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Sound

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# Sound



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# Looking Ahead

## Energy and Intensity

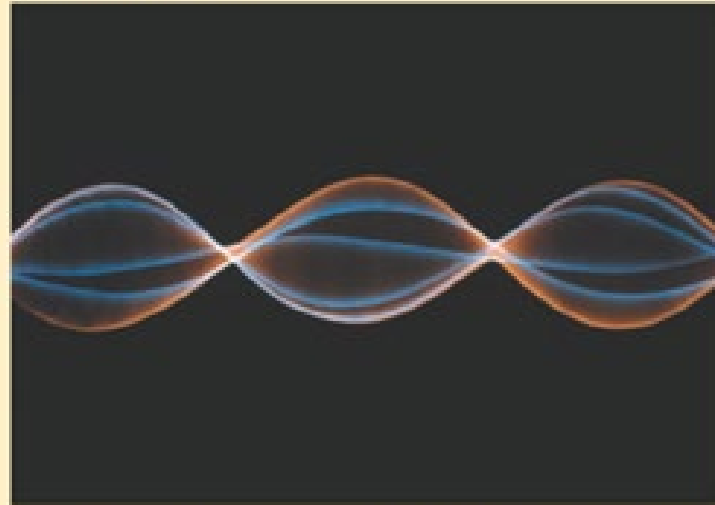
All waves carry energy. The lens focuses sunlight into a small area, where the concentrated energy sets the wood on fire.



You'll learn to calculate **intensity**, a measure of how spread out a wave's energy is.

## Standing Waves

The superposition of waves on a string can lead to a wave that oscillates in place—a standing wave.



You'll learn the patterns of standing waves on strings and standing sound waves in tubes.

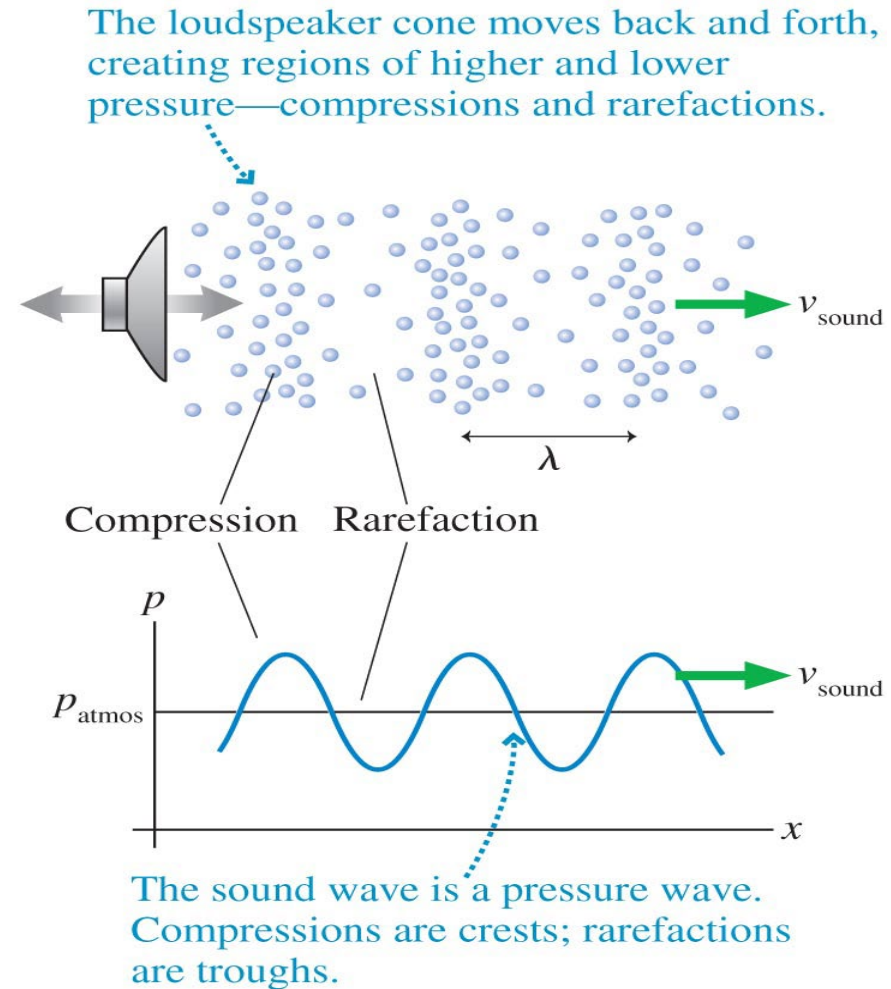
# Sound

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- **Sound** is a form of energy that arises from **waves** propagated in a material medium (solid, liquid or gas).
- **Sound cannot travel in a vacuum.**
- An Astronaut will not hear the clanging of a dropped spanner coming into contact the Space shuttle while repairing outside the craft.

# Sound

1. Sound has a source – a vibrating object.
2. The energy is transferred from the source as longitudinal sound waves.
3. The sound is detected by the ear or some other instrument.



# Speed of Sound in Air

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The speed of sound in air depends on the nature of air.

Factors influencing the speed of sound include:

temperature, wind and humidity

- Speed in dry air @ 0°C is 331 m/s.
- Water vapour increases it slightly.
- Speed in warm air is faster than cold.



# The Speed of Sound

**Table 14.1** Speeds of Sound in Various Media

Medium	$v$ (m/s)
<b>Gases</b>	
Air (0°C)	331
Air (100°C)	386
Hydrogen (0°C)	1 286
Oxygen (0°C)	317
Helium (0°C)	972
<b>Liquids at 25°C</b>	
Water	1 493
Methyl alcohol	1 143
Sea water	1 533
<b>Solids<sup>a</sup></b>	
Aluminum	6 420
Copper (rolled)	5 010
Steel	5 950
Lead (rolled)	1 960
Synthetic rubber	1 600

<sup>a</sup>Values given are for propagation of longitudinal waves in bulk media. Speeds for longitudinal waves in thin rods are smaller, and speeds of transverse waves in

$$v = (331 \text{ m/s}) \sqrt{\frac{T}{273 \text{ K}}}$$

for  $T = 293 \text{ K}$  (room temperature)

$$v = (331 \text{ m/s}) \sqrt{\frac{293 \text{ K}}{273 \text{ K}}} = 343 \text{ m/s}$$

In air

$$v \approx (331 + 0.6 T) \text{ m/s}$$



# Sound Waves

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- Most sounds are waves produced by the vibrating of material object.
- Voice results from the vibration of vocal cords in the throat.
- Vibrating vocal cords disturb the surrounding air to give a sound wave with a frequency the same as the vibrating cord.

# Media that transmit Sound

- The sound we hear is transmitted through air.
- Any **elastic substance**, in any state a solid, liquid or gas can transmit sound.
- Where an **elastic substance** is considered to be a material that can change shape in response to an applied and return to its original shape after the force is removed

# Pitch

- The term commonly used to describe frequency is “pitch”
- A high pitched sound is like a whistle.
- A low pitched sound is like a fog horn
- A human ear can hear frequencies between
- **Infrasonic** < 20-20,000 Hz < **Ultrasonic**



# Musical Sound

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- Sound comes from vibrating objects:
  - A drum has a vibrating membrane.
  - Xylophones have vibrating bars.
  - Bells, symbols, gongs are vibrating metal.
  - Vibrating strings: violin, guitar, piano.
  - Vibrating columns of air: flute, trumpet, pipe organ.

# Music : The Chromatic Scale

The pitch of a sound is determined by its frequency.

Note	Frequency (Hz)
C	262
C <sup>#</sup> or D <sup>b</sup>	277
D	294
D <sup>#</sup> or E <sup>b</sup>	311
E	330
F	349
F <sup>#</sup> or G <sup>b</sup>	370
G	392
G <sup>#</sup> or A <sup>b</sup>	415
A	440
A <sup>#</sup> or B <sup>b</sup>	466
B	494
C'	524

# Ultra Sound Waves

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- Ultrasound waves (also called ultrasonic waves) have frequencies above the threshold of hearing although they can be heard by some animals especially cats, dolphins and bats.
- Ultrasound was probably first used by bats who emit them in short bursts (sometimes called pulses) and listen with their large ears for their reflection from prey and other objects.



# Ultra Sound Waves

Ultrasound was used in WWII SONAR systems (Sound Navigation And Ranging) which used a submerged ultrasonic emitter and very sensitive microphones to detect the reflected waves.

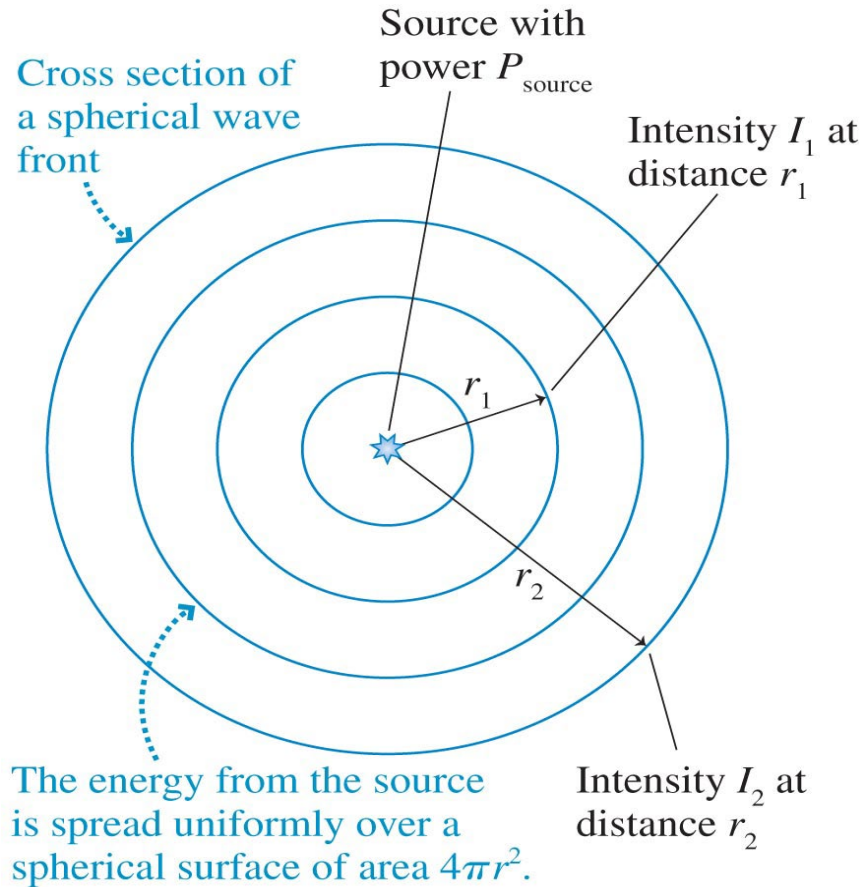
- (The term SONAR was also applied to other types of detection methods such as using sensitive microphones to detect enemy ships engines).
- Liquid immersion **ultrasonic cleaning systems** using high energy waves were developed after WWII using the new technology.

# Ultra Sound

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- Ultrasound has been used
  - in the production of emulsions
  - to treat bursitis (a joint inflammation)
  - to treat rheumatoid arthritis
  - in ultrasonic “scalpels”.
- In medicine ultrasound has become indispensable as a diagnostic tool (foetal development, safe imaging of tumours etc – poor resolution but rapidly improving).
- Recent developments use the Doppler effect to measure heart beat functions in developing embryos.

# Loudness, Energy and Intensity



- As waves spread out, so does the energy of the wave.
- The intensity decreases.
- Intensity is the energy transported by the wave per unit time across some unit area.
- Intensity is proportional to the square of the wave's amplitude.
- Intensity is in  $\text{W/m}^2$

$$I = \frac{P_{\text{source}}}{4\pi r^2}$$

Intensity of a uniform spherical wave at distance  $r$   
from source of power  $P_{\text{source}}$



# Sound Loudness

- The intensity of sound depends on the **amplitude of the pressure variations within the sound wave, which is directly proportional to the square of the wave amplitude.**
- The intensity is measured in  $\text{watts/metre}^2$
- Human ear from
  - $10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2$  (Threshold of Hearing)**
  - $1 \text{ W/m}^2$  (Threshold of Pain)**

# Sound Level

- Because the range is so large the intensities are scaled by factor of ten (**log scale**).
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- $10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2$  is barely audible – set at 0 bel (B)
- A sound 10 times this intensity of this is 1 bel ( $10^{-11}$ ) or 10 decibels (dB)

# Common Sounds

Source of Sound	Intensity	Sound Level(dB)
Jet (30m) away	$10^2$	140
Air raid Siren	1	120
Pop Music, amplified	$10^{-1}$	115 (85)
Busy Street traffic	$10^{-5}$	70
Conversation	$10^{-6}$	60
Whisper	$10^{-10}$	20
Rustling leaves	$10^{-11}$	10
Damage depends on exposure time and pitch		



# Loudness, Intensity and Intensity Level

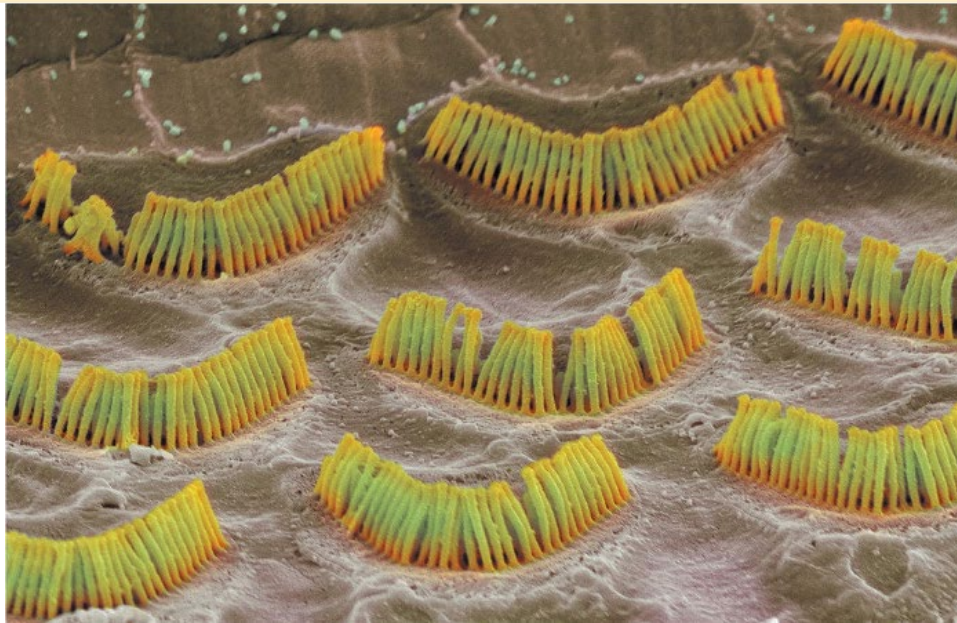
- Loudness of a sound is what we perceive.
- Loudness differs from *intensity* because the ear does not respond linearly to sound but logarithmically. This means that if the sound intensity doubles, we perceive this as a just perceptible increase in loudness.

# Loudness, the Decibel Scale

Sound intensity level is measured in decibels.

$$\beta = (10 \text{ dB}) \log_{10} \left( \frac{I}{I_0} \right)$$

Sound intensity level in decibels for a sound of intensity  $I$



Hearing hairs (Knight, Jones, Field, p. 494).

Sound	$\beta$ (dB)	$I$ (W/m <sup>2</sup> )
Threshold of hearing	0	$1.0 \times 10^{-12}$
Person breathing, at 3 m	10	$1.0 \times 10^{-11}$
A whisper, at 1 m	20	$1.0 \times 10^{-10}$
Classroom during test, no talking	30	$1.0 \times 10^{-9}$
Residential street, no traffic	40	$1.0 \times 10^{-8}$
Quiet restaurant	50	$1.0 \times 10^{-7}$
Normal conversation, at 1 m	60	$1.0 \times 10^{-6}$
Busy traffic	70	$1.0 \times 10^{-5}$
Vacuum cleaner, for user	80	$1.0 \times 10^{-4}$
Niagara Falls, at viewpoint	90	$1.0 \times 10^{-3}$
Pneumatic hammer, at 2 m	100	0.010
Home stereo at max volume	110	0.10
Rock concert	120	1.0
Threshold of pain	130	10

# Problem

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The sound intensity 0.250 m from a roaring lion is  $0.250 \text{ W/m}^2$ .  
What is the sound intensity level in decibels? (Use the usual reference level of  $I_0 = 1.00 \times 10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2$ .)

## Strategy

We are given the intensity in  $\text{W/m}^2$  and asked for the intensity level in dB.

First we find the ratio of the given intensity to the reference level. Then we take the logarithm of the result (to get the level in bels) and multiply by 10 (to convert from bels to dB).



# Solution

$$\frac{I}{I_0} = \frac{0.250 \text{ W/m}^2}{1.00 \times 10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2} = 2.50 \times 10^{11}$$

$$\log_{10} \frac{I}{I_0} = \log_{10} 2.50 \times 10^{11} = 11.4 \text{ bels}$$

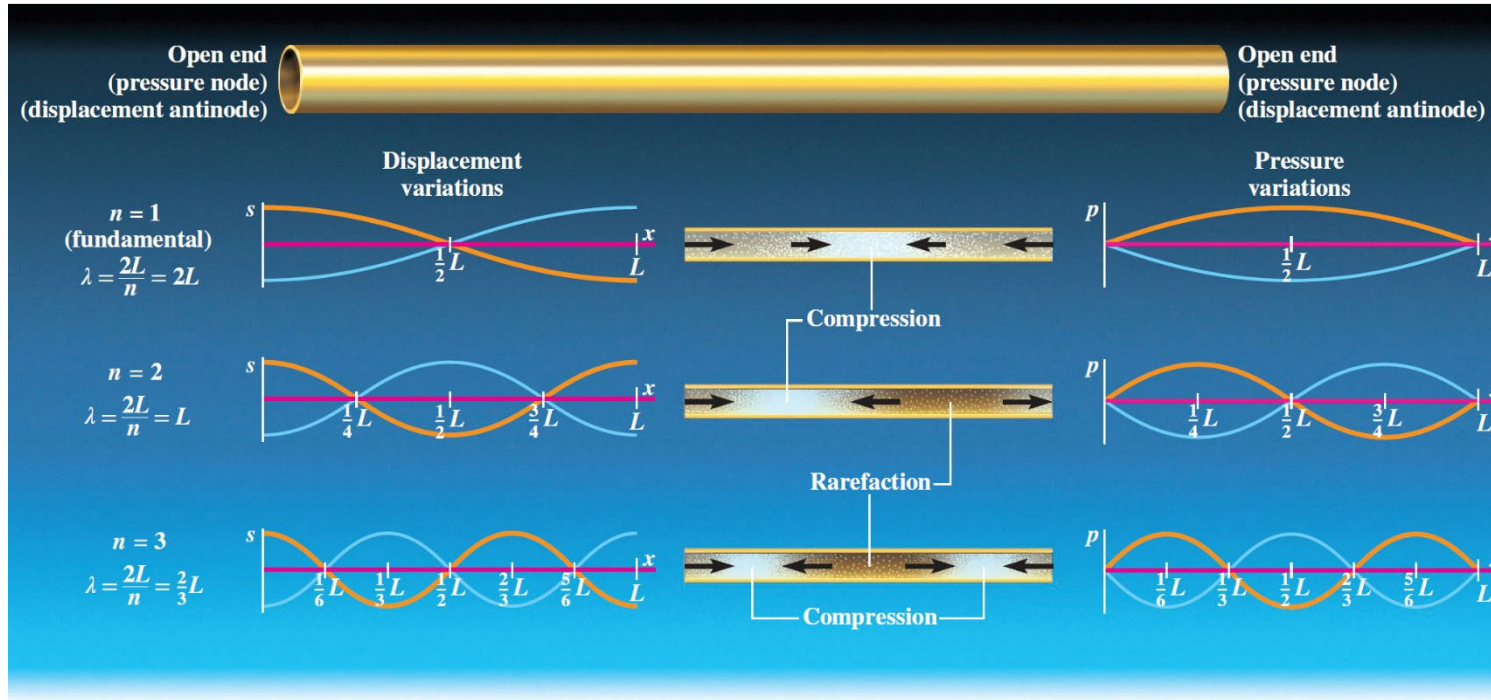
$$\beta = 11.4 \text{ bels} \times (10 \text{ dB/bel}) = 114 \text{ dB}$$



# Standing Sound Waves

## Pipe Open at Both Ends

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# Pipe open at both ends

Standing sound waves (thin pipe open at both ends):

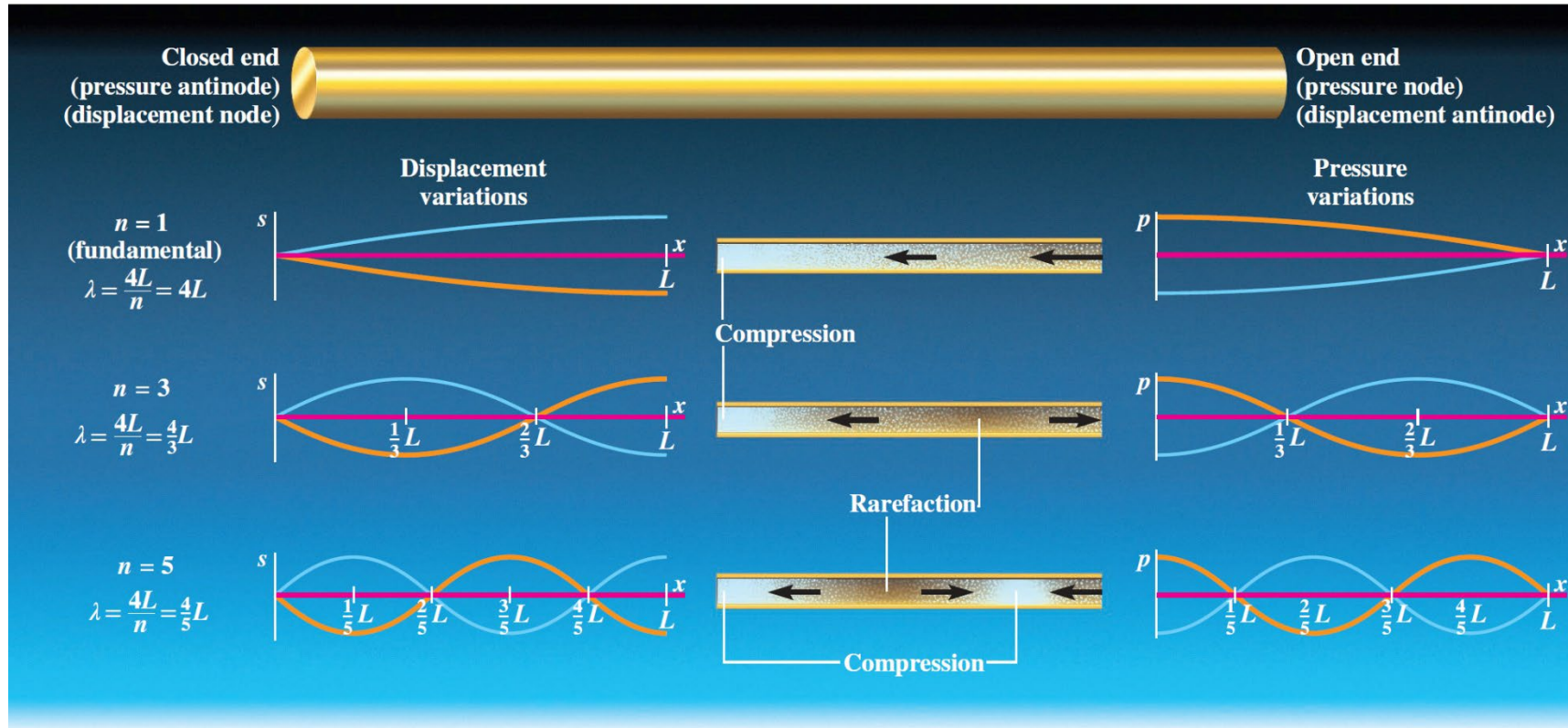
$$\lambda_n = \frac{2L}{n}$$

$$f_n = \frac{v}{\lambda_n} = n \frac{v}{2L} = nf_1$$

where  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

# Pipe closed at one end

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# Pipe closed at one end

Standing sound waves (thin pipe closed at one end):

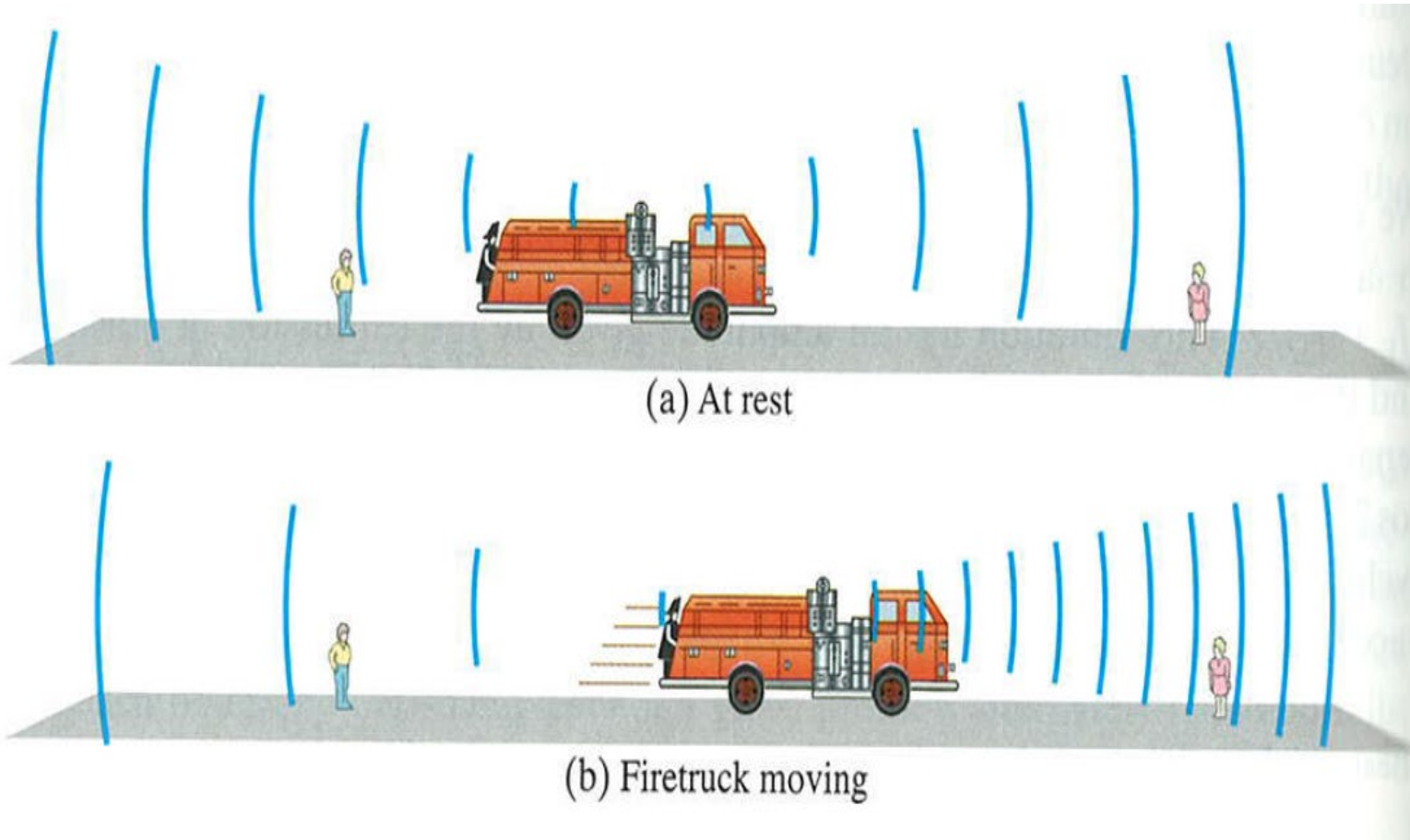
$$\lambda_n = \frac{4L}{n}$$

$$f_n = \frac{v}{\lambda_n} = n \frac{v}{4L} = nf_1$$

where  $n = 1, 3, 5, 7, \dots$



# Doppler Effect



**FIGURE 16–19** (a) Both observers on the sidewalk hear the same frequency from the firetruck at rest.

(b) Doppler effect: observer toward whom the firetruck moves hears a higher-frequency sound, and observer behind the firetruck hears a lower frequency.

# Moving Source, Fixed Observer

## Approaching source

Frequency of the source (Hz)  $f_s$  Speed of the waves (m/s)

$$f_+ = \frac{f_s}{1 - v_s/v}$$

Speed of the source of the waves (m/s)

The observed frequency is *increased*.

## Receding source

$$f_- = \frac{f_s}{1 + v_s/v}$$

The observed frequency is *decreased*.

# Fixed Source, moving observer

## Approaching observer

Speed of the *observer* (m/s)  $\cdots \cdots \cdots v_o$

Frequency of the source (Hz)  $\cdots \cdots \cdots f_s$

Speed of the *waves* (m/s)  $\cdots \cdots \cdots v$

$$f_+ = \left(1 + \frac{v_o}{v}\right) f_s$$

The observed frequency is *increased*.

## Receding observer

$$f_- = \left(1 - \frac{v_o}{v}\right) f_s$$

The observed frequency is *decreased*.