



General Physics I

Lecture 15: Sound Waves

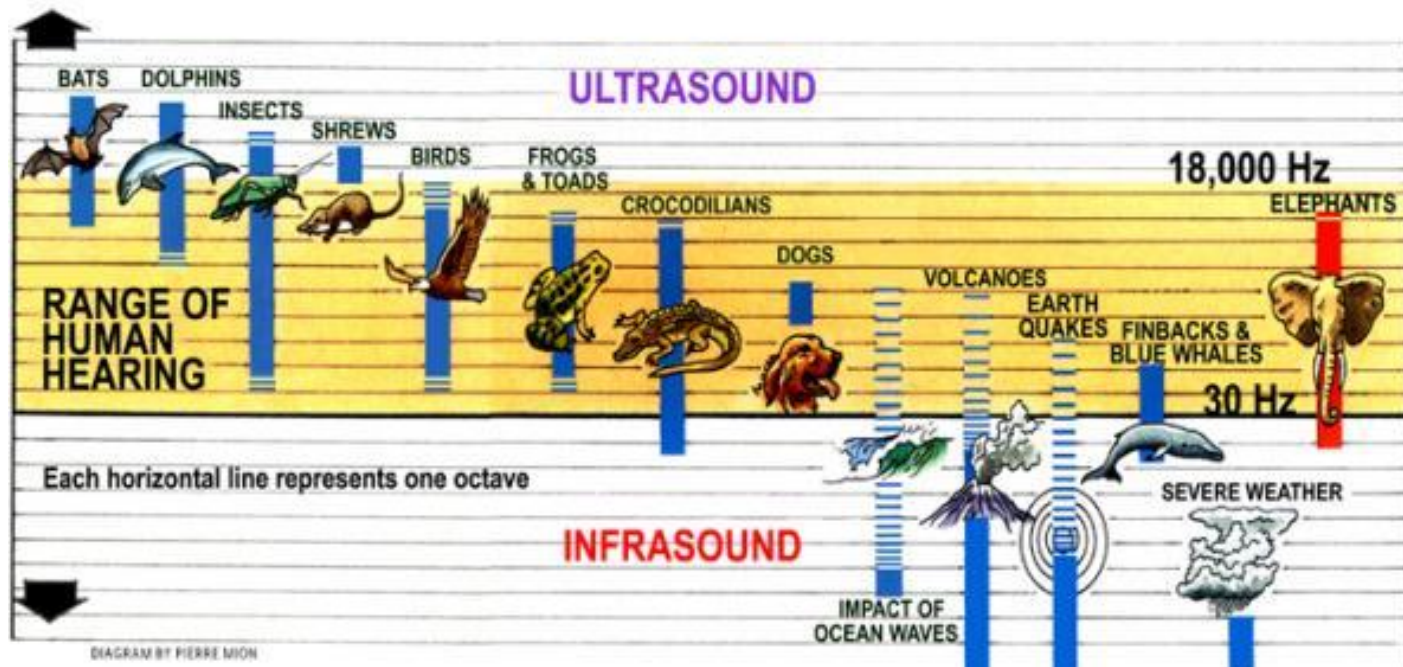
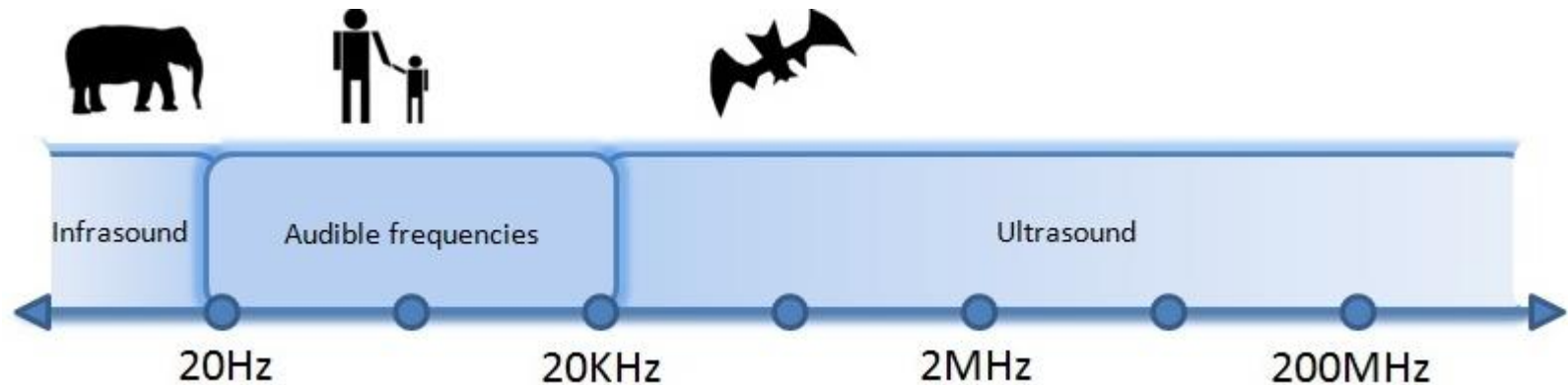


Outline

- **Sound frequency and sound level**
- **Speed of sound waves**
- **The physics of piano**
- **The Doppler effect**
- **Shock waves**



Categories of Sound Waves

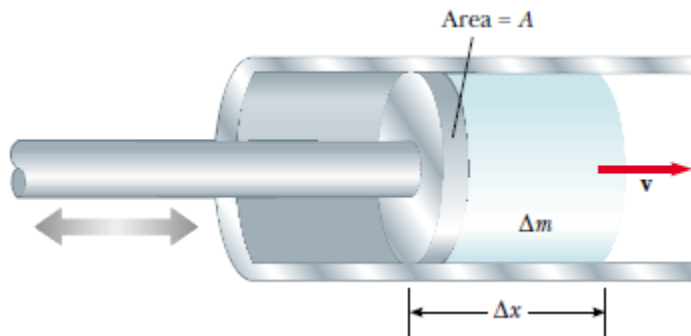




Sound Intensity

- We define the intensity I of a wave, or the power per unit area, to be the rate at which the energy being transported by the wave flows through a unit area A perpendicular to the direction of travel of the wave.

$$I = \frac{\mathcal{P}}{A} = \frac{1}{2} \rho v (\omega s_{\max})^2$$



density

speed of
sound

frequency

amplitude



Definition of Sound Level

•Because the range of sound intensities is so wide, it is convenient to use a logarithmic scale, where the sound level is defined by the equation

$$\beta = 10 \log \left(\frac{I}{I_0} \right) \quad \text{in decibels (dB)}$$

$$I_0 = 1.00 \times 10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2 \quad (\text{threshold of hearing})$$

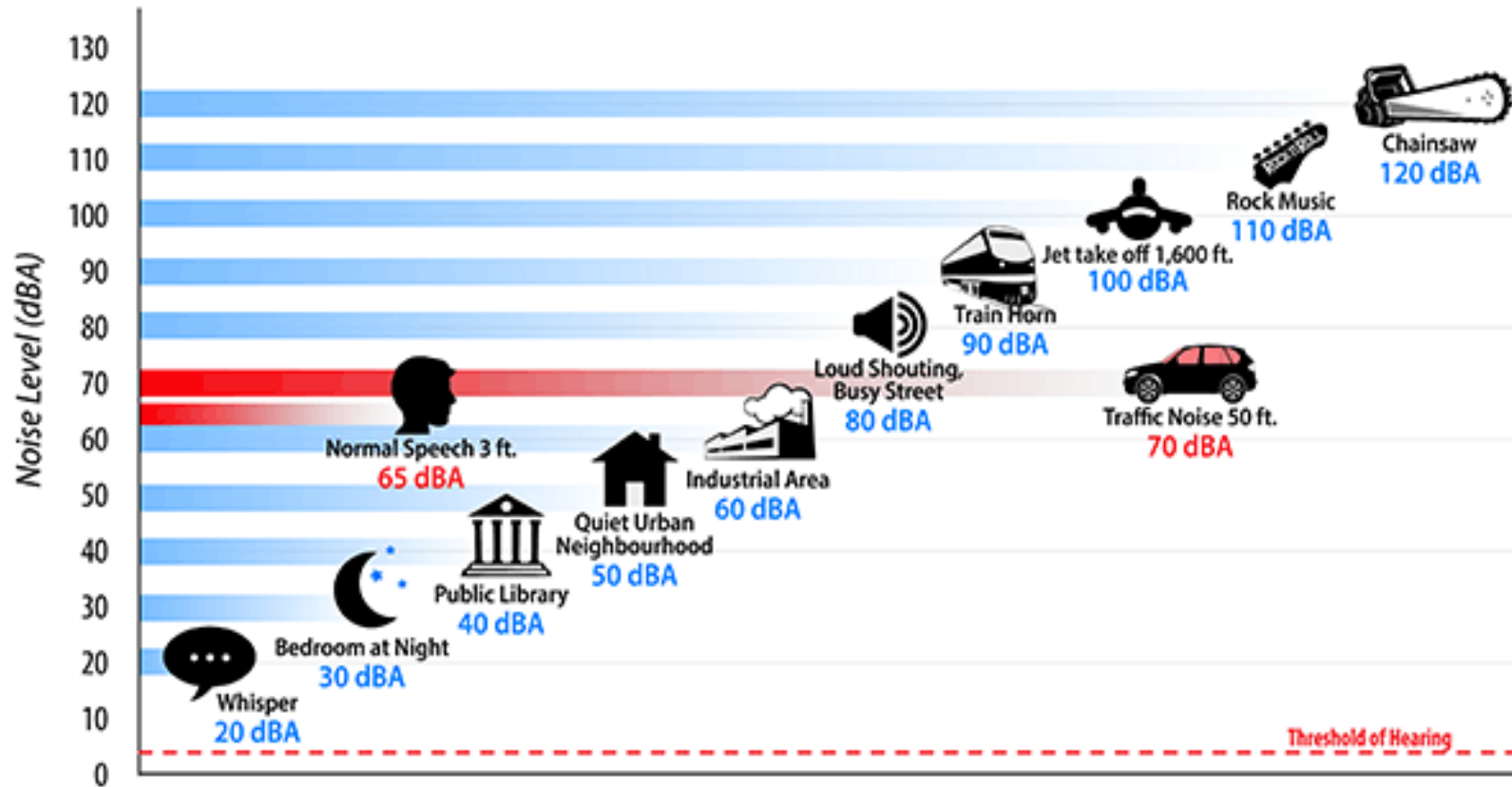
•Threshold of pain:

$$10 \log[(1 \text{ W/m}^2)/(10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2)] = 10 \log(10^{12}) = 120 \text{ dB}$$



Sound Levels

COMMON INDOOR/OUTDOOR NOISE LEVELS





Speed of Sound in a Solid

•If a solid bar is struck at one end with a hammer, a longitudinal pulse propagates down the bar with a speed

$$v = \sqrt{Y/\rho}$$

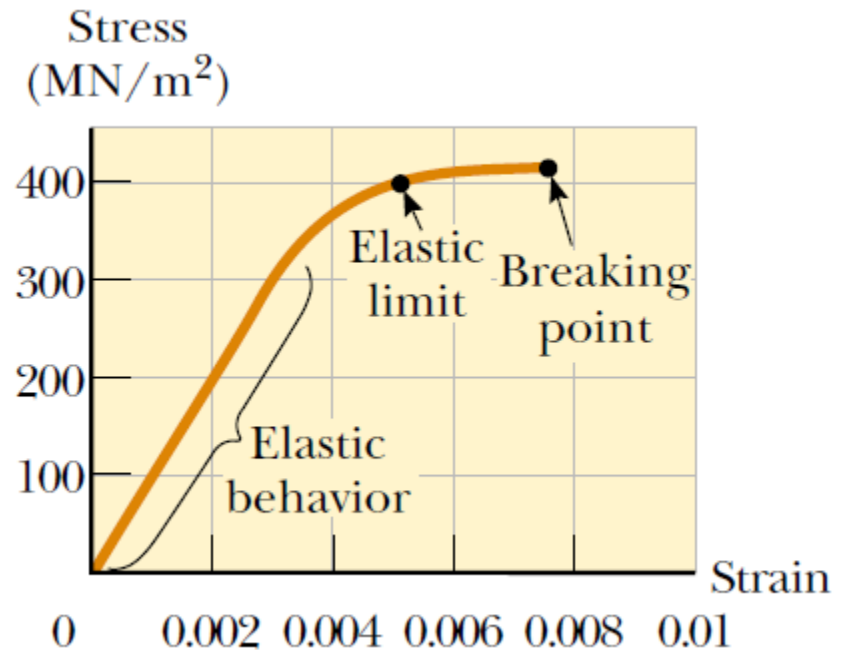
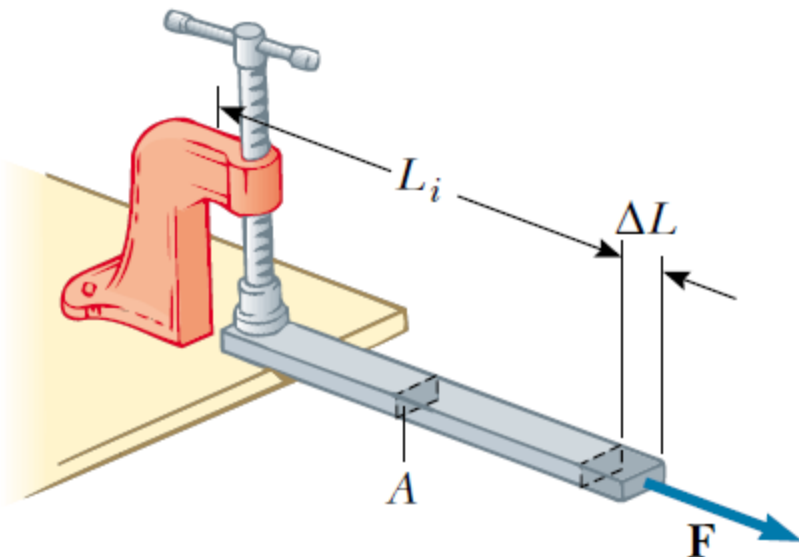
•where Y is the Young's modulus for the material and ρ the density of material.



Elasticity in Length

•Young's Modulus:

$$Y = \frac{\text{tensile stress}}{\text{tensile strain}} = \frac{F/A}{\Delta L/L_i}$$



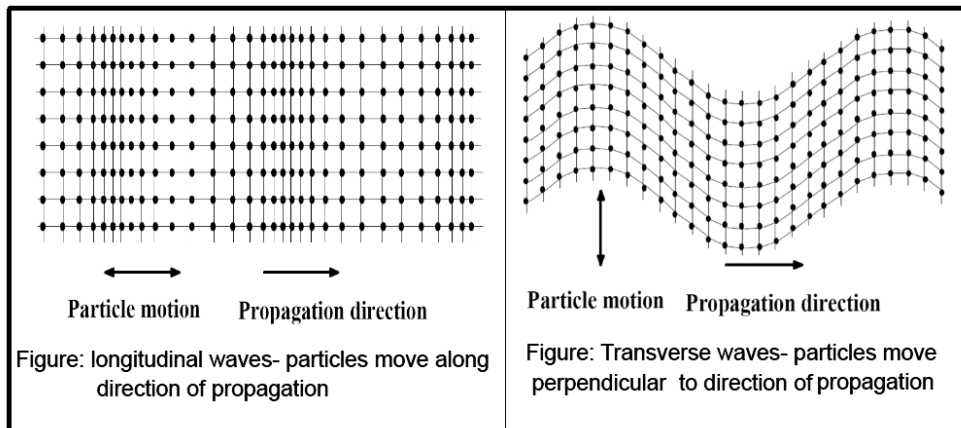
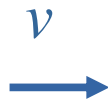


The Speed of Sound Wave

•In the continuous limit (in a solid),

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = v^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

where $v = a \sqrt{\frac{K}{M}}$



Speed of Sound for Several Common Solids

Solid	Structure Type	Nearest Neighbor Distance (Å)	Density ρ (kg/m ³)	Elastic bulk modulus γ (10 ¹⁰ N/m ²)	Calculated Wave Speed (m/s)	Observed speed of sound (m/s)
Sodium	B.C.C	3.71	970	0.52	2320	2250
Copper	F.C.C	2.55	8966	13.4	3880	3830
Aluminum	F.C.C	2.86	2700	7.35	5200	5110
Lead	F.C.C	3.49	11340	4.34	1960	1320
Silicon	Diamond	2.35	2330	10.1	6600	9150
Germanium	Diamond	2.44	5360	7.9	3830	5400
NaCl	Rocksalt	2.82	2170	2.5	3400	4730

Most calculated V_L values are in reasonable agreement with measurements. Sound speeds are of the order of **5000 m/s** in typical metallic, covalent & ionic solids :



Now, ...

•Can you show that

$$v = \sqrt{Y/\rho}$$

(macroscopic)

$$v = a \sqrt{\frac{K}{M}}$$

(microscopic)

•are two equivalent forms of the speed of sound in the solid?



Speed of Sound in a Fluid

•The speed of all mechanical waves follows an expression of the general form

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{\text{elastic property}}{\text{inertial property}}}$$

•We will, hopefully, come back to this issue in the part of thermodynamics for a complete understanding.

$$\text{声速 } c = \sqrt{\frac{dp}{d\rho}} = \sqrt{\kappa RT}$$



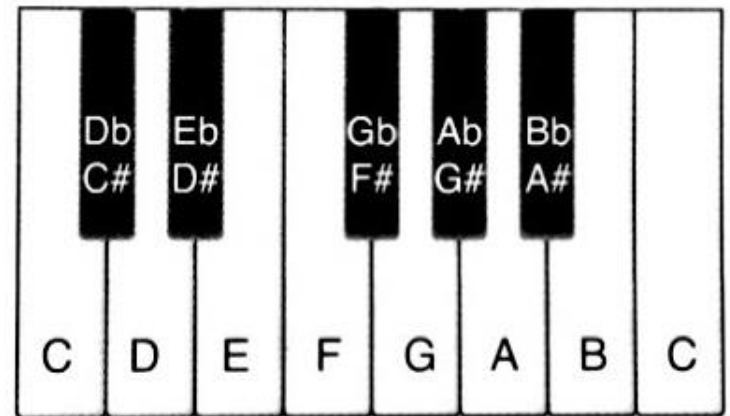
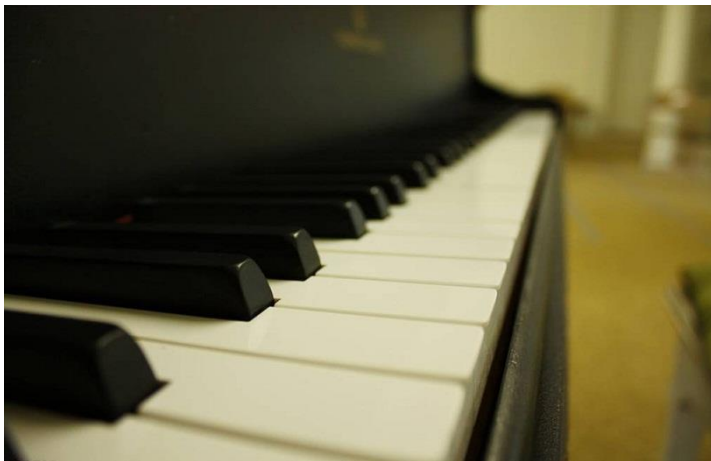
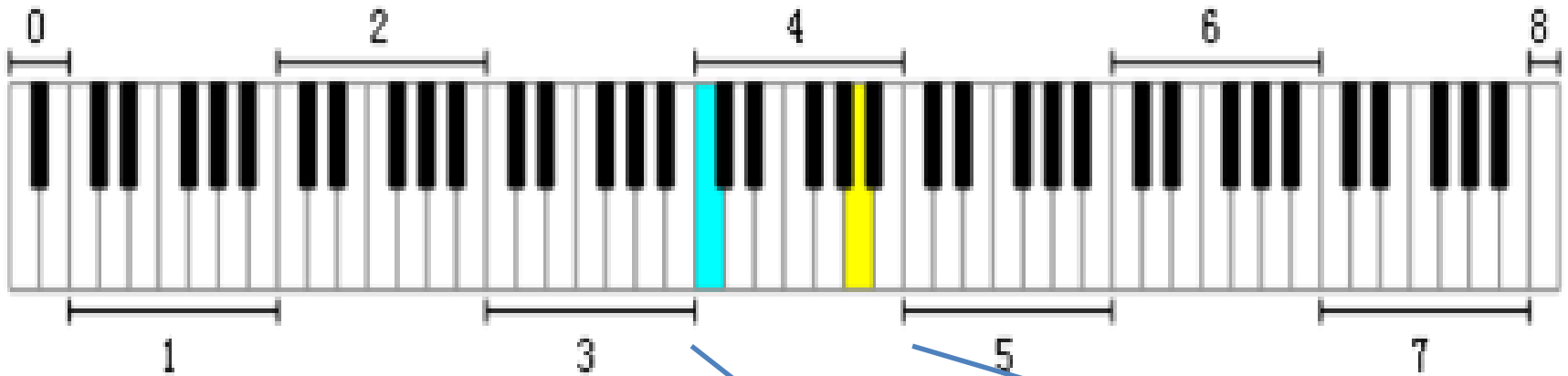
Physics of the Piano



Beauty is all about the frequency of the sound.

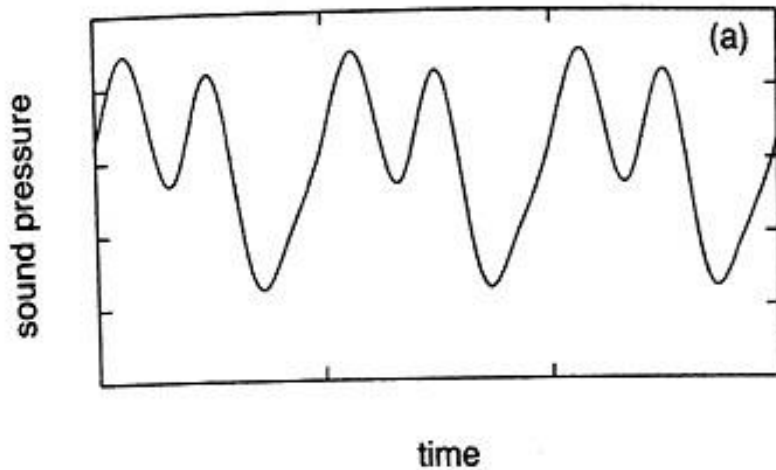


Octave (8 Notes)

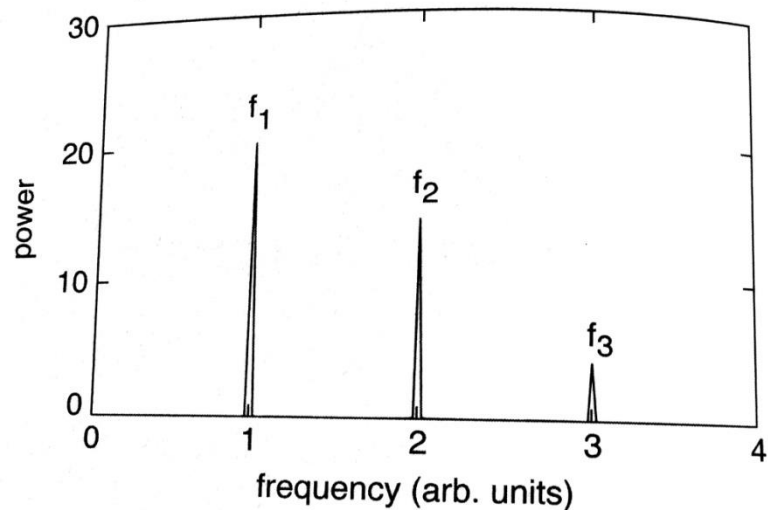
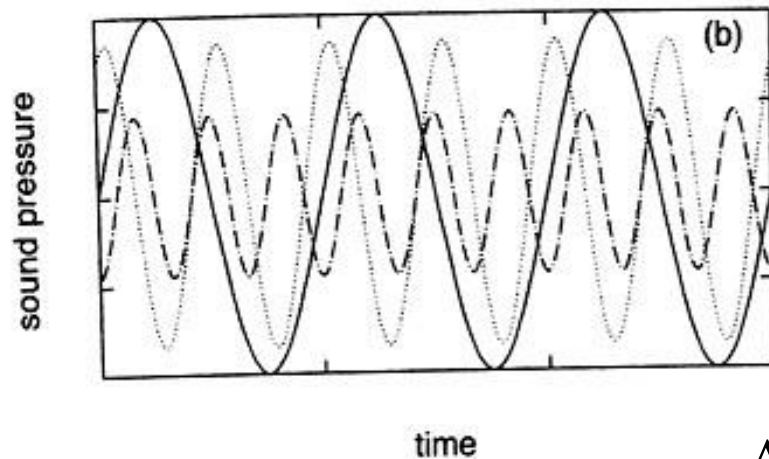




Tone and Pitch



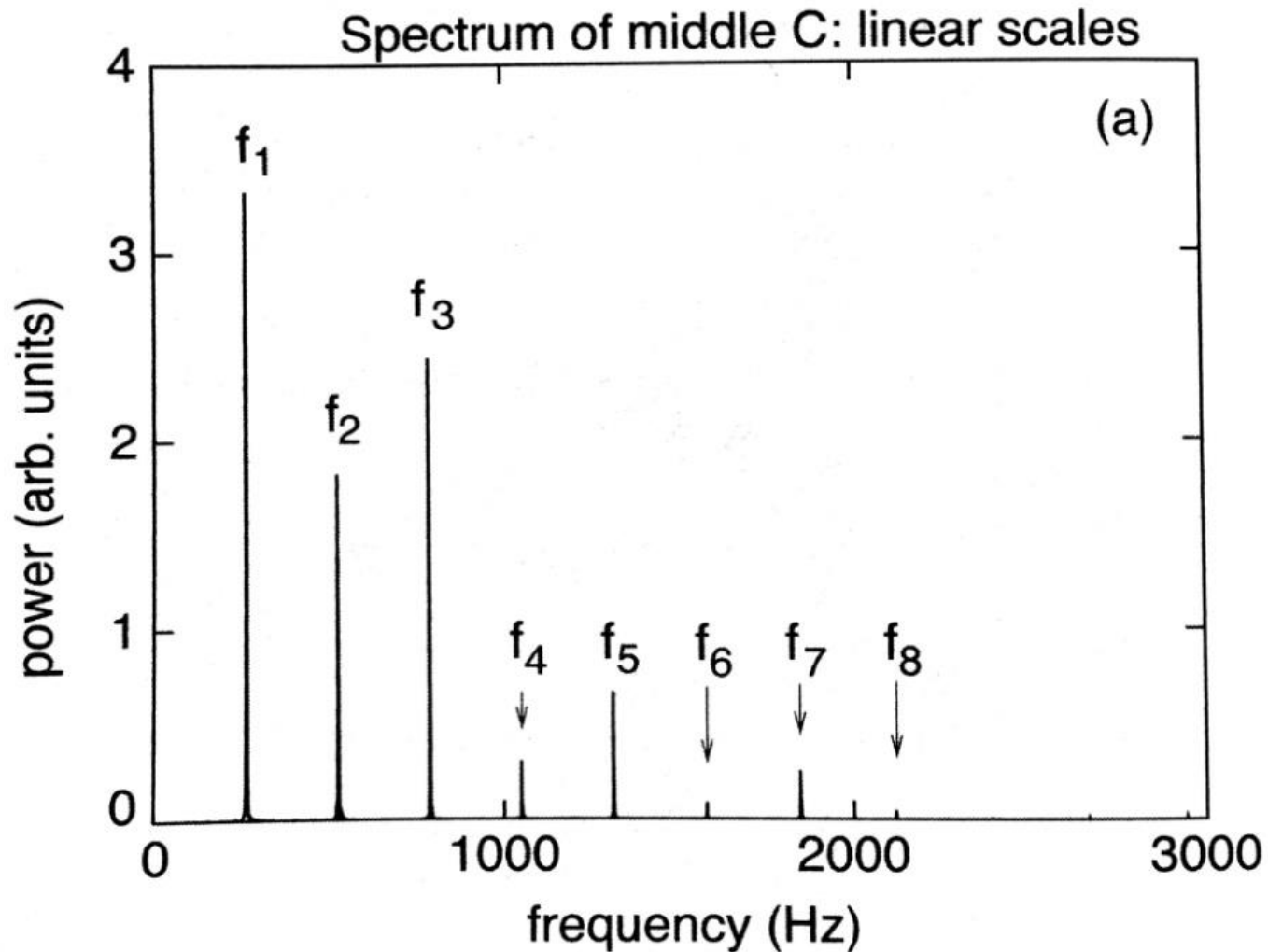
A musical **tone** is a steady periodic sound. A musical tone is characterized by its duration, pitch, intensity (or loudness), and timbre (or quality).



A **pitch** is a particular frequency of sound.

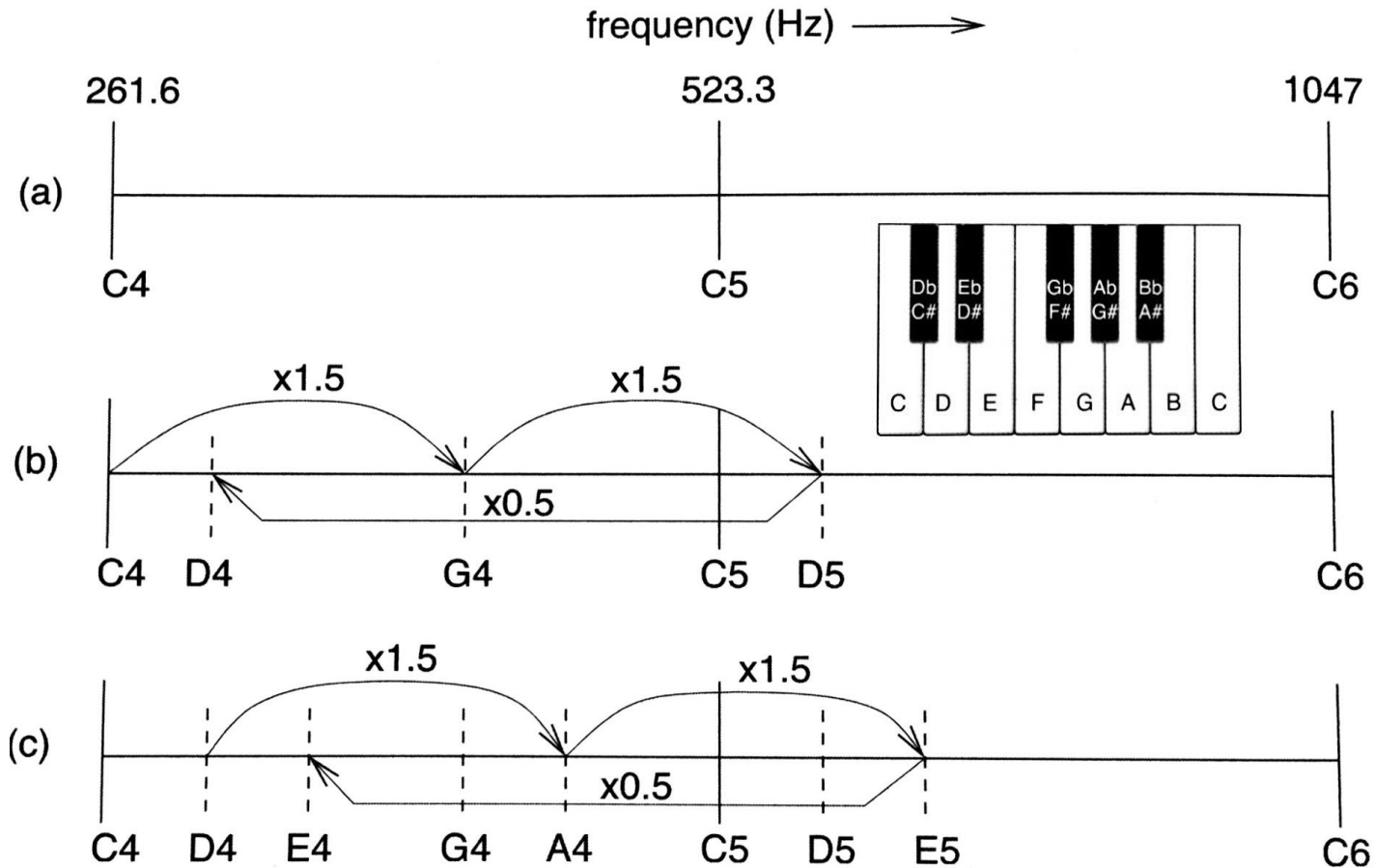


Harmonic Spectrum





Musical Scale (Pythagoras)

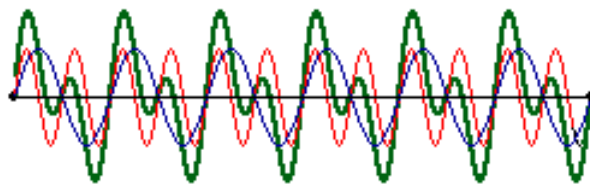




Musical Scale

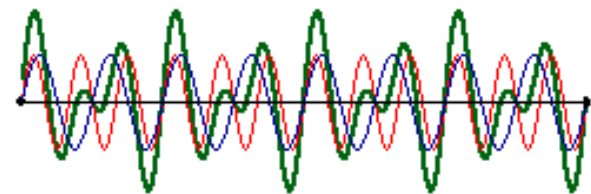
- A4, fundamental frequency of 440 Hz
- $2^{1/12} = 1.05946\dots$ (equal temperament)
- Perfect 5th, $2^{7/12} = 1.4983\dots \approx 1.5$

Wave Pattern for an Octave (in Green)



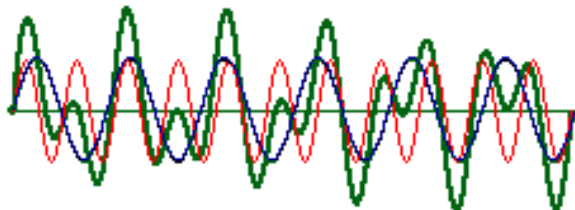
$f_{\text{red}} : f_{\text{blue}}$ is 2:1

Wave Pattern for a Fifth (in Green)



$f_{\text{red}} : f_{\text{blue}}$ is 3:2

Wave Pattern for Two Dissonant Sounds



$f_{\text{red}} : f_{\text{blue}}$ is 37:20

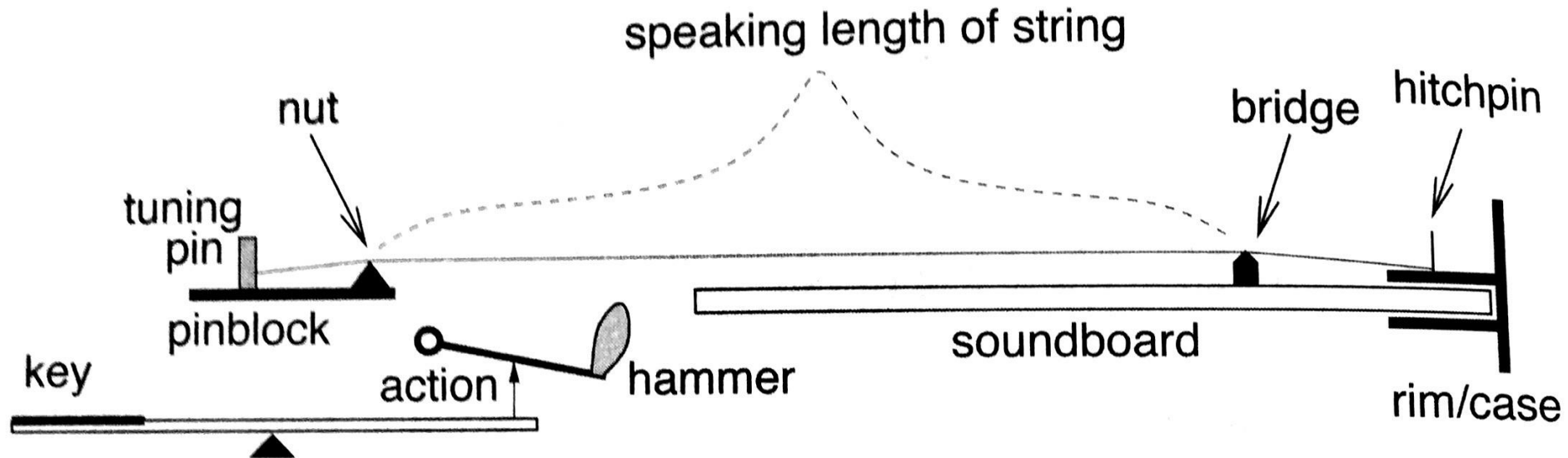


What's Inside?



Physics in piano when making music.

Vibrating Strings



$$f = v/\lambda$$

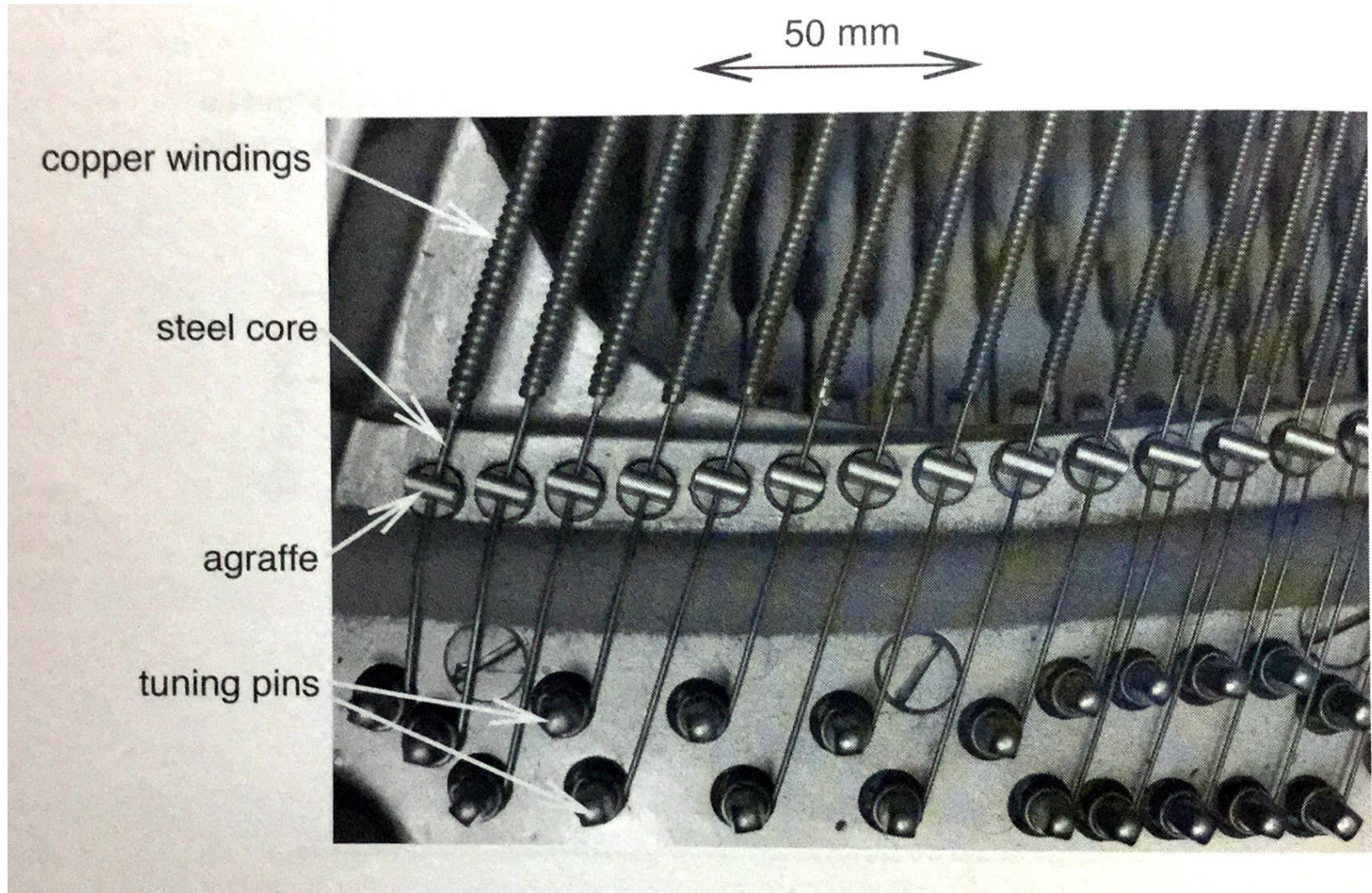
$$\lambda = L/n$$

$$f \propto v/L$$

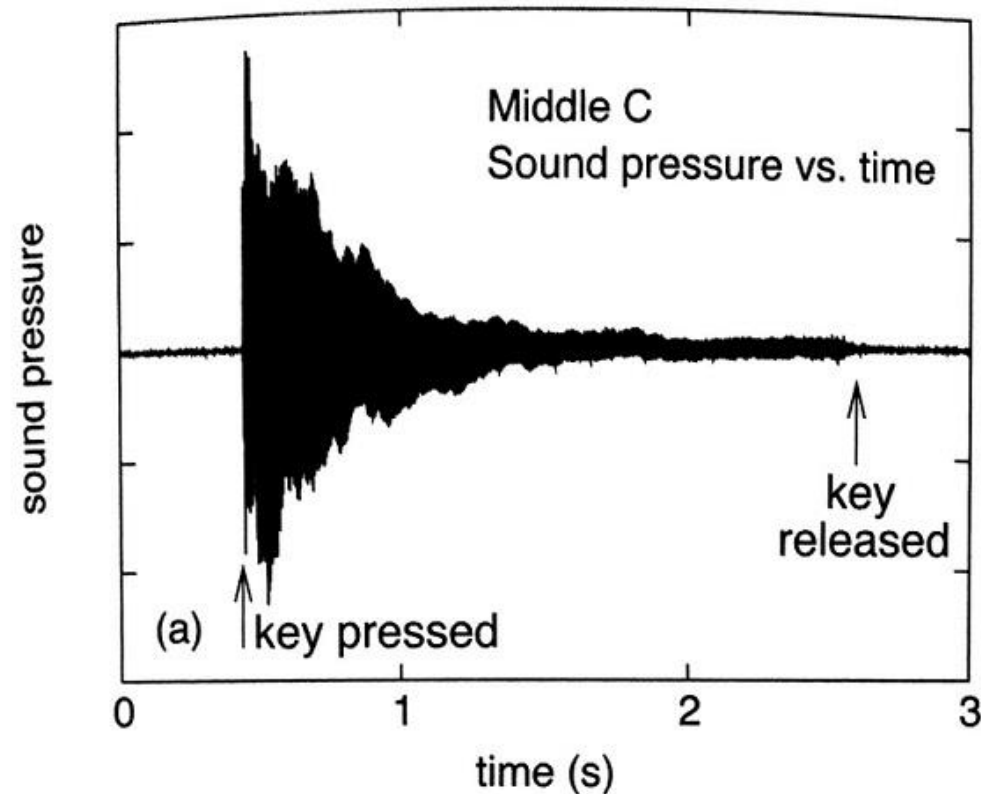
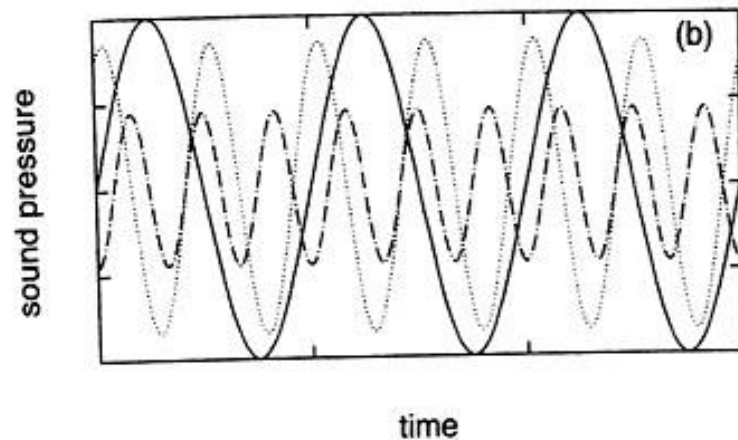
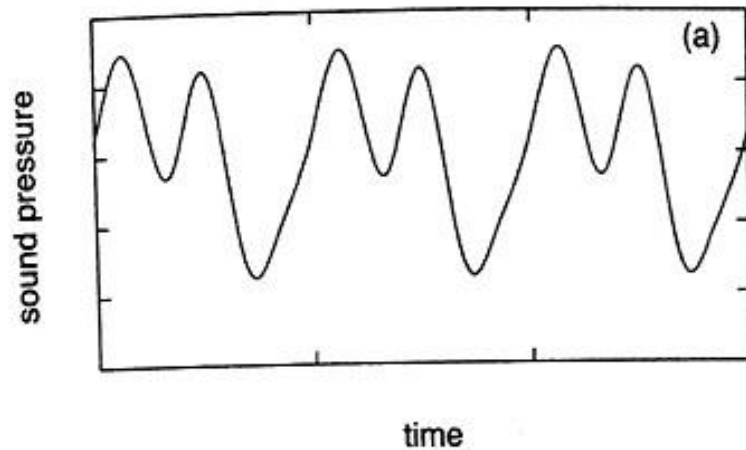
Can you determine frequency by dimension analysis?

$$f \propto f(T, r, L)$$

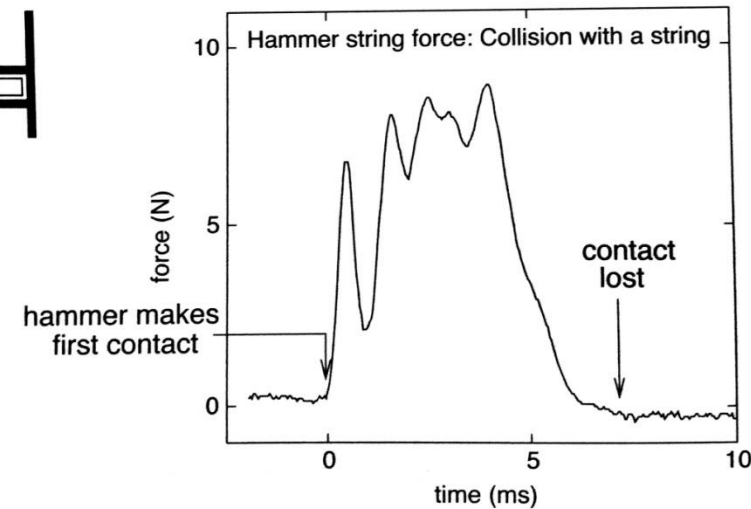
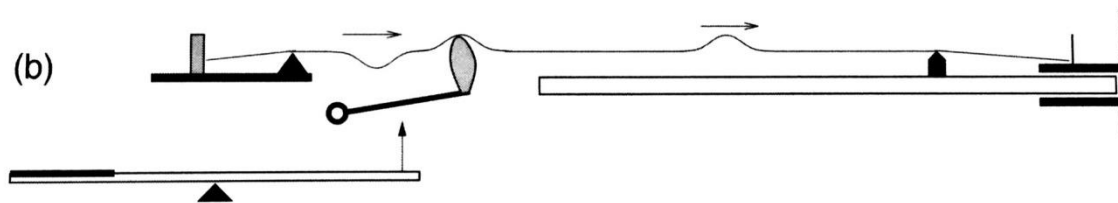
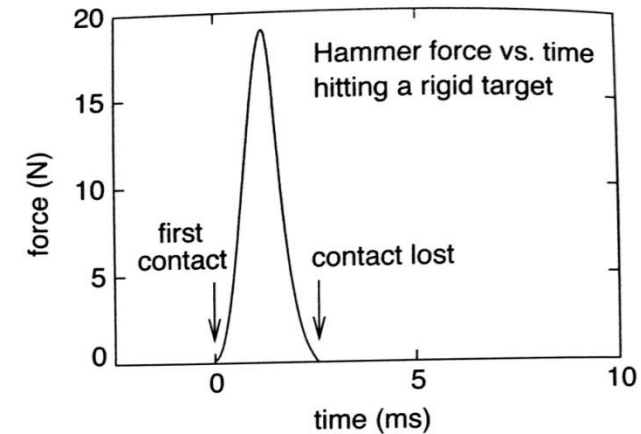
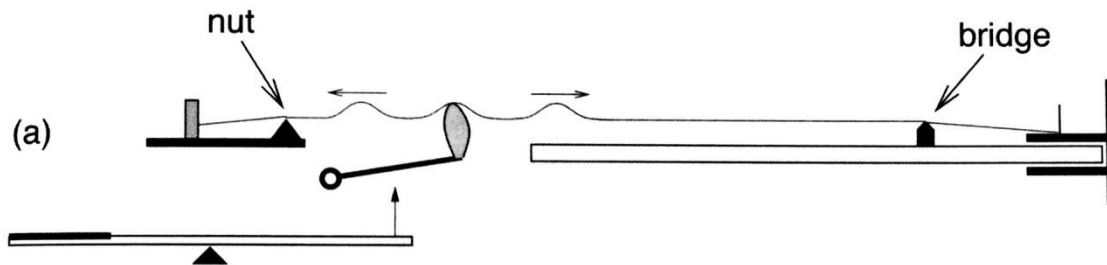
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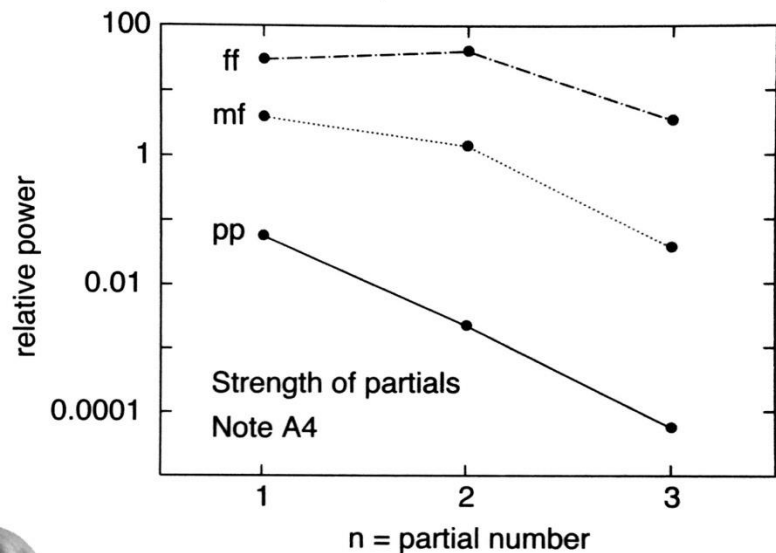
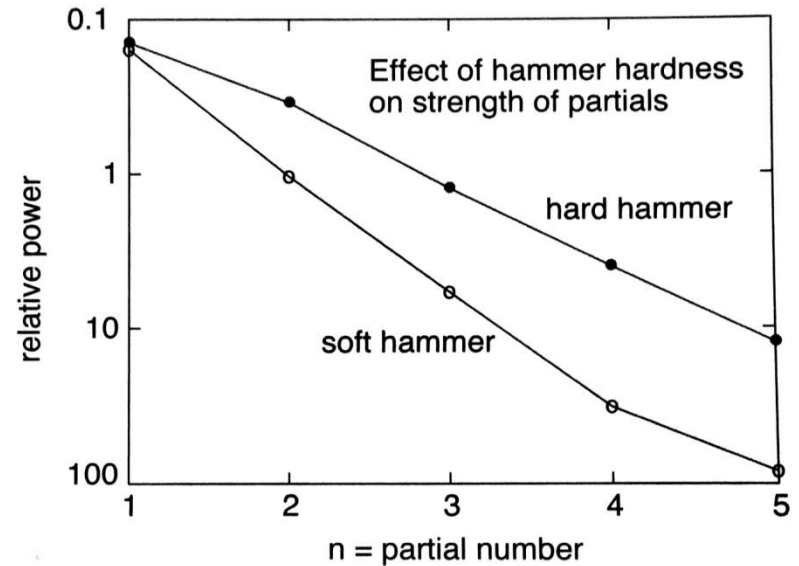
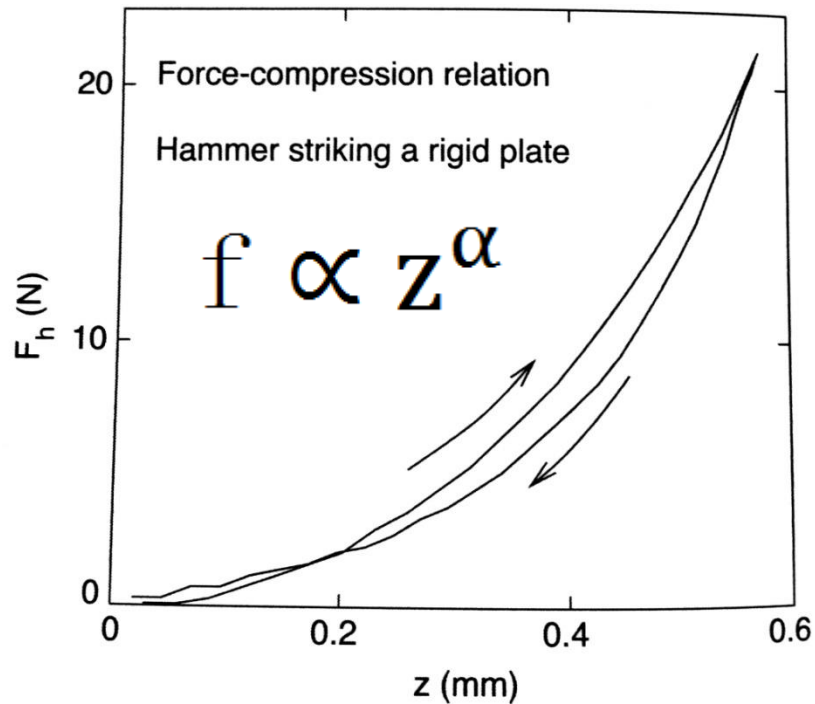
Hammers that Hit the Strings



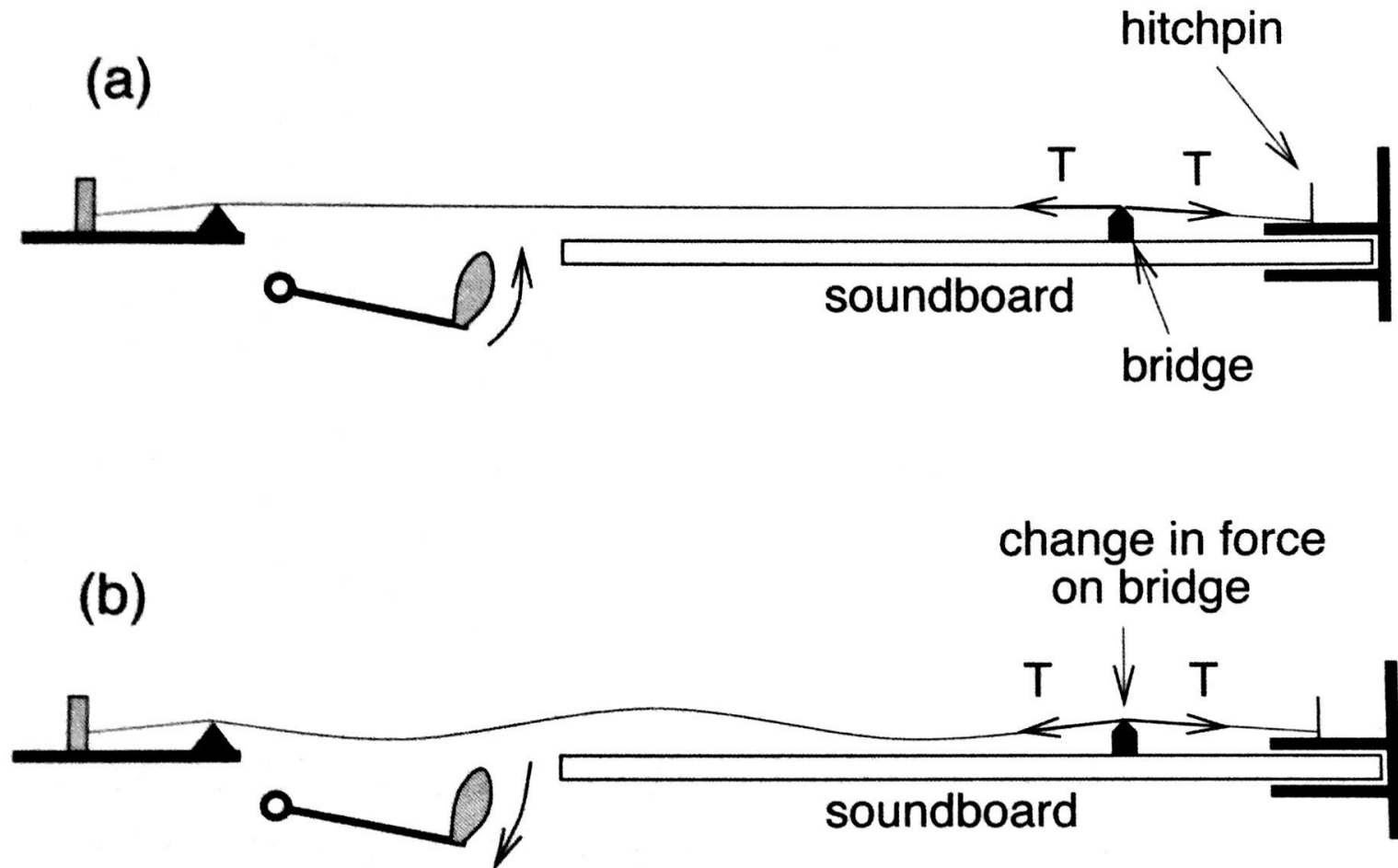
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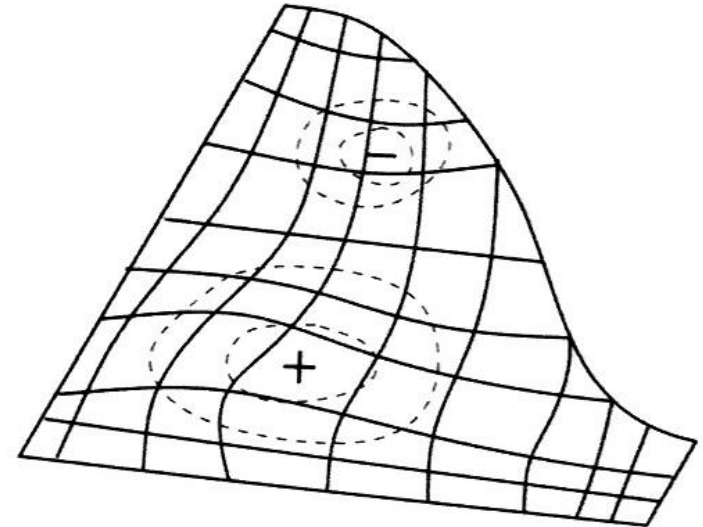
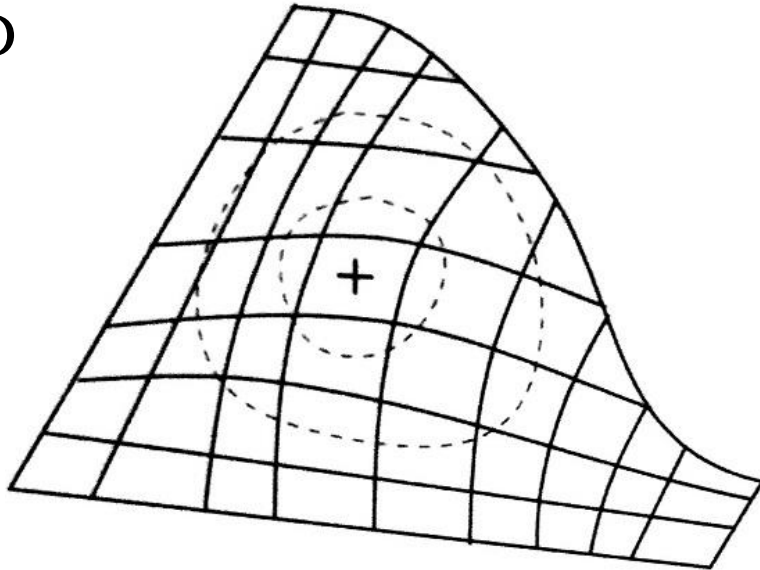
Soundboard Producing Sound



Forced oscillations

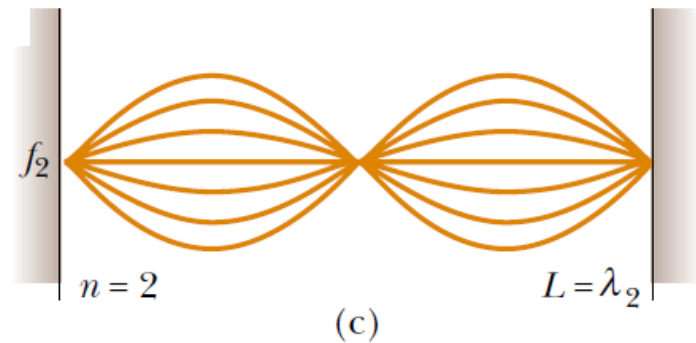
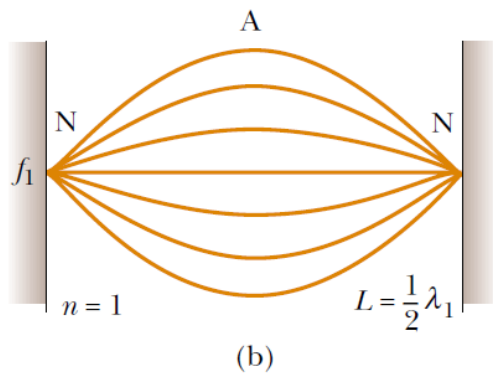
Soundboard Producing Sound

2D



Generalization of the 1D cases

(b)





Galilean Transformation

$$\mathbf{r}' = \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{v}_0 t$$

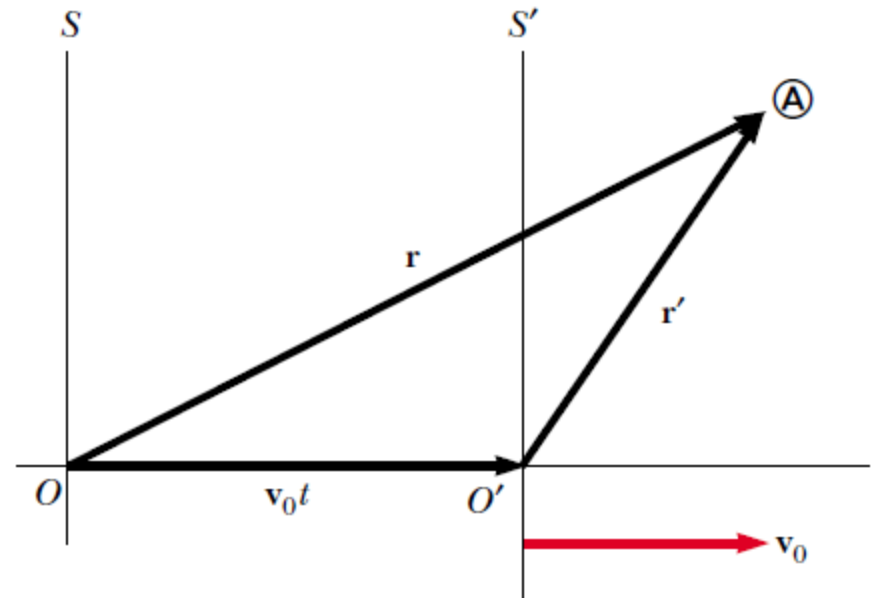
$$\frac{d\mathbf{r}'}{dt} = \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} - \mathbf{v}_0$$

$$\mathbf{v}' = \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}_0$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}'}{dt} = \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} - \cancel{\frac{d\mathbf{v}_0}{dt}}$$



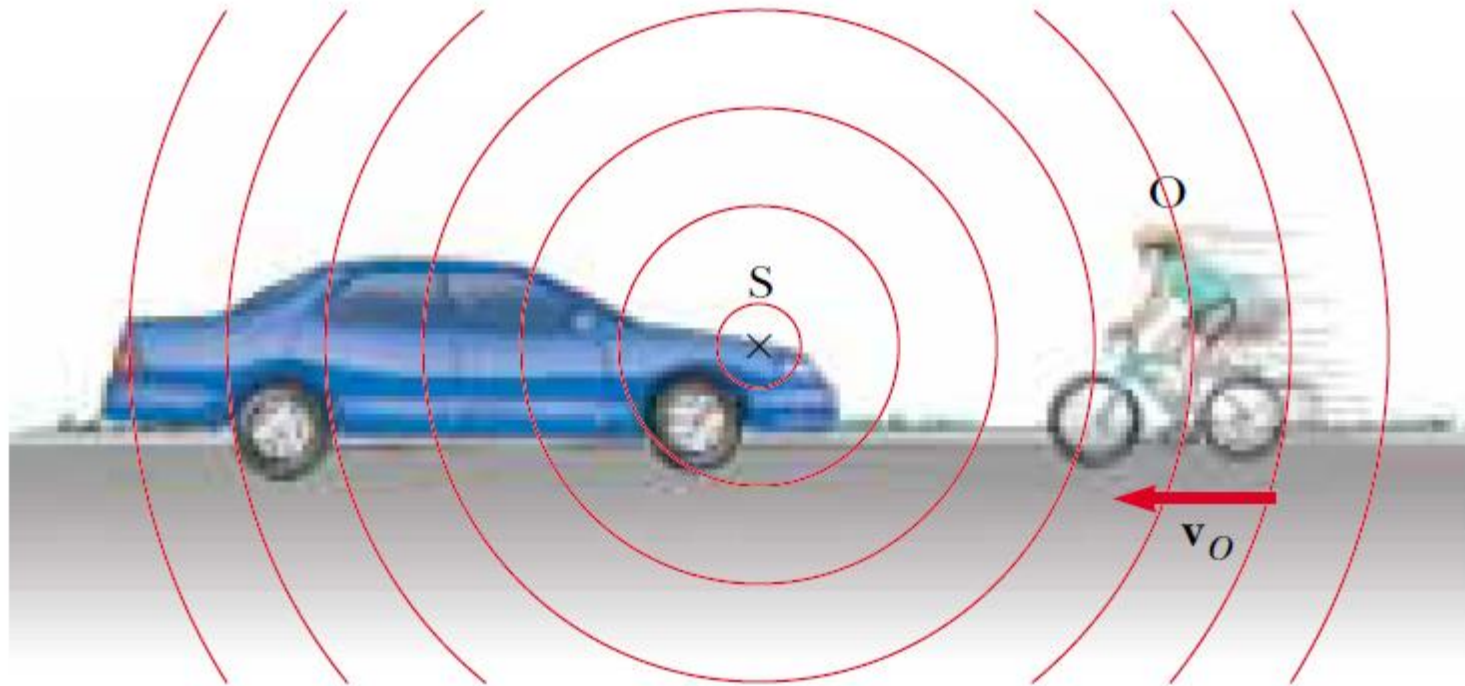
$$\mathbf{a}' = \mathbf{a}$$



The two inertial observers agree on measurements of acceleration.



Moving Observer



We take the frequency of the source to be f , the wavelength to be λ , and the speed of sound to be v .



Analyze the Moving Observer

- The speed of the waves relative to the observer is

$$v' = v + v_O$$

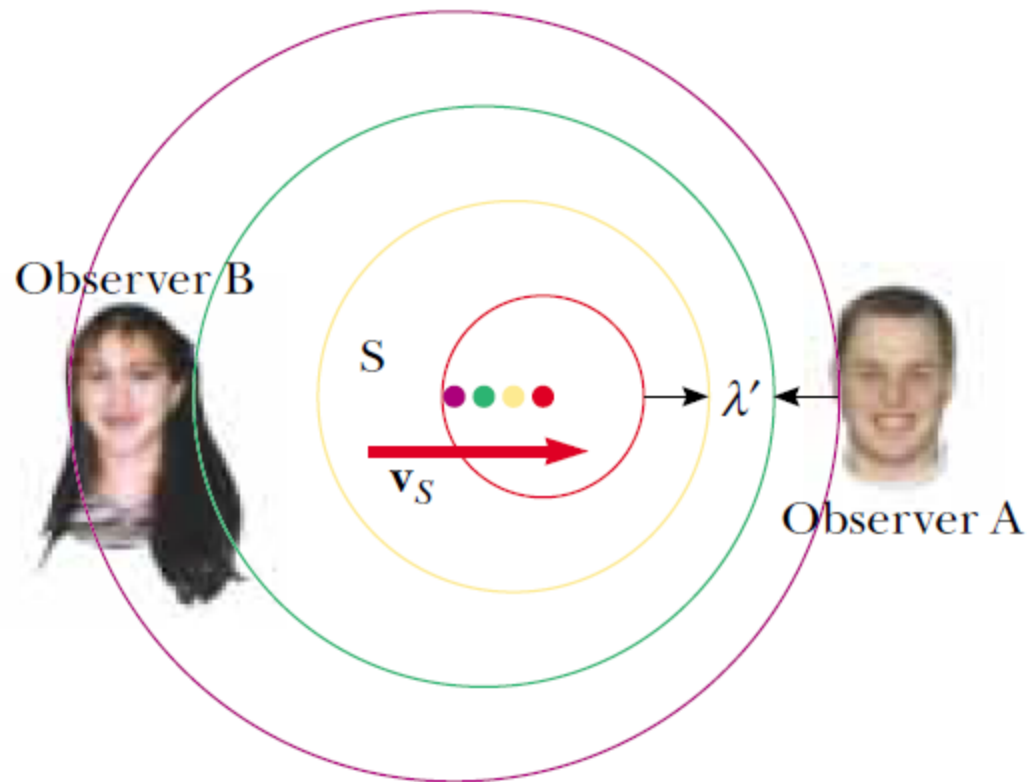
- The wavelength λ is unchanged.

$$f' = \frac{v'}{\lambda} = \frac{v + v_O}{\lambda} = \left(1 + \frac{v_O}{v}\right)f$$

Positive v_O for observer moving **toward** source, and
negative v_O for observer moving **away from** source.



Moving Source



During each vibration, which lasts for a time T (the period), the source moves a distance

$$v_S T = v_S / f$$



Analyze Moving Source

- For observer A, the wavelength is shortened to

$$\lambda' = \lambda - \Delta\lambda = \lambda - \frac{v_S}{f}$$

- The frequency heard by observer A is

$$f' = \frac{v}{\lambda'} = \frac{v}{\lambda - \frac{v_S}{f}} = \left(\frac{1}{1 - \frac{v_S}{v}} \right) f$$

- For observer B, simply use a negative v_S .



Doppler Effect

•Finally, if both source and observer are in motion, we find the following general relationship for the observed frequency:

$$f' = \frac{v + v_o}{v - v_s} f$$

The word **toward** is associated with an **increase in observed frequency**. The words **away from** are associated with a **decrease in observed frequency**.



Doppler Effect

Example: During a train passed a station, an observer on the station hear the frequency of the siren of the train varied from 1200Hz to 1000Hz. Find the speed of the train.(the speed of sound in air is 330 m/s)

Solution:

$$f'_1 = f \frac{v}{v - v_s} \quad f'_2 = f \frac{v}{v + v_s}$$

$$v_s = \frac{f'_1 - f'_2}{f'_1 + f'_2} v = \frac{1200 - 1000}{1200 + 1000} \cdot 330 = 30\text{m/s}$$

Video—MIT Doppler effect



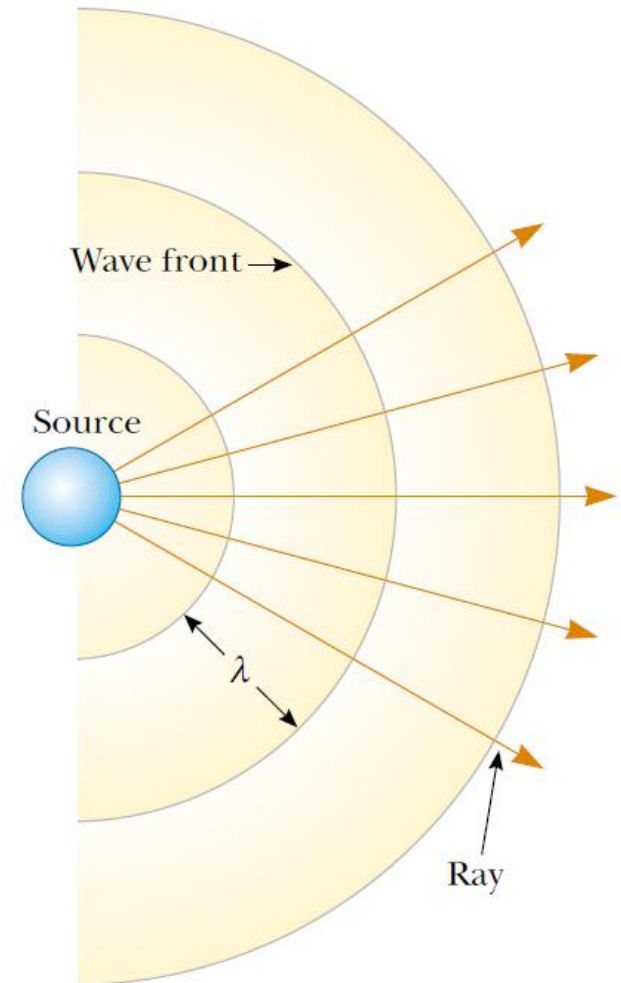
Spherical Waves

•The wave intensity at a distance r from the source is

$$I = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{av}}{A} = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{av}}{4\pi r^2}$$

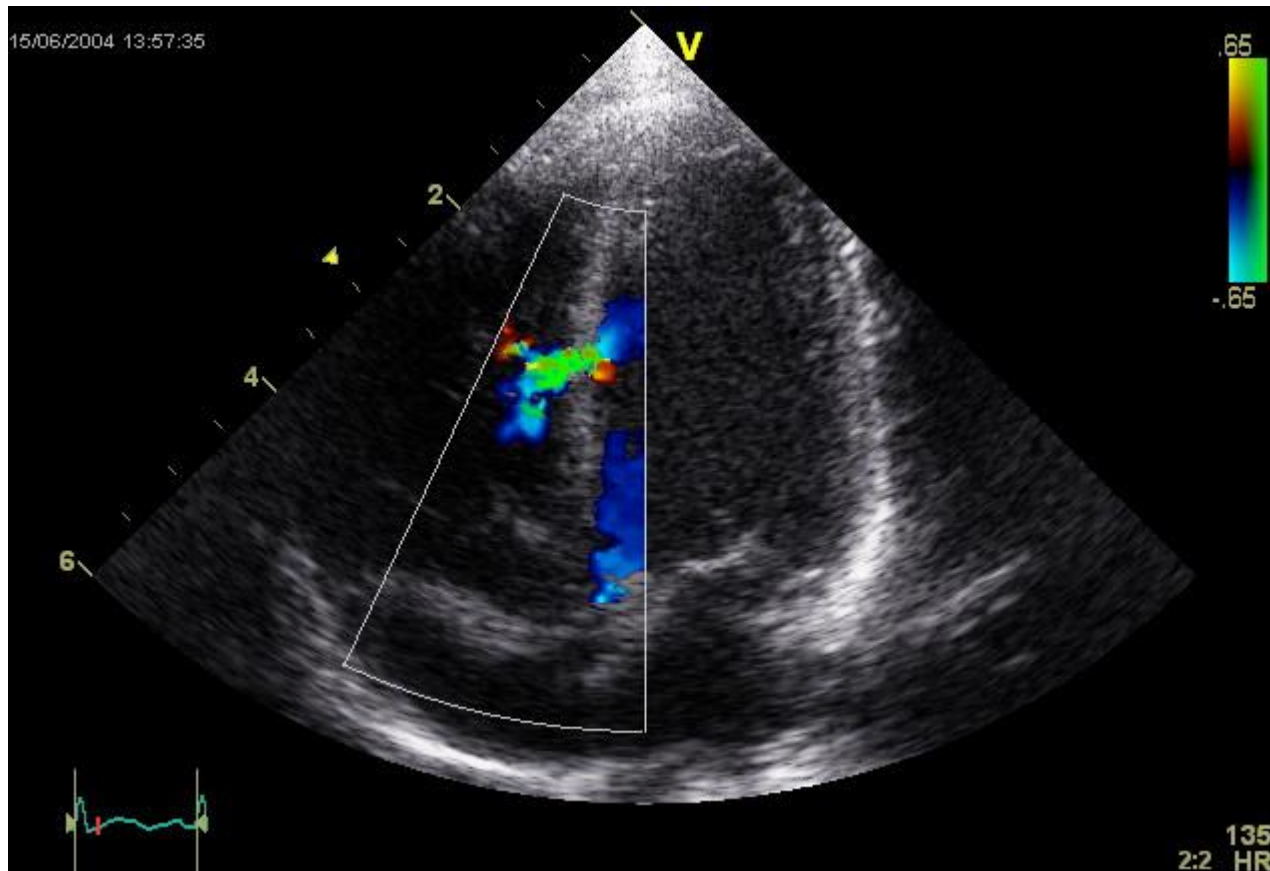
•The intensity is proportional to the square of the amplitude.
Hence,

$$\psi(r, t) = \frac{s_0}{r} \sin(kr - \omega t)$$





Echocardiogram (ECG)

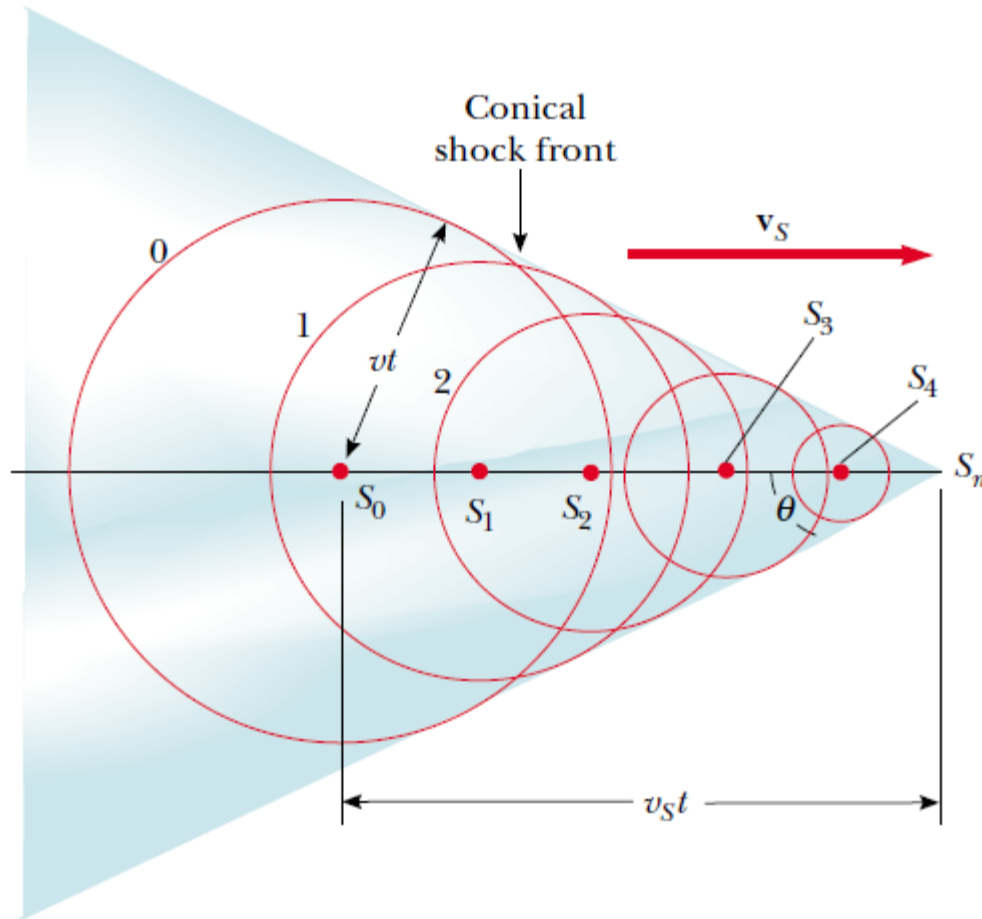


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http://en.volupedia.org/wiki/Doppler_echocardiography



Shock Waves ($v_S > v$)



Mach number: v_S / v

$$\sin \theta = \frac{vt}{v_S t} = \frac{v}{v_S}$$





Doppler effect

