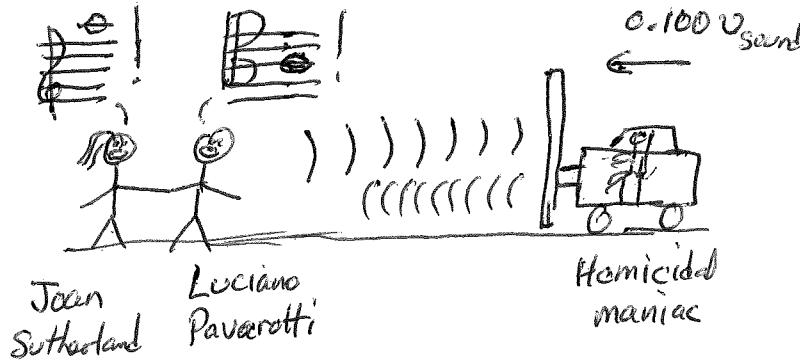


\*. (6 points) Two opera singers (standing still) are singing a high A ( $f = 880 \text{ Hz}$ ) and low A ( $f = 220 \text{ Hz}$ ), respectively, when a car carrying a sound-reflecting wall is travelling towards them at 0.100 times the speed of sound. Determine the frequencies of the reflected sound waves, as would be heard by the opera singers.

Note: No opera singers were harmed during the construction of this question or its solution.



$$f_s = \text{frequency of source (singer)} = 880 \text{ Hz} \text{ or } 220 \text{ Hz}$$

$$f_R = \text{frequency as determined by a hypothetical detector at reflecting wall.}$$

$$f_D = \text{frequency at final detector (singers again)}$$

$$S \rightarrow R: f_R/f_s = \frac{1 - v_R/v_w}{1 - v_s/v_w} = \frac{1 - (-0.100/v_w)/(v_w)}{1 - 0} = 1.100$$

$$R \rightarrow D: f_D/f_R = \frac{1 - v_D/v_w}{1 - v_R/v_w} = \frac{1 - 0}{1 - (-0.100/v_w)/(-1/v_w)} = \frac{1}{0.900} = 1.111$$

(treat reflecting wall as a source)

$$\Rightarrow f_D = (1.100) \left( \frac{1}{0.900} \right) f_s = 1.222 f_s = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1075.5 \text{ Hz} \\ 268.8 \text{ Hz} \end{array} \right.$$

$$12 \log_2 (1.222) = 3.47 \text{ half-steps}$$

$\Rightarrow$  just about half-way between C $\sharp$  and C $\#$  above the respective A's.