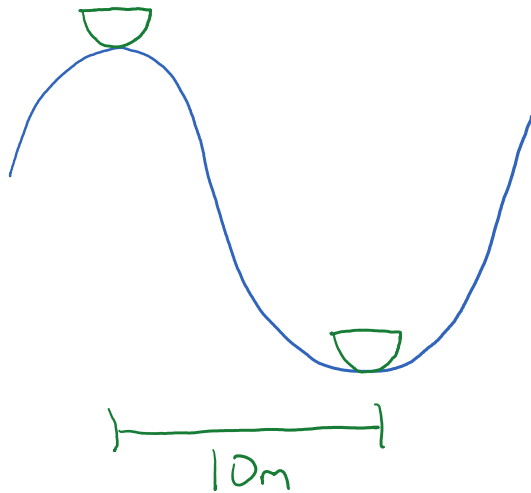
$$f = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{50 \text{ m/s}}{10 \text{ m}} = \boxed{5 \text{ Hz}}$$

**TW.2.L1-13:**

**Description:** Given a mass-spring system and initial conditions via written description and physical representation, identify the correct graphical representation. Find sign of velocities and accelerations at specific points. (3 minutes + 5 minutes + 5 minutes + 3 minutes).

**Learning Objectives:** [1, 12, 13]

**Problem Statement:** Two canoes are 10 m apart on a lake. Each bobs up and down with a period of 4.0 seconds. When one canoe is at its highest point, the other canoe is at its lowest point. Both canoes are always within a single cycle of the waves. Determine the speed of the waves.



$$T = 4 \text{ sec}$$

$$\leftarrow \frac{1}{2} \lambda = 10 \text{ m}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 20 \text{ m}$$

$$v = \lambda f = \lambda \frac{1}{T} = \boxed{5 \text{ m/s}}$$

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### Conceptual questions for discussion

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### Hints

TW.2.L1-1: No hints.

TW.2.L1-2: No hints.

TW.2.L1-3: No hints.

TW.2.L1-4: No hints.

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