

Chapter 16-17 4-Min Drill

Frequency in terms the wave period $f = \frac{1}{T}$

Wave period in terms of frequency $T = \frac{1}{f}$

Velocity of a wave in terms of wavelength and frequency $v = \lambda f$

Speed of sound in terms of air temperature

$$v_{\text{sound}} = 331.4 + 0.6(T_c) \quad \text{or} \quad v_{\text{sound}} = 331.3 \sqrt{1 + \frac{T_c}{273.15}}$$

Frequency observed when the sound source and/or observer is moving

$$f_o = f_s \frac{v \pm v_o}{v \pm v_s}$$


Velocity of a passing vehicle in terms of sound velocity and pitch drop

$$v_{\text{vehicle}} = v_{\text{sound}} \left(\frac{2^{n/2} - 1}{2^{n/2} + 1} \right) \quad n = \text{change in pitch, in } \frac{1}{2} \text{ steps}$$

Beat frequency when two frequencies f_1 and f_2 are heard together

$$f_{\text{beats}} = |f_1 - f_2|$$

Fundamental wavelength in a tube with 1 open end, in terms of tube length (L)




$$\lambda = 4L$$

Fundamental wavelength in a tube with 2 open ends, in terms of tube length (L)



$$\lambda = 2L$$

Fundamental wavelength in a tube with 2 closed ends, in terms of tube length (L)



$$\lambda = 2L$$

Fundamental wavelength of a plucked guitar string, in terms of string length (L)



$$\lambda = 2L$$

Frequency (f) of a musical note n half-steps higher than another note with frequency f_0

$$f = f_0 \left(2^{n/2} \right)$$