Chapter 17 End-of-Chapter Problems Halliday & Resnick, 10th Edition

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Hit me where it Matters

Where needed in the problems, use speed of sound in air = 343 m/s and density of air = 1.21 kg/m³ unless otherwise specified.

Two spectators at a soccer game see, and a moment later hear, the ball being kicked on the playing field. The time delay for spectator A is 0.23 s, and for spectator B it is 0.12 s. Sight lines from the two spectators to the player kicking the ball meet at an angle of 90°. How far are (a) spectator A and (b) spectator B from the player? (c) How far are the spectators from each other?

1.1 Solution (a)

This is a simple question to answer. The distance traveled to A would be equal to the speed of sound times the time taken to travel the distance.

$$x = vt = (343 \,\mathrm{m/s})(0.23 \,\mathrm{s}) = \boxed{78.89 \,\mathrm{m}}$$
 (1)

When the door of the Chapel of the Mausoleum in Hamilton, Scotland, is slammed shut, the last echo heard by someone standing just inside the door reportedly comes 15 s later. (a) If that echo were due to a single reflection off a wall opposite the door, how far from the door is the wall? (b) If, instead, the wall is 25.7 m away, how many reflections (back and forth) occur?

Earthquakes generate sound waves inside Earth. Unlike a gas, Earth can experience both transverse (S) and longitudinal (P) sound waves. Typically, the speed of S waves is about 4.5 km/s, and that of P waves 8.0 km/s. A seismograph records P and S waves from an earthquake. The first P waves arrive 3.0 min before the first S waves. If the waves travel in a straight line, how far away did the earthquake occur?

A stone is dropped into a well. The splash is heard $3.00~\mathrm{s}$ later. What is the depth of the well?

Diagnostic ultrasound of frequency $4.50~\mathrm{MHz}$ is used to examine tumors in soft tissue. (a) What is the wavelength in air of such a sound wave? (b) If the speed of sound in tissue is $1500~\mathrm{m/s}$, what is the wavelength of this wave in tissue?

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