

- 4 (a) State what is meant by *stationary waves*.

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- (b) A loudspeaker producing sound of constant frequency is placed near the open end of the pipe, as seen in Fig. 4.1.

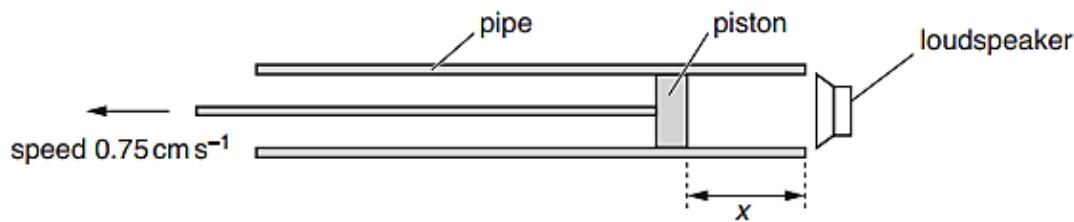


Fig. 4.1

A movable piston is at a distance x from the open end of the pipe. Distance x is increased from $x = 0$ by moving the piston to the left with a constant speed of 0.75 cm s^{-1} .

The speed of the sound in the pipe is 330 m s^{-1} .

- (i) Explain how a stationary wave can be formed in the pipe.

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- (ii) A much louder sound is first heard when $x = 6.0 \text{ cm}$. Determine the frequency of the sound in the pipe.

frequency = Hz [3]

- (iii) After a time interval, a second much louder sound is heard. Calculate the time interval between the first and second louder sound.

time = s [2]

- (iv) The actual time interval measured is different from that calculated in (b)(iii), despite no experimental errors. Suggest why this is so.

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