

15. We write the string displacement in the form $y = y_m \sin(kx + \omega t)$. The plus sign is used since the wave is traveling in the negative x direction. The frequency is $f = 100 \text{ Hz}$, so the angular frequency is $\omega = 2\pi f = 2\pi(100 \text{ Hz}) = 628 \text{ rad/s}$. The wave speed is given by $v = \sqrt{\tau/\mu}$, where τ is the tension in the string and μ is the linear mass density of the string, so the wavelength is $\lambda = v/f = \sqrt{\tau/\mu}/f$ and the angular wave number is

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} = 2\pi f \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\tau}} = 2\pi(100 \text{ Hz}) \sqrt{\frac{0.50 \text{ kg/m}}{10 \text{ N}}} = 141 \text{ m}^{-1} .$$

The amplitude is $y_m = 0.12 \text{ mm}$. Thus

$$y = (0.12 \text{ mm}) \sin [(141 \text{ m}^{-1})x + (628 \text{ s}^{-1})t] .$$