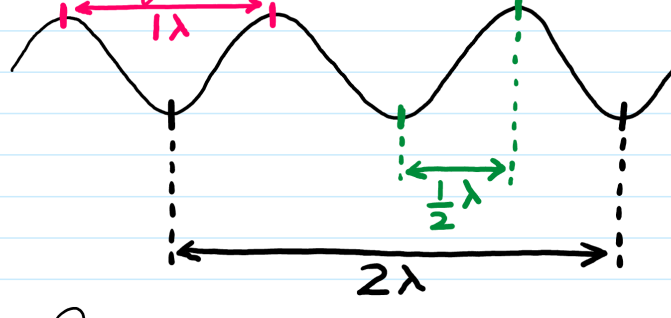


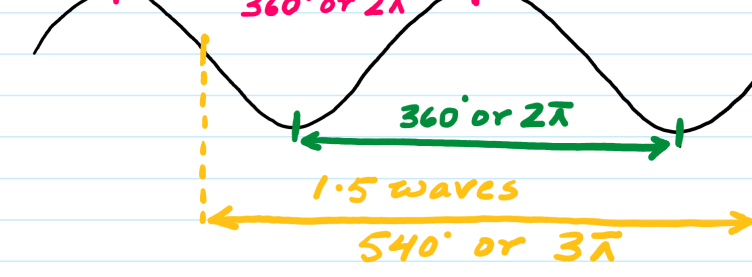
Properties of Waves

- ① Reflection } O-level
- ② Refraction } O-level
- ③ Superposition } AS-level.
- ④ Interference } AS-level.
- ⑤ Diffraction } AS-level.

PATH DIFFERENCE :: refers to distance b/w any two points on a wave measured in terms of wavelength (λ).

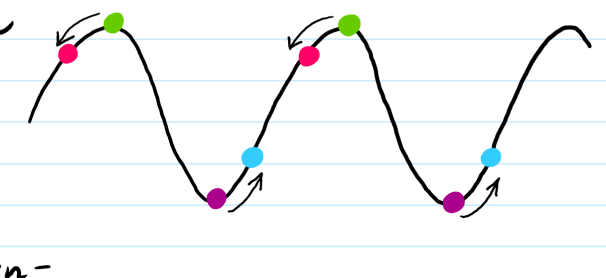


PHASE DIFFERENCE :: refers to distance b/w any two points on a wave measured either in degrees or in Radians.



A path diff. of 1λ corresponds to a phase diff. of $360^\circ / 2\pi$ rad.

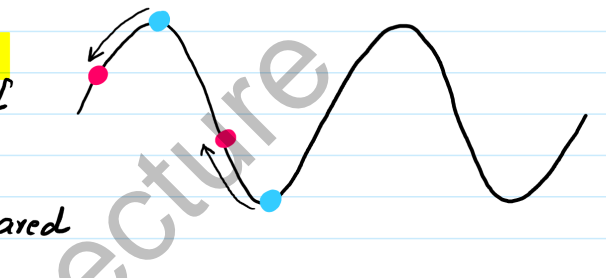
In-phase pts :: Two pts if upon comparison exhibit identical / similar behaviour than they are said to be in phase with each other



example could be a Crest if compared with another Crest or a Trough if compared with another trough.

① For **In-phase pts**, they must have a path difference of $1\lambda, 2\lambda, 3\lambda, 4\lambda, 5\lambda, 6\lambda, 7\lambda, \dots$ and they must have a corresponding phase difference of $2\pi, 4\pi, 6\pi, 8\pi, 10\pi, \dots$

Out-of phase pts :: Two pts if upon comparison exhibit exactly opposite behaviour than they are said to be out-of phase with each other



example could be a Crest if compared with a trough.

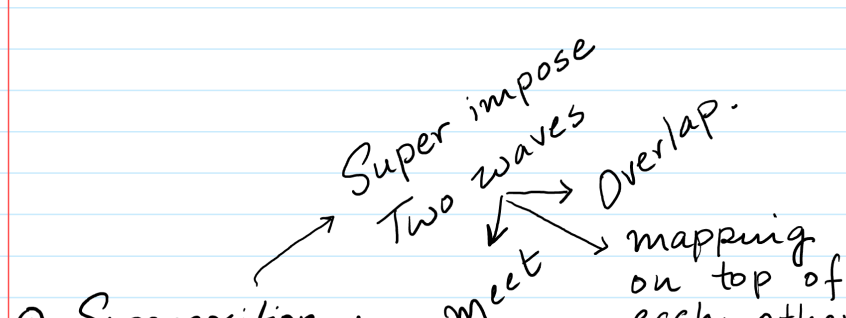
② For **Out-of phase pts**, they must have a path difference of $\frac{1}{2}\lambda, \frac{3}{2}\lambda, \frac{5}{2}\lambda, \frac{7}{2}\lambda, \frac{9}{2}\lambda, \frac{11}{2}\lambda, \dots$ and $\frac{1}{2}\lambda, 1.5, 2.5, 3.5, 4.5, \frac{11}{2}$ they must have a corresponding phase difference of $\pi, 3\pi, 5\pi, 7\pi, 9\pi, 11\pi, \dots$

Example Question

$v = 640 \text{ms}^{-1}$ Cal. the **PHASE DIFF** b/w
 $f = 800 \text{Hz}$ 2 pts on this wave which are separated by a distance of 0.4m .

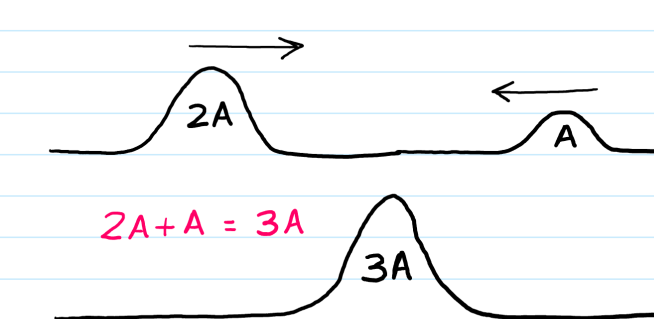
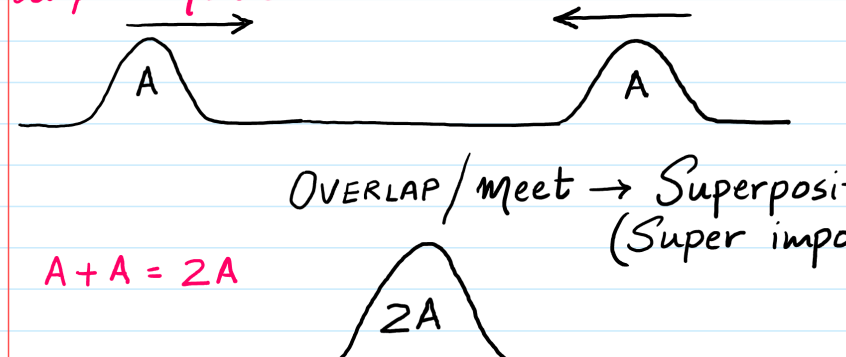
$v = f\lambda$
 $\frac{640}{800} = \lambda \quad \lambda = \frac{v}{f}$
 $\lambda = 0.8 \text{m}$

1 wavelength $1\lambda (0.8 \text{m}) \rightarrow 360^\circ / 2\pi$
 $0.4 \text{m} \rightarrow 180^\circ / \pi$ Ans.



Principle of Superposition :-

According to the principle of Superposition if two or more waves overlap/meet at a common pt, then the Total displacement due to these waves will be the **Sum** of their individual displacements.



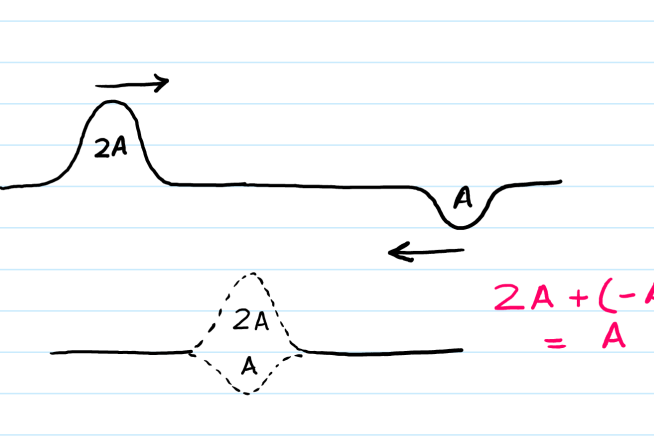
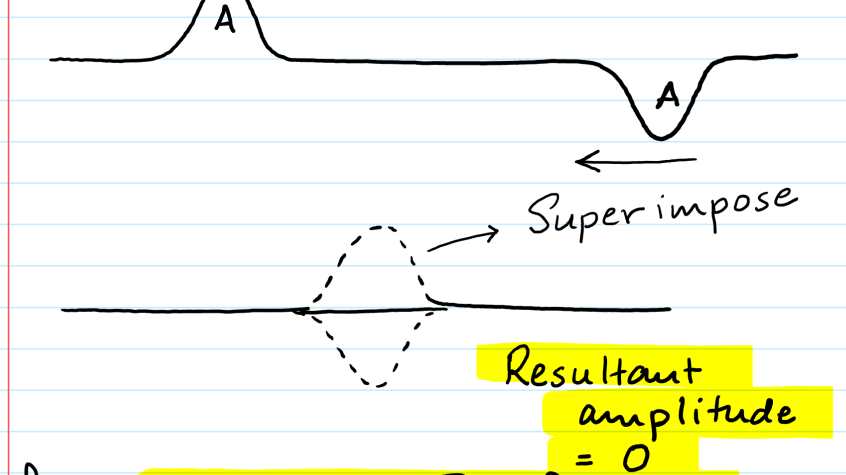
The phenomena of Superposition gives rise to **INTERFERENCE**. The above case can be classified by the term **CONSTRUCTIVE** interference

Constructive Interference occurs when **IN PHASE** pts superimpose each other.

for Constructive Interference to occur we can say that path diff will be $1\lambda, 2\lambda, 3\lambda, 4\lambda, 5\lambda, 6\lambda$ & phase diff will be $2\pi, 4\pi, 6\pi, 8\pi, \dots$

What about Destructive Interference

Think of a crest amplitude (A) overlapping with a Trough amplitude (A).



for Destructive Interference to occur, out of phase pts must superimpose each other

for Destructive Interference, the path difference corresponds to $\frac{1}{2}\lambda, \frac{3}{2}\lambda, \frac{5}{2}\lambda, \frac{7}{2}\lambda, \frac{9}{2}\lambda, \dots$ and the phase difference