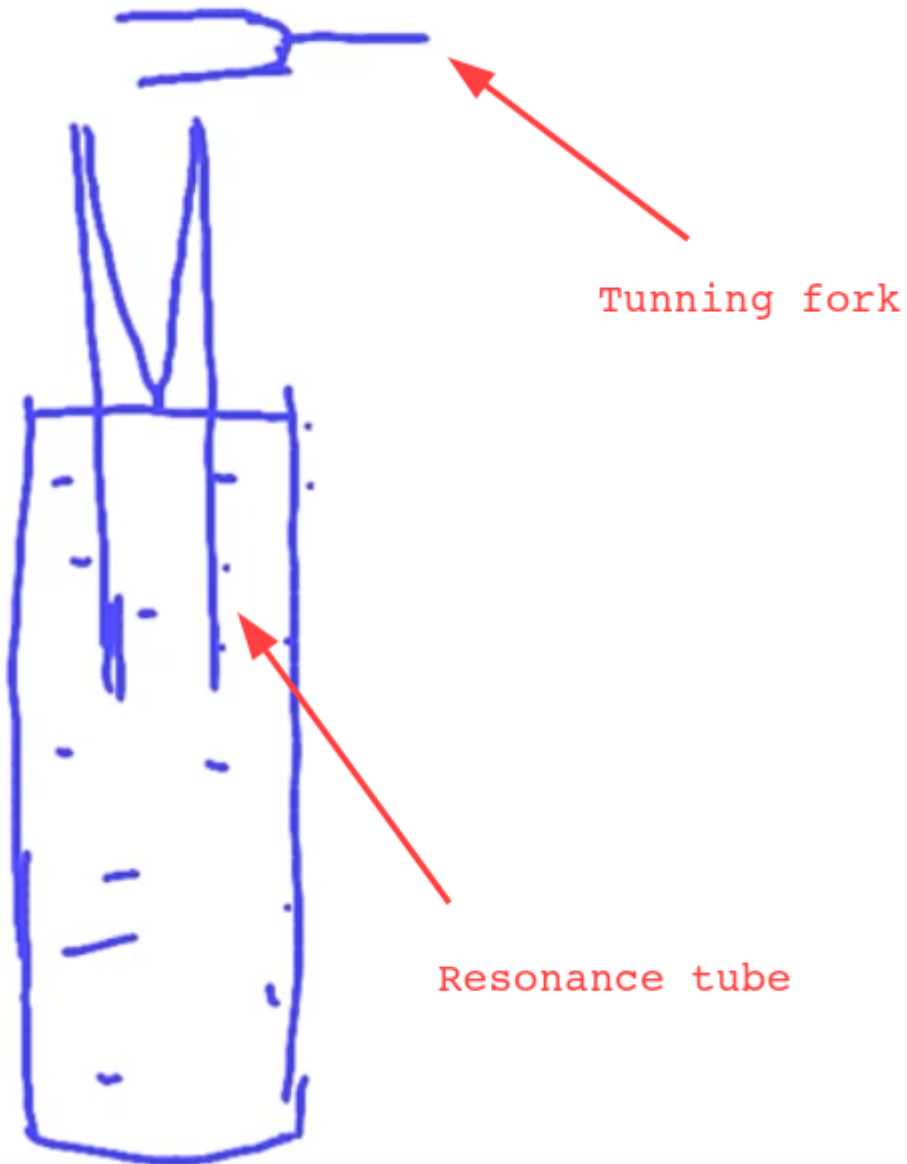


- Initial setup





$$l = \lambda/4$$

$$\lambda = 4l$$

$$v = f\lambda$$

$$= f \cdot 4l$$

$$l = \frac{v}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{f}$$

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 y m x

Here we have a set of tuning forks which means we can change the f . So that should be taken as the independent variable x . So as a result of changing the f , the dependent variable l is going to change. Therefore, we get an equation like this to draw a graph

$$l = \frac{\lambda}{4}$$

$$\lambda = 4l$$

$$v = f\lambda$$

$$\therefore l = \frac{v}{4} \frac{1}{f}$$

$$y = mx$$

(From the gradient we can find v)

If we include end correction in this, we get an equation like this.

$$l + e = \frac{\lambda}{4}$$

$$\lambda = 4(l + e)$$

$$v = f\lambda$$

$$l + e = \frac{v}{4} \frac{1}{f}$$

$$\therefore l = \frac{v}{4} \frac{1}{f} - e$$

$$y = mx + c$$

Here, end correction will be given by the intercept

Important point

All the ones we had in the previous practical about [Q 14 - Finding the velocity of sound in air using resonance tube and a tuning fork](#) applies here too.

- When doing the experiment, why do we have to start with the tuning fork with the highest frequency and then so on?

Because the tuning fork with the highest frequency will give the smallest length. Therefore, it's better to start with the lowest length and increase the length as we go so that we don't have to restart the whole process again, and we can start from the previous length.

We can do this because for the next tuning fork which is of less frequency than before, the length is going to be less.

$f_1 \rightarrow l_1$

$f_2 \rightarrow l_2$ where $f_1 > f_2$, then $l_2 > l_1$. Because when frequency reduces, the resonance length increases

By this way, we can easily get the fundamental overtones of the tuning forks very easily without missing any also.

From the above equation, we can make a conclusion as below.

$$l \propto \frac{1}{f}$$

Therefore, when f reduces, l has to increase

- Why do we use a hammer with rubber head to vibrate the tuning forks?

Because we need to use something that is soft and not hard so that it won't damage the properties of the tuning forks.