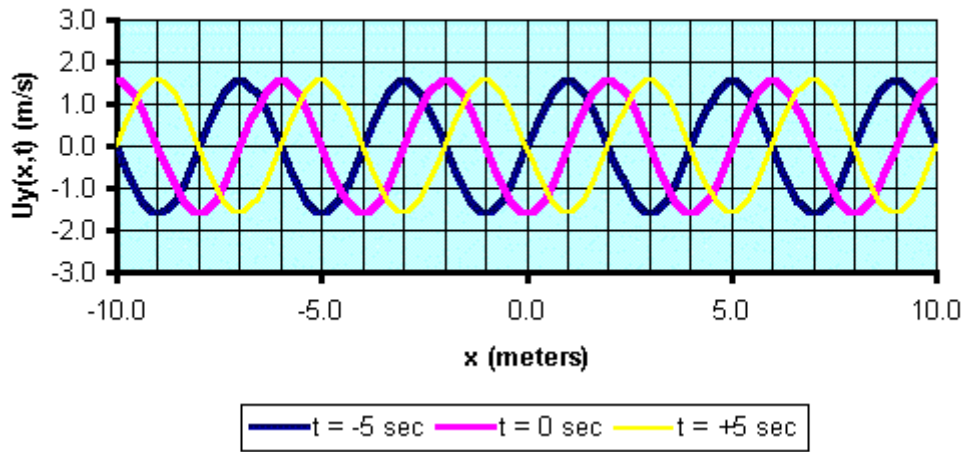


$$U_y(x,t) = -wA \cos[kx - \omega t] \text{ vs. } x$$



Note that the transverse velocity, $u_y(x, t)$ of a traveling harmonic wave is 90° out of phase with the transverse displacement, $y(x,t)$ of the wave (*i.e.* $1/4$ of a cycle). This is because the cosine and sine functions are related to each other by a phase angle of $\delta = 90^\circ$; $\cos \theta = \sin(\theta + 90^\circ)$, and $\sin \theta = \cos(\theta - 90^\circ)$, where θ is an arbitrary angle. These relations can be derived from the *angle-addition formulae* for the sine and cosine functions:

$$\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \sin B \cos A \quad \text{and:} \quad \cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B.$$

Alternatively, we can show the transverse displacement, $y(x,t)$ and the transverse velocity, $u_y(x, t)$ for the above sine-type harmonic traveling wave for fixed position, $x = -5, 0$ and $+5$ meters, as a function of time, t :

$$y(x,t) = A \sin[kx - \omega t] \text{ vs. } t$$

