Doppler Effect

• As a source of a sound moves by a listener



• v_w, v_s, and v_o are _____

• Use the top signs when that object is moving ______ the other _____

You are driving down the road at 20 m/s when you approach a car going the other direction at 15 m/s with their radio playing loudly. If you hear a certain note at 600 Hz, what is the original frequency? (Assume speed of sound is 343 m/s)

A duck is flying overhead while you stand still. As it moves away, you hear its quack at 190 Hz. Because you are a brilliant naturalist, you know that this type of duck quacks at 200 Hz. How fast is the duck flying?

- 1. Is the Doppler shift real or just a sensory illusion?
- 2. When you hear a sonic boom, you often cannot see the plane that made it. Why is that?
- 3. Two cars, one behind the other, are traveling in the same direction at the same speed. Does either driver hear the other's horn at a frequency that is different from that heard when both cars are at rest? Justify your answer.
- 4. When a car is at rest, its horn emits a frequency of 600 Hz. A person standing in the middle of the street hears the horn with a frequency of 580 Hz. Should the person jump out of the way? Account for your answer.
- 5. (a) What frequency is received by a person watching an oncoming ambulance moving at 110 km/h and emitting a steady 800-Hz sound from its siren? The speed of sound on this day is 345 m/s. (b) What frequency does she receive after the ambulance has passed? (OpenStax 17.30) **878 Hz**, **735 Hz**
- (a) At an air show a jet flies directly toward the stands at a speed of 1200 km/h, emitting a frequency of 3500 Hz, on a day when the speed of sound is 342 m/s. What frequency is received by the observers? (b) What frequency do they receive as the plane flies directly away from them? (OpenStax 17.31) 1.38 × 10⁵ Hz, 1.77 × 10³ Hz
- What frequency is received by a mouse just before being dispatched by a hawk flying at it at 25.0 m/s and emitting a screech of frequency 3500 Hz? Take the speed of sound to be 331 m/s. (OpenStax 17.32) 3.79 × 10³ Hz
- 8. A spectator at a parade receives an 888-Hz tone from an oncoming trumpeter who is playing an 880-Hz note. At what speed is the musician approaching if the speed of sound is 338 m/s? (OpenStax 17.33) **3.05 m/s**
- 9. A commuter train blows its 200-Hz horn as it approaches a crossing. The speed of sound is 335 m/s. (a) An observer waiting at the crossing receives a frequency of 208 Hz. What is the speed of the train? (b) What frequency does the observer receive as the train moves away? (OpenStax 17.34) **12.9 m/s, 193 Hz**
- 10. Can you perceive the shift in frequency produced when you pull a tuning fork toward you at 10.0 m/s on a day when the speed of sound is 344 m/s? To answer this question, calculate the factor by which the frequency shifts and see if it is greater than 0.300%. (OpenStax 17.35) **1.030**
- 11. The security alarm on a parked car goes off and produces a frequency of 960 Hz. The speed of sound is 343 m/s. As you drive toward this parked car, pass it, and drive away, you observe the frequency to change by 95 Hz. At what speed are you driving? (Cutnell 16.71) **17 m/s**
- 12. Suppose you are stopped at a traffic light, and an ambulance approaches you from behind with a speed of 18 m/s. the siren on the ambulance produces sound with a frequency of 955 Hz. The speed of sound I air is 343 m/s. What is the wavelength of the sound reaching your ears? (Cutnell 16.72) **0.340 m**
- 13. A speeder looks in his rearview mirror. He notices that a police car has pulled behind him and is matching his speed of 38 m/s. The siren on the police car has a frequency of 860 Hz when the police car and the listener are stationary. The speed of sound is 343 m/s. What frequency does the speeder hear when the siren is turned on in the moving police car? (Cutnell 16.73) 860 Hz
- 14. A bird is flying directly toward a stationary bird-watcher and emits a frequency of 1250 Hz. The bird-watcher, however, hears a frequency of 1290 Hz. What is the speed of the bird, expressed as a percentage of the speed of sound? (Cutnell 16.74) **3.1%**