Chapter 2
SOUND WAVES

Introduction: A sound wave (or pressure or compression wave) results when a surface (layer of molecules) moves back and forth in a medium producing a sequence of compressions “C” and rarefactions “R”. Although individual molecules do not travel any appreciable distance, the disturbance travels outwards.

⇒ The compression is a region where the molecules of the medium are very close to each other and the pressure is higher than normal pressure.
⇒ The rarefaction is a region where the molecules are farther away from each other and the pressure is lower than the normal pressure.

Sound propagates in the form of longitudinal waves through a medium. In such a wave, the particles of the disturbed medium move parallel to the wave velocity. The sound waves have the following categories:

i. Audible sound has a frequency from 20 Hz to 20,000 Hz.
ii. Infrasonic are the frequencies lower than 20 Hz, and
iii. Ultrasonic are frequencies higher than 20,000 Hz.
Sound waves have the following properties:
1. They can travel through solids, liquids or gasses, but not vacuum.
2. The speed of sound is a constant for a given material at a given pressure and temperature. For example, the speed of sound in air, \( v_o \), at 1 atmospheric pressure and 0 °C is equal to 331 m/s.
3. Speed of sound in air (\( v_{\text{air}} \)) < speed of sound in liquid (\( v_{\text{liquid}} \)) < speed of sound in solid (\( v_{\text{solid}} \)). This is mainly related to the intermolecular spaces in a substances.
4. When sound goes from low dense medium (e.g. air) into a higher dense medium (e.g. liquid) the frequency stays unchanged, the velocity increases, and thus the wavelength must increases, recall the relation \( v = f \lambda \).
5. Speed of sound increases with increasing the temperature. Recall the empirical formulæ:
   \[
   v_T = v_o + 0.6 T, \quad \text{T is in °C} \\
   v_T = v_o \sqrt{\frac{T}{273}}, \quad \text{T is in Kelvin}
   \]
   where \( v_o = 331 \) m/s.

\[ \text{Calculate the speed of sound at 27 °C, using two different methods.} \]
\[ \checkmark \quad v_{27} = v_o + 0.6 T = 331 + 0.6 \times 27 \approx 347 \text{ m/s.} \]
\[ \checkmark \quad v_{27} = 331 \sqrt{\frac{273 + 27}{273}} \approx 347 \text{ m/s.} \]

6. Speed of sound in different media is expressed as:
   \[
   v(\text{solids}) = \sqrt{\frac{Y}{\rho}}, \quad \text{Y is the Young's modulus, } [Y] = \frac{N}{m^2} = \text{Pa} \\
   v(\text{liquids or gases}) = \sqrt{\frac{B}{\rho}}, \quad \text{B is the Bulk's modulus, } [B] = \frac{N}{m^2} = \text{Pa}
   \]
The Bulk’s modulus is defined as $B = -\frac{\Delta P}{\Delta V/V}$, where $\Delta V/V$ is the fractional change in the volume produced by a change in the pressure $\Delta P$. $B$ for liquid is more than $10^3$ times greater than that of air, this is why $v_{\text{liquid}} > v_{\text{air}}$.

Assuming the velocity of sound in air at $0 \, ^\circ\text{C}$ is $v_o = 331 \, \text{m/s}$, calculate the change in the wavelength due to a frequency of $f = 1000 \, \text{Hz}$ when the temperature changes from $0 \, ^\circ\text{C}$ to $30 \, ^\circ\text{C}$.

At $0 \, ^\circ\text{C}$,

$$\lambda_o = \frac{v_o}{f} = \frac{331}{1000} = 0.331 \, \text{m}.$$

At $30 \, ^\circ\text{C}$, $T = 303 \, \text{K}$, then

$$\lambda_{30} = \frac{v_{30}}{f} = \lambda_o \sqrt{\frac{T_{30}}{T_o}} = \frac{303}{273} \lambda_o = 0.349 \, \text{m}.$$

and the change in the wavelength is $\lambda_{30} - \lambda_o = 0.018 \, \text{m} = 18 \, \text{mm}$.

A man strikes a long steel rod at one end. Another man, at the other end with his ear close to the rod, hears the sound of the blow twice (once through air and once through the rod), with time interval $\Delta t = 0.1 \, \text{s}$ between them. How long “$l$” is the rod? [For the steel, $Y = 2.1 \times 10^{11} \, \text{Pa}$, and the $\rho = 7.0 \times 10^3 \, \text{kg/m}^3$. Speed of sound in air $v_o = 340 \, \text{m/s}$.]

The speed of sound in the steel is

$$v = \frac{Y}{\rho} = \sqrt{\frac{2.1 \times 10^{11}}{7.0 \times 10^3}} = 5477 \, \text{m/s},$$

then

$$\Delta t = \frac{l}{v_o} - \frac{l}{v} \quad \Rightarrow \quad l = \frac{v v_o}{v - v_o} \Delta t,$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad l = \frac{5477 \times 340}{5477 - 340} \times 0.1 = 36 \, \text{m}.$$
**Harmonic sound waves:** The harmonic displacement along x-direction, \( S(x,t) \), is given by:
\[
S(x,t) = S_m \cos(kx - \omega t)
\]
where \( S_m \) is the maximum displacement (amplitude). The change in pressure, \( \Delta P(x,t) \), of the longitudinal wave from its equilibrium value is given by:
\[
\Delta P(x,t) = \Delta P_m \sin(kx - \omega t)
\]
where \( \Delta P_m \) is the maximum amplitude and has the form:
\[
\Delta P_m = \rho v \omega S_m
\]
\( \rho \) is the volume density (\( \equiv \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{Volume}} \)). Note that \( S(x,t) \) and \( \Delta P(x,t) \) are out of phase by 90°.

**The average energy:** \( (E_{\text{average}}, [E] = J) \), the average energy of the moving layer, with thickness \( \Delta x \) and area \( A \), of the longitudinal wave is:
\[
E_{\text{average}} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta m (\omega S_m)^2 A = \frac{1}{2} (\rho A \Delta x)(\omega S_m)^2
\]
where \( A \Delta x \) is the volume of the layer.

**The average power:** \( (P = \frac{E_{\text{average}}}{t}, [P] = W) \), transmitted in a harmonic sound wave is defined by
\[
P = \frac{1}{2} \rho v (\omega S_m)^2 A
\]
where \( v = \frac{\Delta x}{t} \equiv \text{wave speed} \).

**The intensity:** \( (I = \frac{P}{A}, [I] = \frac{W}{m^2}) \), is the energy per second flowing normally through an area of 1 m² at the place concerned. For sound wave, it is defined as \( \text{(Power/Area)} \) ⇒
\[
I = \frac{1}{2} \rho v (\omega S_m)^2 = \frac{\Delta P_m^2}{2 \rho v}
\]
Because the sound waves spread out as
they move away from their source, their intensity decreases with distance and obeys the inverse-square law, i.e. \( I \propto \frac{1}{r^2} \).

The following ratio is also useful:

\[
\frac{I_1}{I_2} = \left( \frac{r_2}{r_1} \right)^2
\]

**Spherical waves:** At a distance \( r \) from spherical (point) source, the total power is distributed over the \( 4\pi r^2 \) area of a sphere of radius \( r \). Hence the intensity of the sound at this distance is:

\[
I = \frac{P}{4\pi r^2}.
\]

\( \Rightarrow \) A point source of sound wave has average power of \( 1.00 \times 10^{-6} \) W. What is the intensity 3.00 m away from the source?

\[
I = \frac{P}{4\pi r^2} = \frac{1.00 \times 10^{-6}}{4\pi \times 3^2} = 8.84 \times 10^{-9} \text{ W/m}^2.
\]

\( \Rightarrow \) Assume that sound from a plane engine enters your ear normally with intensity of 0.05 W/m\(^2\). If your ear passage has a cross-sectional area of 38 mm\(^2\), how many Joules of energy per second enter your ear?

\[
P = IA = (0.05)(38 \times 10^{-6}) = 1.9 \times 10^{-6} \text{ J/s}.
\]

**Sound level:** (\( \beta, [\beta] = \text{dB} \equiv \text{Decibel} \)), is defined by:

\[
\beta = 10 \times \log_{10} \left( \frac{I}{I_o} \right) \quad \Rightarrow \quad I = I_o \times 10^{\beta/10},
\]

where \( I_o = 10^{-12} \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2} \) is the lowest audible sound (the threshold of hearing).
Find the ratio of the intensities of two sound waves if the difference in their sound levels is 7 dB.

\[ \beta_2 - \beta_1 = 10 \times \log \left( \frac{I_2}{I_o} \right) - 10 \times \log \left( \frac{I_1}{I_o} \right) = 10 \times \log \left( \frac{I_2}{I_1} \right) = 7 \text{ dB} \]

This gives the ratio:

\[ \frac{I_2}{I_1} = 10^{7/10} = 5. \\

The sound level 2 m from a source is measured to be 90 dB. How far away must one be to measure a sound level of 50 dB?

\[ \beta_1 = 90 \text{ dB} \Rightarrow I_1 = I_o \times 10^{90/10} = 10^{-3} \text{ W/m}^2, \]

\[ \beta_2 = 50 \text{ dB} \Rightarrow I_2 = I_o \times 10^{50/10} = 10^{-7} \text{ W/m}^2, \]

\[ \therefore \frac{I_1}{I_2} = \left( \frac{r_2}{r_1} \right)^2 \therefore r_2 = r_1 \sqrt{\frac{I_1}{I_2}} = 2 \sqrt{\frac{10^{-3}}{10^{-7}}} = 200 \text{ m}. \]

**Interference of sound waves**: The path length difference, \( \Delta r \), in case of interference between two traveling waves, is related to the phase difference, \( \Delta \varphi \), by the relation:

\[ \Delta r = | r_2 - r_1 | = \frac{\lambda \Delta \varphi}{2\pi} \]

- in phase (fully constructive): \( \Delta r = \pm n \frac{\lambda}{2}, \quad n \text{ is even} \)
- out of phase (fully destructive): \( \Delta r = \pm n \frac{\lambda}{2}, \quad n \text{ is odd} \)
A listener hears two sound waves from two loud-speakers, with the same frequency of 85 Hz that are in phase. At the listener’s location a phase difference of 450° is detected. What is the path difference if the speed of the waves is 340 m/s.

\[ \Delta r = \frac{\lambda}{2} \frac{\Delta \varphi}{2\pi} = \left( \frac{340}{85} \right) \left( \frac{450 \times \frac{\pi}{180}}{2\pi} \right) = 5 \text{ m}. \]

A sound wave of wavelength \( \lambda = 50.0 \text{ cm} \) enters the tube shown in figure (1) at the source end. What must be the smallest radius “r”, other than zero, such that a maximum sound will be heard at the detector end?

[Figure (1)]

In this case, use \( n = 2 \) in the fully constructive interference

\[ \Delta L = n \frac{\lambda}{2} = \lambda, \quad \text{we can get:} \]

\[ \Delta L = \frac{2\pi r}{2} - 2r = (\pi - 2)r = \lambda \quad \Rightarrow \quad r = \frac{\lambda}{\pi - 2} = 0.44 \text{ m}. \]

**Homework:** What must be the smallest radius “r”, other than zero, such that a minimum will be detected at the detector end?

Two speakers, A and B, are driven by a common oscillator at 700 Hz and face each other at a distance of 1.75 m.
Locate the points along a line joining the two speakers. Where relative minima (nodes) would be expected. [Use: \( v = 350 \text{ m/s} \)]

\( \checkmark \) Suppose that the distance \( x \) from the speaker A, then

\[
r_1 = x, \quad r_2 = 1.75 - x
\]

\[
\Rightarrow \Delta r = r_2 - r_1 = 1.75 - 2x
\]

For the minimum, equate \( \Delta r = \pm \frac{n}{2} \lambda \), \( n \) is odd, where \( \lambda = \frac{350}{700} = 0.5 \text{ m} \), then solving for \( x \), one can find: \( x = \frac{1.75 - 0.25n}{2} \)

So, there are 6 minima between the two speakers. Neglect the minima at the speakers position

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**Resonances in air columns:** Standing waves are examples for longitudinal waves where nodes are formed at the closed ends and antinodes at open ends (always). Resonance means reinforcement of sound; by means, when the frequency of the vibrating source is equal to the frequency of the vibrations of the air column. In case of resonance, the relation between the frequency \( (f_n) \), speed of sound \( (v) \), and the length of the tube \( (L) \) is defined by:

\[
\begin{align*}
  f_n &= \begin{cases}
    nf_1, & f_1 = \frac{v}{2L}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \ldots \text{(for open-open tube)} \\
    nf_1, & f_1 = \frac{v}{4L}, \quad n = 1, 3, 5, \ldots \text{(for open-closed tube)}
  \end{cases}
\end{align*}
\]

\( n \) takes the values: 1 for the fundamental (first harmonic), 2, for the second harmonic, 3 for the third harmonic, etc.

**Notice that:**

1- In an open-open tube, all the harmonics are allowed and the number of nodes is less than the number of antinodes.

\[ L = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_1 \quad L = \frac{2}{2} \lambda_2 \quad L = \frac{3}{2} \lambda_3 \]

\[ \lambda_1 = 2L \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{2}{2} L \quad \lambda_3 = \frac{2}{3} L \]

\[ f_1 = \frac{1}{2L} \quad f_2 = \frac{2}{2L} \quad f_3 = \frac{3}{2L} \]

\[ \Rightarrow f_n = \frac{n}{2L} \quad n = 1, 2, 3\ldots \]
2- In an open-closed tube, only the odd harmonics are allowed and the number of nodes is equal to the number of antinodes.

An air column 2 m in length is open at both ends. The frequency of a certain harmonic is 410 Hz, and the frequency of the next higher harmonic is 492 Hz. Determine the speed of sound in the air column.

Suppose that 

\[ f_n = nf_1 = 410 \text{ Hz,} \quad \text{and} \quad f_{n+1} = (n+1)f_1 = 492 \text{ Hz} \]

By subtraction one gets:

\[ f_1 = f_{n+1} - f_n = 82 \text{ Hz,} \]

and this gives:

\[ v = 2L(f_1) = 2 \times 2 \times 82 = 328 \text{ m/s.} \]

also

\[ n = \frac{f_n}{f_1} = \frac{410}{82} = 5. \]
If two adjacent natural frequencies of an organ pipe (open at one end) are determined to be 550 Hz and 650 Hz, calculate the fundamental frequency and the length of this pipe. (Speed of sound in air 340 m/s)

Assuming that the resonances occur at \( n \) and \( n + 2 \), then

\[ f_n = nf_1 = 550 \text{ Hz}, \quad \text{and} \quad f_{n+2} = (n + 2)f_1 = 650 \text{ Hz} \]

Dividing the two equations one gets:

\[ \frac{n}{n+2} = \frac{550}{650} \quad \Rightarrow \quad n = 11 \]

So, the fundamental frequency is

\[ f_1 = \frac{550}{11} = 50 \text{ Hz} \]

To calculate the length, we know that the resonance in a tube open at one end, the frequency is given by the relation

\[ f_n = (n)\frac{v}{4L} \quad \Rightarrow \quad L = \frac{340}{4 \times f_1} = \frac{340}{4 \times 50} = 1.7 \text{ m} \]

and the wavelength is:

\[ \lambda = 4L = 6.8 \text{ m} \]

A tube of length \( L = 1.5 \text{ m} \) is closed at one end. A stretched wire is placed near the open end, see figure. The wire has a length \( l = 0.25 \text{ m} \) and mass of \( m = 7.5 \text{ g} \). It is fixed at both ends and vibrates in its fundamental mode. By resonance, it sets the air column in the tube into oscillation...
at that column’s fundamental frequency. Find the tension in the wire.

[Speed of sound in air $v_o = 340$ m/s.]

✓ For the wire $f_i = \frac{v}{2l} = \frac{1}{2l} \sqrt{\frac{F}{\mu}}$, and for the tube. $f_i = \frac{v_o}{4L}$. By equating both equations one finds:

$$F = \mu \frac{v_o^2 l^2}{4L^2} = \left(\frac{7.5 \times 10^{-3}}{0.25}\right) \frac{(340)^2 \times (0.25)^2}{4 \times (1.5)^2} \approx 24 \text{ N.}$$

Doppler Effect: the relation between the frequency emitted by a source, $f_s$, and the frequency heard by an observable, $f_o$, is given by:

$$f_o = f_s \left(\frac{v \pm v_o}{v \mp v_s}\right)$$

where $v$ is the speed of sound in air. The subscripts $o$ and $s$ are used to represent the observer and the source respectively. Upper signs are used when the source and the observer move toward (approach) each other. Lower signs are used when the source and the observer move away from each other.

⇒ A passenger in an automobile is traveling at 22 m/s toward a stationary siren that is emitting a 220 Hz note. Calculate the frequency that the passenger hears. The speed of sound in air is 345 m/s.

✓ $$f_o = 220 \left(\frac{345 + 22}{345}\right) = 234 \text{ Hz.}$$
A sound wave is incident upon a racing car moving toward the source with speed of 0.25 \( v \), where \( v \) is the speed propagation of sound wave. The sound wave frequency measured in the car is \( 1.0 \times 10^6 \) Hz. What is the frequency of the source?

\[
\frac{v + 0.25v}{v} \times f_s = 1.0 \times 10^6 \quad \Rightarrow \quad f_s = 0.8 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz},
\]

Standing at a crosswalk, you hear a frequency \( f_o \) (approaching) = 550 Hz from a siren on an approaching police car. After the police car pass, the observed frequency of the siren is \( f_o \) (away) = 410 Hz. Determine the car's speeds \( v_s \) from the observations. (Speed of sound in air = 343 m/s.)

\[
f_o \text{ (approaching)} = f_s \left( \frac{343}{343 - v_s} \right) = 550,
\]

\[
f_o \text{ (away)} = f_s \left( \frac{343}{343 + v_s} \right) = 410,
\]

then

\[
\frac{550}{410} = \left( \frac{343 + v_s}{343 - v_s} \right) \quad \Rightarrow \quad v_s = 50 \text{ m/s}.
\]

A police car moving at 20 m/s with its horn blowing, at frequency of \( f_s \) = 1200 Hz, is chasing another car going at 16 m/s. What is the apparent
frequency of the horn as heard by the driver being chased? Take the speed of sound in air to be 340 m/s.

\[ f_o (\text{chasing car}) = 1200 \left( \frac{340 - 16}{340 - 20} \right) = 1215 \text{ Hz} \]

Two cars are heading straight at each other with the same speed \( v_c \). The horn of one, with frequency \( f_s = 3000 \text{ Hz} \), is blowing, and is heard to have a frequency of 3300 Hz by the people in the other car. Find \( v_c \) if the speed of sound is 340 m/s.

\[ 3300 = 3000 \left( \frac{340 + v_c}{340 - v_c} \right) \Rightarrow v_c = 16.2 \text{ m/s} \]

The whistle on a train generates a tone of 440 Hz as the train approaches a station at 30 m/s. (assume the speed of sound in air = 331 m/s.)

(a) Find the frequency that a stationary observer standing at the station will hear.

\[ f_o = 440 \left( \frac{331 + 0}{331 - 30} \right) = 484 \text{ Hz} \]

(b) Suppose a wind blows at 20 m/s in the same direction as the motion of the train. What is the frequency that a stationary observer standing at the station will hear?

\[ f_o = 440 \left( \frac{331 + 20}{331 + 20 - 30} \right) = 481 \text{ Hz} \]
To determine the speed of a moving car $v_c$, a sound of frequency $f_s = 500$ Hz is sent from a stationary police car. The sound is reflected back the car and detected by the police car with a new frequency $f_s' = 600$ Hz.

(a) Write down an expression for the frequency $f_c$ detected by the driver of the car.

$$f_c = f_s \left(\frac{v + v_c}{v}\right)$$

(c) Calculate the speed of the car. (Speed of sound in air $v = 333$ m/s).

$$f_s' = f_c \left(\frac{v}{v - v_c}\right) = f_s \left(\frac{v + v_c}{v - v_c}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{600}{500} = \left(\frac{333 + v_c}{333 - v_c}\right) \Rightarrow v_c = 30.3 \text{ m/s}.$$  

(c) If the speed limit is 90 km/h, does the driver of the car deserve a speed ticket?

$$v_c = 30.3 \text{ m/s} = 109 \text{ km/hours}$$

The driver deserves a speed ticket.
True and False Statements

1. Mechanical waves need a medium to propagate. **T**
2. Sound is a form of energy. **T**
3. Sound waves are transverse waves. **F**
4. Sound is a longitudinal wave produced by vibrating source. **T**
5. Sound needs a medium to propagate through. **T**
6. The speed of sound depends on the density of the medium. **T**
7. The speed of sound increases with increasing the temperature the medium. **T**
8. Sound travels in air as concentric waves of compression and rarefaction. **T**
9. A sound wave travels from air to water, then its speed increases. **T**
10. A sound wave travels from air to water, then its frequency decreases. **F**
11. For a tube closed at one end, only odd harmonics are present. **T**
12. For a tube open at both ends, only odd harmonics are present. **F**
13. For a tube open at both ends, number of nodes = number of antinodes. **F**
14. For a tube closed at one end, number of nodes < number of antinodes. **F**
15. The speed of sound increases with increasing the temperature of. **T**
16. The formula \( f_n = \frac{nv}{4L}, \ (n = 1,3,\ldots) \) is used for a tube open at both ends. **F**
Supplementary Problems

➤ When a sound wave travels from air into steel,

(a) it changes from a longitudinal wave into transverse wave.
(b) it's velocity decreases.
(c) it's frequency increases.
(d) it's wavelength increases.
(e) it becomes more intense.

➤ A man strikes a long steel rod at one end. Another man, at the other end with his ear close to the rod, hears the sound of the blow twice (one through air and once through the rod), with a 0.1 seconds interval between. How long is the rod? [For the steel, the bulk modulus = 2.1 \(10^{11}\) Pa, and the \(\rho = 7.0 \times 10^3\) kg/\(m^3\). Speed of sound in air = 340 m/s.]

(a) 42 m.
(b) 34 m.
(c) 36 m.
(d) 40 m.
(e) 44 m.

➤ Sound waves

(a) are matter waves.
(b) travel at the same speed in all media.
(c) are mechanical waves.
(d) are transverse waves.
(e) are electromagnetic waves.

➤ Sound waves are not:

(a) pressure waves.
(b) mechanical waves.
(c) compression waves.
(d) transverse waves.
(e) longitudinal waves.
In the figure, the two observers at A and B are hearing the sound emitted by the point source S. What is the time difference between hearing the sound at the two locations? Use 345 m/s as the speed of sound.

![Diagram of sound sources and observers]

(a) 3.17 s  
(b) 0.053 s  
(c) 0.315 s  
(d) 0.368 s  
(e) 1.89 s

The volume of a certain solid shrinks by 2 parts in $10^6$ when it is subject to an external hydrostatic pressure of 1 atm. $\rho$ of the solid is 8.0 g/cm$^3$. What is the speed of a longitudinal wave through this material?

(a) $3.4 \times 10^3$ m/s.  
(b) $1.5 \times 10^3$ m/s.  
(c) $2.5 \times 10^2$ m/s.  
(d) $2.5 \times 10^3$ m/s.  
(e) $3.4 \times 10^2$ m/s.

In a liquid having $\rho = 1.30 \times 10^3$ kg/m$^3$, longitudinal waves with frequency of 400 Hz are found to have a wavelength of 8.0 m. Calculate the bulk modulus of the liquid.

(a) $6.64 \times 10^{12}$ Pa.  
(b) $1.33 \times 10^{10}$ Pa.  
(c) $9.62 \times 10^7$ Pa.  
(d) $3.12 \times 10^6$ Pa.  
(e) $1.20 \times 10^{11}$ Pa.

Hint: $v = \sqrt{\frac{B}{\rho}} \Rightarrow B = \rho v^2 = \rho (f \lambda)^2$
If two sound waves, one in air and the other in water, are of equal intensity. What is the ratio of the pressure amplitude of the wave in water to that of the wave in air? ($\rho$ (air) = 1.21 kg/m$^3$, $v$(air) = 343 m/s, $\rho$ (water) = 1×10$^3$ kg/m$^3$, $v$(water) = 1482 m/s)

(a) 78.2  
(b) 35.7  
(c) 99.2  
(d) 82.3  
(e) 59.8

The maximum pressure amplitude that the human ear can tolerate in loud sounds is 28 Pa. What is the displacement amplitude for such a sound in air of $\rho = 1.21$ kg/m$^3$ at a frequency of 5.0×10$^3$ Hz? [speed of sound in air = 343 m/s].

(a) 4.15×10$^{-6}$ m.  
(b) 50.5×10$^{-6}$ m.  
(c) 11.0×10$^{-6}$ m.  
(d) 2.15×10$^{-6}$ m.  
(e) 8.30×10$^{-6}$ m.

A sinusoidal sound wave is described by the displacement $S(x,t) = 2\times10^{-8} \cos (1.25 x - 1850 t)$, where $x$ is in meters and $t$ is seconds. What is the pressure amplitude of this wave if it is traveling in a material with a bulk modulus of 2.1×10$^9$ N/m$^2$?

(a) 53 Pa  
(b) 77 Pa  
(c) 66 Pa  
(d) 82 Pa  
(e) 44 Pa
Two identical speakers, facing each other are driven by a common oscillator of frequency 600 Hz. A man, at the midpoint between the speakers, starts moving toward one of them. He reaches the first minimum sound when he is 1 m from one of the speakers. Find the distance between the speakers. (Speed of sound = 343 m/s.)

(a) 6.1 m
(b) 4.0 m
(c)@ 2.3 m
(d) 5.6 m
(e) 4.5 m

Two speakers are driven by a common oscillator and face each other at a distance of 1.500 m. A man is standing at 0.700 m from one of the speakers along the line joining the two speakers. What is the highest frequency of the oscillator, within the audible range (20.0 Hz to 20.0 kHz), so that the man hears a minimum sound? (Speed of sound = 343 m/s).

(a) 19.9 kHz
(b)@ 18.9 kHz
(c) 12.6 kHz
(d) 15.9 kHz
(e) 10.3 kHz

Two sound waves, from two different sources with the same frequency, 660 Hz, travel at a speed of 330 m/s. The sources are in phase. What is the phase difference of the waves at a point that is 5.0 m from one source and 4.0 m from the other? (The waves are traveling in the same direction.)

(a) 1 \pi .
(b) 2 \pi .
(c)@ 4 \pi .
(d) 3 \pi .
(e) 5 \pi .
A sound wave of 50.0 cm wavelength enters the tube shown in figure (1) at the source end. What must be the smallest radius (r) (other than zero) such that a maximum sound will be heard at the detector end?

(a) 15.9 cm.
(b) 21.3 cm.
(c) 33.0 cm.
(d) 17.5 cm.
(e) @ 43.8 cm.

Two point sources S1 and S2 are placed on the y-axis as shown in figure 1. The two sources are in phase and emit identical sound waves with frequency 860 Hz. An observer starts at point A and moves to point B along a straight line parallel to the y-axis. How many points of maximum intensity (constructive interference) will he observe? (speed of sound in air = 344 m/s).

At the mid-point between A and B: $\Delta r = 0 \Rightarrow$ maximum
At the starting point A or B: $\Delta r = 5 - 4 = 1$ m

(a) 1
(b) 4
(c) 0
(d)@ 5
(e) 3

Compare with: $\Delta r = \pm n \frac{\lambda}{2} = \pm n \left( \frac{v}{2f} \right) = \pm n \frac{344}{2 \times 860} = \pm n \times 0.2$

one finds $n = \pm \frac{1}{0.2} = \pm 5$

So, he will start at A with ($n = -5$) i.e. minimum, and will go to through the maximum with $n = -4, -2, 0, 2, 4$. 
Two small identical speakers are in phase (see figure 2). The speakers are 3.0 m apart. An observer stands at point X, 4.0 m in front of one of the speakers. The sound he hears will be a maximum if the wavelength is

(a) 2.0 m.
(b) 3.0 m.
(c) 1.5 m.
(d) 1.0 m.
(e) 2.5 m.

Two speakers face each other and emit sound waves in air with a frequency of 500 Hz, as shown in figure 1. The phase difference between the sound waves emitted by the two speakers at point A is 2.35 radians. What is the distance between A and S2? The speed of sound in air is 343 m/s.

(a) 0.256 m
(b) 1.05 m
(c) 3.17 m
(d) 0.756 m
(e) 0.500 m
Two identical speakers A and B are driven by a common oscillator at 256 Hz and face each other at a distance of 10.0 m (see figure 2). A small detector is located midway between the two speakers (at point O). Find the distance that the detector has to move towards A along the line joining A and B to detect the first minimum in the sound intensity. [speed of sound in air = 343 m/s].

(a) 0.670 m  
(b) 0.172 m  
(c) 0.335 m  
(d) 1.00 m  
(e) 0.195 m

Consider $r$ is the distance from point O and x, then

At point $x$: $\Delta r = (5 + r) - (5 - r) = 2r$

First minima will be at: $\frac{\lambda}{2} = \frac{v}{2f} = \frac{343}{2 \times 256} = 0.67 \text{ m}$

$r = \frac{0.67}{2} = 0.335 \text{ m}$.

Two transmitters, $S_1$ and $S_2$ shown in the figure, emit identical sound waves of wavelength $\lambda$. The transmitters are separated by a distance $\frac{\lambda}{2}$. Consider a big circle of radius $R$ with its center halfway between these transmitters. How many interference maxima are there on this big circle?

(a) 2.  
(b) 5.  
(c) 1.  
(d) 6.  
(e) 8.
A listener hears two sound waves from two loud-speakers that are in phase. At the listener’s location, a phase difference of 450° is detected. What is the path difference if the wavelength of the waves is 4 m.

(a) 10 m.
(b) 5 m.
(c) 99 m.
(d) 1 m.
(e) zero.

Two loudspeakers, S1 and S2, emit sound waves of identical wavelength and amplitude. They are situated as shown in figure 4. The two speakers are in phase. A listener starts to walk from point D toward S2 along a line perpendicular to the line joining S1 and S2. How many times will he hear a minimum in sound intensity as he moves from D to S2?

(a) 5
(b) 2
(c) 1
(d) 4
(e) 3
In figure 4, two small identical speakers are connected (in phase) to the same source. The speakers are 4.10 m apart and at ear level. An observer stands at X, 8.00 m in front of one speaker. In the frequency range 200 Hz-500 Hz, the sound he hears will be most intense if the frequency is: [speed of sound in air is 343 m/s]

(a) 600 Hz.
(b) 346 Hz.
(c) 500 Hz.
(d) 210 Hz.
(e) 422 Hz.

In figure 1, two speakers, A and B, are driven by the same oscillator at a frequency of 170 Hz and face each other at a distance of 2.0 m. What is the number of minima along the line joining the two sources? [Consider only the nodes between the two sources.] [Take the speed of sound in air = 340 m/s]

(a) 2
(b) 4
(c) 1
(d) 5
(e) zero

Two equal waves, of wavelength 4 m and amplitude A, are produced by two sources S1 and S2 as shown in figure 1. S1 is at a distance of 3 m from point P.
and S₂ is at a distance of 5 m from P. When the sources are operated in phase, what is the amplitude of oscillation at P?

(a) \(\frac{3A}{2}\).
(b) @ zero.
(c) \(\frac{A}{2}\).
(d) 2A.
(e) A.

Using: \(\Delta r = S₂P - S₁P = 2\text{ m},\) (1)

Also: \(\Delta r = n\left(\frac{\lambda}{2}\right) = n\left(\frac{4}{2}\right) = 2n\) (2)

from (1) and (2), one finds \(n = 1\)

\(\Rightarrow\) fully destructive

\(\Rightarrow\) Amplitude = 0

A tone has a frequency of 1800 Hz and intensity level of 110 dB in air. What is the amplitude of oscillation of air molecules. \([\rho\text{ of air} = 1.21 \text{ kg/m}^3, \text{speed of sound in air} = 343 \text{ m/s}]\).

(a) \(3.54 \times 10^{-8}\) m.
(b) \(1.81 \times 10^{-10}\) m.
(c) \(2.03 \times 10^{-12}\) m.
(d) \(2.57 \times 10^{-16}\) m.
(e) @ \(1.94 \times 10^{-6}\) m.
The intensity of sound waves at 5 m from a speaker vibrating at 1000 Hz is 0.5 W/ m². Determine the displacement amplitude of the particles in the wave at that location (5 m away from the speaker). ($\rho$ of air = 1.3 kg/m³ and the speed of sound in air = 340 m/s).

(a) $2.3 \times 10^{-7}$ m
(b) $1.2 \times 10^{-5}$ m
(c) $6.5 \times 10^{-6}$ m
(d) $7.6 \times 10^{-6}$ m
(e) $9.5 \times 10^{-7}$ m

A source of sound (1000 Hz) emits uniformly in all directions. An observer 3.0 m from the source measures a sound level of 40 dB. Calculate the average power output of the source.

(a) $2.87 \times 10^{-6}$ W
(b) $0.34 \times 10^{-6}$ W
(c) $10.5 \times 10^{-6}$ W
(d) $5.23 \times 10^{-6}$ W
(e) $1.13 \times 10^{-6}$ W

Consider two sound waves “A” and “B” propagating in the same medium. Find the ratio of the intensity of the sound wave “A” to the intensity of the sound wave “B” if the sound level of wave “A” is 20 dB greater than the sound level of wave B.

(a) 20
(b) 15
(c) 5
(d) 10
(e) 100

A certain sound level is increased by 30 dB. By what factor is the intensity increased?

(a) 900
(b) 2700
(c) 300
(d) 1000
(e) 30
Determine the intensity of a harmonic longitudinal wave with pressure amplitude of $8.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ N/ m}^2$ propagating inside a tube filled with helium. (For helium: $\rho = 0.179 \text{ kg/ m}^3$ and speed of sound waves = 972 m/s.).

(a) $1.8 \times 10^{-7} \text{ W/ m}^2$.
(b) $9.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/ m}^2$.
(c) $1.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ W/ m}^2$.
(d) $3.7 \times 10^{-7} \text{ W/ m}^2$.
(e) $4.6 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/ m}^2$.

A group of students, in a class room, produce a sound level of 53 dB. A single student speaking normally produces a sound level of 40 dB. How many students are in the room? (Assume each student in the group speaks at the same level as did the single person.)

(a) 13.
(b) 20.
(c) 30.
(d) 10.
(e) 5.

If the distance from a source of sound increases by 1 meter, the sound level is decreased by 2 dB. Assume the loudspeaker that is emitting this sound emits sound in all directions. The original distance from the sound source is:

(a) 12.0 m.
(b) 3.86 m.
(c) 7.72 m.
(d) 1.93 m.
(e) 9.93 m.
A 1.5×10^{-6} W point source emits sound waves isotropically. What is the sound level 2.5 m from the source?

(a) 30 dB.
(b) 55 dB.
(c) 39 dB.
(d) 43 dB.
(e) 16 dB.

Find the ratio of the intensities of two sound waves if the difference in their intensity levels is 7 dB.

(a) 3.
(b) 7.
(c) 5.
(d) 1.
(e) 9.

A sound source located at the origin emits sound with an average power of 0.04 W. Two detectors are located on the positive x-axis. Detector A is at x = 3.0 m and detector B is at 5.0 m. What is the difference in sound level between A and B?

(a) 2.2 dB
(b) 3.3 dB
(c) 4.4 dB
(d) 5.5 dB
(e) 1.1 dB

You are standing at a distance D from a point source of sound wave. You walk 30.0 m toward the source and observe that the intensity of these waves has doubled. Calculate the distance D.

(a) 15 m.
(b) 102 m.
(c) 493 m.
(d) 232 m.
(e) 300 m.
Which of the following statements is CORRECT?

(a) The power transmitted by a sinusoidal wave on a string decreases with increasing frequency of the wave.
(b) The speed of sound is the same in all media.
(c) Sound waves can travel in vacuum.
(d) The power intercepted by a sound detector does not depend on the area of the detector.
(e) Electromagnetic waves can travel in vacuum.

A point source of a sound wave has a power of 0.50 W. At what distance from the source will the sound level be 90 dB?

(a) 34 m
(b) 8.9 m
(c) 80 m
(d) 6.3 m
(e) 40 m

The intensity of sound wave A is 100 times that of sound wave B. What is the difference between their sound levels?

(a) 20 dB
(b) 10 dB
(c) 2 dB
(d) 100 dB
(e) 3 dB

If an observer's distance from a point source is doubled, the sound intensity level will be:

(a) increased by 6 dB.
(b) decreased by 4 dB.
(c) decreased by 6 dB.
(d) decreased by 36 dB.
(e) increased by 36 dB.

Two waves are given by the equations:
\[ y_1(x,t) = 5.0 \sin(0.25 x + 75 t) \]
\[ y_2(x,t) = 10.0 \sin(0.50 x + 150 t) \]
in SI units. The intensity ratio of \( I_1/I_2 \) of the two waves is:

(a) 1/16.
(b) 1/2.
(c) 1/3.
(d) 4.
(e) 1/4.

The ratio of the intensities of two sound waves is 5. Find the difference in their intensity levels.

(a) 1 dB.
(b) 4 dB.
(c) 7 dB.
(d) 6 dB.
(e) 2 dB.

A person closes his windows to reduce the street noise from \( 10^{-4} \) W/m\(^2\) to \( 10^{-8} \) W/m\(^2\). What is the change in the intensity level in dB?

(a) - 60.
(b) - 20.
(c) - 40.
(d) 40.
(e) 20.

\[ \text{Ans: } \beta_2 - \beta_1 = 10 \ln \left( \frac{I_2}{I_1} \right) = 10 \ln \left( \frac{10^{-8}}{10^{-4}} \right) = -40 \]

A point source emits 30 W of sound. A small microphone has an area of 0.75 cm\(^2\) is placed 10 m from the point source. What power does the microphone receive?

(a) \( 30 \times 10^{-6} \) W.
(b) \( 0.1 \times 10^{-6} \) W.
(c) \( 9.3 \times 10^{-6} \) W.
(d) \( 1.8 \times 10^{-6} \) W.
(e) \( 3.6 \times 10^{-6} \) W.
At a distance of 5.0 m from a point source, the sound level is 110 dB. At what distance is the sound level 95 dB?

(a) 7.1 m  
(b) 5.0 m  
(c) 14 m  
(d)@ 28 m  
(e) 42 m

\[ \text{Ans: } \beta_2 - \beta_1 = 10 \ln \left( \frac{I_2}{I_1} \right) = 20 \ln \left( \frac{r_1}{r_2} \right) \]

\[ \Rightarrow r_2 = r_1 \times 10^{\frac{(\beta_2 - \beta_1)/20}{10}} = 5.0 \times 10^{\frac{(95-110)/20}{10}} = 28 \text{ m} \]

A point source emits sound isotropically. At a distance of 3.00 m from the source, the sound level is 90.0 dB. What is the average power of the source?

(a) 12.6 mW  
(b) 56.5 mW  
(c) 28.3 mW  
(d)@ 113 mW  
(e) 315 mW

The intensity of sound wave A is 800 times that of sound wave B at a fixed point from both sources. If the sound level of sound A is 110 dB, what is the sound level of wave B?

(a) 690 dB.  
(b) 555 dB.  
(c) 7.3 dB.  
(d) 50 dB.  
(e)@ 81 dB.

The intensity level of sound from 10 persons each of intensity level 60 dB is:

(a) 12 dB.  
(b) 120 dB.  
(c) 600 dB.  
(d)@ 70 dB.  
(e) 300 dB.
A person is hearing a sound level of 70 dB at a distance of 3.0 m from a point source. Assuming that the sound is emitted isotropically, find the power of the source.

(a) $8.6 \times 10^{-3}$ W.  
(b) $2.3 \times 10^{-7}$ W.  
(c) $2.9 \times 10^{-4}$ W.  
(d) $1.1 \times 10^{-3}$ W.  
(e) $7.7 \times 10^{-3}$ W.

An air column 2 m in length is open at both ends. The frequency of a certain harmonic is 410 Hz, and the frequency of the next higher harmonic is 492 Hz. Determine the speed of sound in the air column.

(a) 317 m/s.  
(b) 320 m/s.  
(c) 328 m/s.  
(d) 342 m/s.  
(e) 305 m/s.

An air column 2 m in length is open at one end and closed at the other end. The frequency of a certain harmonic is 369 Hz, and the frequency of the next higher harmonic is 451 Hz. Determine the speed of sound in the air column.

(a) 328 m/s.  
(b) 342 m/s.  
(c) 325 m/s.  
(d) 323 m/s.  
(e) 320 m/s.

The second harmonic of a string, fixed at both ends, of length 0.6 m and linear density $1.1 \times 10^{-3}$ kg/m, has the same frequency as the fifth harmonic (n=5) of a pipe closed at one end of length 1.0 m. Find the tension in the string. (Speed of sound = 343 m/s).

(a) 90 N  
(b) 88 N  
(c) 60 N  
(d) 73 N
During a time equal to the period of a certain vibrating fork, the emitted sound wave travels a distance:

(a) proportional to the frequency of the wave.
(b) of one wavelength.
(c) of about 331 meters.
(d) directly proportional to the frequency of the fork.
(e) equal to the length of the fork.

If two successive frequencies of a pipe, closed at one end and filled by air, are 500 Hz and 700 Hz, the length of the pipe is: [speed of sound in air = 340 m/s].

(a) 0.85 m.
(b) 3.40 m.
(c) 1.70 m.
(d) 0.43 m.
(e) 0.18 m.

Which of the following statements are CORRECT:
1. Waves carry energy and momentum.
2. Mechanical waves need a medium to propagate.
3. Sound waves are transverse waves.
4. A Wave on a stretched string is a longitudinal wave.
5. For a tube closed at one end, only odd harmonics are present.

(a) 3 and 5.
(b) 2 and 4.
(c) 1, 2 and 3.
(d) 1, 2, and 5.
(e) 1 and 4.

A 1024 Hz tuning fork is used to obtain a series of resonance levels in a gas column of variable length, with one end closed and the other open. The length of the column changes by 20 cm from one resonance to the next resonance. From this data, the speed of sound in this gas is:
(a) 20 m/s.
(b) 102 m/s.
(c) 51 m/s.
(d) 410 m/s.
(e) 205 m/s.
A tube 1.5 m long is closed at one end. A stretched wire is placed near the open end, see Fig. (1). The wire is 0.33 m long and has a mass of 9.8 g. It is fixed at both ends and vibrates in its fundamental mode. By resonance, it sets the air column in the tube into oscillation at that column's fundamental frequency. Find the tension in the wire. [Speed of sound in air = 343 m/s].

(a) 98 N.  
(b) 64 N.  
(c) 77 N.  
(d) 42 N.  
(e) 30 N.

Pipe A, which is 1.8 m long and open at both ends, oscillates at its third lowest harmonic frequency. Pipe B, which is closed at one end, oscillates at its second lowest harmonic frequency. The frequencies of pipes A and B match. They are both filled with air for which the speed of sound is 344 m/s. How long is pipe B?

(a) 0.9 m  
(b) 1.0 m  
(c) 0.6 m  
(d) 3.6 m  
(e) 1.8 m
Tube A (open at both ends) is twice as long as tube B (open at one end) as shown in the figure 3. The ratio of their fundamental frequencies ($f_{1A}/f_{1B}$) is:

(a) 4  
(b) 0.25  
(c) 2  
(d)@ 1  
(e) 0.5

A pipe is closed at one end and open at the other end. The length of the pipe is 1.00 m. The air column in the pipe can resonate with a sound source of frequency: [speed of sound in air = 343 m/s]

(a)@ 257 Hz  
(b) 450 Hz  
(c) 320 Hz  
(d) 200 Hz  
(e) 160 Hz

In an air pipe, closed at one end, the three successive resonance frequencies are 425 Hz, 595 Hz, and 765 Hz. If the speed of sound in air is 340 m/s, the length of the pipe is:

(a) 1.5 m.  
(b)@ 1.0 m.  
(c) 0.5 m.  
(d) 2.0 m.  
(e) 2.5 m.
A tuning fork, of frequency of 512 Hz, is used to generate the fundamental resonance in an open, at both ends, air tube of length 30 cm. The frequency of the fork that used to generate the fundamental resonance in the same air column when one of its ends is closed is:

(a) 128 HZ.
(b) 1024 HZ.
(c) 512 HZ.
(d) 64 Hz.
(e) @ 256 Hz.

Organ pipe A, with both ends open, has a fundamental frequency of 340 Hz and length 0.4 m. The third harmonic of organ pipe B, with one end open, has the same frequency as the second harmonic of pipe A. How long is pipe B?

(a) 2.0 m.
(b) 0.1 m.
(c) 1.5 m.
(d) 0.4 m.
(e) @ 0.3 m.

A pipe is closed at one end and opens at the other, and has a length of 0.500 m. The pipe is filled with air. What is the resonant frequency corresponding to the mode shown in figure 5? Use 344 m/s as the speed of sound in air.

(a) 172 Hz
(b) 429 Hz
(c) 344 Hz
(d) 515 Hz
(e) @ 860 Hz
Two pipes have the same length $L$. Pipe B open at one end and closed at the other, while pipe A open both ends. Which harmonic of pipe B matches the second harmonic of pipe A?

(a) Never match.
(b) The fundamental.
(c) The fourth.
(d) One needs to know the exact length.
(e) The second.

The frequency of the fundamental mode of a sound wave in a 30.0-cm long tube closed at one end is 256 Hz. When the tube length is shortened to 12.0-cm, what is the new fundamental frequency?

(a) 640 Hz.
(b) 162 Hz.
(c) 256 Hz.
(d) 416 Hz.
(e) 102 Hz.

A driver of a racing car hears a frequency of $1.0 \times 10^4$ Hz while moving with a speed of $0.25\,v$ (v is the speed of sound in air) towards a stationary source. Find the frequency of the source.

(a) $0.8 \times 10^4$ Hz.
(b) $0.9 \times 10^4$ Hz.
(c) $1.2 \times 10^4$ Hz.
(d) $1.0 \times 10^4$ Hz.
(e) $0.7 \times 10^4$ Hz.

A police car is approaching a stationary observer at 34.0 m/s with its siren emitting a frequency of 450 Hz. What is the frequency heard by the observer? [Speed of sound in air = 343 m/s].

(a) 525 Hz.
(b) 475 Hz.
(c) 485 Hz.
(d) 500 Hz.
(e) 405 Hz.
A train passes a train station at a constant speed of 40 m/s. The train whistle is sounded at a frequency of 320 Hz. An observer at the station hears a frequency f₁ while the train is approaching and a frequency f₂ while the train is moving away from the station. What change in frequency (f₁-f₂) does the observer notice? (v(air)= 343 m/s.)

(a) 62 Hz  
(b) 320 Hz  
(c) 40 Hz  
(d) 76 Hz  
(e) 25 Hz

Which of the following statements is CORRECT?

(a) For the Doppler effect, the observed frequency is always less than the actual frequency of the source.  
(b) The power of sound emitted is always inversely proportional to the distance from the source.  
(c) Sound waves are transverse.  
(d) For spherical sound waves, the displacement amplitude decreases linearly with increasing distance from the source.  
(e) The intensity of sound waves is independent of the distance from the source.

A stationary device generates sound waves of unknown frequency. An observer hears a frequency of 825 Hz as he approaches the device with a speed of 16 m/s. He hears a frequency of 750 Hz as he moves away from the device with the same speed. Find the speed of sound from the above information.

(a) 331 m/s  
(b) 345 m/s  
(c) 336 m/s  
(d) 350 m/s  
(e) 340 m/s
An ambulance siren emits a sound of frequency 1.60 kHz. A person running with a speed of 2.50 m/s hears a frequency of 1.70 kHz as the ambulance approaches him from the back. How fast is the ambulance moving? (speed of sound is 340 m/s).

(a) 17.7 m/s
(b) 22.4 m/s
(c) 2.50 m/s
(d) 12.2 m/s
(e) 25.6 m/s

A train approaches a mountain at a speed of 75 km/hr. The train's engineer sounds a whistle that emits a frequency of 420 Hz. What will be the frequency of the echo that the engineer hears reflected off the mountain? (The speed of sound in air = 343 m/s).

(a) 420 Hz
(b) 400 Hz
(c) 446 Hz
(d) 430 Hz
(e) 474 Hz

An ambulance siren emits a sound of frequency 1.60 kHz. A person running with a speed of 2.50 m/s hears a frequency of 1.70 kHz as the ambulance approaches him from the back. How fast is the ambulance moving? (speed of sound is 340 m/s).

(a) 25.6 m/s
(b) 2.50 m/s
(c) 17.7 m/s
(d) 22.4 m/s
(e) 12.2 m/s
A car emitting a sound wave at a certain frequency moves along an x-axis (figure 3a). The car moves directly toward detector A and directly away from detector B. The superimposed three plots of figure 3b indicate the displacement function s(x) at some time t of the sound wave as measured by detector A, by detector B, and by someone in C. Which plot corresponds to which measurement?

(a) 1 to A, 3 to B, 2 to C  
(b) 2 to A, 3 to B, 1 to C  
(c) 2 to A, 1 to B, 3 to C  
(d) 1 to A, 2 to B, 3 to C  
(e) 3 to A, 2 to B, 1 to C

A police car moves at a speed of 50.00 m/s behind a truck that has a speed of 25.00 m/s as in figure 1. The police siren has a frequency of 1200 Hz. What is the frequency as heard by the truck driver?

(a) 975.0 Hz  
(b) 1408 Hz  
(c) 1200 Hz  
(d) 1302 Hz  
(e) 1125 Hz
A stationary source emits a sound wave of frequency $f$. A man travels toward the source at half the speed of sound. The frequency as detected by the man is:

(a) $3f$
(b) $3f/2$
(c) $2f/3$
(d) $f$
(e) $2f$

Two trucks are moving toward each other. Truck “A” moves at a speed of 13.8 m/s and truck “B” moves at a speed of 22.2 m/s. Truck “A” sounds its horn with a frequency of 500 Hz. What will be the frequency heard by truck “B”? [speed of sound in air = 343 m/s].

(a) 451 Hz
(b) 512 Hz
(c) 532 Hz
(d) 521 Hz
(e) 555 Hz

Consider a sound source S and a sound detector D. Which of the following situations may result in the detector observing the same frequency as that of the source?

(a) S is stationary and D moves away from S.
(b) S moves toward D and D moves away from S with the same speed.
(c) Both S and D move away from each other with the same speed.
(d) D is stationary and S moves away from D.
(e) S moves toward D and D moves toward S with the same speed.
A bat is moving toward a wall with a velocity of 30 m/s. The bat is emitting a sound with frequency 40.0 kHz. The frequency of the reflected sound as heard by the bat is: [take the speed of sound in air = 340 m/s]

(a) 43.9 kHz.
(b) 33.5 kHz.
(c) 43.5 kHz.
(d) 47.7 kHz.
(e) 40.0 kHz.

The whistle on a train generates a tone of 440 Hz as the train approaches a station at 30.0 m/s. Find the frequency that a stationary observer standing at the station will hear. (assume the speed of sound = 330 m/s.)

(a) 472 Hz.
(b) 493 Hz.
(c) 440 Hz.
(d) 528 Hz.
(e) 484 Hz.

A stationary observer hears a frequency of 760 Hz of a whistle of a train moving at a speed of 40 m/s towards him. If the train is moving away with the same speed, then the frequency detected by the observer will be: [Take the speed of sound in air = 340 m/s].

(a) 600 Hz.
(b) 540 Hz.
(c) 700 Hz.
(d) 500 Hz.
(e) 963 Hz.
Two cars are traveling in opposite directions toward each other with the same speed. One of the cars sounds the horn, which has a frequency of 544 Hz. The other car hears the frequency as 563 Hz. What is the speed of the cars? Use 344 m/s as the speed of sound in air.

(a) 8.19 m/s  
(b) 11.6 m/s  
(c) 10.0 m/s  
(d)@ 5.90 m/s  
(e) 7.24 m/s

An ambulance travels along a highway at a speed of 33.5 m/s. Its siren emits sound at a frequency of 1000 Hz. A car is traveling in the opposite direction at a speed of 24.5 m/s. What frequency is heard by a passenger in the car as the car moves away from the ambulance? (speed of sound in air = 343 m/s)

(a) 1180 Hz  
(b) 976 Hz  
(c) 842 Hz  
(d)@ 846 Hz  
(e) 1187 Hz

An ambulance emits sound with a frequency of 2600 Hz. After passing a motorist driving (in the same direction of the ambulance) with a speed of 5 m/s, the motorist receives the sound with frequency of 2424 Hz. Calculate the speed of the ambulance. [speed of sound in air is 340 m/s]

(a) 50.0 m/s.  
(b) 1.0 m/s.  
(c) 15.0 m/s.  
(d)@ 30.0 m/s.  
(e) 5.0 m/s.