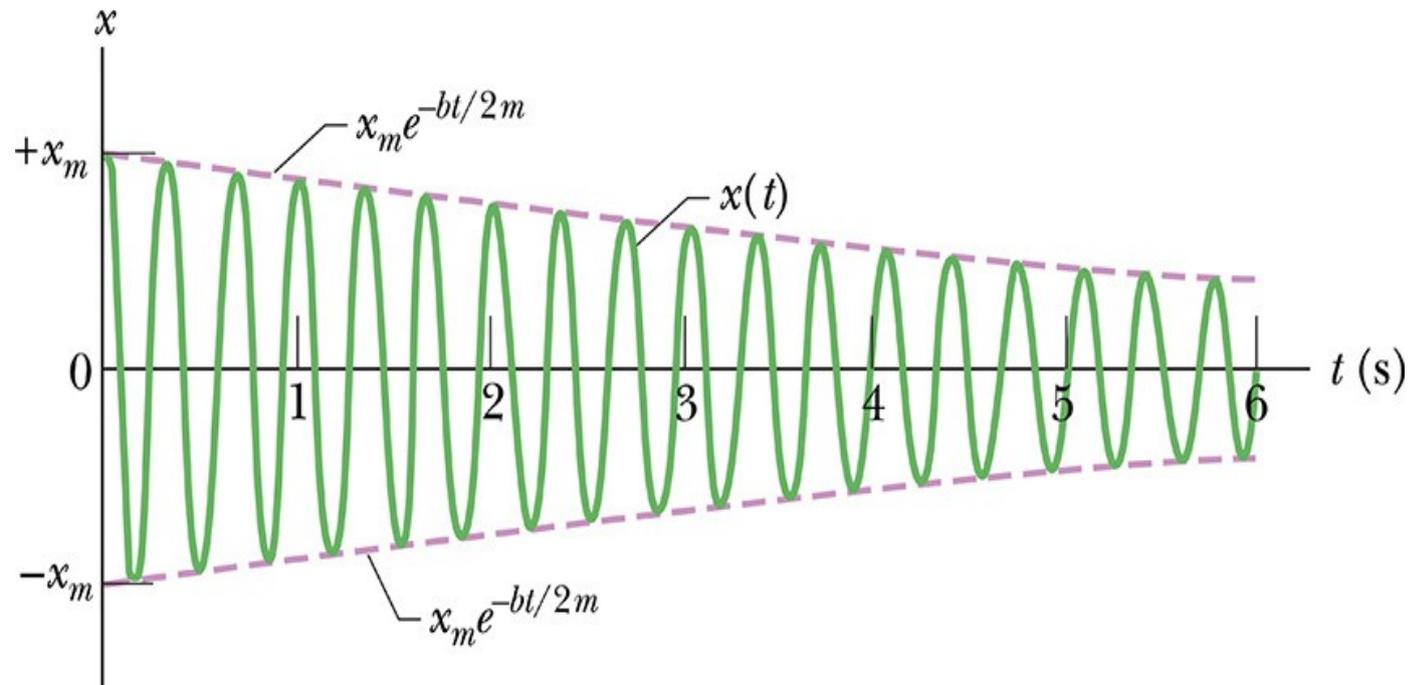


# Damped Simple Harmonic Motion

$$x(t) = x_m e^{-\frac{bt}{2m}} \cos(\omega' t + \phi) \quad \omega' = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{b^2}{4m^2}}$$



- Exponentially decreasing envelope of harmonic motion
- Shift in frequency

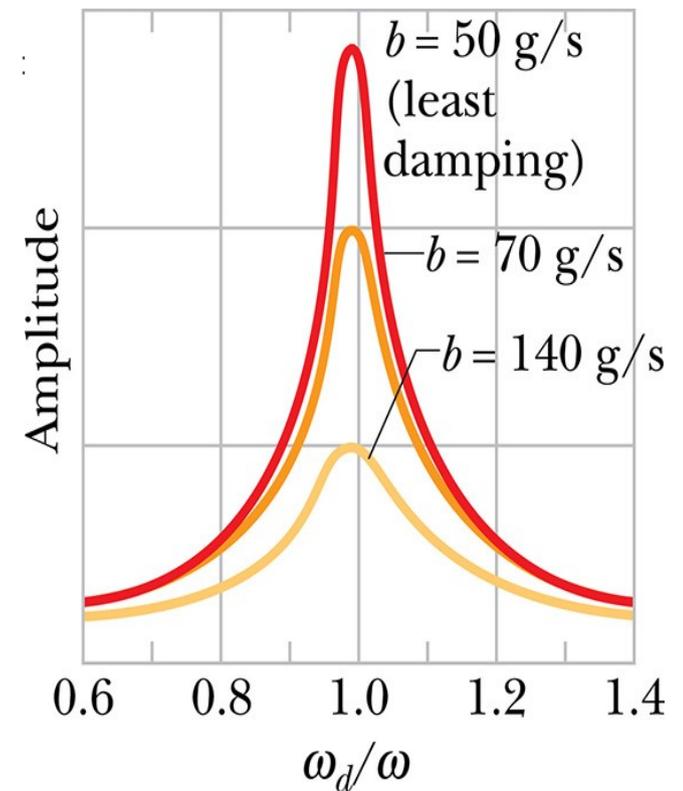
# Forced Oscillations

$$x(t) = x_m \sin(\omega_d t + \phi_0) \quad x_m = \text{Amplitude}$$

$$x_m = \frac{F_m}{m \sqrt{\left(\frac{b}{m} \omega_d\right)^2 + (\omega_d^2 - \omega_0^2)^2}}$$

Very large if damping is small and  $\omega_d = \omega_0$  :

This is when bridges fail, buildings collapse, lasers oscillate, microwaves cook food, swings swing, radio stations transmit, radios receive, ...



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## Types of Waves:

- **Mechanical Waves**

- Water Waves
- Acoustic Waves (Pressure waves)
- Seismic Waves
- ...

- **Electro-magnetic Waves:**

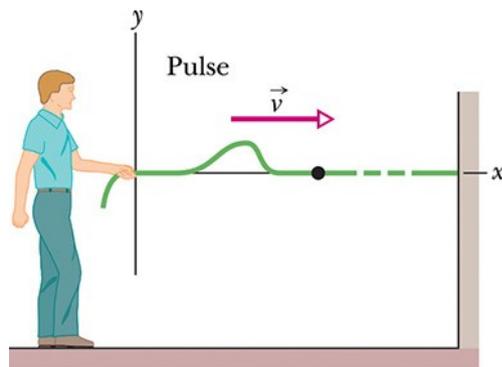
- Visible
- Infrared (IR)
- Ultraviolet (UV)
- Radio waves
- X-rays
- ...

- **Matter Waves:**

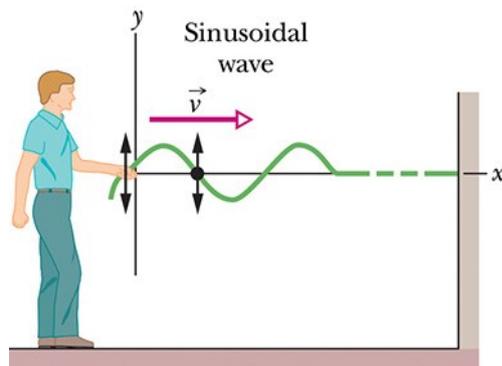
- Electrons
- Protons
- ... everything ... but now we are deep in quantum mechanics...

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Transverse



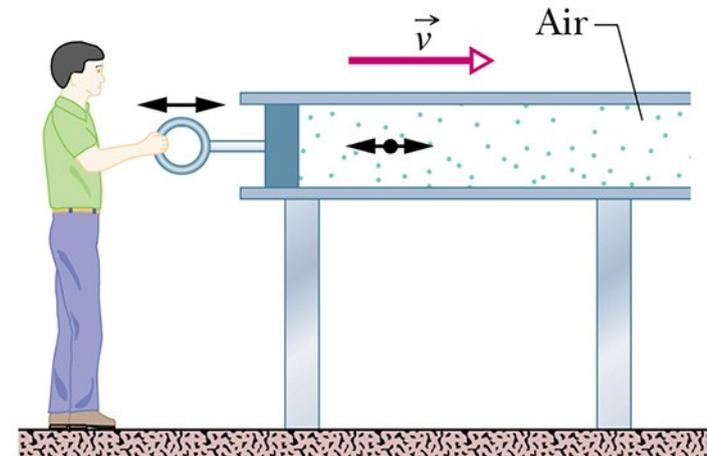
(a)



(b)

and  
Waves:

longitudinal



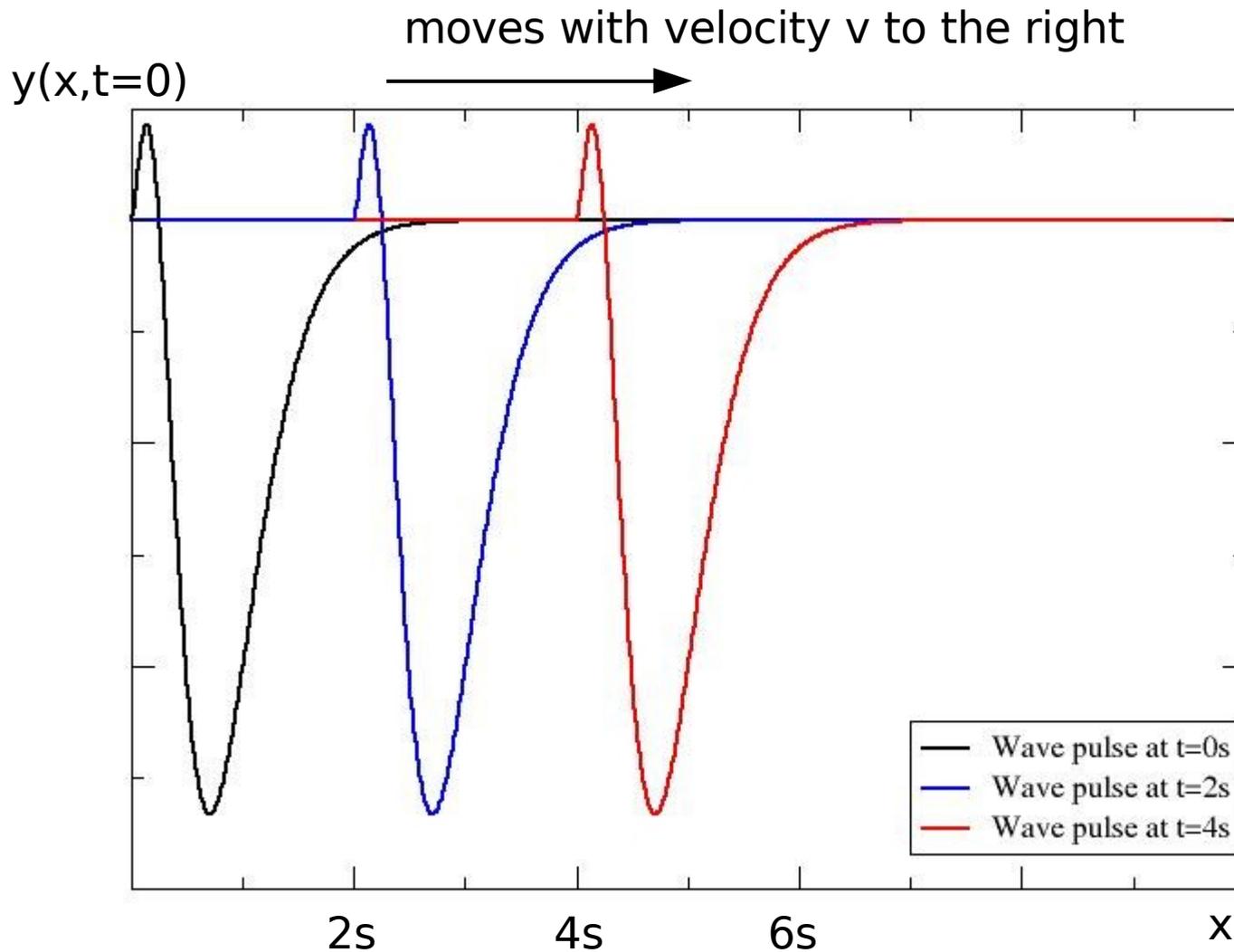
## **Transversal waves:**

Something moves perpendicular (transversal) to the propagation direction of the wave (or wave pulse)

## **Longitudinal waves:**

Something moves parallel and anti-parallel (longitudinal) to the propagation direction of the wave (or wave pulse)

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$$y(x, t) = y(x - vt)$$

describes the change of  $y$  as a function of  $x$  and  $t$ .

Similar to moving into a coordinate system where the pulse is stationary.

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$y(x,t)=y(x-vt)$  describes the change of  $y$  as a function of  $x$  and  $t$ .

One possible wave is a sinusoidal (harmonic) wave:

$$y(x,t)=y_m \sin(kx-\omega t) \quad \rightarrow \quad v=\omega/k \quad \text{(Phase velocity)}$$

$$=y_m \sin[k(x-vt)]$$

$y_m$  : Amplitude

$k$  : Angular wave number

$x$  : Position along the propagation axis

$\omega$  : Angular frequency

$t$  : Time

$\sin(kx-\omega t)$  : Oscillating term

$kx-\omega t$  : Phase

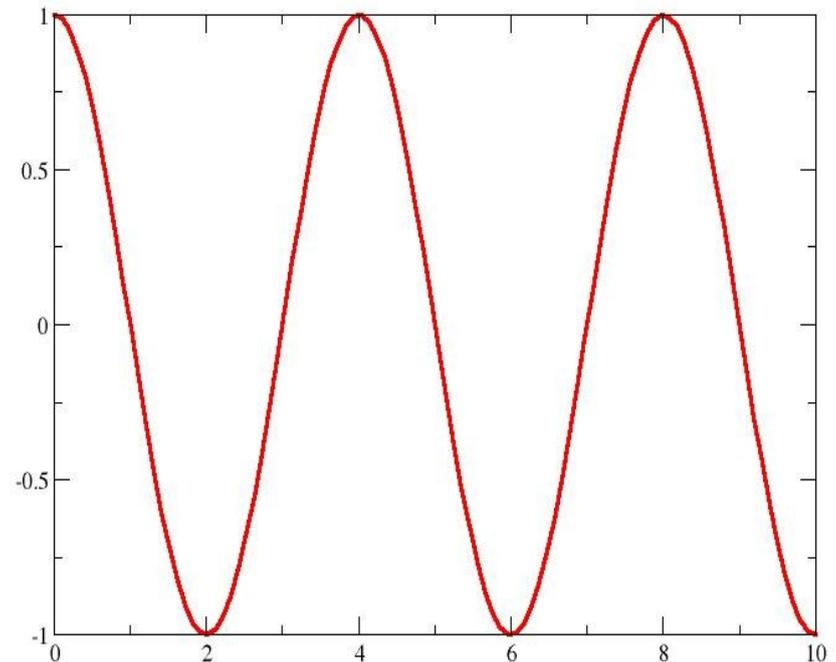
We will focus again on harmonic waves.

Why?

Superposition:

We can express every pulse as a linear combination of harmonic waves

Most of the physics problems become 'easily' solvable for harmonic waves.



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$y_m$  : Amplitude

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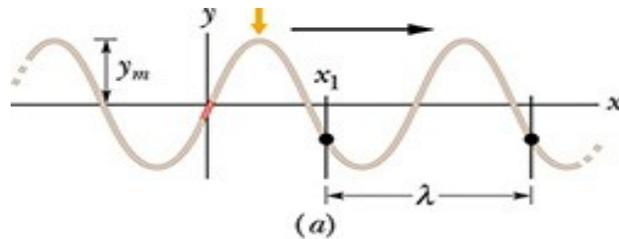
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$\omega$  : Angular frequency, Units: **rad/s**

If you observe the wave passing by at a certain location (say at  $x=0$ ), the angular frequency tells you by how many radians the wave changes in 1s.

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$$y(x,t) = y_m \sin(kx - \omega t)$$
$$= y_m \sin[k(x - vt)]$$

**Velocity of constant phase:**

**$kx - \omega t = \text{const.}$  (Phase velocity)**

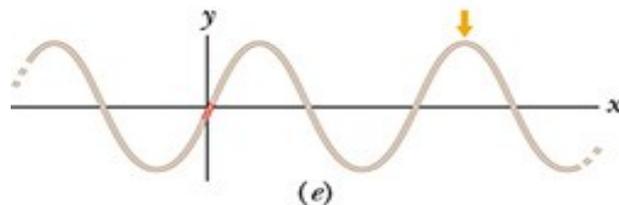
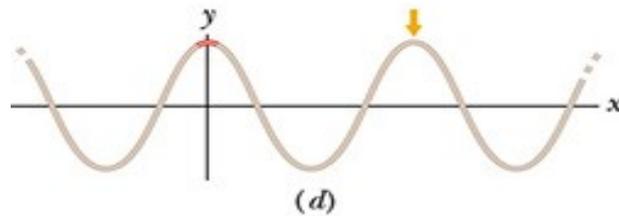
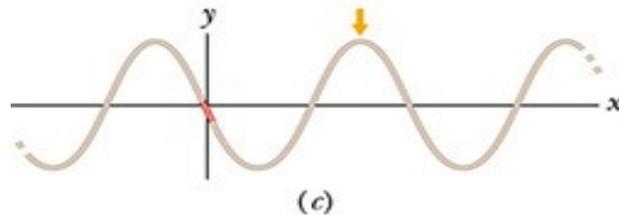
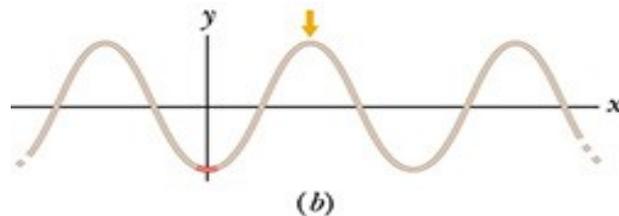
$$d/dt: kv - \omega = 0 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad v = \omega/k$$

This is the phase velocity of a wave; the only velocity we are dealing with in this class.

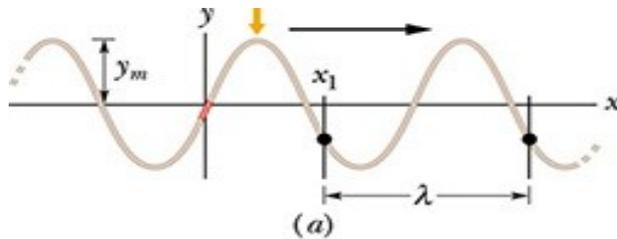
In cases where the

- amplitude becomes time dependent
- the pulse contains multiple frequency components

we can also define other velocities (group velocity, energy velocity, ...)  
Beyond this class



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

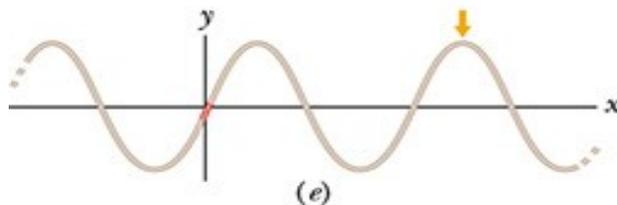
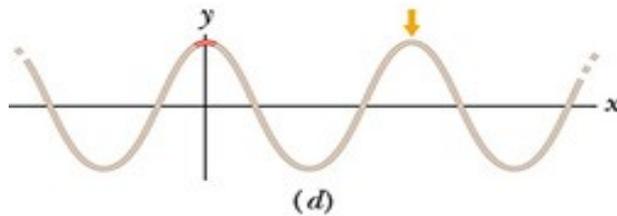
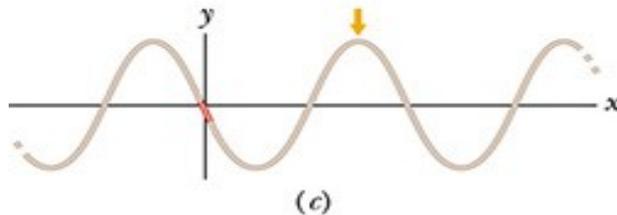
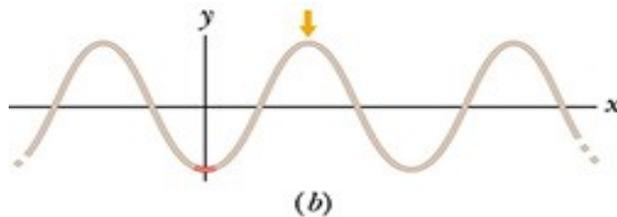
Periodic function in space and time:

$$\sin(kx - \omega t) = \sin[k(x + \lambda) - \omega t]$$

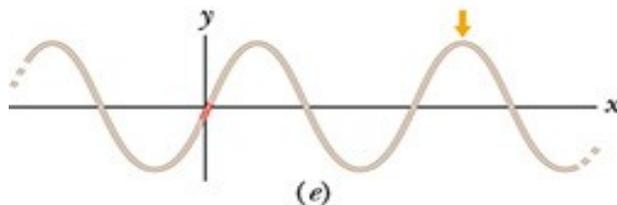
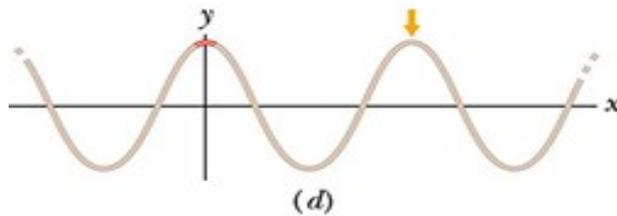
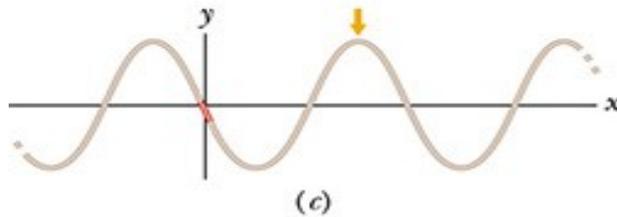
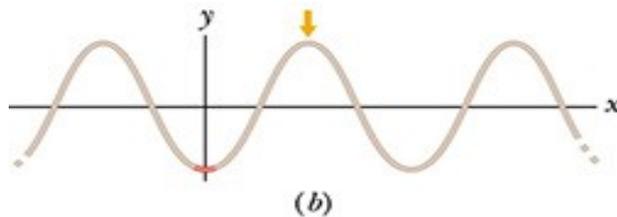
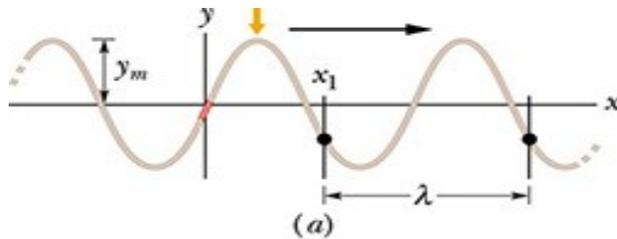
➡  $k = 2\pi/\lambda$

$\lambda$ : wave length

Take a snapshot at some time and measure the distance between similar points on a wave (say betw. local maxima)



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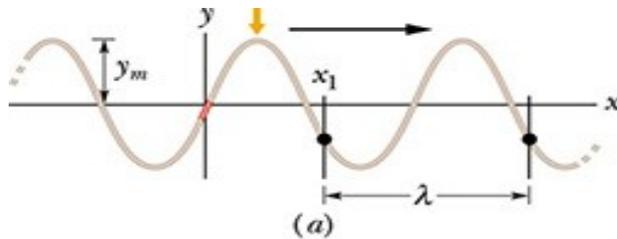
$$\sin(kx - \omega t) = \sin[kx - \omega(t + T)]$$

➡  $\omega = 2\pi/T$

**T: Period, Unit: s**

**Observe the wave passing by at specific location and measure the time it takes before the wave repeats itself, or the time between local maxima.**

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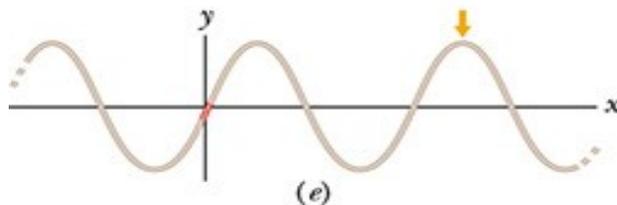
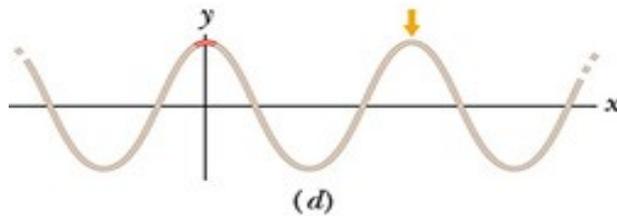
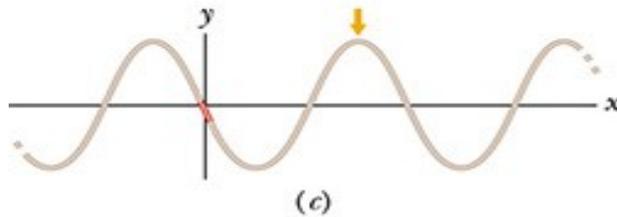
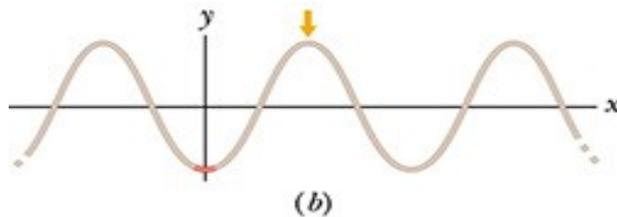
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$$\omega = 2\pi/T$$



➡  $f = 1/T$      $f$ : Frequency

➡  $v = \omega/k = f\lambda$     Velocity of sin wave

(more precise: phase velocity,  
but we only discuss one velocity)

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## Different ways to express a harmonic (sin) wave:

Traveling into the **positive** x-direction:

$$\begin{aligned}y(x,t) &= y_m \sin(kx - \omega t) && \mathbf{k: \text{angular wave number, } \omega: \text{angular frequency}} \\ &= y_m \sin[k(x - vt)] && \mathbf{k: \text{angular wave number, } v: \text{phase velocity}} \\ &= y_m \sin[2\pi(x/\lambda - t/T)] && \mathbf{\lambda: \text{wavelength, } T: \text{period}}\end{aligned}$$

Same for cosine, might also add an additional initial phase

Traveling into the **negative** x-direction:

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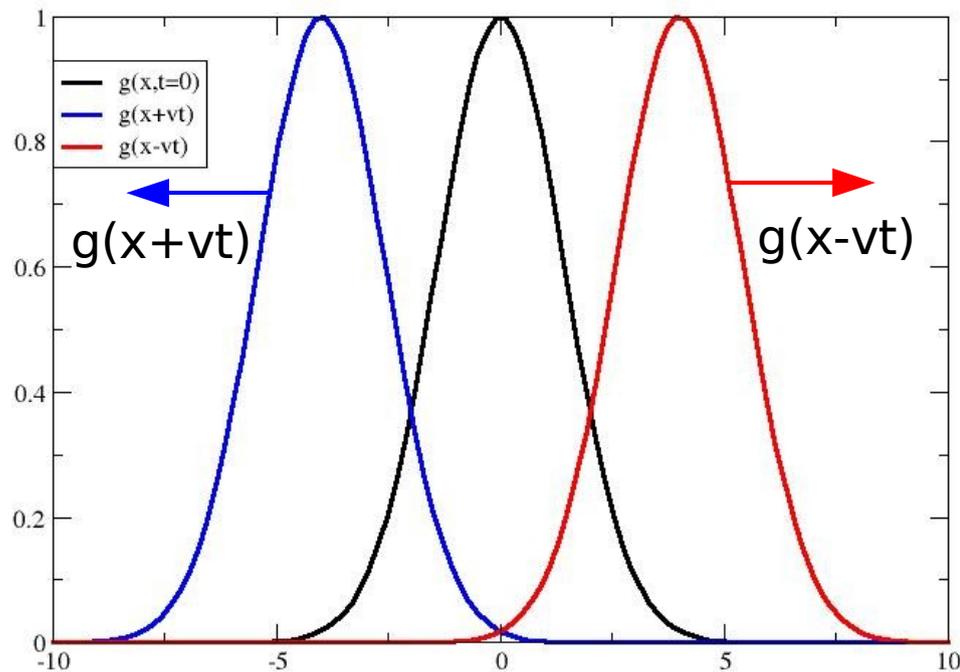
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General wave:

$$y(x,t) = h(kx \pm \omega t) = g(x \pm vt)$$

$x - vt$  : Propagates in the positive x-direction

$x + vt$  : Propagates in the negative x-direction



In this context:

$v$ : Magnitude of velocity  
(always positive)

depends on 'material' in which wave propagates

If you carry signs for velocities  
(allow for negative velocities when traveling to the left (lower x-values))  
it is always

$$h(kx - \omega t) = g(x - vt)$$

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$$h(kx - \omega t) = g(x - vt)$$

or

$$h(kx + \omega t) = g(x + vt)$$

Examples for general waves  $h(kx \mp \omega t) = g(x \mp vt)$

$$y(x, t) = 4x - 3t \quad \text{velocity: } y(x, t) = 4\left(x - \frac{3}{4}t\right) \Rightarrow v = \frac{3}{4} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$y(x, t) = 2e^{-(2x-4t)^2} \quad \text{velocity: } y(x, t) = 2e^{-4(x-2t)^2} \Rightarrow v = 2 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$y(x, t) = (3x - 6t)e^{-4(x-2t)^2} = 3(x - 2t)e^{-4(x-2t)^2} \quad \text{also a wave with } v = 2 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

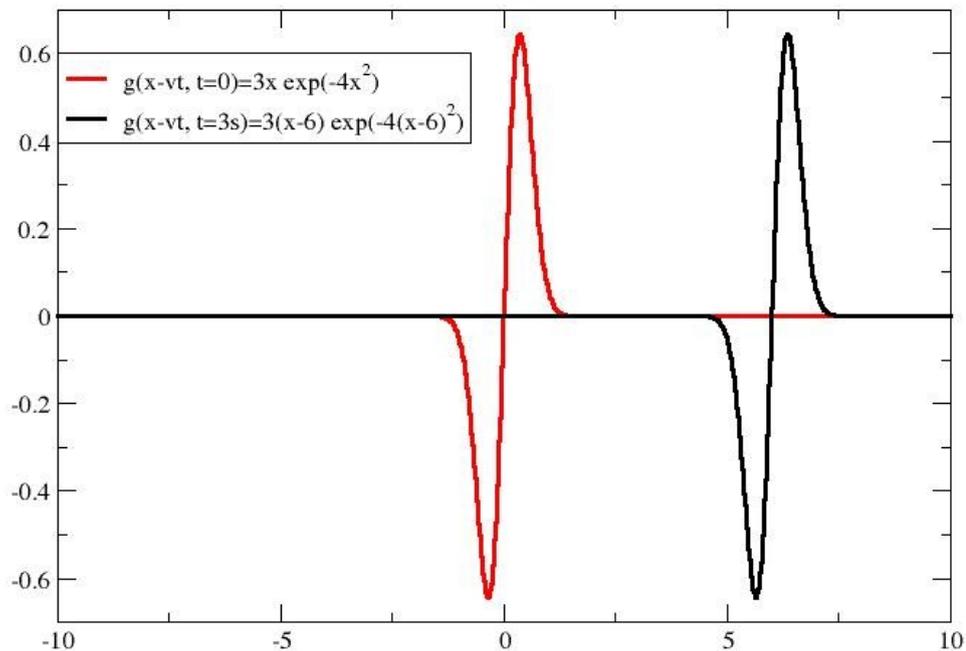
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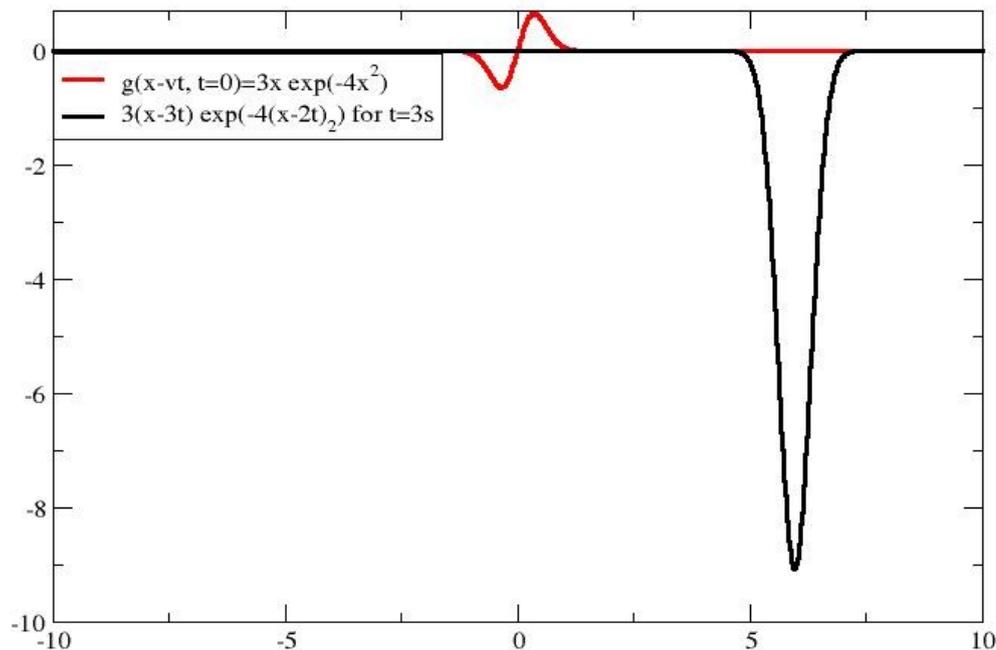


Nice wave:  
Pulse maintains shape, just  
moves to the right.

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Form  
changes completely  
after 3s.

This is not a wave  
(but can in principle  
be described by a  
linear combination of  
waves having different  
velocities -> Dispersion)

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Note:

General waves are better described by  $g(x-vt)$  or  $g(x+vt)$  as the meaning of  $k$  and  $\omega$  in a non-harmonic function is not clear.

Example:

$$y(x,t) = 4 \sin(0.4x - 0.2t) \quad k=0.4, \quad \omega=0.2 \quad (\text{Obvious})$$

But:

$$y(x,t) = 4 (0.2x - 0.4t) = 0.8x - 1.6t = 2 (0.4x - 0.8t)$$

what is  $k$ , what is  $\omega$  in this case? Still a wave!

$$y(x,t) = 0.8(x - 2t) \quad \text{the velocity is obviously } v=2\text{m/s}$$

# Hitt 1

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Which of the following expressions does **not** describe a wave?

$$A(x,t) = (x-t)^2 \quad B(x,t) = x^2 + 4xt + 4t^2 \quad C(x,t) = \frac{\sin(2x-4t)}{(x-2t)}$$

$$D(x,t) = (x-2t)e^{-(x^2-2xt+t^2)} \quad E(x,t) = \sqrt{\frac{\cos(2x-t)}{(6x-3t)}}$$

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$$A(x,t) = (x-t)^2 \text{ Wave} \quad B(x,t) = (x+2t)^2 \text{ Wave} \quad C(x,t) = \frac{\sin(2(x-2t))}{(x-2t)} \text{ Wave}$$

$$D(x,t) = (x-2t)e^{-(x-t)^2} \text{ Not a wave} \quad E(x,t) = \sqrt{\frac{\cos(2(x-0.5t))}{6(x-0.5t)}} \text{ Wave}$$

## Hitt 2

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Which of the following expressions does **not** describe a wave?

$$A(x,t) = (x - 3t)e^{-(x^2 - 2xt + t^2)} \quad B(x,t) = (x - t)^{1/2} \quad C(x,t) = \frac{\cos(3x - t)}{(9x - 3t)}$$

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$$A(x,t) = (x - 3t)e^{-(x-t)^2} \text{ Not a Wave} \quad B(x,t) = \sqrt{(x - t)} \text{ Wave} \quad C(x,t) = \frac{\cos(3(x - \frac{1}{3}t))}{9(x - \frac{1}{3}t)} \text{ Wave}$$

$$D(x,t) = (x + 2t)^2 \text{ wave} \quad E(x,t) = \sqrt{\frac{\sin(x - 2t)}{2(x - 2t)}} \text{ Wave}$$

Wave on a string:

The tension pulling to the left on a small element of length  $dx$  is equal in amplitude but has a slightly different direction than the tension pulling to the right (because of curvature, 2<sup>nd</sup> derivative  $\neq 0$ ).

$$y - \text{component:} \quad T_{2y} + T_{1y} = a_y dm \quad T_{2y}, T_{1y} \text{ have opposite signs}$$

$$\text{using } dm = \mu dx \quad T_{2y} + T_{1y} = a_y \mu dm = \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} \mu dx$$

gives the acceleration of the small element in the y-direction.

The difference in direction is so small that the x-components of the two tensions are assumed to be equal (change with  $\cos \theta$ ).

The direction of the tension is tangential to the string:

$$\frac{T_{2y}(x+dx)}{T_{2x}} = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y(x+dx) - y(x)}{dx} \quad \frac{T_{1y}(x-dx)}{T_{1x}} = -\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{y(x) - y(x-dx)}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{T_{2y}(x+dx)}{T_{2x}} + \frac{T_{1y}(x-dx)}{T_{1x}} = \frac{T_{2y}(x+dx) + T_{1y}(x-dx)}{T} = \frac{y(x+dx) - 2y(x) + y(x-dx)}{dx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = T \frac{y(x+dx) - 2y(x) + y(x-dx)}{dx^2} = T \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = \frac{T}{\mu} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = v^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \quad \text{Wave equation for small amplitudes}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}} \quad \text{Wave velocity} \quad \text{Solution:} \quad y(x,t) = h(x \pm vt)$$