

- 5 (a) A loudspeaker oscillates with frequency f to produce sound waves of wavelength λ . The loudspeaker makes N oscillations in time t .

(i) State expressions, in terms of some or all of the symbols f , λ and N , for:

1. the distance moved by a wavefront in time t

distance =

2. time t .

time t =

[2]

(ii) your answers in (i) to deduce the equation relating the speed v of the sound wave to f and λ .

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- (b) The waveform of a sound wave is displayed on the screen of a cathode-ray oscilloscope (c.r.o.), as shown in Fig. 5.1.

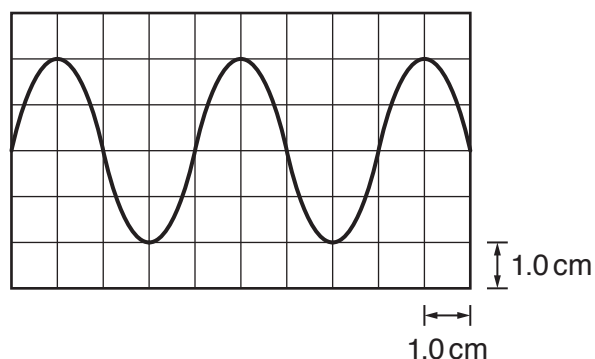


Fig. 5.1

The time-base setting is 0.20 ms cm^{-1} .

Determine the frequency of the sound wave.

frequency = Hz [2]

- (c) Two sources S_1 and S_2 of sound waves are positioned as shown in Fig. 5.2.

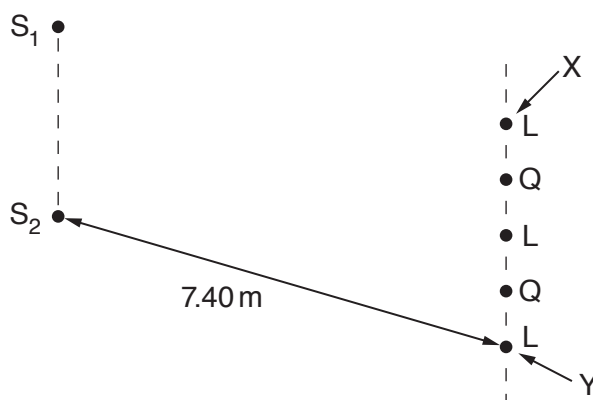


Fig. 5.2 (not to scale)

The sources emit coherent sound waves of wavelength 0.85 m. A sound detector is moved parallel to the line S_1S_2 from a point X to a point Y. Alternate positions of maximum loudness L and minimum loudness Q are detected, as illustrated in Fig. 5.2.

Distance S_1X is equal to distance S_2X . Distance S_2Y is 7.40 m.

- (i) Explain what is meant by *coherent* waves.

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- (ii) State the phase difference between the two waves arriving at the position of minimum loudness Q that is closest to point X.

phase difference = ° [1]

- (iii) Determine the distance S_1Y .

distance = m [2]

[Total: 9]