

The elastic limit of the steel forming a piece of wire is equal to  $2.70 \times 10^8$  Pa. What is the maximum speed at which transverse wave pulses can propagate along this wire without exceeding this stress? (The density of steel is  $7.86 \times 10^3$  Kg/m<sup>3</sup>)

Propagation speed in the wire:

$$c = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\delta}}$$

where  $T$  – wire tension,  $\delta$  – linear density.

$$c = \sqrt{\frac{T}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\rho V}} = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\frac{\rho S l}{l}}} = \sqrt{\frac{T}{\rho S}} = \sqrt{\frac{P}{\rho}}$$

$$c_{max} = \sqrt{\frac{2.7 * 10^8 Pa}{7.86 * 10^3 kg/m^3}} = 185.34 m/s$$

**Answer:**  $c_{max} = 185.34 m/s$