PHY132H1F Introduction to Physics It Class 3 – **Outline:**

- Doppler Effect
- Principle of Superposition
- Standing Waves on a String
- Standing Sound Waves
- Wave Interference
- Beats



Survey: How did the reading go that I assigned? (please be honest – this is just a survey)

- A. I read all of Knight Chapter 21, fairly thoroughly.
- B. I read all of Knight Chapter 21, but I was mostly "skimming".
- C. I read most of Knight Chapter 21 (more than half of it).
- D. I read some of Knight Chapter 21 (less than half of it).
- E. I did not do the assigned reading.

Quick reading quiz.. There are some points on a standing wave that never move. What are these points called? A. Harmonics P. Normal Madas

- B. Normal Modes
- C. Nodes
- D. Anti-nodes
- E. Interference

Quick reading quiz...

The frequency of the third harmonic of a string is

- A. one-third the frequency of the fundamental.
- B. equal to the frequency of the fundamental.
- C. three times the frequency of the fundamental.
- D. nine times the frequency of the fundamental.





Which statement is true?

Valerie is standing in the middle of the road, as a police car approaches her at a constant speed, v. The siren on the police car emits a "rest frequency" of f_0 .

- A. The frequency she hears rises steadily as the police car gets closer and closer.
- B. The frequency she hears steadily decreases as the police car gets closer and closer.
- C. The frequency she hears does not change as the police car gets closer.

Which statement is true?

Valerie is standing still as a police car approaches her at a constant speed, v. Daniel is in his car moving at the same constant speed, v, toward an identical police car which is standing still. Both hear a siren.

- A. The frequency Daniel hears is lower than the frequency Valerie hears.
- B. The frequency Daniel hears is higher than the frequency Valerie hears.
- C. The frequencies that Daniel and Valerie hear are exactly the same.

Chapter 21: Principle of Superposition

- If two or more waves combine at a given point, the resulting disturbance is the *sum* of the disturbances of the individual waves.
- Two traveling waves can pass through each other without being destroyed or even altered!

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Standing Waves on a String

For a string of fixed length L, the boundary conditions can be satisfied only if the wavelength has one of the values

$$\lambda_m = \frac{2L}{m} \qquad m = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$$

Because $\lambda f = v$ for a sinusoidal wave, the oscillation frequency corresponding to wavelength λ_m is

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$$f_m = \frac{v}{\lambda_m} = \frac{v}{2L/m} = m\frac{v}{2L}$$
 $m = 1, 2, 3, 4, ...$

Standing Waves on a String There are three things to note about the normal modes of a string. *m* is the number of *antinodes* on the standing wave, not the number of nodes. You can tell a string's mode of oscillation by counting the number of antinodes.

- 2. The *fundamental mode*, with m = 1, has $\lambda_1 = 2L$, not $\lambda_1 = L$. Only half of a wavelength is contained between the boundaries, a direct consequence of the fact that the spacing between nodes is $\lambda/2$.
- 3. The frequencies of the normal modes form a series: f_1 , $2f_1$, $3f_1$, ... The fundamental frequency f_1 can be found as the *difference* between the frequencies of any two adjacent modes. That is, $f_1 = \Delta f = f_{m+1} f_m$.





Standing Sound Waves A long, narrow column of air, such as the air in a tube or pipe, can support a longitudinal standing sound wave. A closed end of a column of air must be a displacement node. Thus the boundary conditions — nodes at the ends — are the same as for a standing wave on a string. It is often useful to think of sound as a pressure wave rather than a displacement wave. The pressure oscillates around its equilibrium value. The nodes and antinodes of the pressure wave are interchanged with those of the displacement wave.











Before Next Class:

- Try the Suggested End Of Chapter Problems that I assigned from Chapter 21 (they are posted under "Materials" on the course web site).
- Read the first four sections of Chapter 23 on Ray Optics, Reflection and Refraction.

See you Wednesday!