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Mechanical Waves



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MECHANICAL WAVES

Wave motion → The transfer of energy through space without the accompanying transfer of matter. (Waves travel through and using medium)

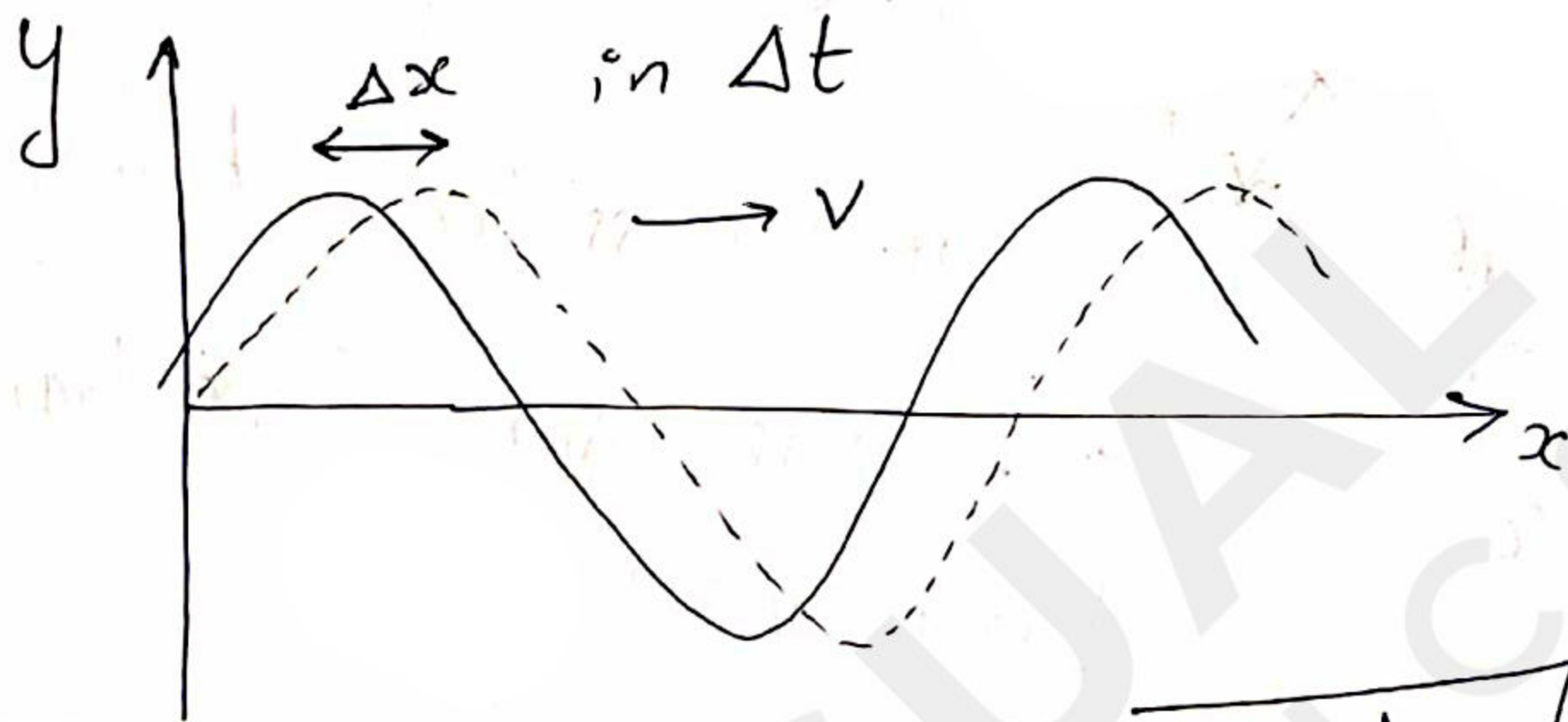
MECHANICAL WAVES: A mechanical wave can be produced and propagated only in those material media which possess elasticity & inertia.



Type of waves:

→ Transverse Waves: Elements of the disturbed medium to move perpendicular to the direction of propagation is called a transverse wave.

speed of sinusoidal wave:



$$v = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \Rightarrow \boxed{v = \frac{dx}{dt}}$$

constant for Δx

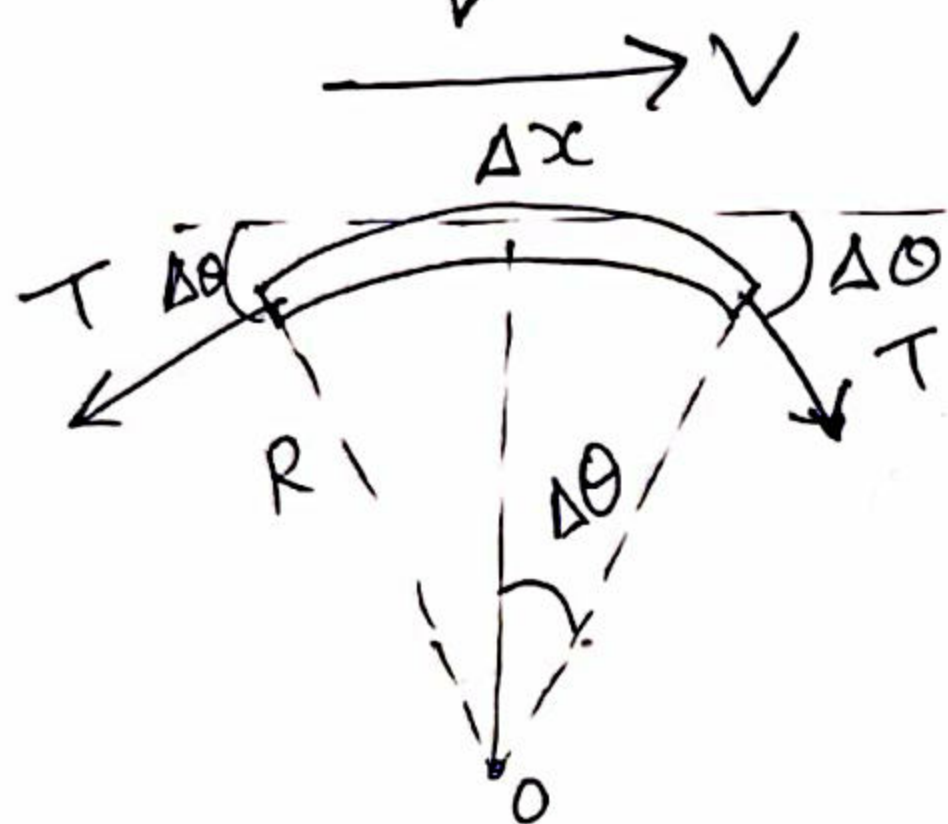
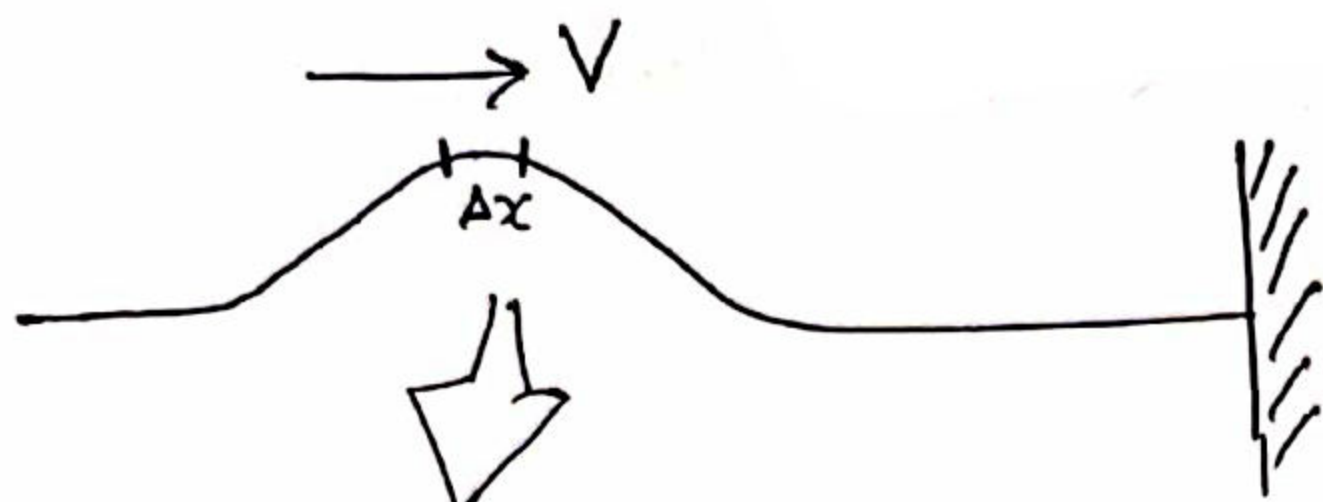
$$\Rightarrow \sin(kx - \omega t + \phi) = \text{constant}$$

$$\therefore (kx - \omega t + \phi) = \text{constant}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{v = \frac{\omega}{k}}$$

Speed of waves on string:



$$\Delta x = 2R \Delta \theta$$

$\mu \rightarrow$ mass per unit length.

so, mass, Δm of Δx part

$$\Delta m = \mu 2R \Delta \theta$$

force towards center O, $= T \sin \Delta \theta + T \sin \Delta \theta$

$$F_c = 2 T \sin \Delta \theta$$

if $\Delta \theta$ is small

$$\Rightarrow \sin \Delta \theta \rightarrow \Delta \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 T \Delta \theta = F_c = \frac{m V^2}{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 T \Delta \theta = \mu \frac{2R \Delta \theta V^2}{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{V = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}}}$$

if $A_1 = A_2$

$$A' = \sqrt{A^2 + 2AA \cos \phi + A^2}$$

$\Rightarrow$ for $\phi = 0, 2\pi, 4\pi, \dots$

$$A' = 2A$$

$$\alpha = 0$$

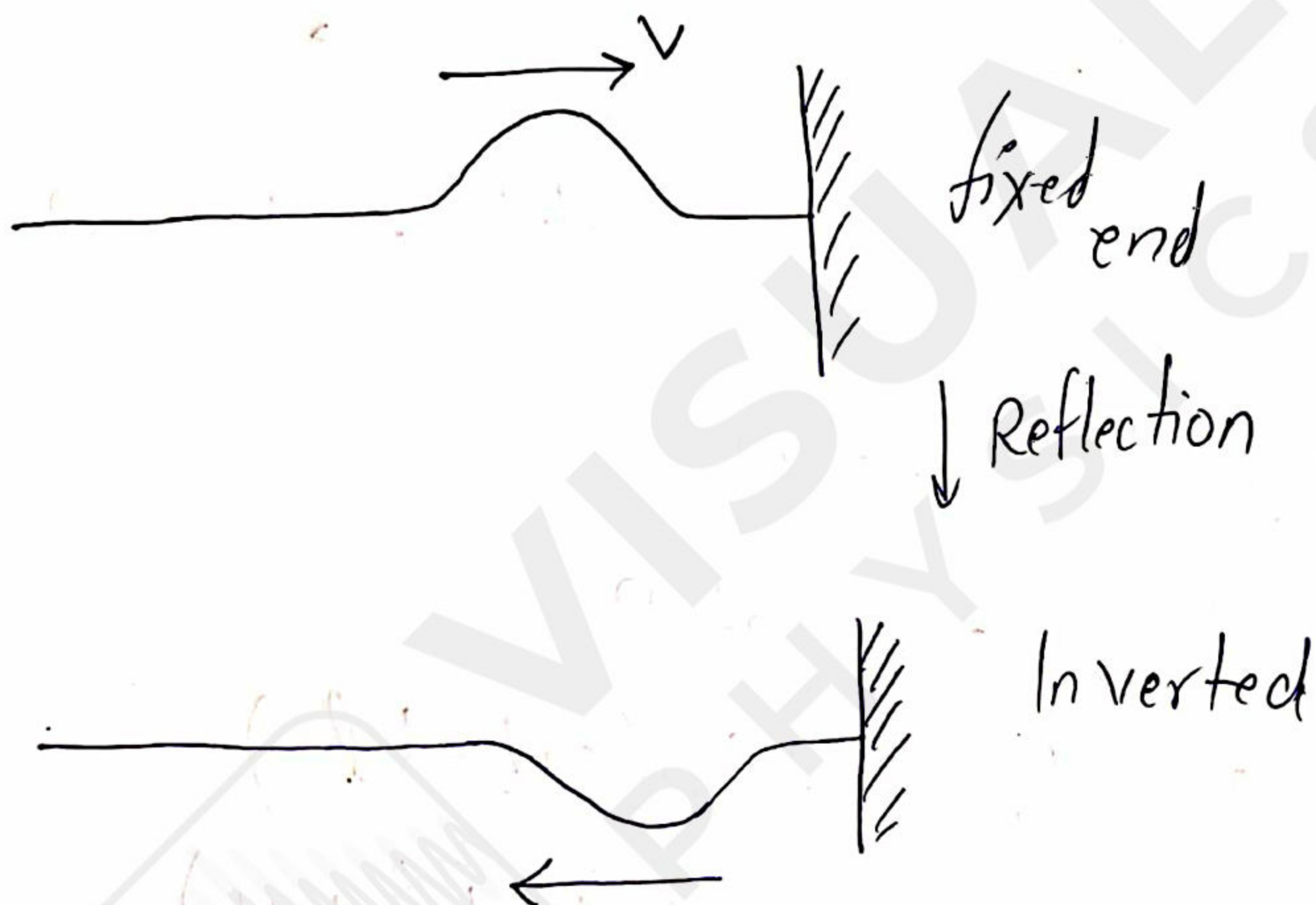
fully constructive
Interference.

$$\phi = \pi, 3\pi, 5\pi, \dots \quad (2n+1)\pi$$

$$A' = 0$$

fully destructive
Interference

REFLECTION:



→ Same amplitude, frequency, (no loss of energy is assumed)

$$y = A \sin(\omega t - kx)$$

