

$y(x,t) = \frac{0.8}{(4x+5t)^2+5}$ represents a moving pulse, where x, y are in metre and t in second. Then:

- (A) pulse is moving in +x direction
- (B) in 2 second it will travel a distance of 2.5 metre
- (C) its maximum displacement is 0.16 metre
- (D) it is a symmetric pulse about x-axis

Solution

Comparing $kx + \omega t$ with $4x + 5t$, $k = 4$ & $\omega = 5$, $v = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{5}{4} = 1.25 \text{ m/s}$

If $t = 2 \text{ s}$, $d = vt = 1.25 \times 2 = 2.5 \text{ m}$

$$y_{\max} = \frac{0.8}{0^2 + 5} = 0.16 \text{ m}$$

The pulse exists above x-axis only and hence is not symmetric about x-axis.

Also if $y(x,t) = f(kx + \omega t)$ the direction of motion is towards -ve x axis.

Hence, (B) & (C)