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Physics

Lecture - 01

Superposition of Waves

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Topics

to be covered



1 Introduction ✓

2 Progressive Wave ✓

3 Reflection of Waves ✓

4 Superposition of Waves

1) Lecture

2) formulas

3) Numerical \rightarrow soln

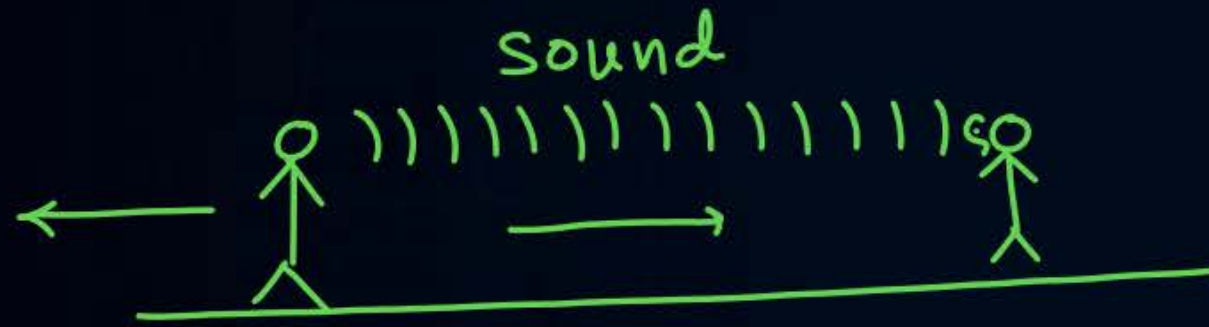
4) Practise.



Introduction



- **Wave** → Disturbance traveling through medium.



e.g sound waves, waves on water surface

Types of waves :

Mechanical waves

- Requires medium to travel
- Sound waves

Non-Mechanical waves.

- Not required medium to travel.
- Electromagnetic waves.



Progressive Wave



The wave in which disturbance created in the medium travel continuously without obstruction or damping from one point to other is called a Progressive wave.





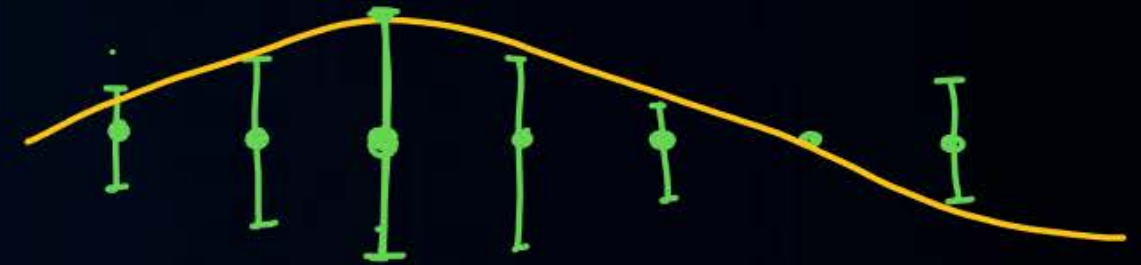
Properties of progressive waves



1) Particle of medium performs SHM.

2) All particles have same amplitude

period & frequency.



3) The phase changes from one particle to another

4) No particle of medium will be at rest permanently.

5) Energy transfer only not matter

6) Particle has maximum velocity at mean posⁿ.

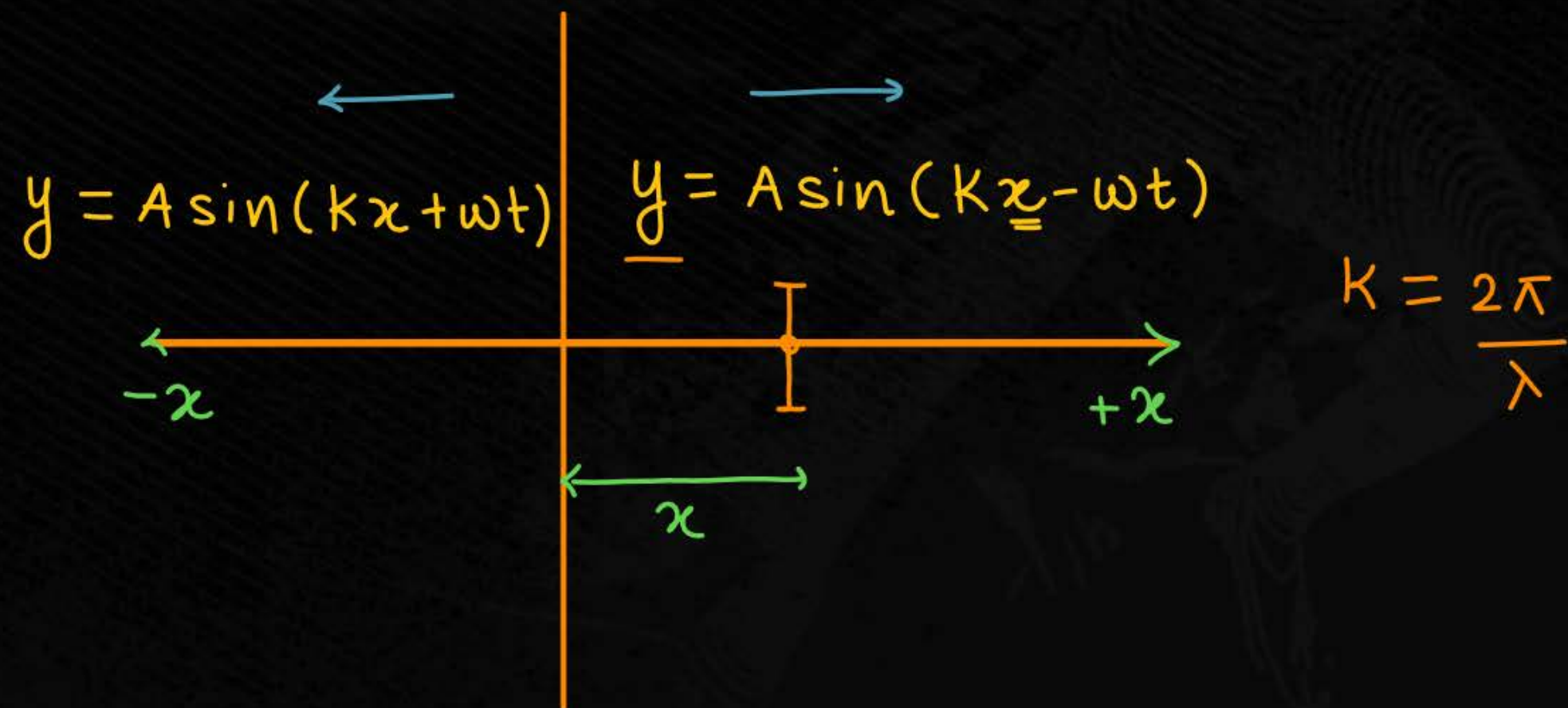
7) two types

→ transverse → particle vibrates \perp er to direction of wave.

→ longitudinal → particle vibrates \parallel er to direction of waves.

8) only longitudinal wave pass through fluids
not transverse wave

9) Both waves can travel through solids.



Que:

$$y = 5 \sin(x - \underline{2\pi t})$$

find λ and f .

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

$$A = 5, k = 1, \omega = 2\pi$$

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \therefore \lambda = 2\pi$$

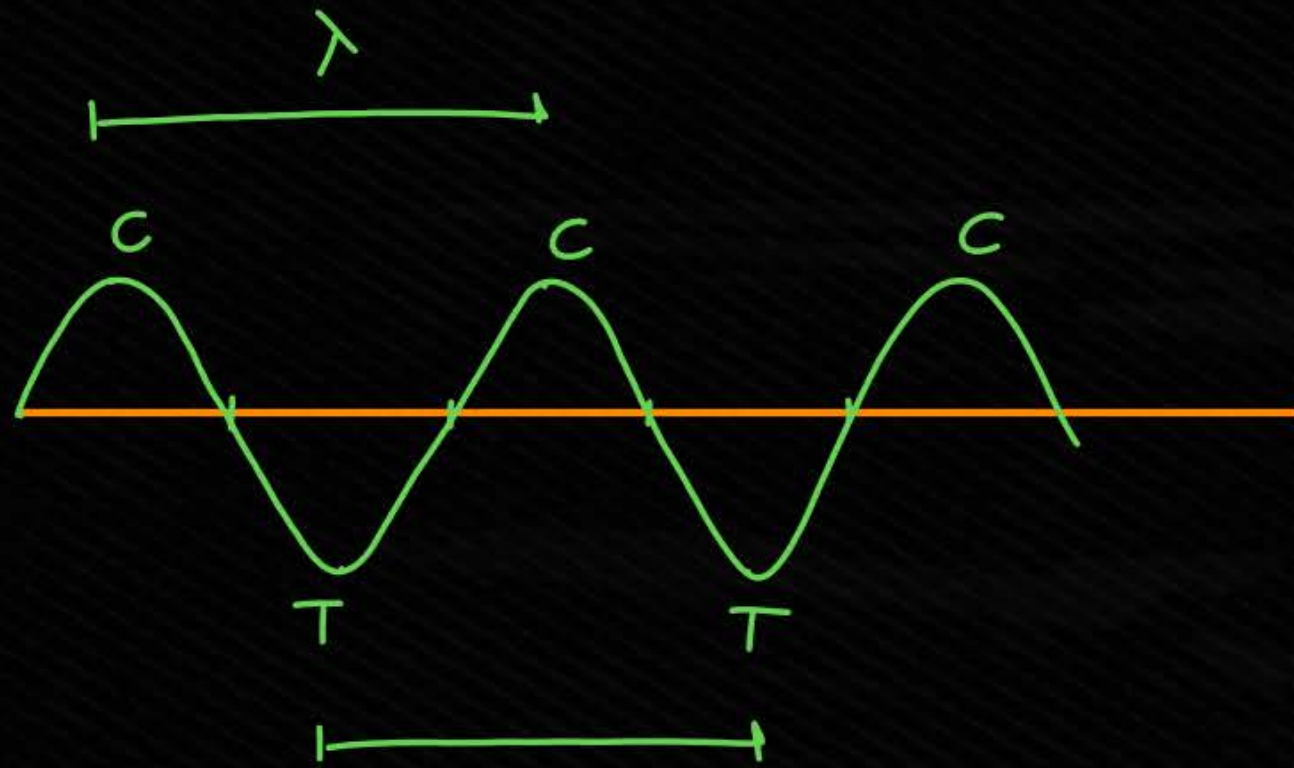
$$\omega = 2\pi$$

$$2\pi f = 2\pi$$

$$f = 1 \text{ Hz}$$

* Note \rightarrow wave velocity

$$v = f\lambda$$



C - Crest

T - Trough.

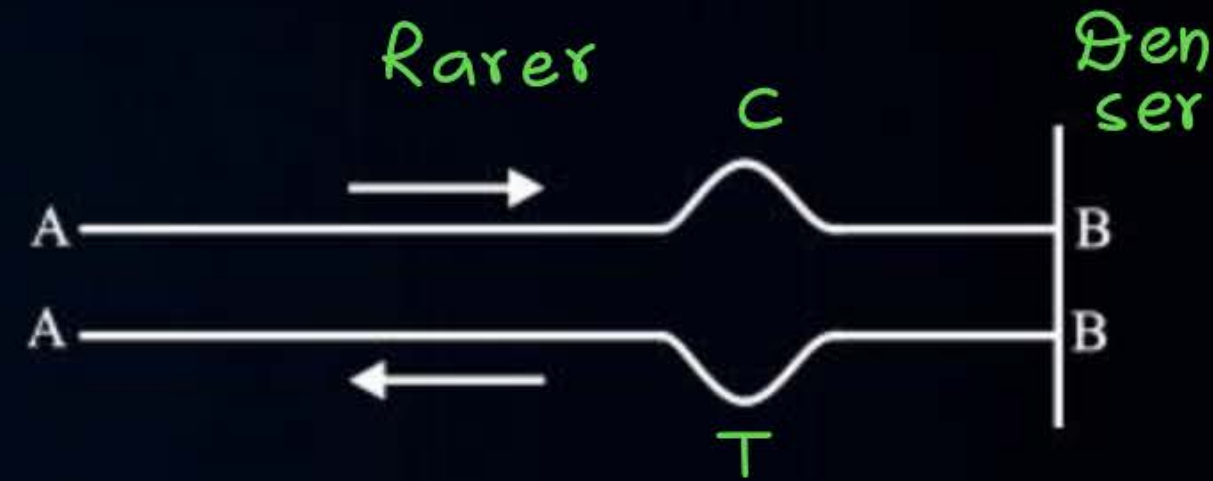


Reflection of Waves



Reflection of a Transverse Wave :

- when transverse wave travels from rarer to denser medium then crest is reflected as trough & vice-versa.
- when transverse wave travels from denser to rarer medium then



crest is Reflected as crest &
trough is reflected as trough.

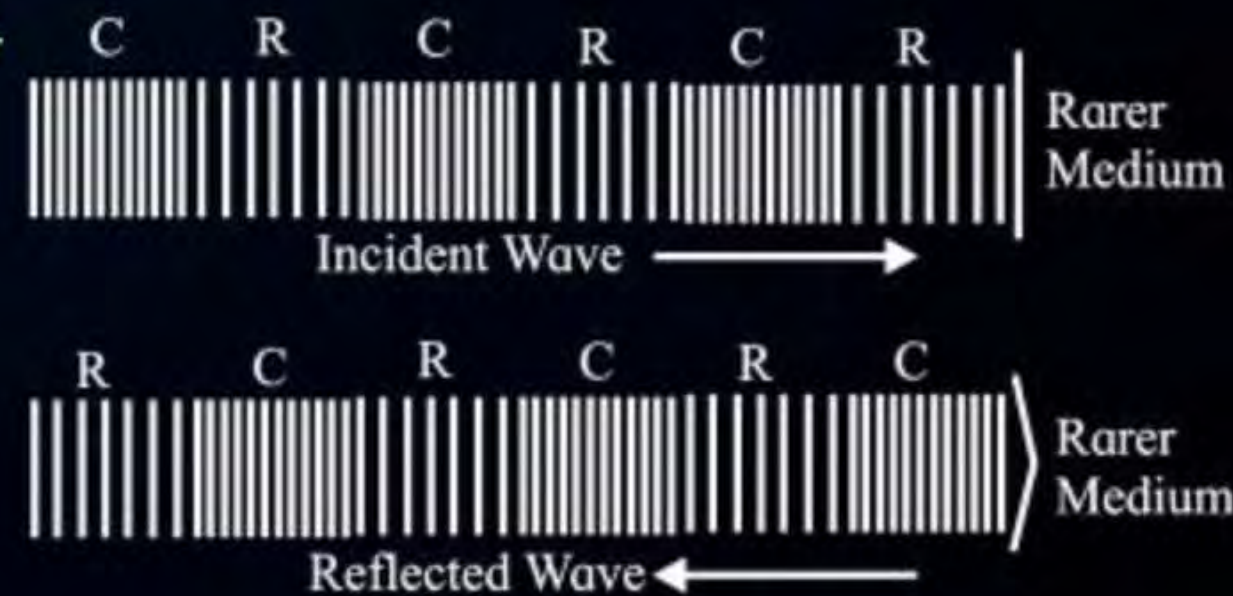
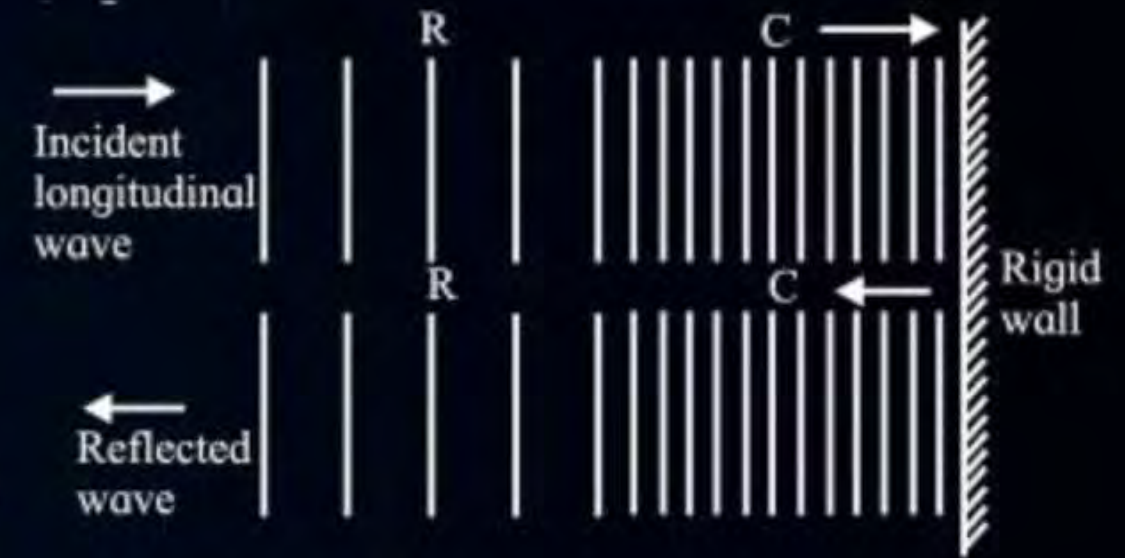


Reflection of a Longitudinal Wave



- when longitudinal waves travels from rarer to denser medium then compression is reflected as compression & rarefaction is reflected as rarefaction.

- Home work.



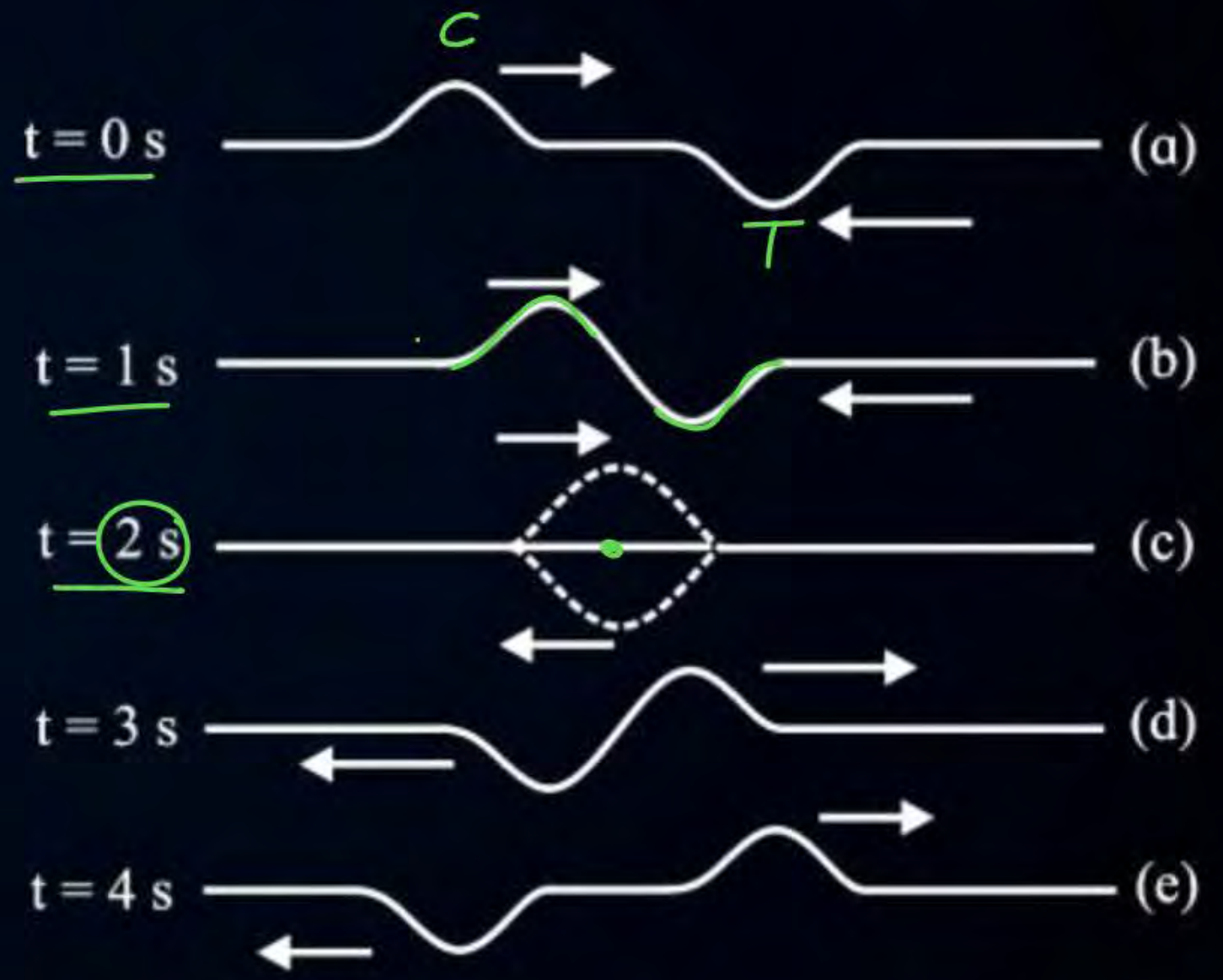
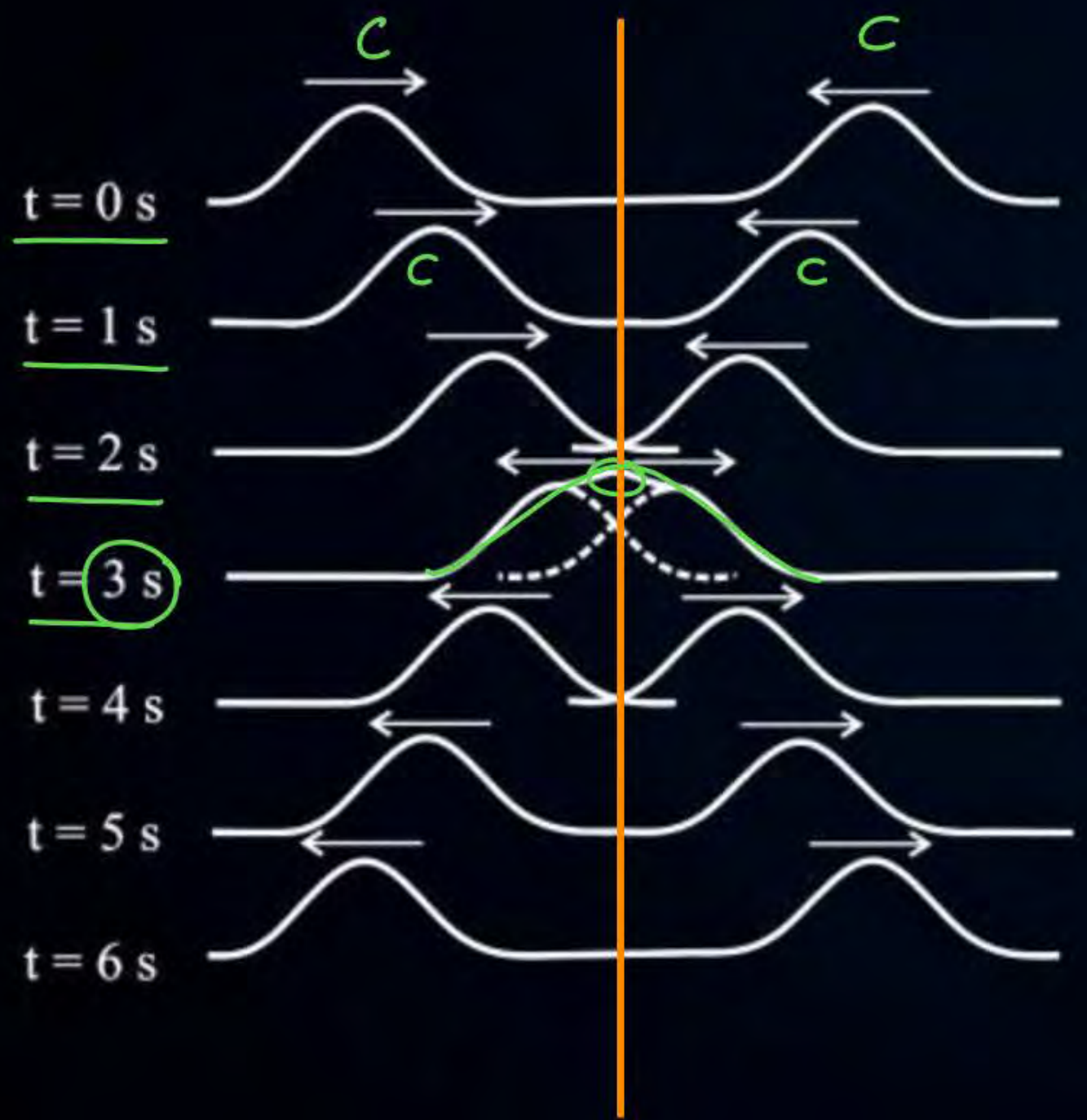


Superposition of Waves



When two or more waves travelling through a medium pass through a common point each wave produces its own displacement at that point independent of the presence of other waves. The resultant displacement will be the vector sum of displacements produced by individual waves.

$$y = y_1 + y_2$$



- $y_1 = A_1 \sin \omega t$

$$y_2 = A_2 \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$y = y_1 + y_2$$

Refer composition of SHM.

Home work.



Summary



- 1) Intro
- 2) Progressive wave.
- 3) Reflection of transverse & longitudinal waves.
- 4) Superposition of waves.



Homework



- 1) Revise lecture.
- 2) Solve questions on wave eqn.



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