

Chapter 12 A Sound - an application of Oscillation ①

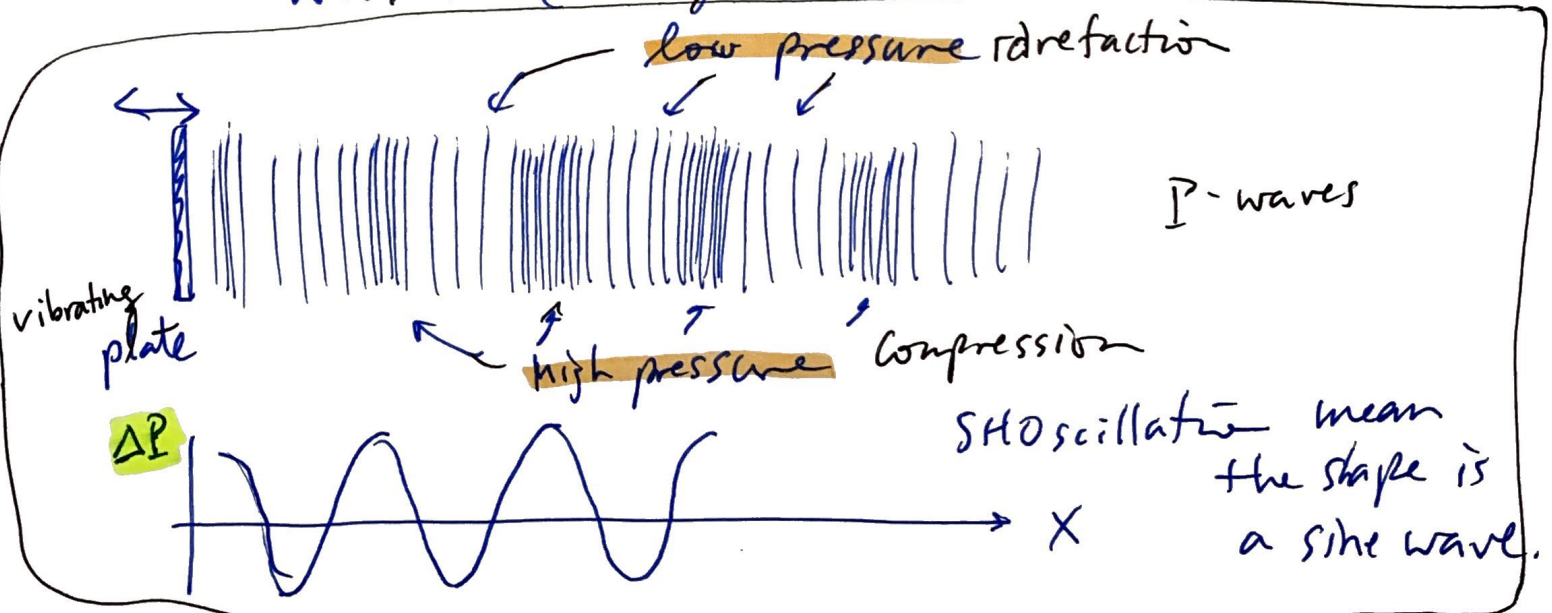
We focus on oscillatory disturbances in air.

We call these "sound waves"

- Sound is probably best referred to those disturbances we can hear with our ears. Dogs can hear higher frequencies than people (ultrasonic sound)
- Sound can travel in other medium like steel.

Sound propagates by a disturbance at one layer of atoms, and by cohesion to the next layer, passes the propagation onto that layer: "Stadium Wave" Fashion

The medium is often considered to be a liquid so the sound waves are pressure waves (longitudinal)



The speed of sound depends on the density of the medium "In space No one can hear you scream"

air @ 20°C	343 m/s		} gas
air @ 0°C	331 m/s	← most dense	
He	1005 m/s		
H	1300 m/s	← least dense	
water	1440 m/s		} liquids
salt water	1560 m/s		
Iron/steel	5000 m/s		} solids
Glass	4500 m/s		
Aluminum	5100 m/s		

celcius °C

In air $V \approx 331 + 0.60T$

EX How many seconds does it take a lightning bolt's sound to reach our ears if it is at 1 mile distance?

use 20°C $v = 331 + 0.60(20) = 343 \text{ m/s}$

$v = \frac{d}{t} \rightarrow t = \frac{d}{v} = \frac{1 \text{ mi} \left(\frac{1.6 \text{ km}}{\text{mi}} \right) \times 1000 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{km}}}{343 \text{ m/s}} = 4.7 \text{ seconds}$

about 5 seconds travel /mi distance.

⊗ Sound Intensities

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• Loudness is related to intensity, $I = \frac{\text{power}}{\text{area}}$

• Pitch is related to frequency: flute vs. Tuba
← good ears
Humans can hear 20 Hz to 22000 Hz

• Subwoofers produce vibrations that may (will) go below 20 Hz then we just feel the disturbance (L^{ow}F^{req.}E^{vents}) This range is called Infrasonic {some cultures use this range for healing}

• Tweeters produce the high frequencies

• Ultrasonic Sound: higher than 22,000 Hz

dogs up to 50,000 Hz

bats up to 100,000 Hz

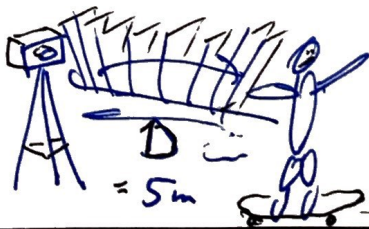
EX Some autofocus mechanisms in cameras use ultrasonic sound pulses.

Q: From the time the exposure button is pushed until the camera captures the image is

Down and Back

$$2 * D = 2 \left(\frac{d}{v} \right) = 2 \left(\frac{5m}{340m/s} \right) = 0.029 s$$

29ms



⊗ Intensity: The "Decibel"

The average human ear can hear sound disturbances as quiet as 10^{-12} W/m^2 ; and as loud as 1 W/m^2 before hearing loss occurs.

This is quite a range so physicists use logarithms.

The integer becomes a power of 10.

Harvey Fletcher - acoustics - came up with a measuring scale called the decibel $\frac{\text{decibel}}{10}$ Alexander Graham Bell

function of "I"

$$\beta(I) = 10 \log \left(\frac{I}{I_0} \right)$$

$$I_0 = 10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2$$

threshold of human hearing

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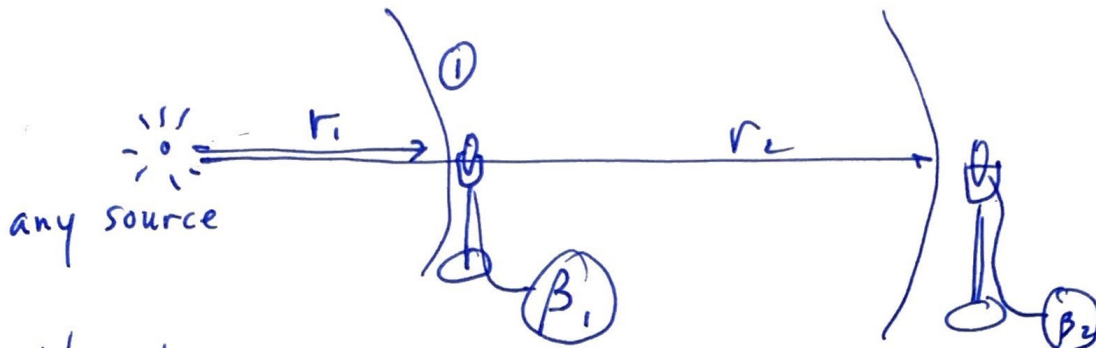
Threshold	$\beta = 0 \text{ dB}$	since $\log(1) = 0$
Leaves whisper	$\beta = 10 \text{ dB}$	
Talking	30 dB	
Noisy Restaurants	65 dB	
Siren	100 dB	
Rock Concert	120 dB	
Pain	120 dB	

Jet on the tarmac 140 dB

⊗ Comparing Sound Intensities

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We usually have some kind of reference sound
Then as we travel further away from the source
we hear a lesser loudness.



The difference in decibels between the two locations

$$\text{is } \Delta\beta = \beta_2 - \beta_1$$

$$= 10 \log\left(\frac{I_2}{I_0}\right) - 10 \log\left(\frac{I_1}{I_0}\right)$$

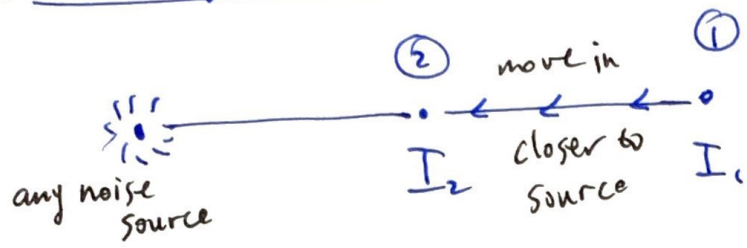
$$= \log\left(\frac{I_2}{I_0}\right)^{10} - \log\left(\frac{I_1}{I_0}\right)^{10}$$

$$= \log\left(\frac{(I_2/I_0)^{10}}{(I_1/I_0)^{10}}\right)$$

$$\beta_2 - \beta_1 = 10 \log\left(\frac{I_2}{I_1}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log(a) - \log(b) \\ = \log\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) \end{aligned}$$

EX By what $\Delta \beta$ will sound intensity double as you approach a loud source?



• Sound Intensity = I , Sound level usually is β

$$I_2 = 2I_1$$

then

$$\Delta \beta = 10 \log \left(\frac{I_2}{I_1} \right)$$

$$= 10 \log \left(\frac{2I_1}{I_1} \right)$$

$$= 10 \log (2) = 10(0.301) \approx \underline{\underline{3 \text{ dB}}}$$

Q: what about tripling the sound intensity?

$$I_2 = 3I_1$$

$$\Delta \beta = 10 \log (3) = \underline{\underline{4.8 \text{ dB}}}$$

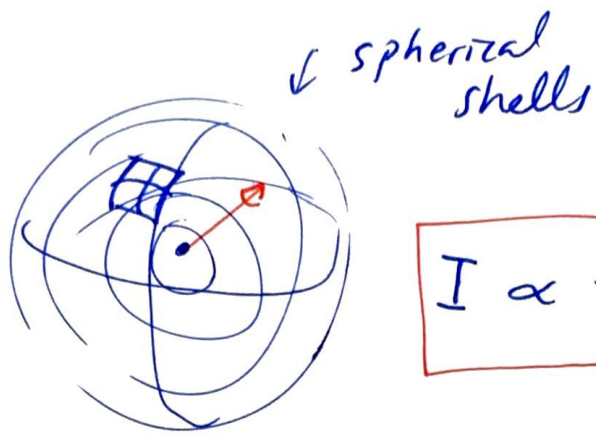
Small dB changes will double/triple intensity!!

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⊗ Sound Decay

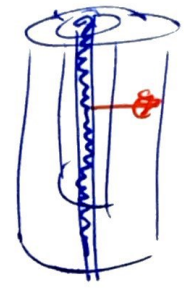
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3-D point source



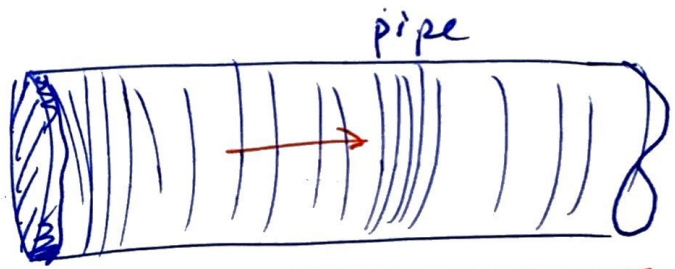
$$I \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$$

2-D Line source



$$I \propto \frac{1}{r}$$

1-D source



$$I = \text{const.}$$

Ex 1

A trumpeter plays @ 75 dB @ 10 m away (8)
from us. Now 3 more trumpets join in.
What is the new sound level in dB

• Rule of thumb: 3 dB doubles

$$\text{so } 1 \text{ trumpet} + 1 = 2 \text{ trumpets} : 75 + 3 = \underline{78 \text{ dB}}$$

$$\text{so } 2 \text{ trumpets} + 2 = 4 \text{ trumpets} : 78 + 3 = \boxed{81 \text{ dB}}$$

• Analytical approach

$$\beta = 10 \log \left(\frac{4I_1}{I_0} \right) = 10 \log \left(4 \cdot \frac{I_1}{I_0} \right)$$

$$= 10 \left[\log(4) + \log \left(\frac{I_1}{I_0} \right) \right]$$

$$= \underbrace{10 \log(4)} + \underbrace{10 \log \left(\frac{I_1}{I_0} \right)}$$

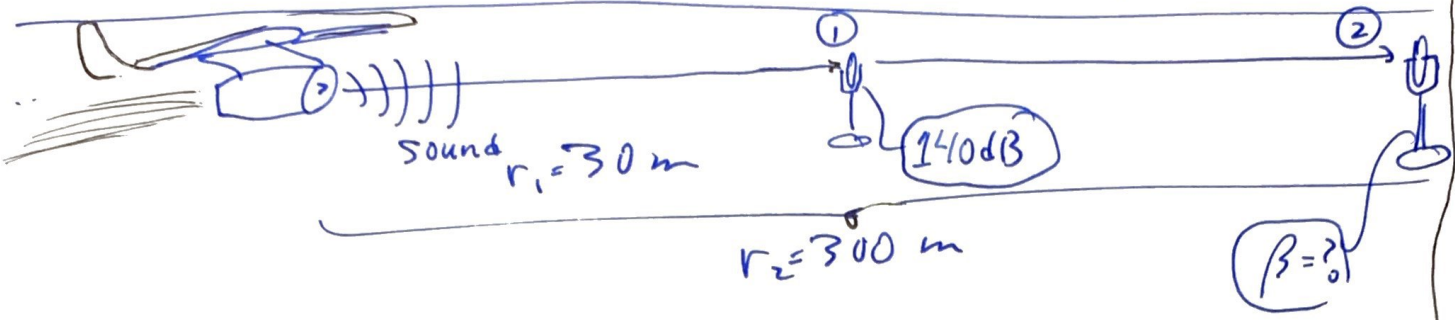
$$6.02 + 75 \text{ dB}$$

$$= \boxed{81.02 \text{ dB}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log(a) + \log(b) \\ = \underline{\underline{\log(a \cdot b)}} \end{aligned}$$

Ex 30m from a jet we measure 140dB sound level (9)

Q: What is the sound level @ 300m from the source?



(i) Find I_1 : $\beta_1 = 10 \log \left(\frac{I_1}{I_0} \right)$

$$140\text{dB} = 10 \log \left(\frac{I_1}{I_0} \right) \quad \div 10$$

$$14 = \log \left(\frac{I_1}{I_0} \right)$$

$$10^{14} = 10^{\log \left(\frac{I_1}{I_0} \right)}$$

intensity @ 1 $10^{14} = \frac{I_1}{I_0}$

$$I_1 = 10^{14} (10^{-12}) = \boxed{100 \text{ W/m}^2}$$

raise both sides as powers of 10

math:

$$10^{\log(x)} = x$$

$$\log 10^y = y$$

(ii) Use point-source decay to get I_2

$$I_2 = \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2} \right)^2 I_1 = \left(\frac{30\text{m}}{300\text{m}} \right)^2 100 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2} = \boxed{1 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2}}$$

$$I_0 \rightarrow \frac{I_0}{r_1^2} = I_1$$

$$I_0 \rightarrow \frac{I_0}{r_2^2} = I_2$$

$$\frac{r_2^2}{r_1^2} = \frac{I_1}{I_2}$$

$$I_2 = \left(\frac{r_1}{r_2} \right)^2 I_1$$

(iii) $\beta_2 = 10 \log \left(\frac{I_2}{I_0} \right)$

$$= 10 \log \left(\frac{1}{10^{-12}} \right) = 10 \log (10^{12}) = 10 \cdot 12$$

$$= \boxed{120 \text{ dB @ } \textcircled{2} 300 \text{ m}}$$

Amplitude (chpt 11) & Intensity

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$$A = \frac{1}{f\pi} \sqrt{\frac{I}{2\rho v}}$$

I = intensity

f = frequency of sound

v = velocity of sound

ρ = density of medium

EX Find the displacement of an air molecule vibrating @ 1000 Hz

For threshold of sound 10^{-12} W/m^2

with density $\rho_{\text{air}} = 1.29 \text{ kg/m}^3$

$v_{\text{air}} = 343 \text{ m/s}$

we get

$$A = \frac{1}{\pi (1000 \text{ Hz})} \sqrt{\frac{10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2}{2(1.29 \text{ kg/m}^3)(343 \text{ m/s})}}$$

$$A = 1.07 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m} = 10^{-8} \text{ mm} \quad \frac{1}{10} \text{ of a billionth of a mm}$$

back and forth motion of the air atom

EX Repeat for pain level sound ; 120 dB

$$\beta = 10 \log \left(\frac{I}{I_0} \right) \rightarrow 120 \text{ dB} = 10 \log \left(\frac{I}{10^{-12}} \right) \rightarrow I = 1 \text{ W/m}^2$$

So then

$$A = \frac{1}{1000 \text{ Hz} \pi} \sqrt{\frac{1 \text{ W/m}^2}{2(1.29)(343)}} = 1.07 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$$

$$\text{or } A = 0.011 \text{ mm} \quad \text{or } \frac{1}{100} \text{ of a mm}$$

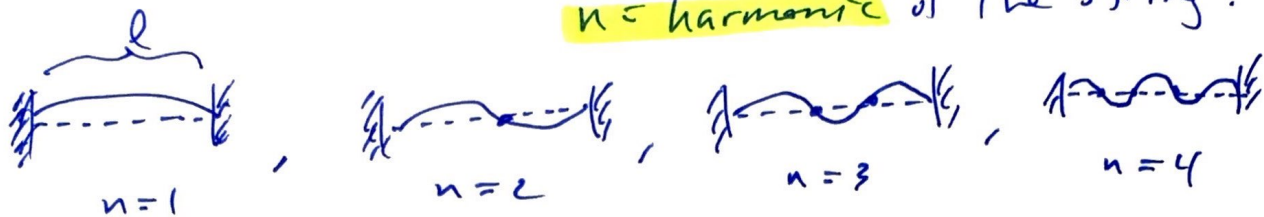
⊗ Strings as a source of sound (Review)

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strings (chpt 11)

$$f_n = n f_1, \text{ but } f_1 = \frac{v}{2l}, n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

n = harmonic of the string.



• Tension of the string

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{F_T}{\mu}} \text{ wave speed.}$$

Heavier strings have slower wave speeds.

• wavelength

$$f_1 = \frac{v}{\lambda_1}, \lambda_1 = 2l, \lambda_n = \frac{2l}{n}$$

Ex

If a piano used the same string material for all keys (notes) how long would the lowest note string need to be?

High note is 150 times the freq. of the lowest note.

If the strings have the same tension and the same mass densities then

$$F_{T\text{ low}} = F_{T\text{ high}} \quad \& \quad \mu_{\text{low}} = \mu_{\text{high}}$$

set-up

$$\text{So } \Rightarrow \quad v = \sqrt{\frac{F_T}{\mu}} \Rightarrow v_{\text{low}} = v_{\text{high}}$$

then $f = \frac{v}{\lambda} = \frac{v}{2l}$
 \uparrow 1st harmonic

In this piano... frequency is only a factor of length

ratio

Consider the ratio $\frac{f_{\text{low}}}{f_{\text{high}}} = \frac{v/2l_{\text{low}}}{v/2l_{\text{high}}} \Rightarrow \frac{f_{\text{h}}}{f_{\text{l}}} = \frac{l_{\text{h}}}{l_{\text{l}}}$

So if we have factor the $\frac{1}{150} = \frac{l_{\text{high}}}{l_{\text{low}}}$

$$\Rightarrow l_{\text{low}} = 150 l_{\text{high}}$$

So if the top key has a string 5cm in length, the low note would need $150 \cdot 5\text{cm} = 75\text{m}$



EX

A 0.32m long violin string is tuned to play the "A" note above middle C (440Hz).

(a) What is the wave length of this "A" on the string?

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{2l}{n} \Big|_{n=1} = \frac{2l}{1}, \quad 2 \times 0.32\text{m} = 0.64\text{m}$$

or 64cm



(b) What is the wavelength when the sound hits our ear via the air?

$$\lambda = \frac{v_{\text{medium}}}{f} = \frac{343 \text{ m/s}}{440 \text{ Hz}} = 0.78 \text{ m or } \underline{78 \text{ cm}}$$

(c) Why the difference? The frequency of the string and the sound at our ears are the same, but the medium (steel vs air) is different thus the wavelength is different.