

Example 2:

Howler monkeys, found in Central and South America, can emit a sound that can be heard by humans several miles away. The power associated with the sound is roughly $3.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ W}$. If the threshold of hearing of a human is approximately $1.0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2$, how far away can a howler monkey be heard in meters and in miles? (1 mile = 1600 m)

$$P = 3.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ W}$$

$$I_0 = 1.0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2$$

$$I = \frac{P}{4\pi r^2}$$

$$P = I \cdot 4\pi r^2$$

$$r^2 = \frac{P}{I \cdot 4\pi}$$

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{P}{I \cdot 4\pi}}$$

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{3.00 \times 10^{-3}}{(1.0 \times 10^{-12}) \cdot 4\pi}}$$

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{3.00 \times 10^{-3}}{1.256 \times 10^{-11}}} = \boxed{15,451 \text{ m}}$$

$$\frac{15,451 \text{ m}}{1600 \text{ m}} \left(\frac{1 \text{ mile}}{1600 \text{ m}} \right) = \boxed{9.67 \text{ miles}}$$

Doppler Effect:

Example 3

The siren of a police car at rest emits a frequency of 1600 Hz. What frequency will you hear if you are at rest and the police car moves at 25.0 m/s...

(Assume the velocity of sound in air = 343 m/s)

- A. Toward you
- B. Away from you


$$f_o = f_s \left(\frac{v \pm v_o}{v \pm v_s} \right)$$

$$f_s = 1600 \text{ Hz}$$

$$v_o = 0 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_s = 25.0 \text{ m/s}$$

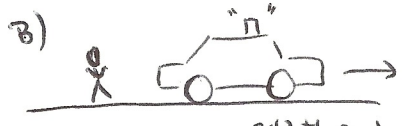
$$v = 343 \text{ m/s}$$

A.) 

$$f_o = 1600 \left(\frac{343 + 0}{343 - 25} \right)$$

$$f_o = 1600 (1.07862)$$

$$f_o = \boxed{1726 \text{ Hz}}$$

B.) 

$$f_o = 1600 \left(\frac{343 + 0}{343 + 25} \right)$$

$$f_o = 1600 (0.932065)$$

$$f_o = \boxed{1491 \text{ Hz}}$$

Example 4


A stationary sound source emits a frequency of 392 Hz. You, as the observer, are traveling at a velocity of 20.0 m/s. Calculate the observed frequency of the sound at the locations listed below. (Again use 343 m/s as the velocity of sound in air)

- A. As you approach the sound
- B. As you are directly in front of the sound
- C. As you are moving away from the sound

$$v_s = 0 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_o = 20 \text{ m/s}$$

$$f_s = 392 \text{ Hz}$$


A.) 

$$f_o = f_s \left(\frac{v + v_o}{v + v_s} \right)$$


$$f_o = (392) \left(\frac{343 + 20}{343 + 0} \right)$$

$$f_o = (392) (1.05831)$$

$$f_o = \boxed{415 \text{ Hz}}$$

B.) 

$$f_o = f_s = 392 \text{ Hz}$$

C.) 

$$f_o = f_s \left(\frac{v + v_o}{v + v_s} \right)$$

$$f_o = (392) \left(\frac{343 - 20}{343 + 0} \right)$$

$$f_o = (392) (0.941691)$$

$$f_o = \boxed{369 \text{ Hz}}$$