

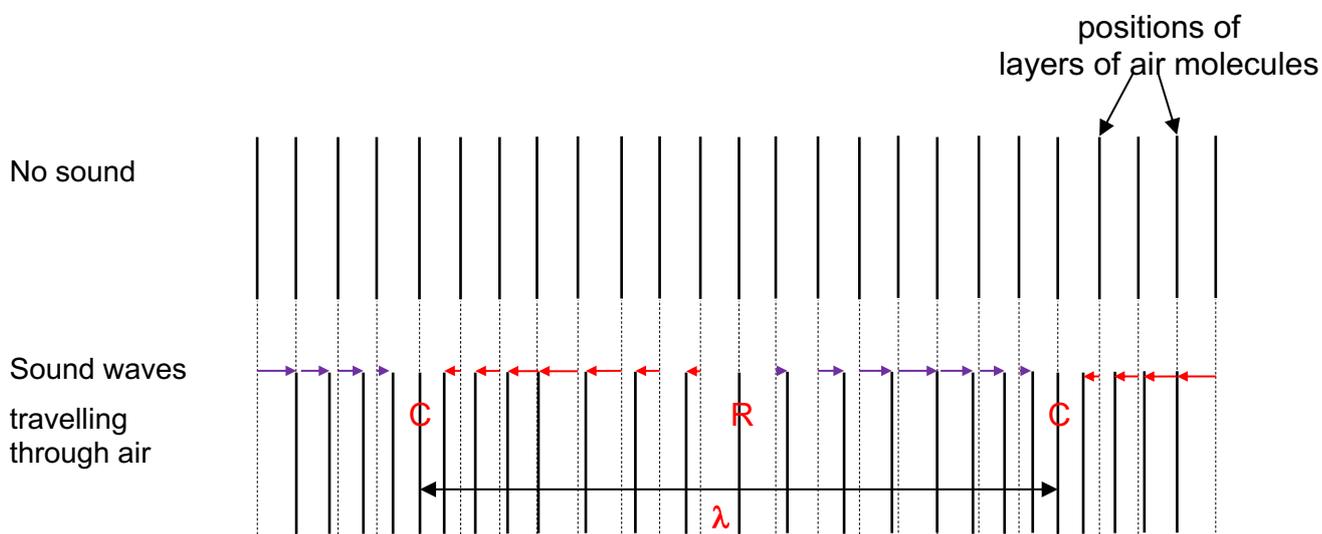


## 2024 Sec 4 Physics Notes Answers Chapter 13 Sound

### 1 Sound waves

#### 1.1 Production and transmission of sound waves

- vibration
- longitudinal
- medium, mechanical
- The diagram below shows the positions of layers of air molecules before and after sound waves travel through them from the left towards the right.



- pressure.
- higher, compression
- lower, rarefaction

#### Example 1

On the diagram above showing sound waves travelling through air, mark & label

- the middle of compressions (with letter "C") and the middle of rarefactions (with letter "R");
- a wavelength  $\lambda$  between 2 Cs and between 2 Rs.

## 1.2 Properties of sound waves

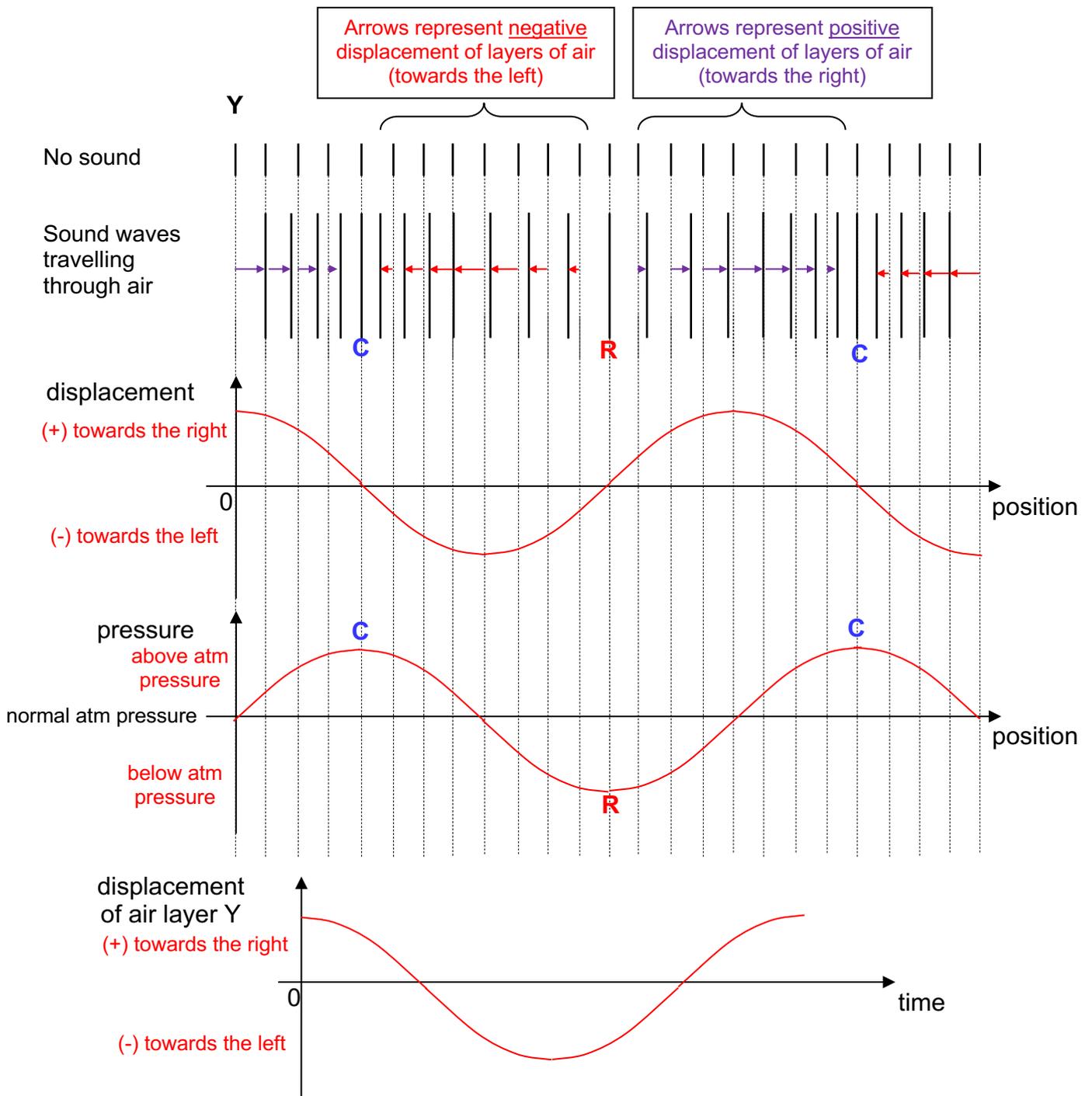
### Example 2

Hence, sketch the corresponding

(a) displacement-position graph,

(b) pressure-position graph, and

(c) displacement-time graph of a layer of air, **Y**, starting from the position shown in the diagram.

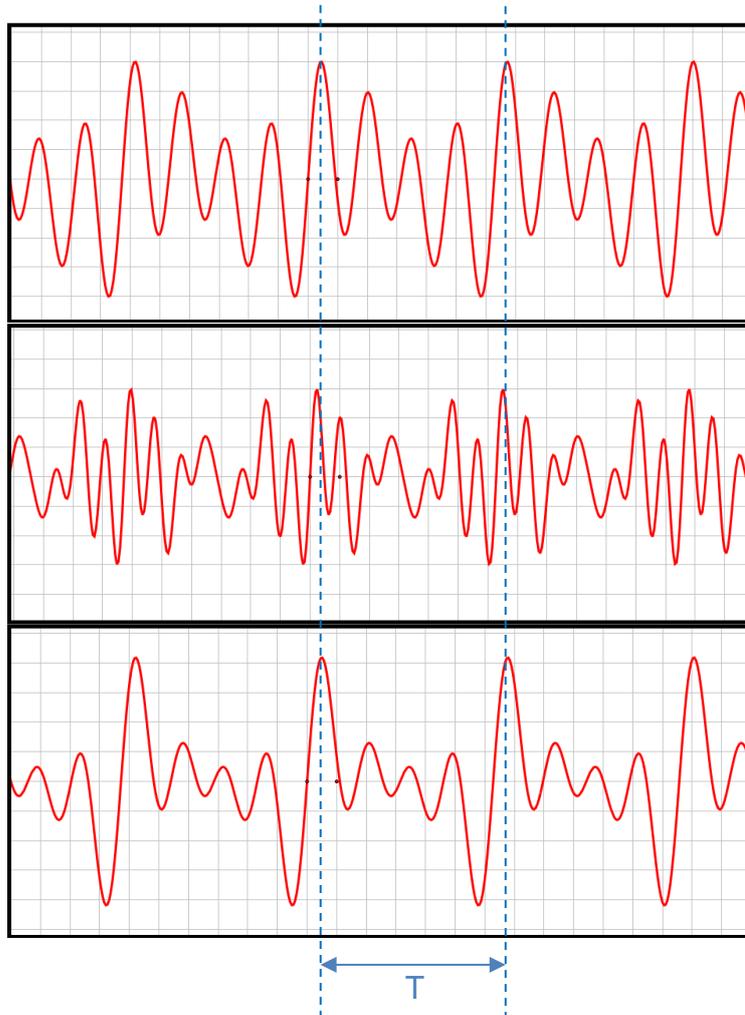


### Example 3

$$\lambda = 90 \text{ cm} / 3 = 30 \text{ cm} = 0.30 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Speed } v = f \times \lambda \quad \rightarrow \quad f = v / \lambda = 330 \text{ m s}^{-1} / 0.30 \text{ m} = 1100 \text{ Hz}$$

- amplitude, energy
- frequency.
- quality



### Example 4

Draw and label the period T on the diagrams above.

## 2 Speed of sound

- medium

	<b>[Enrichment] Direct method</b>	<b>Indirect method</b>	<b>Indirect method</b>
Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Observer A fires a starting pistol.</i></li> <li>• <i>Observer B (at least 200 m away) starts a stopwatch on seeing the flash of the gun and stops the stopwatch on hearing the sound</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Observer A faces a high smooth wall at least 100 m away and claps regularly to coincide with <b>echoes</b>.</li> <li>• Observer B times 50 claps.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place a microphone at one end of a long hollow tube and a smooth flat surface at the other end.</li> <li>• Connect the microphone (sound sensor) to a laptop (installed with Addestation software with "Scope" simulator).</li> <li>• Snap your finger next to microphone, and click to capture the image of sound and its echo.</li> </ul>
Physical quantities to measure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>distance (d) between A and B</i></li> <li>2. <i>time (t) between seeing the flash and hearing the sound</i></li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. perpendicular distance (d) between A and the wall</li> <li>2. time (t) between 0<sup>th</sup> clap and the 15<sup>th</sup> clap (time interval of 15 claps)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. distance (d) between microphone and smooth surface = length of tube</li> <li>2. time (t) between snap sound (incident pulse) and its echo (reflected pulse) - (between 2 peaks on the C.R.O. display)</li> </ol>
Formula to use	$Speed = \frac{d}{t}$	$Speed = \frac{2d}{(t / 15)}$  $d = 100 \text{ m}$	$Speed = \frac{2d}{t}$
Possible sources of error	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Wind</i></li> <li>2. <i>Human reaction time (in starting &amp; stopping stopwatch)</i></li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Wind</i></li> <li>2. <i>Human reaction time (in starting &amp; stopping stopwatch)</i></li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Error in locating exact positions of the microphone and where the snap sound is produced</i></li> <li>2. <i>Noise from surrounding</i></li> </ol>

### Example 5

Taking speed of sound,  $v = 330 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

Using  $v = 2d / t \quad \rightarrow \quad d = vt / 2 = (330 \text{ ms}^{-1} \times 4.0 \text{ s}) / 2 = 660 \text{ m}$

### Example 6

$t = 8 \times 10 \text{ ms} = 80 \text{ ms} = 0.080 \text{ s}$

$v = 2d / t \quad \rightarrow \quad d = vt / 2 = (300 \text{ ms}^{-1} \times 0.080 \text{ s}) / 2 = 12 \text{ m}$

### 3 Ultrasound

- 20 kHz, 20 Hz
- time

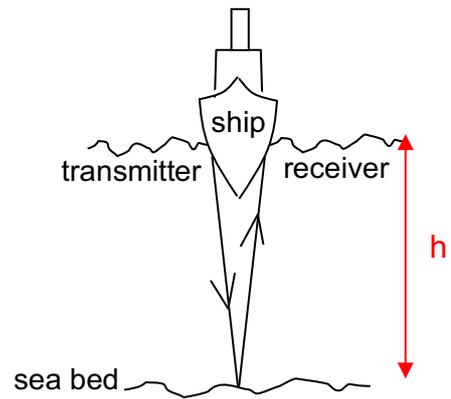
Common applications of ultrasound	*Description of how ultrasound is used
<p><b>Sonar technologies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SONAR (<b>S</b>ound <b>N</b>avigation and <b>R</b>anging):</li> <li>• To measure distances in air or water</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commercial fishing boats use sonar, which emits an ultrasound pulse into the water and listens for the reflected pulse. The reflected pulses may be reflected from a shoal of fish and the sea floor.</li> <li>• The strength of the reflected pulses will differ according to <b>distance and characteristics</b> of the reflecting objects. The reflected signals are processed by a computer and the location is shown on the screen.</li> </ul>
<p><b>For imaging internal organs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical application</li> <li>• To examine internal tissues, organs of a patient, development of unborn baby (foetus)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By detecting the strength, direction and timing of reflected pulses of ultrasound, a computer can process the data very quickly to generate an image of the internal organs.</li> <li>• Ultrasound is commonly used in prenatal scanning, where pulses of ultrasound are sent into the womb of a pregnant woman via a transmitter. A computer processes the data quickly to form an image of the unborn baby.</li> </ul>
<p><b>For breaking up kidney stones &amp; cancer treatment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical application</li> <li>• <b>Advantage:</b> safe and non-invasive compared to surgery and other methods</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When focused onto a kidney stone, high intensity vibrations of ultrasound can break the stone into smaller pieces so that they can be naturally expelled through urination.</li> <li>• High intensity focused ultrasound can also be used to kill cancer or tumour cells.</li> </ul>
<p>For quality control in manufacturing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detector monitors the strength of the ultrasonic signals passing through a product. <b>Flaws or inconsistency</b> in the product will affect the strength of the signals.</li> </ul>

#### Example 7: D

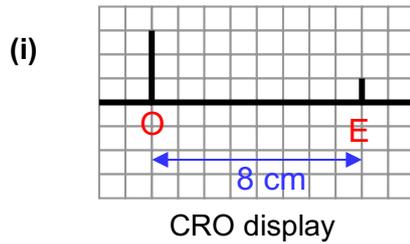
## Exercises

1  $v = f \times \lambda$   $\rightarrow$   $f = v / \lambda$  ( $\lambda$  in metres)

2 (a)  $v = d / t$   $\rightarrow$   $d = v \times t$   
 $d = 2 h$   
 depth =  $1500 \text{ m s}^{-1} \times 0.40 \text{ s} = 600 \text{ m}$



(b)



(ii) Assume each division (square) has length of 1 cm  
 $\text{time } t = \text{length} \times \text{time base}$   
 $\text{time base} = t / \text{length} = 0.8 \text{ s} / 8 \text{ cm} = 0.1 \text{ s / cm}$