

Answer on Question #66258 - Physics / Mechanics | Relativity

Question

The oscillations of two points  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  at  $x=0$  and  $x=1\text{m}$  respectively are modelled as follows:  $y_1=0.3\sin(4\pi t)$  and  $y_2=0.3\sin(4\pi t+\pi/8)$ . Calculate the wavelength and speed of the associated wave.

Solution

$$y_1 = 0.3 \sin(4\pi t); y_2 = 0.3 \sin\left(4\pi t + \frac{\pi}{8}\right)$$
$$\Delta\phi = \frac{\pi}{8}; \Delta x = 1\text{m};$$
$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi * \Delta x}{\Delta\phi} = 2 * \frac{1}{\frac{1}{8}} = 16\text{m} - \text{wavelength}$$
$$\omega = 4\pi = 2\pi\nu; \nu = 2\text{Hz}; -\text{frequency}$$
$$v = \nu\lambda = 2 * 16 = 32 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

Answer: **wavelength: 16m, speed: 32 m/s**

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