

By shaking one end of a stretched string, a single pulse is generated.  
The traveling pulse carries

A. energy

B. momentum

C. both energy and momentum

D. neither energy nor momentum

Text 'PHYSJC' and your answer to 22333

# Announcements

- Homework 13 (next week) is extra credit
- Lab 9 this week (in your lab manual)
- Lab B next week (handout)
- Final Exam: Friday, May 13,  
10:15am-12:15pm **CR 306**

# Ch 15.1-3

# Mechanical Waves

PHYS 1210 -- Prof. Jang-Condell

# Chapter 15

# Mechanical Waves

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# Goals for Chapter 15

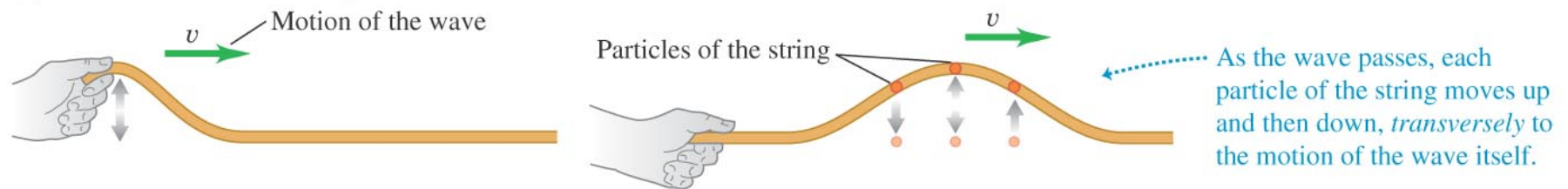
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- To study the properties and varieties of mechanical waves
- To relate the speed, frequency, and wavelength of periodic waves
- To interpret periodic waves mathematically
- To calculate the speed of a wave on a string
- To calculate the energy of mechanical waves
- To understand the interference of mechanical waves
- To analyze standing waves on a string
- To investigate the sound produced by stringed instruments

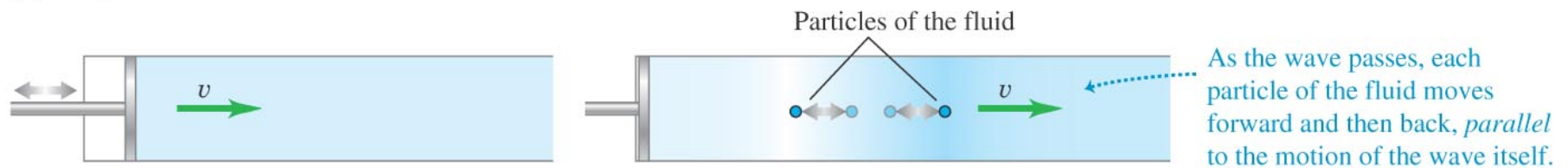
# Types of mechanical waves

- A *mechanical wave* is a disturbance traveling through a *medium*.
- Figure 15.1 below illustrates *transverse waves* and *longitudinal waves*.

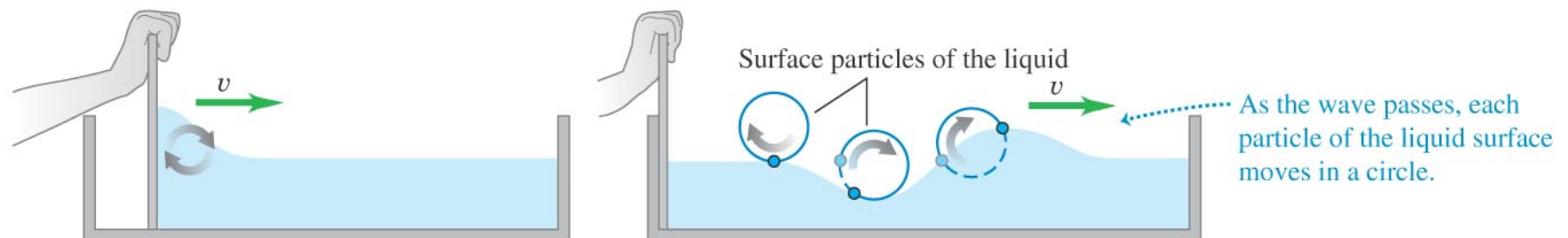
(a) Transverse wave on a string



(b) Longitudinal wave in a fluid



(c) Waves on the surface of a liquid



# Slinky Demo

# Seismic Waves

- P Waves = pressure waves
- S Waves = shear waves
- 2 types of surface waves

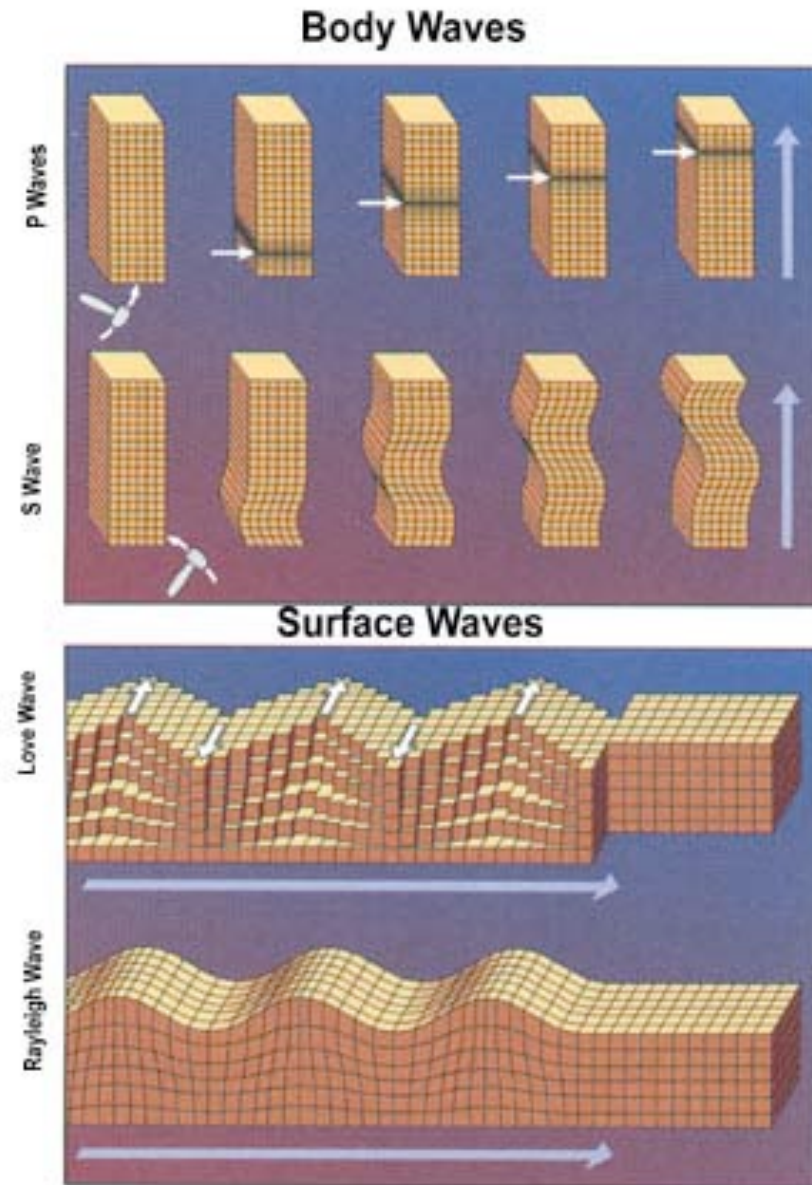


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# Speed of seismic waves

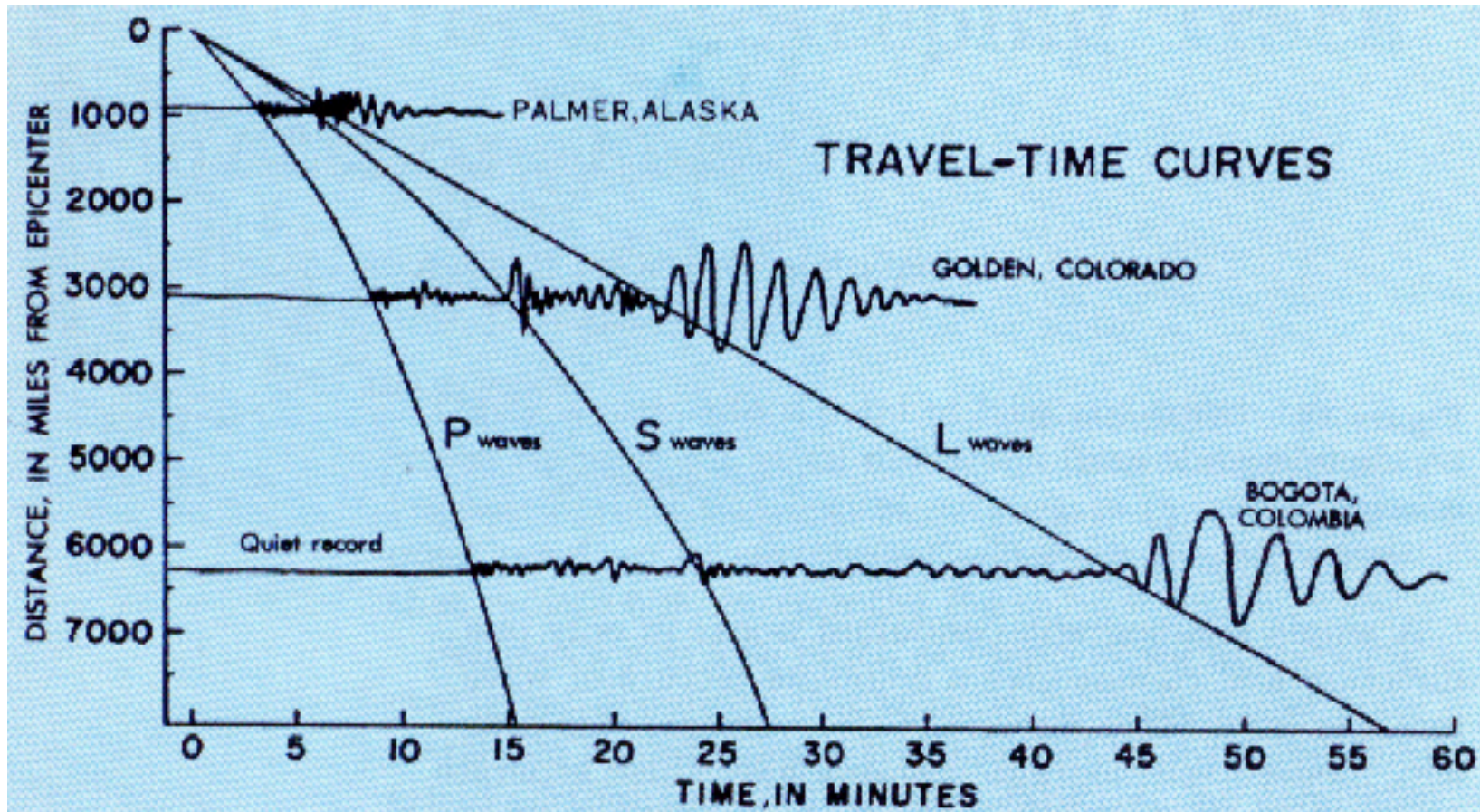


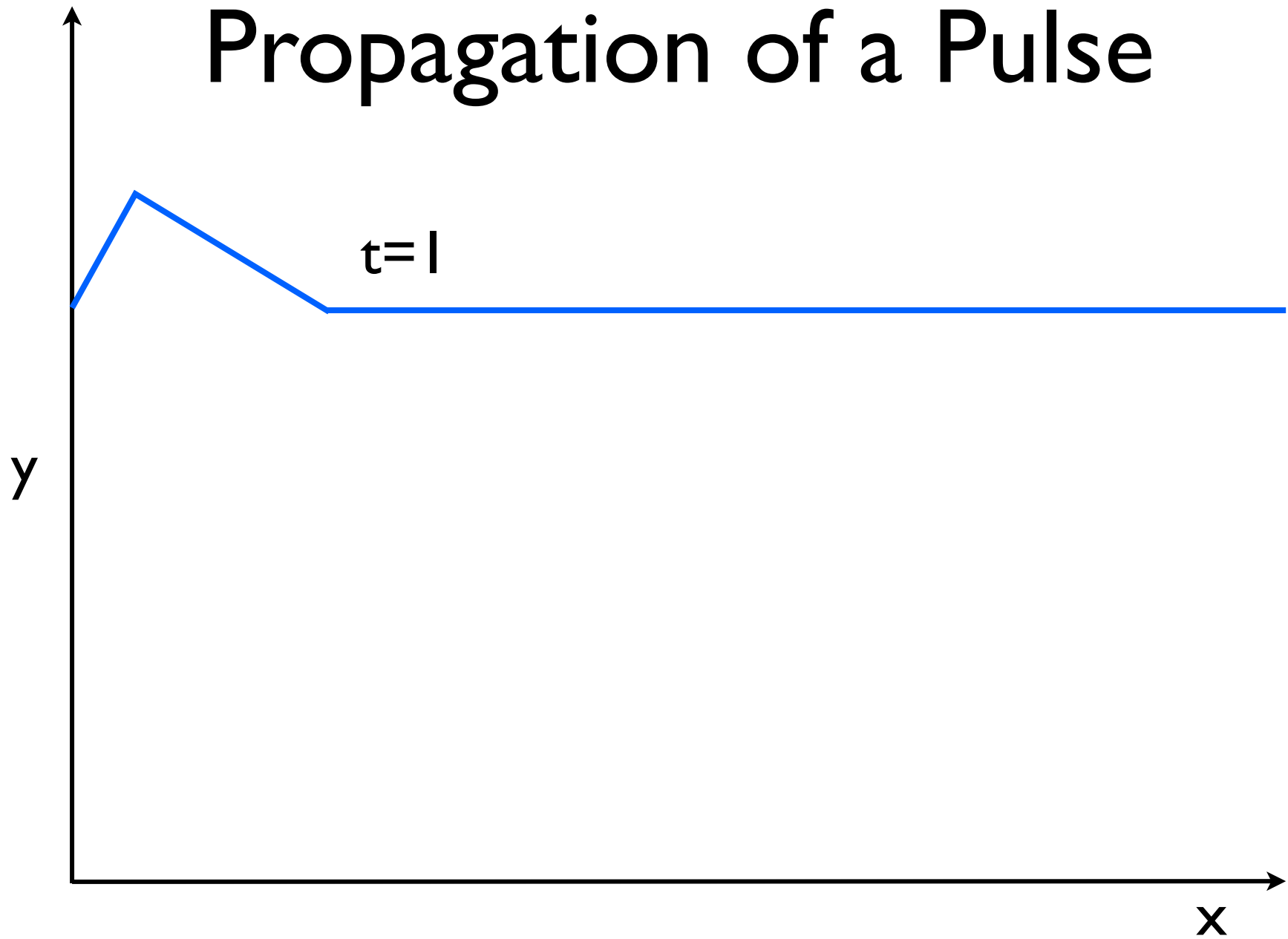
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In a mechanical wave, the particles move and then go back to where they started. The wave travels, or **propagates**, through the medium, the particles don't.

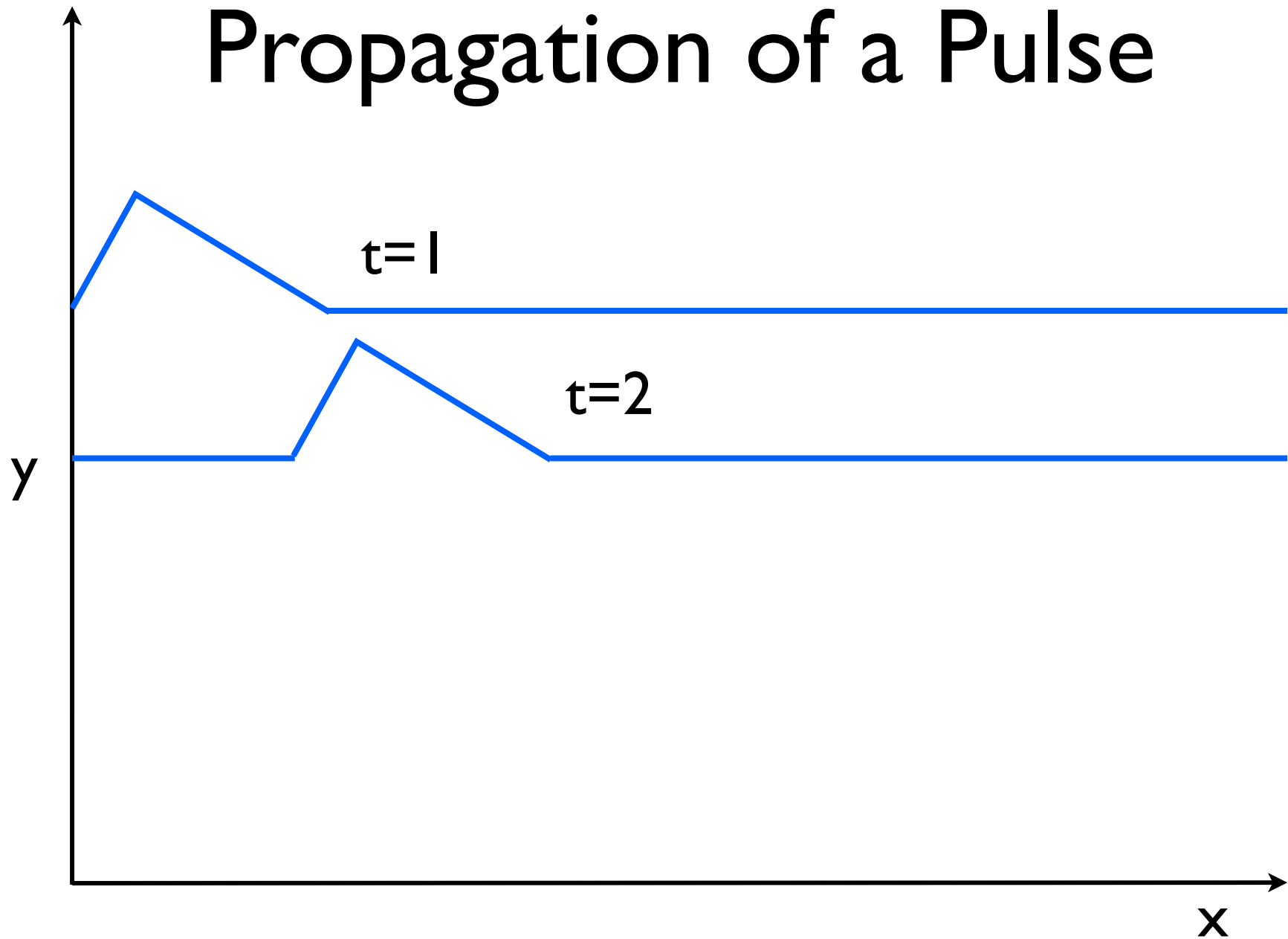
# The Wave

- A **pulse** is a wave created by a perturbation of short duration
- A **periodic wave** is created by periodic motion, such as simple harmonic motion

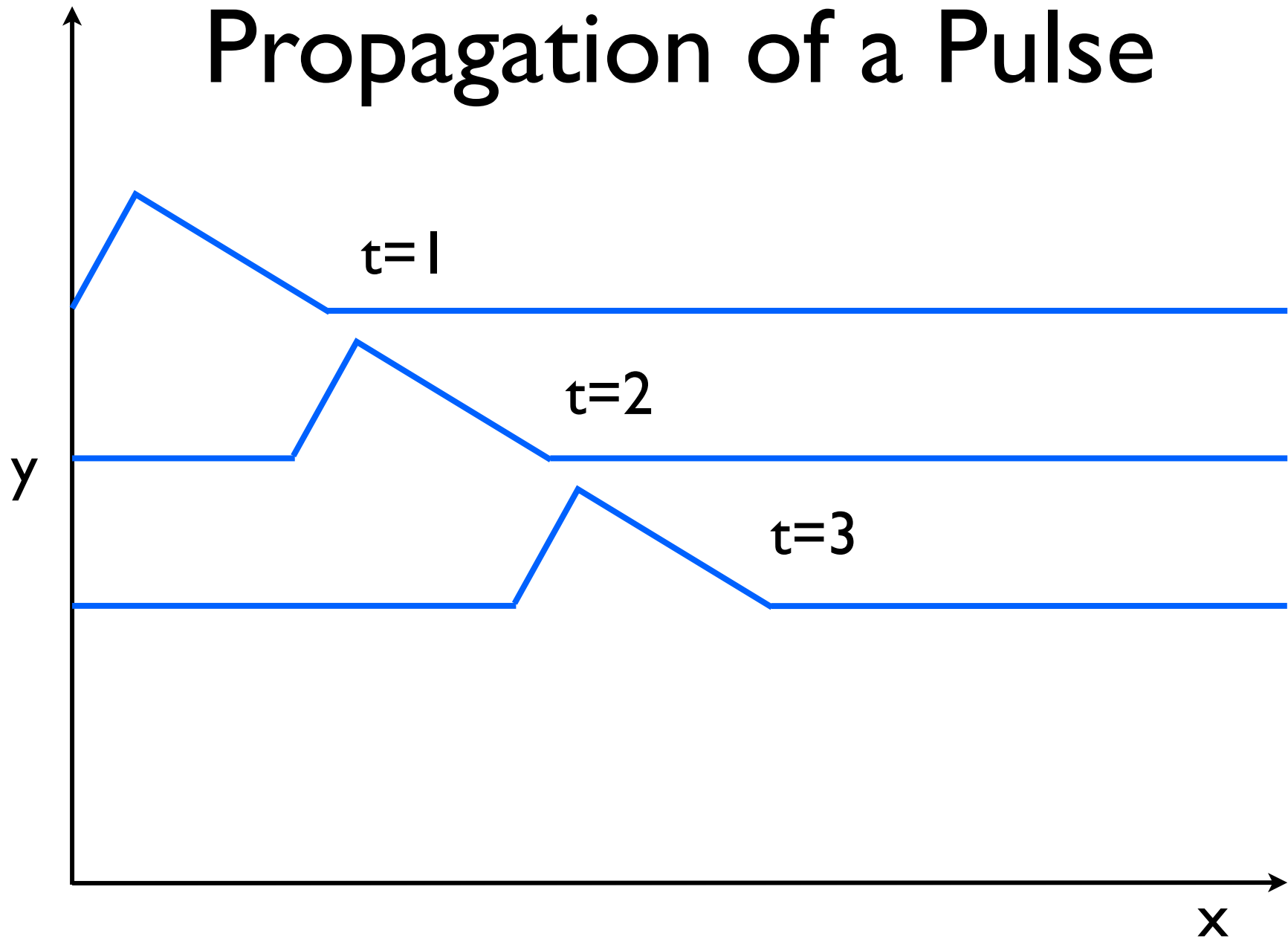
# Propagation of a Pulse



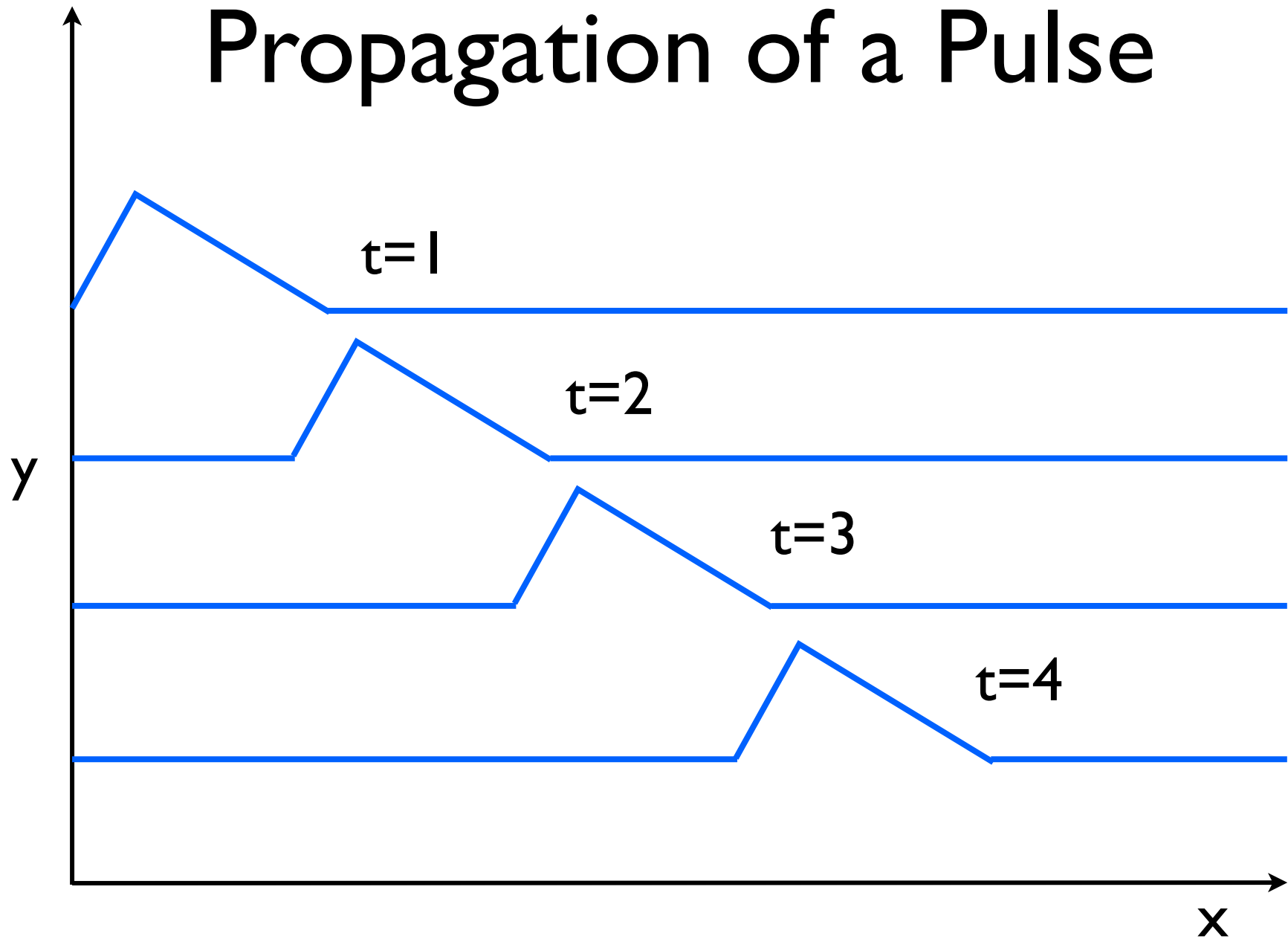
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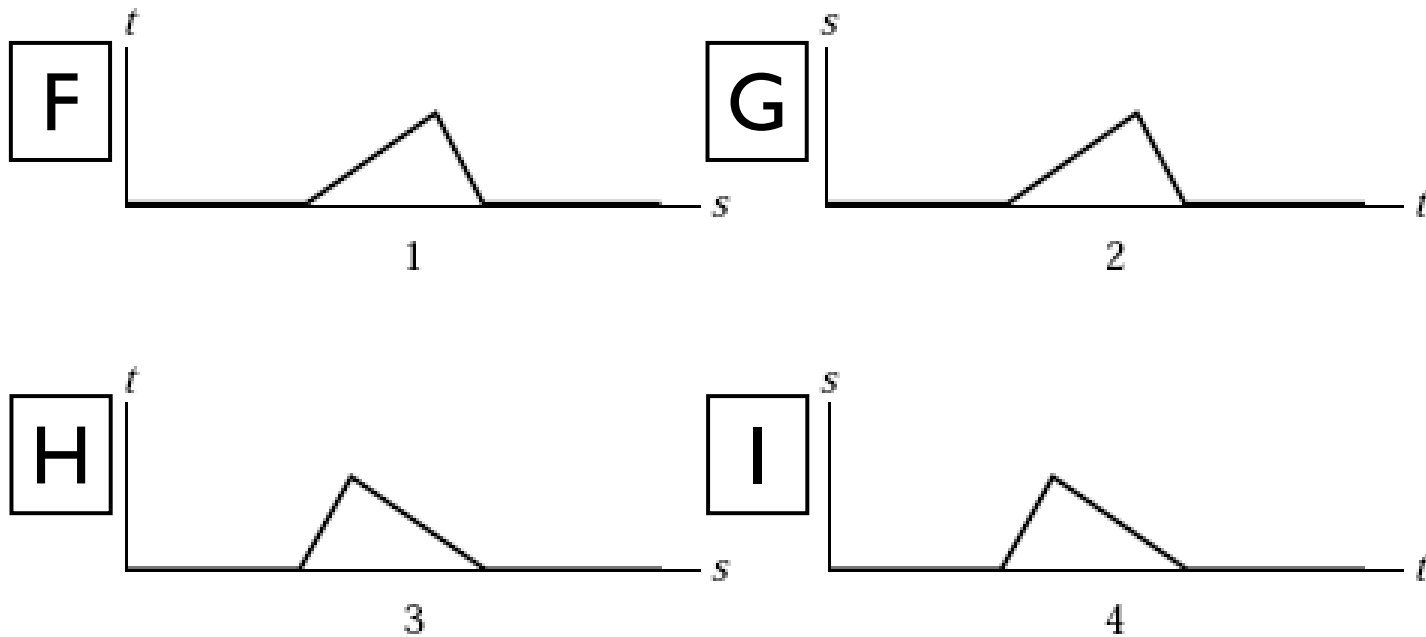
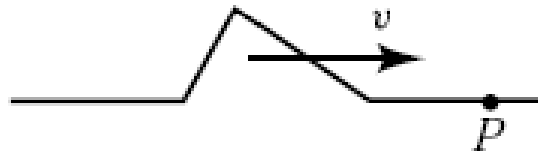


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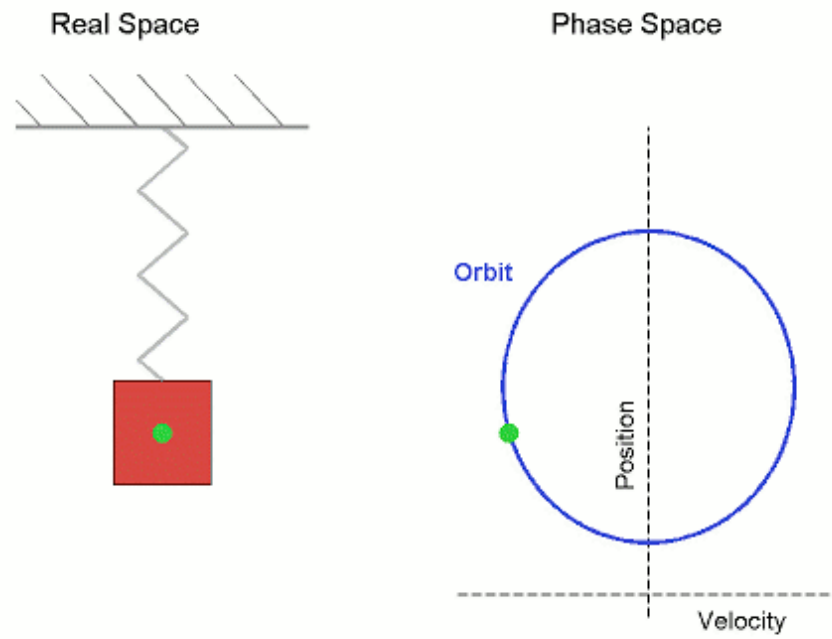




A wave pulse is moving, as illustrated, with uniform speed  $v$  along a rope. Which of the graphs 1–4 below correctly shows the relation between the displacement  $s$  of point  $P$  and time  $t$  ?



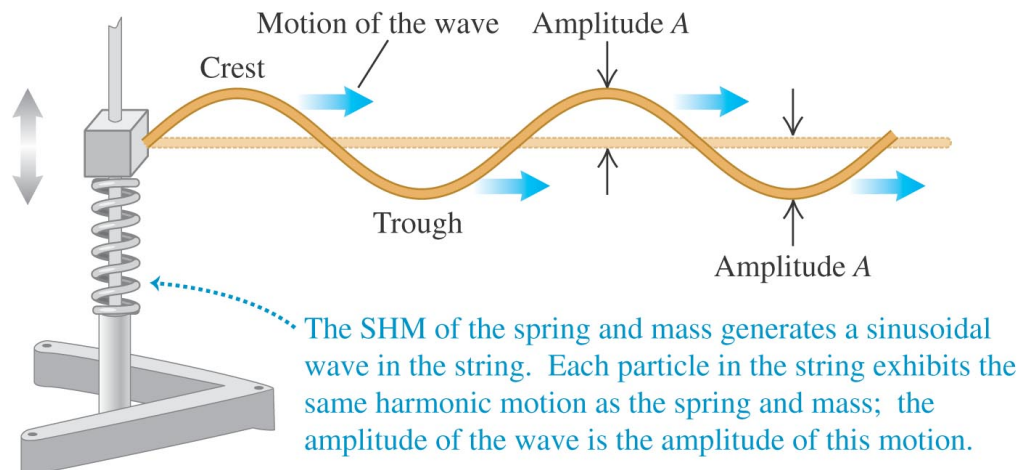
# Periodic Waves



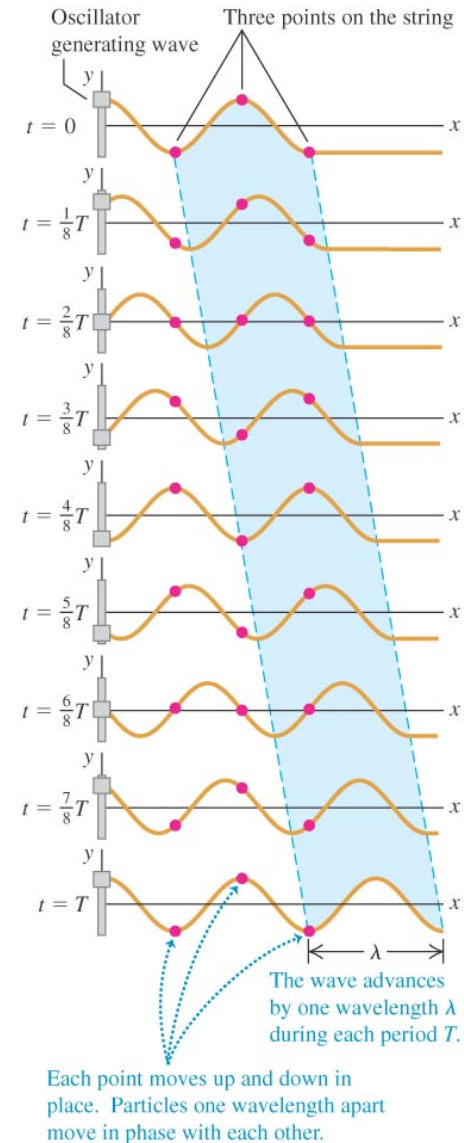
The angular frequency ( $\omega$ ) of the oscillator is the angular speed ( $\omega$ ) of the circle.

# Periodic transverse waves

- For the transverse waves shown here in Figures 15.3 and 15.4, the particles move up and down, but the wave moves to the right.



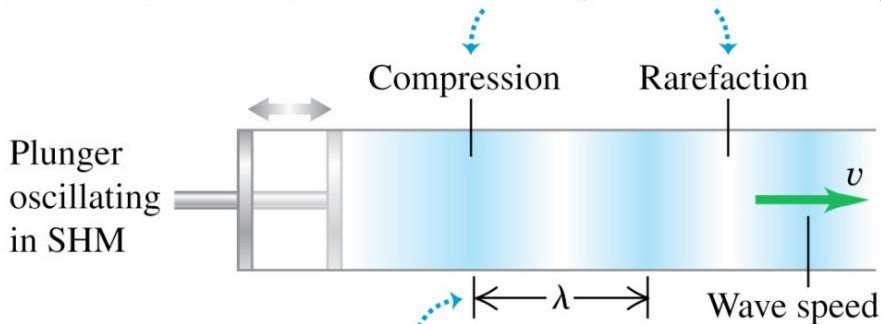
The string is shown at time intervals of  $\frac{1}{8}$  period for a total of one period  $T$ . The highlighting shows the motion of one wavelength of the wave.



# Periodic longitudinal waves

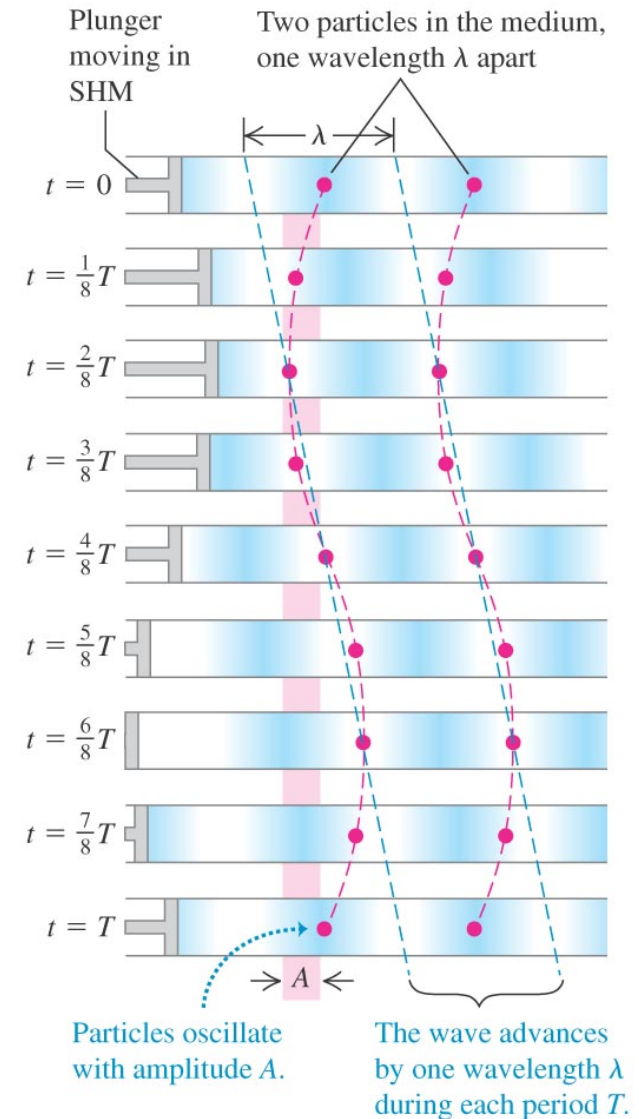
- For the longitudinal waves shown here in Figures 15.6 and 15.7, the particles oscillate back and forth along the same direction that the wave moves.
- Follow Example 15.1.

Forward motion of the plunger creates a compression (a zone of high density); backward motion creates a rarefaction (a zone of low density).



Wavelength  $\lambda$  is the distance between corresponding points on successive cycles.

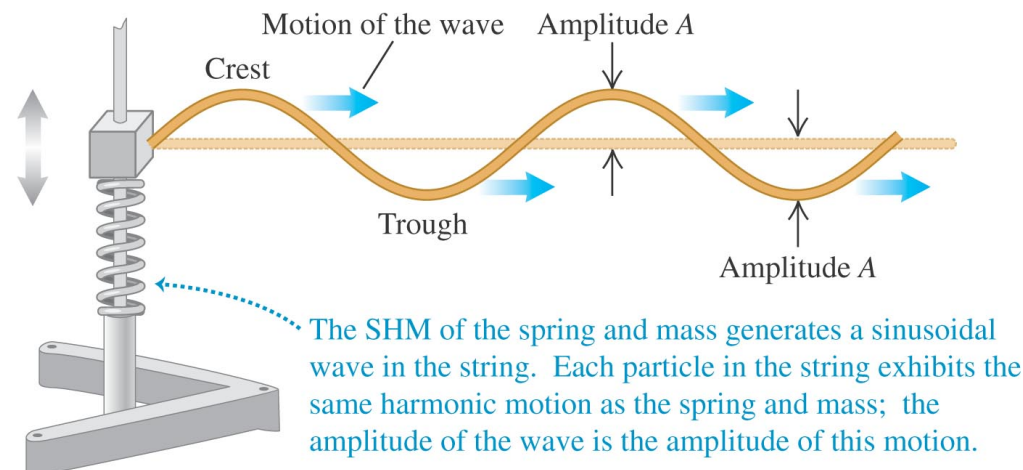
Longitudinal waves are shown at intervals of  $\frac{1}{8}T$  for one period  $T$ .



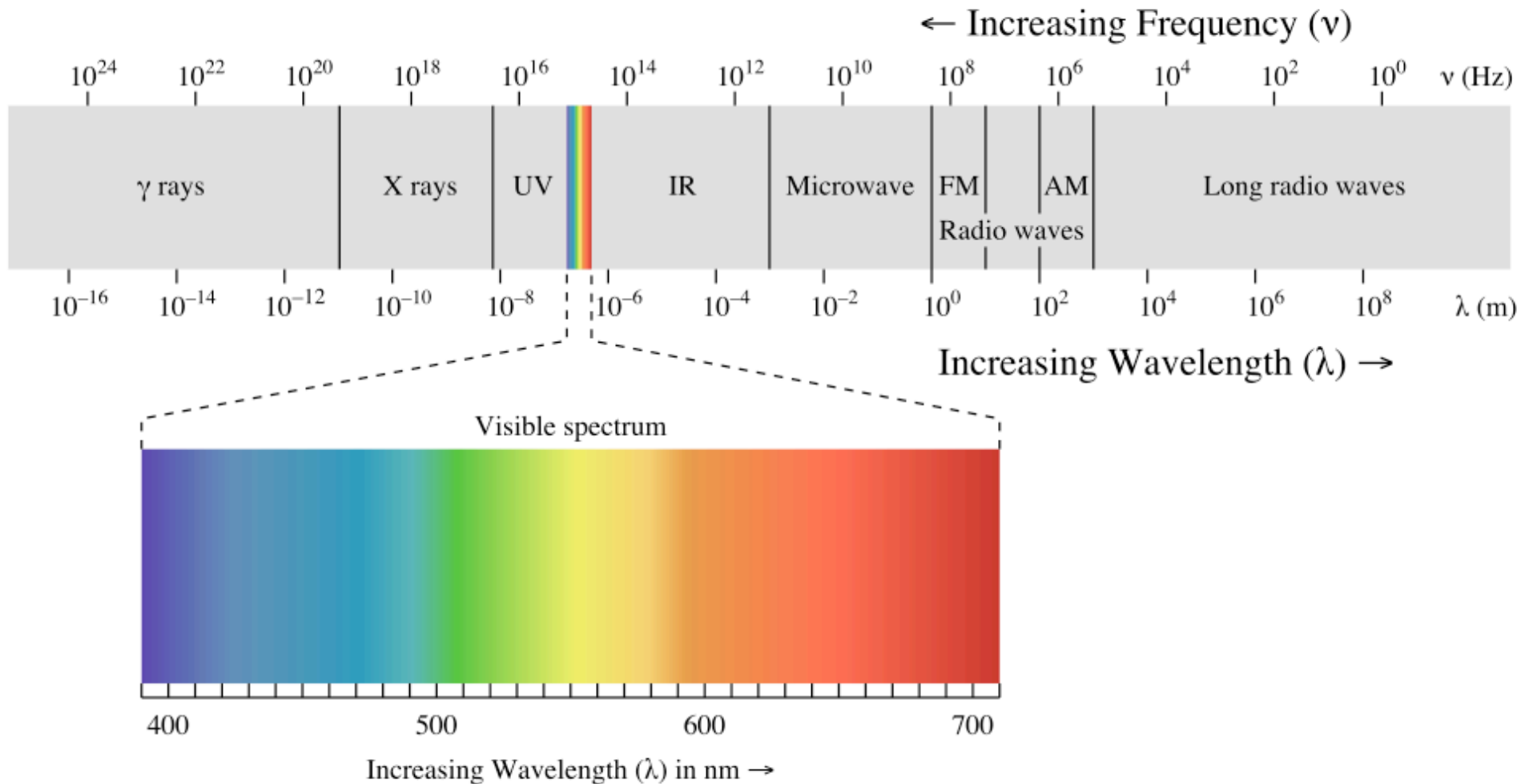
# Periodic waves

- For a *periodic wave*, each particle of the medium undergoes periodic motion.
- The *wavelength*  $\lambda$  of a periodic wave is the length of one complete wave pattern.
- The speed of any periodic wave of frequency  $f$  is

$$v = \lambda f.$$



# Electromagnetic Radiation



# Electromagnetic Radiation

Wyoming Public Radio broadcasts from UW at 91.9 MHz (1 MHz =  $10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ). If the speed of EM waves is  $3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$ , what is the wavelength of this radiation?

K.  $2.8 \times 10^{14} \text{ m}$

L.  $3.26 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$

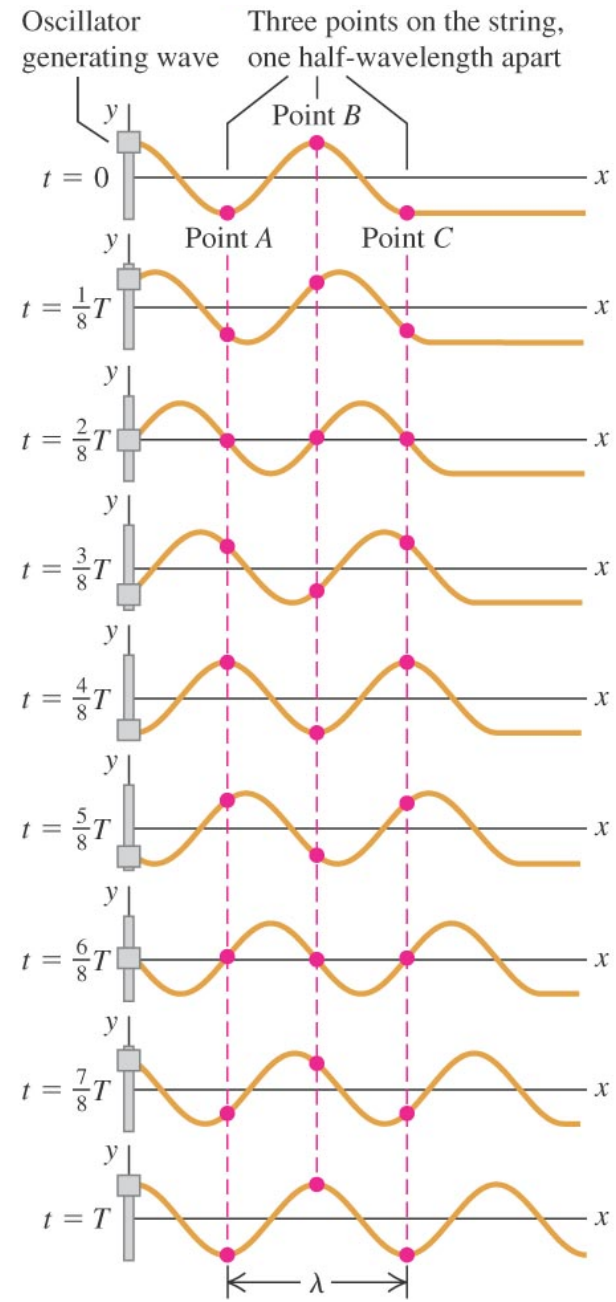
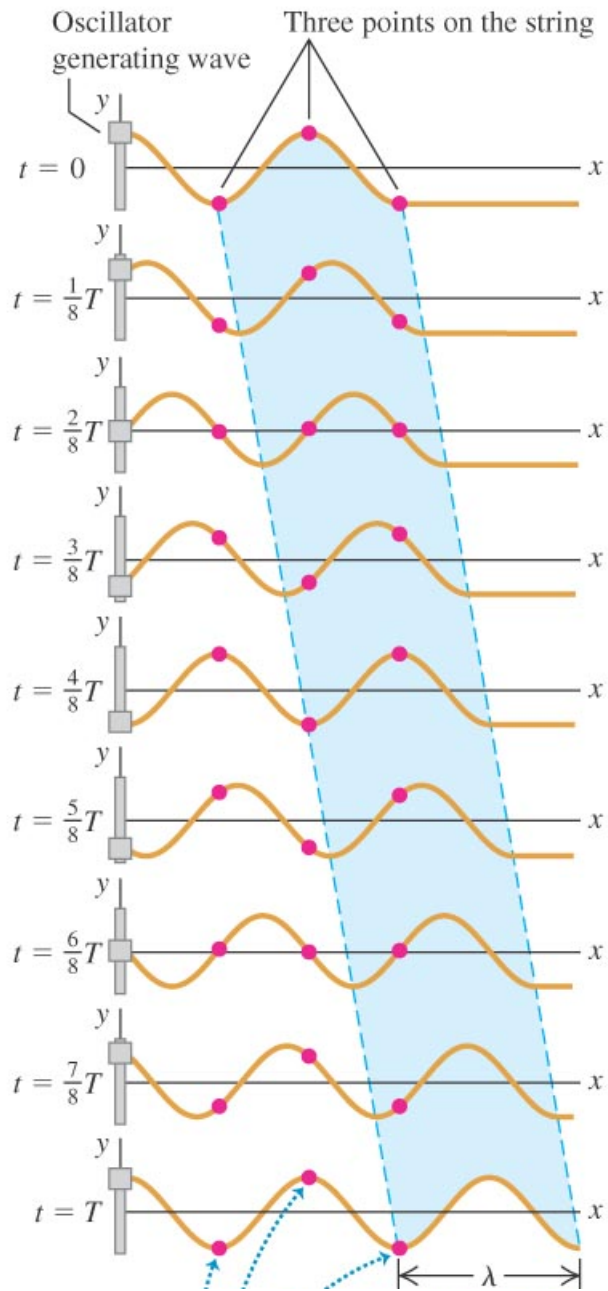
M. 3.26 m

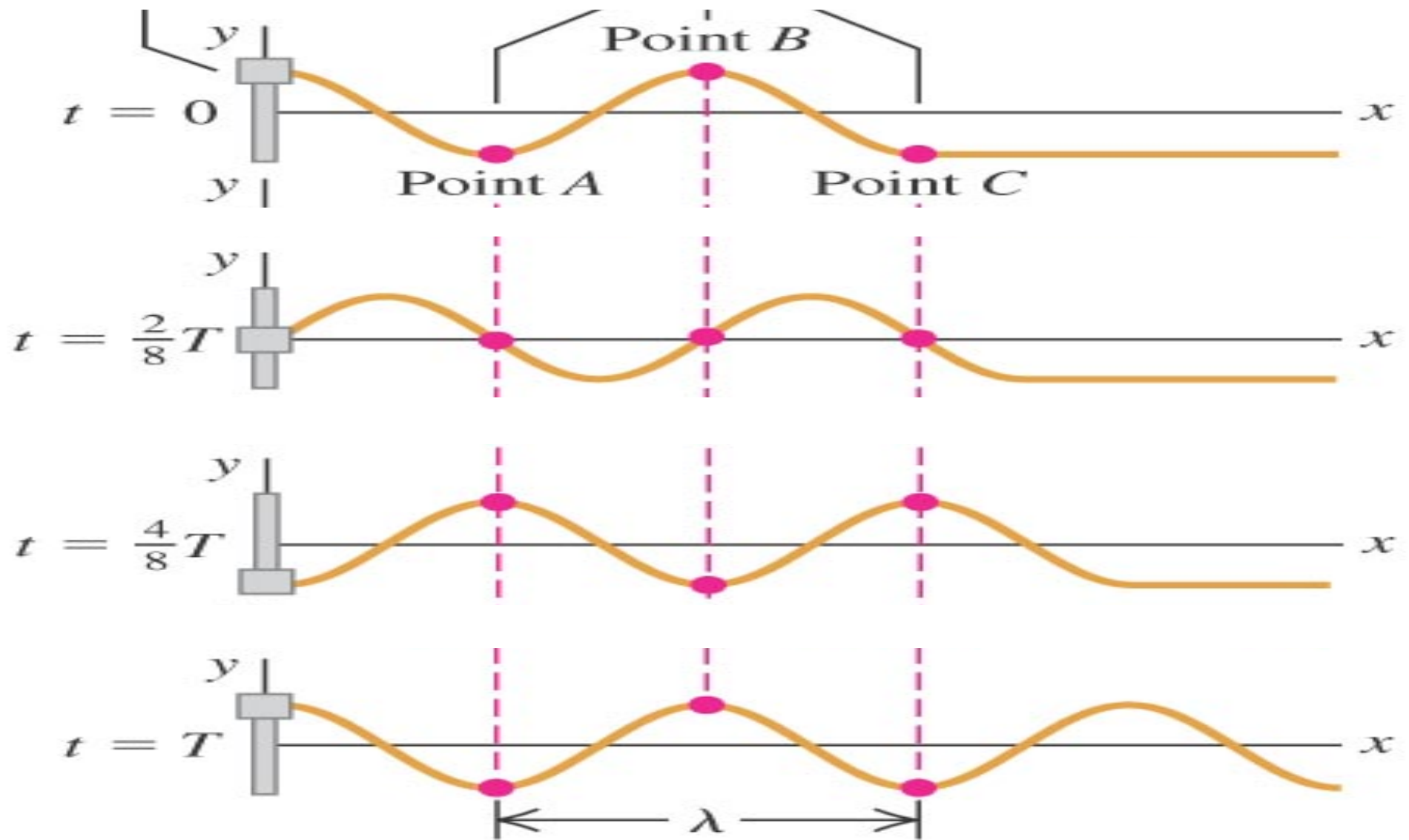
N. 0.306 m

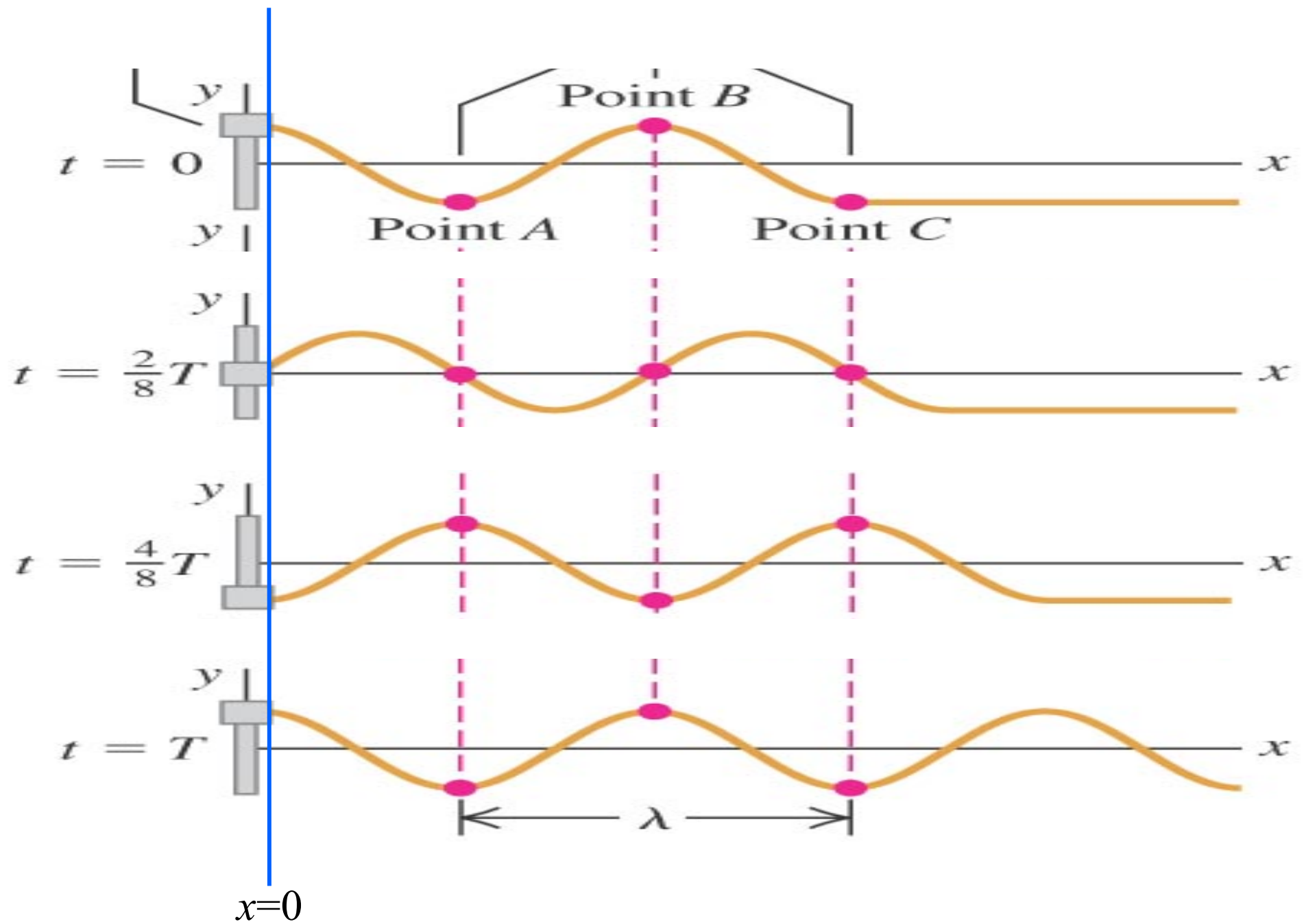
P. None of the above

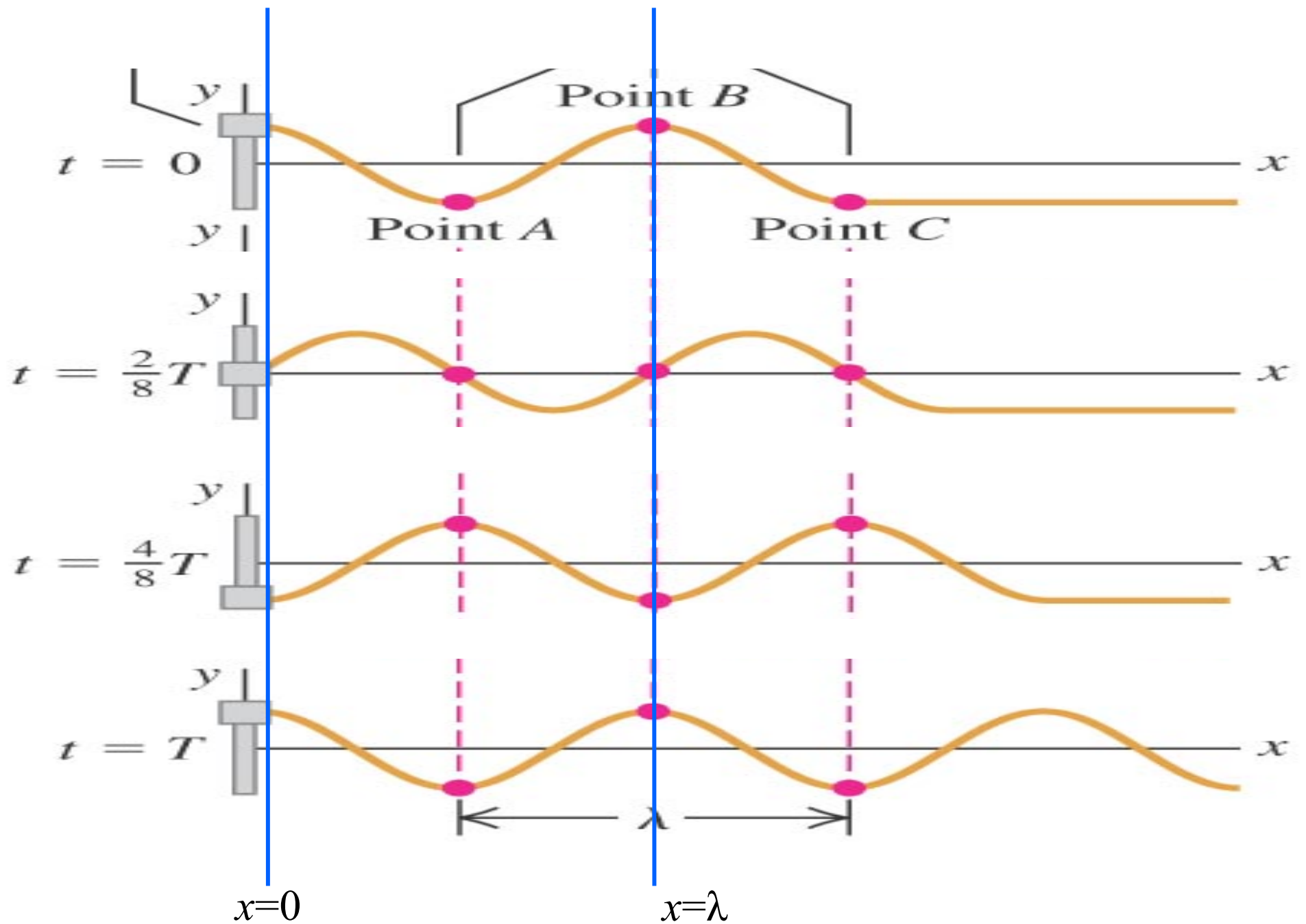
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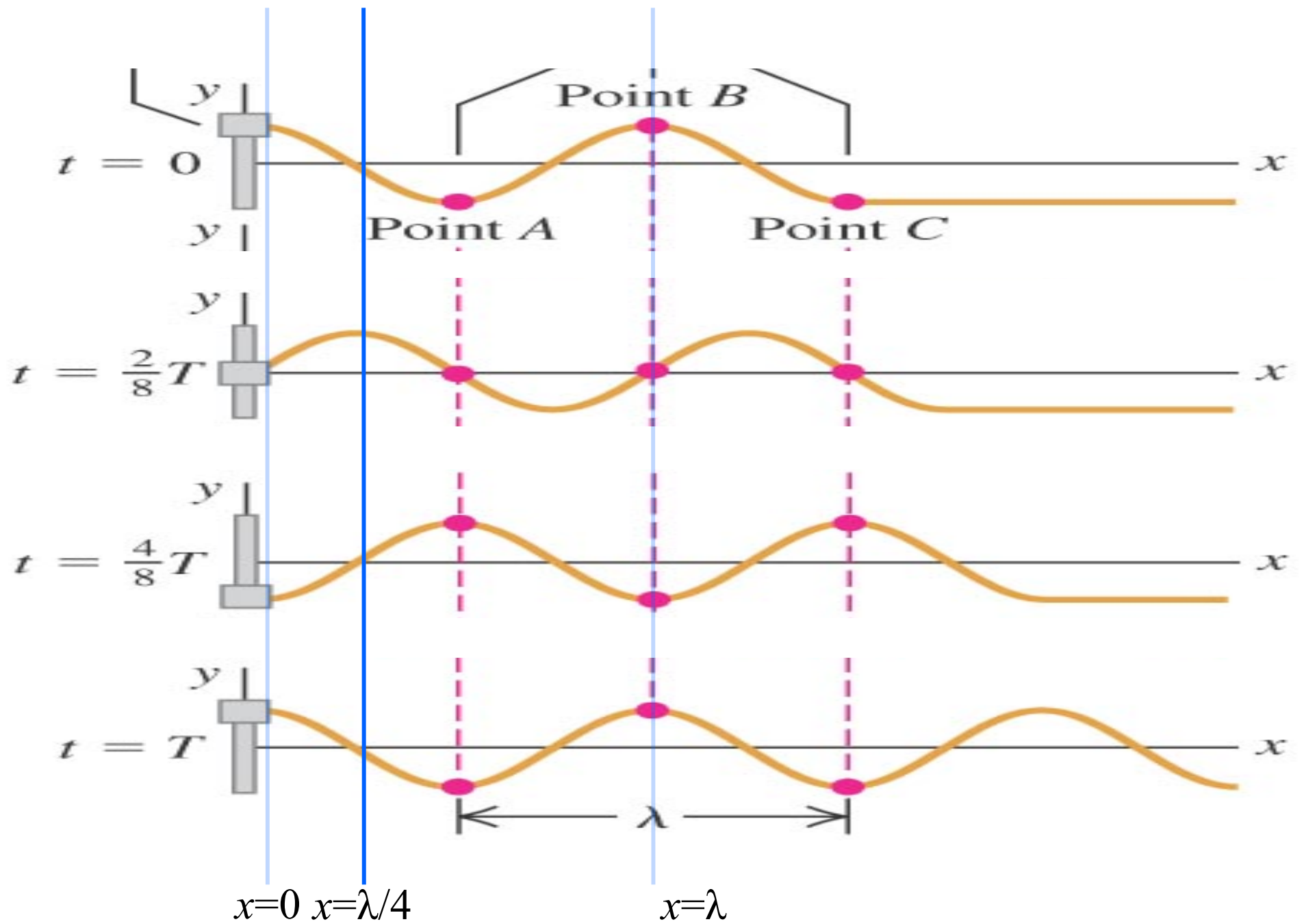


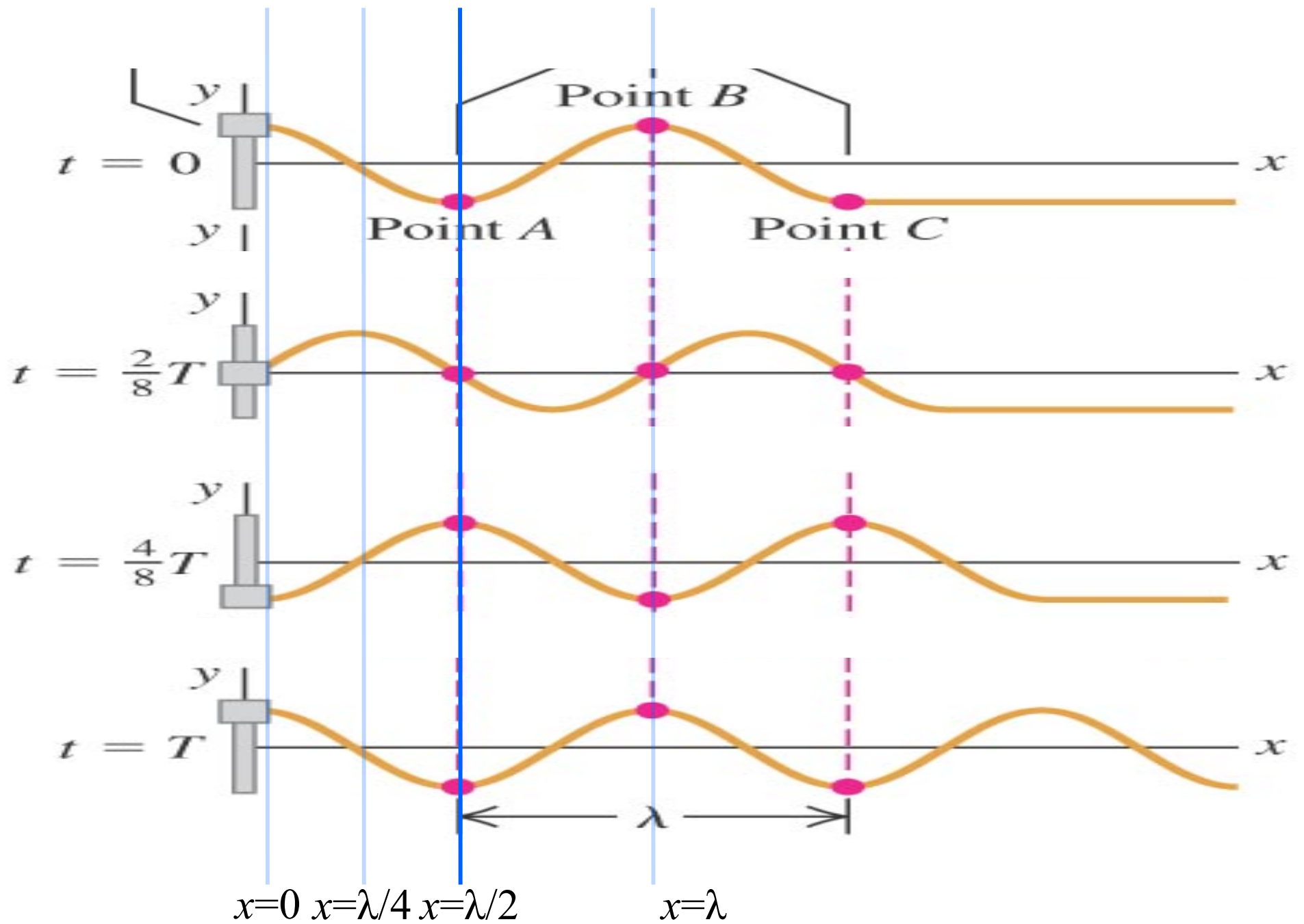


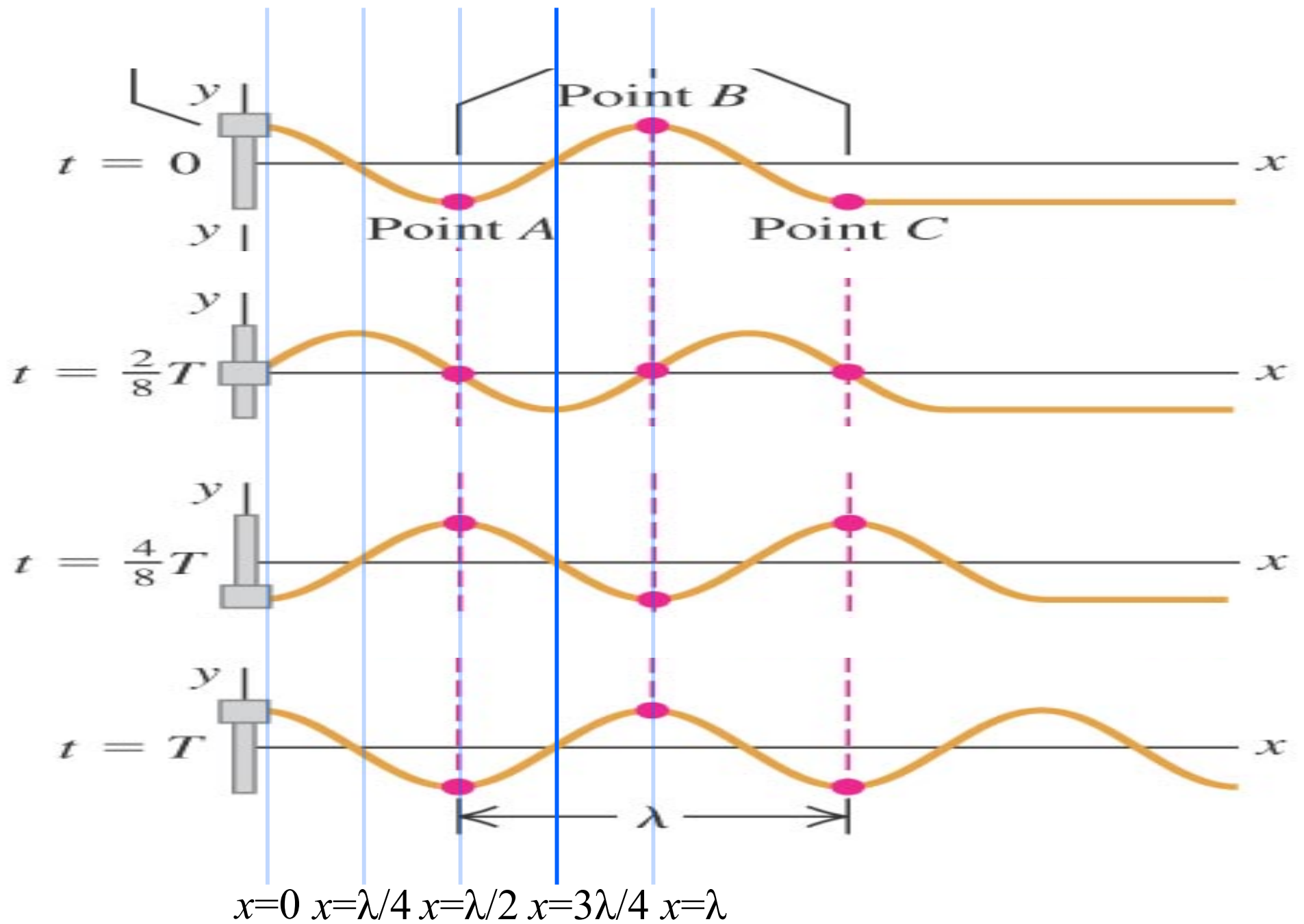












# Graphing the wave function

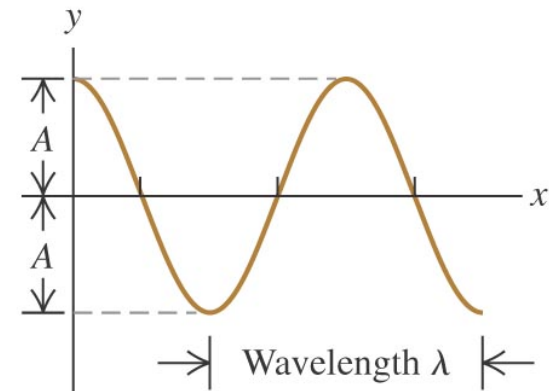
- The graphs to the right look similar, but they are *not* identical.
- Graph (a) shows the *shape* of the string at  $t = 0$

$$y = A \cos(kx)$$

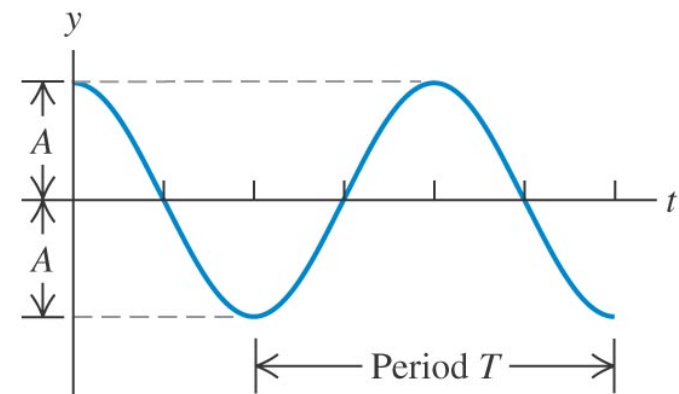
- Graph (b) shows the *displacement*  $y$  as a function of time at  $x = 0$ .

$$y = A \cos(-\omega t)$$

(a) If we use Eq. (15.7) to plot  $y$  as a function of  $x$  for time  $t = 0$ , the curve shows the *shape* of the string at  $t = 0$ .



(b) If we use Eq. (15.7) to plot  $y$  as a function of  $t$  for position  $x = 0$ , the curve shows the *displacement*  $y$  of the particle at  $x = 0$  as a function of time.





# Mathematical description of a wave

- The *wave function*,  $y(x,t)$ , gives a mathematical description of a wave. In this function,  $y$  is the displacement of a particle at time  $t$  and position  $x$ .
- The wave function for a sinusoidal wave moving in the  $+x$ -direction is

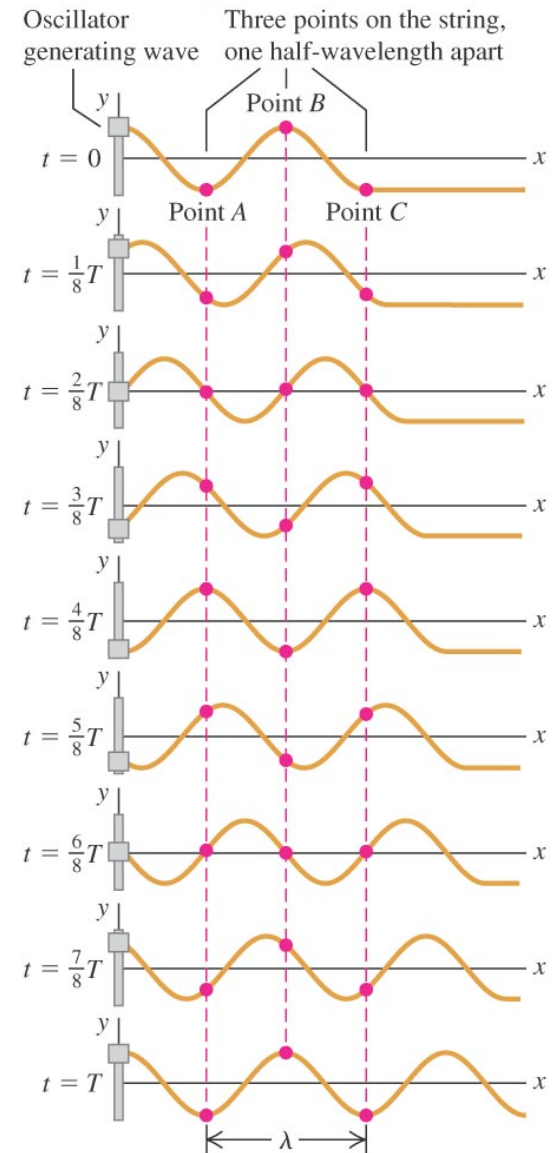
$$y(x,t) = A\cos(kx - \omega t),$$

where  $k = 2\pi/\lambda$  is called the *wave number*.

- In the  $-x$ -direction,

$$y(x,t) = A\cos(kx + \omega t)$$

The string is shown at time intervals of  $\frac{1}{8}$  period for a total of one period  $T$ .



# Sinusoidal wave moving in $+x$ direction

$$y(x, t) = A \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

$$y(x, t) = A \cos \left[ 2\pi \left( \frac{x}{\lambda} - \frac{t}{T} \right) \right]$$

$$y(x, t) = A \cos \left[ \omega \left( \frac{x}{v} - t \right) \right] = A \cos \left[ 2\pi f \left( \frac{x}{v} - t \right) \right]$$

# Sinusoidal wave moving in $-x$ direction

$$y(x, t) = A \cos(kx + \omega t)$$

$$y(x, t) = A \cos \left[ 2\pi \left( \frac{x}{\lambda} + \frac{t}{T} \right) \right]$$

$$y(x, t) = A \cos \left[ \omega \left( \frac{x}{v} + t \right) \right] = A \cos \left[ 2\pi f \left( \frac{x}{v} + t \right) \right]$$