

$$T = \frac{1}{f}$$

$$V = f \lambda$$

$$V_{\text{String}} = \sqrt{\frac{\text{Tension}}{\text{mass density}}}$$

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String & open tube $= \frac{1}{2}\lambda, \lambda, \frac{3}{2}\lambda, 2\lambda, \dots$

Closed tube $\frac{1}{4}\lambda, \frac{1}{2}\lambda, \frac{3}{4}\lambda, \dots$

WAVES STUDY SHEET

Name _____
20 points, due _____

Period —

1. The speed of transverse waves on a spring is 15 m/s. If the source produces a disturbance every 0.2 seconds, what is the wavelength of the waves produced?

$$V = f \lambda \quad T = .2s = \frac{2}{5} \text{ s} \quad f = \frac{1}{0.2} \text{ s}^{-1} = 5 \text{ Hz}$$

$$V = f \lambda$$

$$\lambda = \frac{V}{f} = \frac{15}{5} \text{ m}$$

$$\lambda = 3 \text{ m}$$

2. If a wave generator produces 10 meter-long waves every 4 seconds, calculate the wave speed

$$V = f \lambda = \left(\frac{1}{4} \text{ Hz}\right) (10 \text{ m}) = 2.5 \text{ m/s}$$

3. The violin 'A' string (440 Hz) has a length of 30 cm. At what speed does the fundamental frequency travel along the string?

$$\frac{1}{2} \lambda = .3 \text{ m} \quad \lambda = .6 \text{ m}$$

$$V = f \lambda = (440 \text{ Hz})(.6 \text{ m})$$

$$V = 264.0 \text{ m/s}$$

4. A trumpet is an open tube with a length of 150 cm. Calculate the lowest note (fundamental frequency) that it can play. Assume $v = 340$ m/s.

$$\frac{1}{4} \lambda = 1.5 \text{ m} \quad \lambda = 3 \text{ m}$$

$$V = f \lambda = \frac{340 \text{ m/s}}{3 \text{ m}} = 113.3 \text{ Hz}$$

5. What is a standing wave? How is it formed?

~~2 or more waves pass through each other and interfere with the same/multiple frequency. Appears to stand still with nodes & anti-nodes.~~

6. What type of interference produces nodes? Anti-nodes?

~~destructive constructive same amplitude~~

7. What is resonance? What conditions lead to its production?

~~L continuous amplification of a standing wave.
External source of similar frequency. Continuous amplification.~~

8. A rope, fixed at both ends, is vibrated by a machine at a fixed frequency (similar to the class demo). If the rope is placed under more tension, what will happen to wavelength? Why?

$$V = \sqrt{\text{Tension / mass density}}$$

$$\uparrow \text{Tension} = \uparrow V$$

$$\text{Since } V = f \lambda \quad \uparrow V = \uparrow \lambda \text{ (So } \lambda \text{ increases)}$$

9. Describe the difference between transverse and longitudinal waves. Give an example of each.

~~Transverse examples: oscillates \perp to energy flow. Longitudinal examples: oscillates \parallel to energy flow.~~

10. A microwave is simply a chamber with waves passing through it to heat up food. What is the danger of allowing the microwaves to become standing waves? How is this prevented?

~~Standing wave created back to source = blows up food~~

~~Fans and rotating food mixes up waves so not to create a standing wave~~