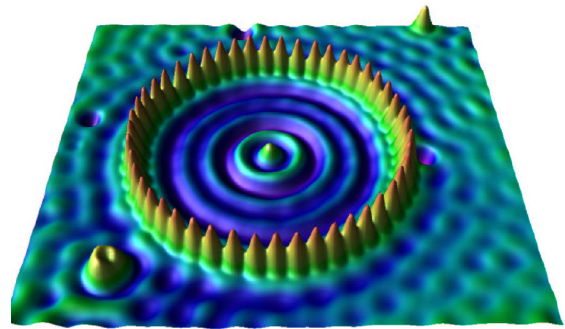


Lecture 27 Announcements

1. Thursday lecture: Final exam review
2. Additional TA-led final exam review:
 - a. Time/day still TBA
3. Final exam
 - a. Take in testing center anytime during finals week
4. Deadlines:
 - a. All extra credit must be turned in by midnight Thurs Dec 11 (last day of classes)
 - b. Instructor/course ratings must be done by Sat Dec 13 <http://studentratings.byu.edu>
 - c. All late homework must be turned in by midnight Fri Dec 19 (last day of finals)

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Interference of waves



Electron waves on a copper surface with iron atoms added, viewed by scanning tunneling microscope.

“Superposition”: waves interfere by adding together

Demo: “Moire pattern” Transparencies

Path length

Path-length dependence

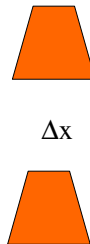
Constructive interference:

Destructive interference

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Worked Problem: Two speakers are on a line (not stereo). Both emit the same sound waves ($v=343$ m/s) at 500 Hz.

What is the wavelength?



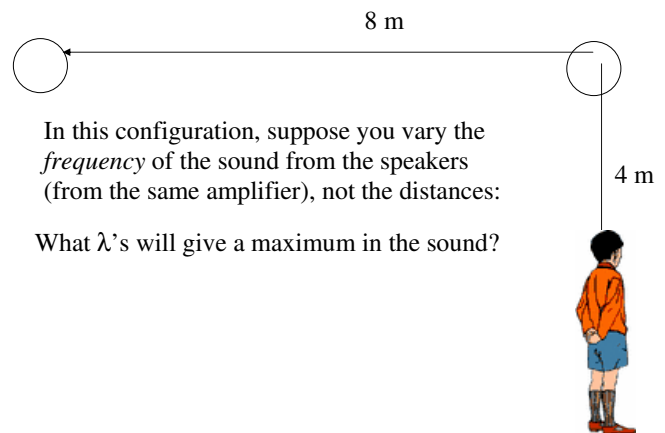
How far back should one speaker be placed (Δx) to get a *minimum* where the boy is standing?

How far back should one speaker be placed (Δx) to get a *maximum* where the boy is standing?



Answers: 0.686 ; 0.343 m (or 1.029 m, 1.715 m, ...); 0.686 m (or 1.372 m, 2.058 m, ...)

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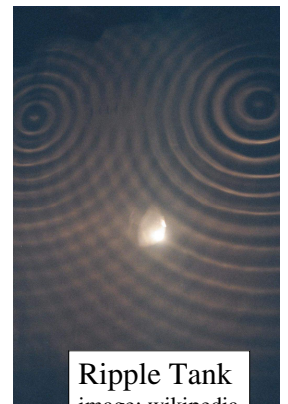
In this configuration, suppose you vary the *frequency* of the sound from the speakers (from the same amplifier), not the distances:

What λ 's will give a maximum in the sound?

Answers: 4.944 m, 2.472 m, 1.648 m, ...

For a fixed position, many frequencies will work; for a fixed frequency, many positions will work.

Demo: two speaker interference



Ripple Tank
image: wikipedia

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Standing waves:

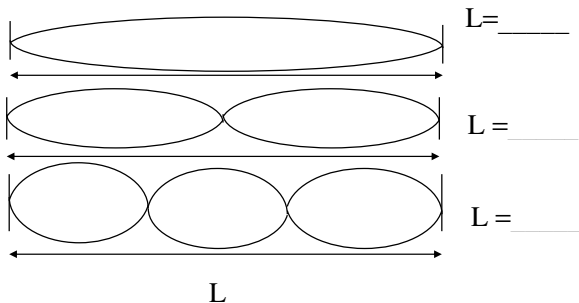
- *Combination* of forward- and backwards-moving waves
Web demo: <http://www.colorado.edu/physics/phet/simulations/stringwave/stringWave.swf>
- *Boundary conditions* determine allowed vibration frequencies

Standing waves on “strings”

Demos: ¼ inch tubing, ladies belt

[nodes vs. antinodes](#)

Harmonics



Resonance condition:

“Integer number of _____ fit into L.”

$$\lambda_n = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$f_n = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$n=1,2,3,\dots \quad n = \text{the } \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Standing waves in air

Demos: trumpet, organ pipe

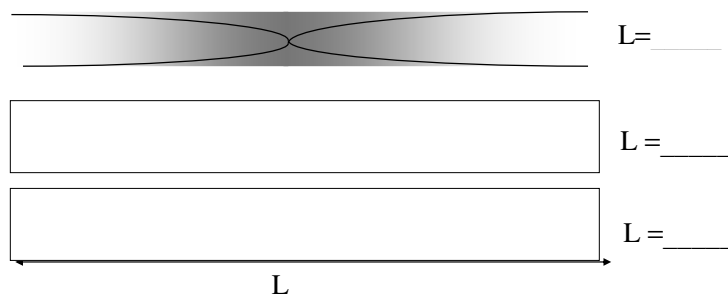
Demo: gas lit tube

Open-open pipes

Pressure patterns:

Open end

Open end



Resonance condition:

“Integer number of _____ fit into L.”

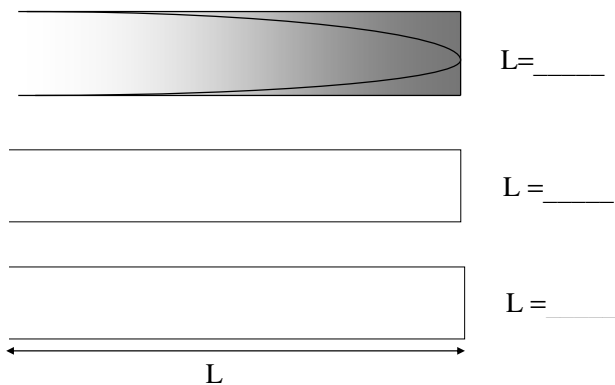
$$\lambda_n = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$f_n = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$n=1,2,3,\dots$$

Open-closed pipes

Pressure patterns:



“Odd integer number of _____ fit into L.”

$$\lambda_n = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$f_n = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$n=1,3,5,\dots$$

How does “fundamental” f_1 here compare to open-open case?

Demo: open-closed pipe

Resonance

Swings and springs

Videos: Bowling ball pendulum
Goblet shattering
Tacoma Narrows bridge

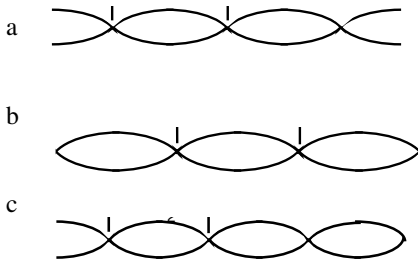
Demo: Tuning fork sympathetic vibrations

Demo: Trumpet, again

Demo: Chladni plates

Web images: <http://www.physics.utoronto.ca/nonlinear/chladni.html>
(including violin shape)

Clicker quiz: Which of these pressure patterns could correspond to a closed-open pipe?

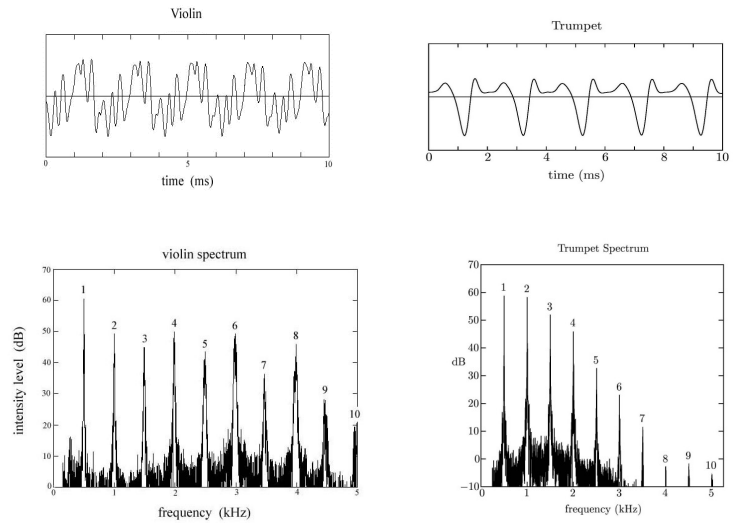


Clicker quiz: You change the frequency that you excite a pipe, and find some resonant frequencies at 600, 840, and 1080 Hz. (Others resonant frequencies exist, also.) What is the largest frequency possible for the fundamental? _____ Hz
 a. 60 b. 120 c. 200 d. 300 e. 600

Clicker quiz: Is this an open-open pipe, or a closed-open pipe?
 a. open-open
 b. closed-open
 c. could be either

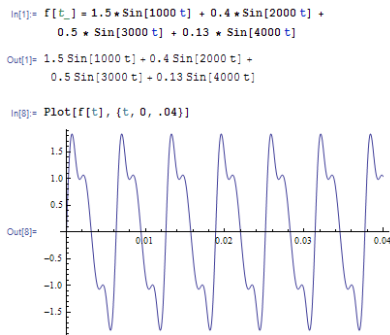
Tone quality: why do various instruments (and voices) sound different for the same pitch?

Answer: real sounds are not usually pure *sine waves*

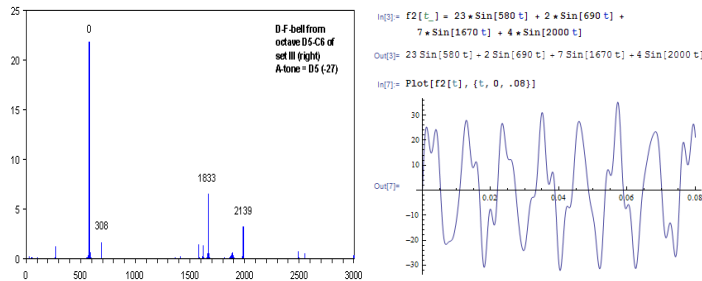


→ using a frequency “spectrum analyzer”

Sine waves add together “nicely” when they are multiples (harmonics) of the same frequency.



Sine waves add together “strangely” when their frequencies are not related



Reference: <http://web.telia.com/~u57011259/Bellspectra.htm>

“Strange instruments” = tonal percussion: bells, xylophone, tympani, etc.

Chords in music

Consonant chords: simple frequency ratios... harmonics of each note overlap well.
Dissonant chords: not many harmonics match!

Chord	Freq. Ratios
Octave (C-C)	2:1
Major triad (C-E-G)	4:5:6
Minor triad (C-E _{flat} -G)	10:12:15
Diminished triad (C-E _{flat} -G _{flat})	160:192:231 (approx. 20:24:29)
Major 7 th (C-E-G-B)	8:10:12:15
Dominant 7 th (C-E _{flat} -G-B _{flat})	10:12:15:18
Minor 7 th (C-E-G-B _{flat})	20:25:30:36

Aside: why are there 12 chromatic tones in a scale?

→ Because it's the smallest number of tones that can give you close to the right ratios needed for consonant chords

freq of C# = 1.05946 × freq of C $\sqrt[12]{2}$
 freq of D = (1.05946)² × freq of C
 freq of D# = (1.05946)³ × freq of C
 ...

freq of F = (1.05946)⁵ × freq of C = 1.3348 freq of C ≈ 4/3 freq C
 freq of G = (1.05946)⁷ × freq of C = 1.498 freq of C ≈ 3/2 freq C
 freq of high C = (1.05946)¹² × freq of C = 2.000 × freq C

Beats

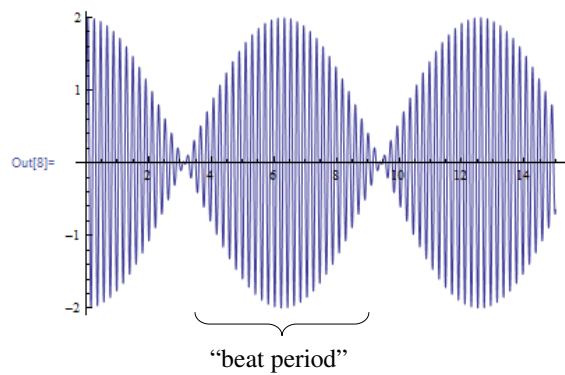
Web demo: http://stokes.byu.edu/beats_script_flash.html

Demo: Tuning fork beats

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In[3]:= f[t_] = Sin[30 t] + Sin[31 t]
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Out[3]:= Sin[30 t] + Sin[31 t]
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In[8]:= Plot[f[t], {t, 0, 15}]
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“beat frequency”: $f_{beat} = |f_1 - f_2|$

...and that's all, folks!!