

Physics 5B: Sound Waves II

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- For Friday: read Ch 16.6 \Rightarrow 16.9
- Intensity $I = 10^{-4} \frac{W}{m^2} \Rightarrow \delta = 10 \log\left(\frac{I}{I_0}\right) = 10 \log\left(\frac{10^{-4}}{10^{-12}}\right) = 80 \text{ dB}$
 $I = 10^{-5} \frac{W}{m^2} \Rightarrow 70 \text{ dB}$
 $\frac{1}{10} I \Rightarrow 10 \text{ dB increase}$
 $\frac{1}{100} I \Rightarrow 20 \text{ dB decrease}$
- What about double Intensity? $I_2 = I_1$
 $B_1 = 10 \log\left(\frac{I_1}{I_0}\right) \quad B_2 = 10 \log\left(\frac{I_2}{I_0}\right)$
 $B_2 - B_1 = 10 \log\left(\frac{I_2}{I_0}\right) - 10 \log\left(\frac{I_1}{I_0}\right) = 10(\log\left(\frac{I_2}{I_0}\right) - \log\left(\frac{I_1}{I_0}\right))$
 $= 10 \log\left(\frac{I_2}{I_1}\right) = 10 \log(2) = 3.010 \text{ dB}$
- Vibrating Strings:

I. Frequency (Pitch)

Strings fixed at both ends:

Fundamental:

$$\lambda = 2L \quad L = \frac{1}{2}\lambda$$

2nd. Harmonic:

$$L = \lambda \quad \lambda = L$$

$$f_n = n f_1 = n \frac{v}{\lambda_1} = n \frac{v}{2L} \quad \text{Frequency Equation}$$

$$f_1 = \frac{v}{2L} \quad f_2 = \frac{v}{L}$$

To get different Frequencies: we need to change properties of strings!

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{F_T}{\mu}} \text{ via stretching} \quad \text{or length by fingering}$$

EXAMPLE:

Guitar string .73m long, tuned to E 330(Hz) Where should you put your finger to play A4 (440Hz)?

$$f_E = \frac{v}{2L} = \frac{1}{2L} \sqrt{\frac{F_T}{\mu}}$$

$$f_A = \frac{1}{2L'} = \sqrt{\frac{F_T}{\mu}}$$

$$f_A L' = f_E L \Rightarrow L' = \frac{f_E}{f_A} L = \frac{330}{440} (.73m)$$

$$L' = .548\text{cm}$$

II. Vibrating columns of Air

Two cases: At least one is open and standing wave is formed

Case 1: tube open at both ends

At open ends, air moves freely, but gauge pressure is 0

Anti-node for displacement wave, Node for pressure wave

$$f_1 = \frac{v}{2L} \quad f_2 = \frac{v}{L} \text{ for the 2nd Harmonics}$$

Case 2: tube closed at ends

$$f_1 = \frac{v}{4L} = \frac{v}{\lambda_1}$$

EXAMPLE: What is length of base clarinet (closed at one end) that plays the low D (72.4Hz)?

Fundamental frequency at one end: $f_1 = \frac{v}{4L}$

$$L = \frac{v}{4f_1} \Rightarrow \frac{343}{4(72.4)} = 1.18\text{m}$$

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