

Additional sound wave problems

Problem 1

A source produces a sound wave in air with frequency 1kHz. The maximum excess pressure is 0.03Pa. Air density is 1.20 kg/m³ and speed of the wave is 344m/s.

Find:

- (a) maximum displacement of air molecules s_{\max}
- (b) maximum excess density
- (c) maximum velocity of molecules associated with the displacement

Problem 2

- (a) For the sound wave of problem 1, at a certain location at the instant where the excess pressure is 0.015Pa and increasing, what is the displacement at that location?
- (b) And if instead the pressure is decreasing?
- (c) What is the excess density or deficit in density for cases (a) and (b)?

Problem 3

The sound wave of problem 1 is traveling down a hollow tube of cross-sectional area 10cm². Consider a small segment of that tube of length $\Delta x=1\text{cm}$.

- (a) At an instant where the pressure in Δx is maximum, what is the net force acting on the air in that segment of the tube?
- (b) At an instant where the pressure in Δx is zero, what are the possible values of the net force acting on that segment?
- (c) For case (b), what are the possible values of the acceleration of the air molecules at that instant?
- (d) I said the segment of the tube we are considering, of length $\Delta x=1\text{cm}$, is "small". Why does it need to be small? Small compared to what? Explain clearly what goes wrong if it's not "small".

Problem 4

- (a) What is the intensity of that wave, in dB?
- (b) How much energy crosses a cross-section of the tube per unit time (time averaged)?

Problem 5

Assume you are talking at a volume of 60dB. Estimate how long you would have to talk continuously to burn off the energy in a single M&M candy, about 3.4 kcal. (1kcal=4184 J). Assume the sound exits your mouth through an area of 5cm², and that your body is 100% efficient in converting food energy into sound energy.