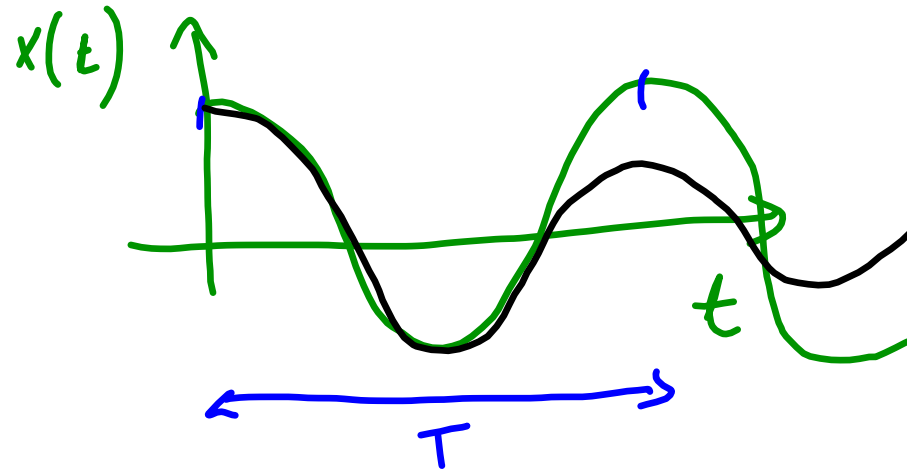


## Overview of oscillatory motion

- if you displace a system from the equilibrium, it will try to reach it back; while it's trying it is oscillating

- swing
- spring
- bungee jumping

# Simple harmonic motion (SHM)



damped oscillator

$$x(t) = A \cos \omega t$$

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

A amplitude of oscill.

T period

f frequency (number of oscillations per unit time)  $f = \frac{1}{T}$

- forced oscillations

If a system is driven at a frequency  
near its natural oscillation  $\Rightarrow$  resonance

- bridge
- mefeotsunami

# WAVES

- disturbances that propagate through space

But what propagates?

In oscillatory motion an object oscillates/propagates

Is that the same for the wave?

NO

Energy or information propagates!

The particles oscillate as in SHM, do not travel with the wave.

- slinky
- stadium wave
- boat rocking / wave crest moving } different speed

## Formal classification for the waves

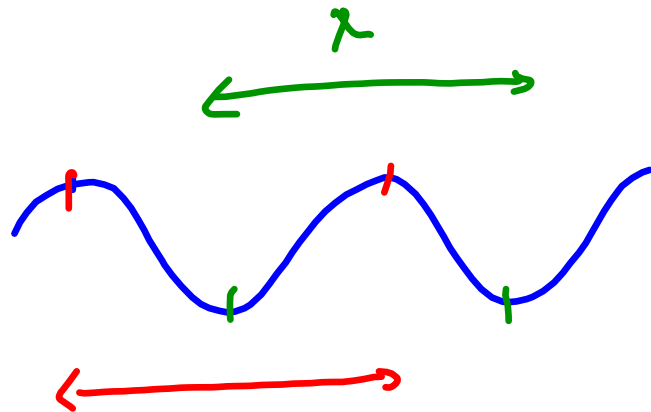
- mechanical - require a medium such as air, water, inner earth ...
- electromagnetic - share many properties with mechanical waves but don't require a medium
  - visible
  - infrared
  - radio waves
  - x-rays
  - light

- Waves - longitudinal - the particles oscillate in the same direction as the wave (sound, slinky)
- transverse - the particles oscillate  $\perp$  to the wave (spring)
  - mix

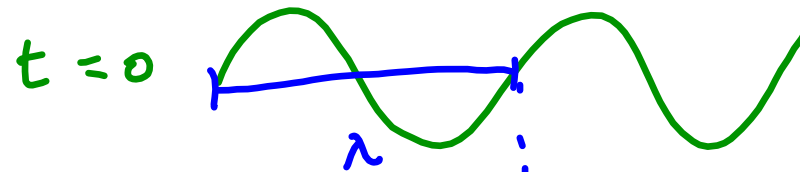
As with oscillatory motion waves have:

- amplitude  $A$  (for wave crest it is the crest, for sound it is max pressure)
- shape - waves come in many shapes that we call wavefronts
  - wavelength  $\lambda$  the distance over which the wave pattern repeats

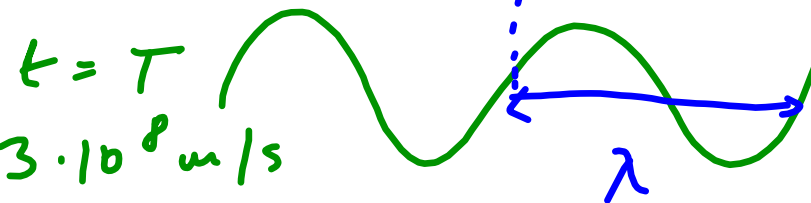




period  $T$  time for one cycle



Particle has its speed



Wave speed  $v$

- light  $3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s}$
- Sound  $340 \text{ m/s}$
- earthquake waves  $\sim 2 \text{ km/s}$

$v$ ,  $\lambda$ ,  $T$  are related in a similar way as in Phys 121

$$v = \frac{s}{t} \quad \text{car } 140 \text{ km/h}$$

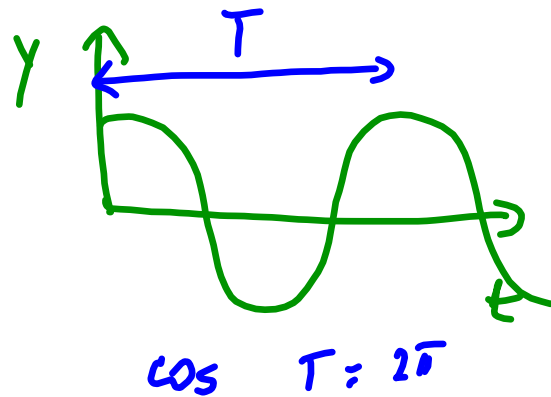
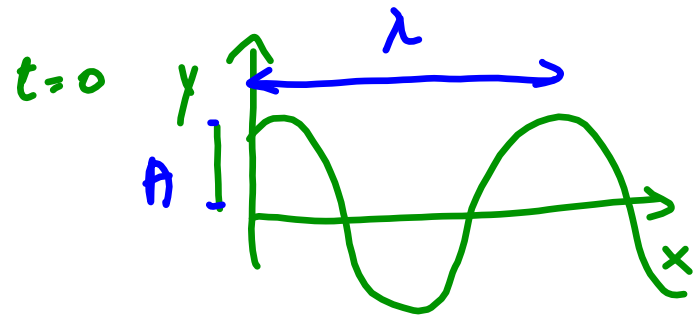
wave

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

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

$$v = \lambda \cdot f$$

## Simple harmonic wave



We chose coordinates  
so that at  $x=0$   
there is a maximum of  
the wave  $\cos$

$$y(x, t=0) = A \cos \boxed{kx}$$

$A$  amplitude

$y$  wave displacement

$k$  wave number

$$kx = 0 \quad \text{when} \quad x = 0 \quad y = A$$

$$(2\pi)$$

$$kx = 2\pi \quad \text{when} \quad x = \lambda$$

$$k\lambda = 2\pi$$

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \quad \text{wavenumber}$$