

Interpreting Waves

Use with Chapter 5,
Section 5.1

1. Look at the two waves shown. What is the speed of each wave?

2. Look at the two waves shown. Which wave has a higher frequency? Which wave has a longer wavelength?

3. Assume that wave A has a wavelength of 699 nm. Calculate the frequency of the wave. Show your work.

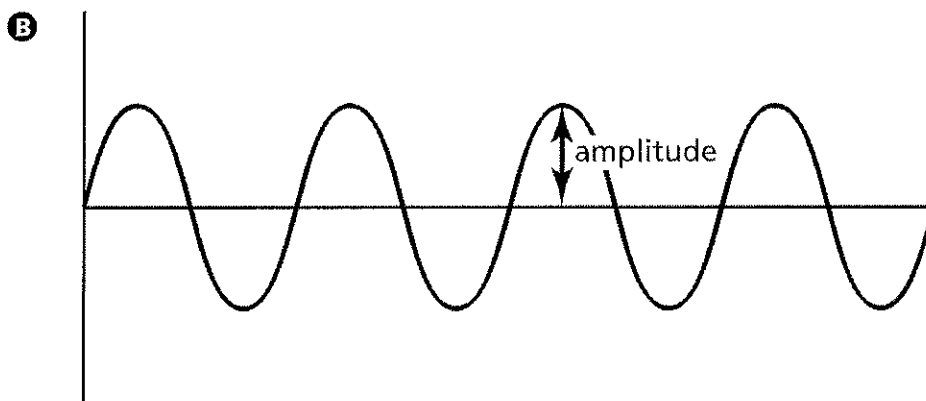
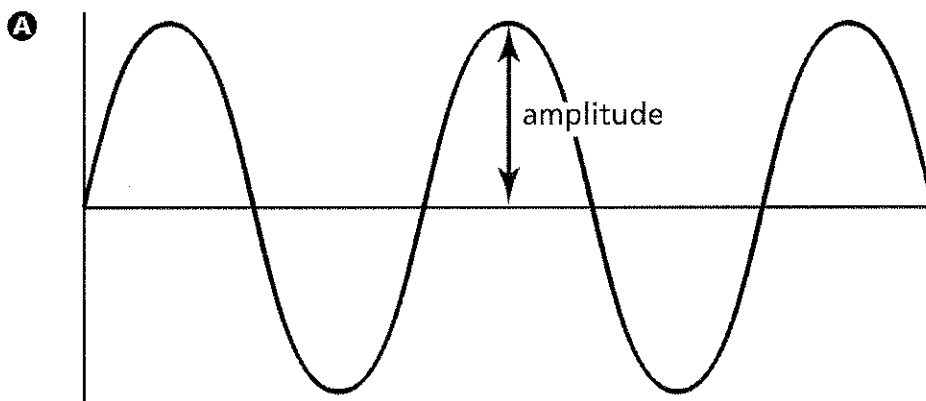
4. Assume that wave B has a wavelength of 415 nm. Calculate the frequency of the wave. Show your work.

5. Compare your calculations in question 4 with your answer to question 3. Do your calculations support your answer in question 2?

6. If wave A has a frequency of $4.60 \times 10^{14} \text{ s}^{-1}$, what is its wavelength in nanometers? Show your work.

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Waves A and B are both electromagnetic waves.

$c = \lambda\nu$ for all electromagnetic waves.