

## (b) Sound Wave Interference

The path difference between the direct and reflected waves is  $\Delta P = \sqrt{L^2 + (2d)^2} - L$ . At position 1 ( $d_1 = 90\text{ m}$ ), there is constructive interference, so  $\Delta P_1 = n\lambda$ .

$$\Delta P_1 = \sqrt{120^2 + (180)^2} - 120 = \sqrt{46800} - 120 \approx 96.333\text{ m}$$

At position 2 ( $d_2 = 90 + h$ ), there is destructive interference for the first time. The path difference must have increased by  $\lambda/2$ .

$$\Delta P_2 = \Delta P_1 + \frac{\lambda}{2} = 96.333 + \frac{1.33}{2} = 97.00\text{ m}$$

Also,  $\Delta P_2 = \sqrt{120^2 + (2(90 + h))^2} - 120$ .

$$\sqrt{120^2 + (180 + 2h)^2} = 120 + 97.00 = 217.00$$

$$14400 + (180 + 2h)^2 = 217.00^2 = 47089$$

$$(180 + 2h)^2 = 32689$$

$$180 + 2h = \sqrt{32689} \approx 180.80$$

$$2h \approx 0.80 \implies h \approx 0.40\text{ m}$$

**Answer:** The value of  $h$  is approximately **0.40 m**.

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