



# WAVE

Wave is distributed energy or distributed "disturbance".



## MECHANICAL WAVES

Mechanical waves originate from a disturbance in the medium (such as a stone dropping in a pond) and the disturbance propagates through the medium.

Mechanical waves are further classified in two categories such that:

### 1. Transverse waves (waves on a string)



If the disturbance travels in the x direction but the particles move in a direction, perpendicular to the x axis as the wave passes, it is called transverse waves.

### 2. Longitudinal waves (sound waves)



Longitudinal waves are characterized by the direction of vibration (disturbance) and wave motion. They are along the same direction.

## NON-MECHANICAL WAVES

These are electromagnetic waves. The motion of the electromagnetic waves in a medium depends on the electromagnetic properties of the medium.

### PARTICLE VELOCITY AND ACCELERATION

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

$$a_p = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} v_p = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \{-\omega A \cos(kx - \omega t)\} = -\omega^2 A \sin(kx - \omega t) = -\omega^2 y$$



## ENERGY CALCULATION IN WAVES

### 1. KINETIC ENERGY PER UNIT LENGTH

The velocity of string element in transverse direction is greatest at one mean position and zero at the extreme positions of waveform.

$$K_L = \frac{dK}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \mu \omega^2 A^2 \cos^2(kx - \omega t)$$

#### • RATE OF TRANSMISSION OF KINETIC ENERGY

$$\frac{dK}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \mu v \omega^2 A^2 \cos^2(kx - \omega t)$$

### 2. ELASTIC POTENTIAL ENERGY

The Elastic potential energy of the string element results as string element is stretched during its oscillation.

#### • POTENTIAL ENERGY PER UNIT LENGTH      • RATE OF TRANSMISSION OF ELASTIC POTENTIAL ENERGY

$$\frac{dU}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \mu \omega^2 A^2 \cos^2(kx - \omega t)$$

$$\frac{dU}{dt} |_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \mu v \omega^2 A^2 = \frac{1}{4} \mu v \omega^2 A^2$$

### 3. MECHANICAL ENERGY PER UNIT LENGTH

$$E_L = \frac{dE}{dx} = 2 \times \frac{1}{2} \mu \omega^2 A^2 \cos^2(kx - \omega t) = \mu \omega^2 A^2 \cos^2(kx - \omega t)$$

### 4. AVERAGE POWER TRANSMITTED

The average power transmitted by wave is equal to time rate of transmission of mechanical energy over integral wavelengths.

$$P_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{2} \rho s v \omega^2 A^2$$

### 5. ENERGY DENSITY

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \rho v \omega^2 A^2$$

### 6. INTENSITY

Intensity of wave (I) is defined as power transmitted per unit cross section area of the medium.

$$I = \rho s v \omega^2 \frac{A^2}{2s} = \frac{1}{2} \rho v \omega^2 A^2$$

### PHASE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TWO PARTICLES IN THE SAME WAVE:

$$\Delta x \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta \phi}{k}$$