

Lecture 14.

Lecture objectives.

- To understand the mechanism by which energy is transported as a wave passes through a medium.
- To understand the concept of energy density of a wave
- To derive a relationship between rate of energy propagation, energy density and phase velocity

Post-lecture tasks.

- A wave on a stretched string $y = a \cos(\omega t + kx)$ is produced by a generator with frequency 4 Hz and it propagates with a phase velocity of 12 ms^{-1} . Its amplitude is $a = 0.15 \text{ m}$.
- Find the velocity of the point at $x = 0.6 \text{ m}$ on the string at $t = 10 \text{ s}$.
- Find the average energy transfer rate along the string if its tension is $T = 12 \text{ N}$.