

Pb #16.

a) For a receding source $f_{\text{obs}} = \frac{\sqrt{1 - v/c}}{\sqrt{1 + v/c}} f_{\text{source}}$

$$f_{\text{obs}} = (1 - v/c)^{1/2} (1 + v/c)^{-1/2} f_{\text{source}}$$

For small x $(1 - x)^n \approx 1 - nx$

$$\Rightarrow f_{\text{obs}} \approx \left(1 - \frac{v}{2c}\right) \left(1 + \frac{v}{2c}\right) f_{\text{source}}$$

$$\approx \left(1 - \frac{v}{c} + \frac{v^2}{4c^2}\right) f_{\text{source}} \approx \left(1 - \frac{v}{c}\right) f_{\text{source}}$$

(we neglected $\frac{v^2}{4c^2}$)

$$\frac{\Delta f}{f} = \frac{f_{\text{obs}} - f_{\text{source}}}{f_{\text{source}}} \approx \frac{(1 - v/c) f_{\text{source}} - f_{\text{source}}}{f_{\text{source}}} \approx -v/c$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\Delta f}{f} \approx -\frac{v}{c}}$$

b) We know that $c = \lambda f \Rightarrow f = \frac{c}{\lambda}$

differentiate $df = -\frac{c}{\lambda^2} d\lambda \Rightarrow \frac{df}{f} = -\frac{c}{\lambda^2} \frac{d\lambda}{f}$

$$\frac{df}{f} = -\frac{c}{\lambda^2} \frac{d\lambda}{c/\lambda} = -\frac{d\lambda}{\lambda}$$

change $d \rightarrow \Delta \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta \lambda}{\lambda} = -\frac{\Delta f}{f} \approx \frac{v}{c}$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\Delta \lambda}{\lambda} \approx \frac{v}{c}}$$