

NINE UNIT 9 PROBLEMS

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1. If a wave source produces 30 pulses every 5 seconds, calculate its period and frequency.

$$f = \frac{30 \text{ pulses}}{5 \text{ sec}} = 6 \frac{\text{pulses}}{\text{sec}} = 6 \text{ Hz}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{6} \text{ sec}$$

2. A wave tank produces a wave every 0.25 seconds with $\lambda = 5 \text{ cm}$. What is wave speed?

$$T = 0.25 \text{ s} = \frac{1}{4} \text{ s}$$

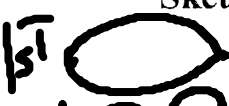


$$f = \frac{1}{T} = 4 \text{ Hz} = 4 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\lambda = 0.05 \text{ m}$$

$$V = f \lambda = (4 \text{ s}^{-1})(0.05 \text{ m}) = 0.20 \text{ m/s}$$

3. A 80 cm-long string fixed at both ends vibrates with a frequency of 440 Hz.

Sketch the first three harmonics and calculate the wave speeds of each.

1st 	$\frac{1}{2} \lambda = 0.8 \text{ m}$	$\lambda = 1.60 \text{ m}$	$V = \lambda f = (1.6 \text{ m})(440 \text{ Hz}) = 704 \text{ m/s}$
2nd 	$\lambda = 0.8 \text{ m}$	$\lambda = 0.8 \text{ m}$	$V = \lambda f = (0.8 \text{ m})(440 \text{ Hz}) = 352 \text{ m/s}$
3rd 	$\frac{3}{2} \lambda = 0.8 \text{ m}$	$\lambda = 0.53 \text{ m}$	$V = \lambda f = (0.53 \text{ m})(440 \text{ Hz}) = 233 \text{ m/s}$

4. In an experiment to calculate the speed of sound, a 480 Hz tuning fork causes resonance in an 18 cm-long closed tube. Calculate the speed of sound.

$$\frac{1}{4} \lambda = 0.18 \text{ m}$$

$$\lambda = 0.72 \text{ m}$$

$$V = \lambda f = (0.72 \text{ m})(480 \text{ Hz}) = 345.6 \text{ m/s}$$

5. Calculate the fundamental frequency (1st harmonic) for an open tube of length 1.25 m. Use $v = 340 \text{ m/s}$.

$$\frac{1}{2} \lambda = 1.25 \text{ m}$$

$$\lambda = 2.5 \text{ m}$$

$$V = f \lambda$$

$$f = \frac{V}{\lambda} = \frac{340 \text{ m/s}}{2.5 \text{ m}} = 136 \text{ Hz}$$