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SPhO 2022 Theory Paper 2

2. (a) A wire is mounted on a sounding board and has a tension of F_1 . When it is set into vibration in the fundamental mode, the sound waves produce a beat with frequency 5 Hz with a 256-Hz tuning fork. When the tension in the **wire** is increased to F_2 , the beat frequency produced by the sound waves in the fundamental mode becomes 3 Hz with the tuning fork. Find the ratio $\frac{F_2}{F_1}$.

$$\left[\frac{F_2}{F_1} = \left(\frac{259}{251} \right)^2 = 1.065 \text{ or } \left(\frac{253}{251} \right)^2 = 1.016 \right]$$

[4 marks]