23 A loudspeaker emits a sound wave into a tube initially full of water.
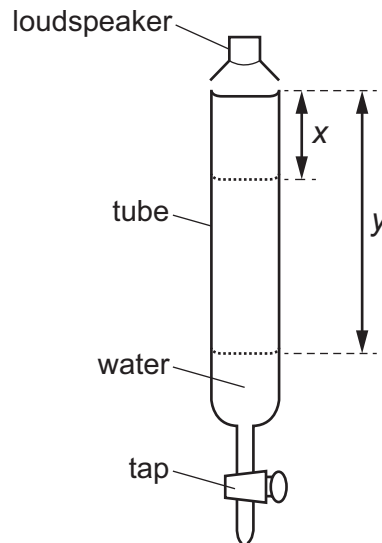

A tap at the bottom of the tube is opened so that water slowly leaves the tube. For some lengths of the air column in the tube, the sound heard is much louder.

The first loud sound is heard when the air column in the tube has length x.

The next time that a loud sound is heard is when the air column in the tube has length y.

What is the wavelength of the sound wave from the loudspeaker?

A $2x$ **B** $4y$ **C** $2(y - x)$ **D** $4(y - x)$

24 Diffraction can be observed when a wave passes an obstruction. The diffraction effect is greatest when the wavelength and the obstruction are similar in size.

For waves travelling through air, what is the combination of wave and obstruction that could best demonstrate diffraction?

A microwaves passing a steel post

B radio waves passing a copper wire

C sound waves passing a human hair

D visible light waves passing a gate post