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B. What is the wavelength of the fundamental?
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$$T_1 = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}} \quad T_2 = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{2l}{g}} \quad T_2 = \sqrt{2} T_1$$

2. The spring constant is tripled with the mass is increased by six times. How much does the period change?

$$T_1 = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \quad T_2 = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{6m}{3k}} = \sqrt{2} T_1$$

$f = \frac{1}{T_2}$

3. What is sound and how is it transmitted?

longitudinal wave: pressure waves moving thru the air.

4. What is the Doppler effect? *when a sound goes by you hear the pitch drop.*

5. A. What is the intensity of a 0.50 W sound 8.0 m away?

$$I = \frac{.5}{4\pi(8)^2} = 6.22 \times 10^{-4} \frac{W}{m^2}$$

$10 \times 10^{-4} = 1 \times 10^{-3}$ around 85 dB

- B. What is the intensity 16.0 m away?

$$I = \frac{.5}{4\pi(16)^2} = 1.55 \times 10^{-4} \frac{W}{m^2}$$

double r = $\frac{1}{4} I$

6. A sound source has a power rating of 2.0 W.


- A. What is the intensity 10 m away?

$$I = \frac{2}{4(\pi)^2 10^2} = 1.6 \times 10^{-3} \frac{W}{m^2}$$

- B. How many decibels is that? 90 dB

7. If the intensity increases by a factor of 10, the decibel change is? +10 dB
which we hear as twice as loud.

8. A. Calculate the wavelengths for the first three harmonics of a string that is 80 cm long.

80cm []

$$\lambda_{H_1} = 2L = 1.6m \text{ or } 160cm$$

$$\lambda_{H_2} = 80cm = .8m$$

$$\lambda_{H_3} = \frac{2}{3}L = \frac{2(80)}{3} = .53m$$

- B. If the frequency of the second harmonic is 62 Hz, what is the wavespeed of the string?

$$v = f\lambda = 62(.8) =$$

9. A. Calculate the wavelengths for the first three harmonics of a pipe closed at one end that is 120 cm long.

$$\lambda = \frac{4L}{n} \quad H_1 = \frac{4(1.2)}{1} = 4.8m \quad H_2 = \frac{4(1.2)}{2}$$

$$H_3 = \frac{4(1.2)}{3} = 1.6m \quad H_5 = \frac{4(1.2)}{5}$$

- B. What is the wavelength of the fundamental?

4.8m \rightarrow nat. freq $\rightarrow H_1$

10. What is the frequency of the second harmonic for an open pipe that is 24 cm long. (Use $v_{\text{sound}} = 333 \text{ m/s}$.)

$$f = \frac{nV}{2L} = \frac{2(333)}{2(.24)} =$$

11. How long is a closed pipe with a natural frequency of 350 Hz? Use the same speed of sound.

$$f = \frac{nV}{4L} \quad 350 = \frac{1(333)}{4(L)}$$

$$n=1 \quad L = \frac{1}{4} \frac{333}{350} = .238m$$

12. A 40 cm long open pipe produces its first harmonic at 428 Hz. What is the speed of sound for the room, that day?

$$f = \frac{nV}{2L} \quad v = \frac{2Lf}{n} = 2(.4)(428)$$

$= 342 \text{ m/s}$