

67. (a) We use the result of exercise 58 to express  $\gamma$  in terms of the speed of sound  $v = f\lambda$ .

$$\gamma = \frac{Mv^2}{RT} = \frac{M\lambda^2 f^2}{RT} .$$

The distance between nodes is half of a wavelength  $\lambda = 2 \times 0.0677 \text{ m}$ , and the molar mass in SI units is  $M = 0.127 \text{ kg/mol}$ . Consequently,

$$\gamma = \frac{(0.127)(2 \times 0.0677)^2(1400)^2}{(8.31)(400)} = 1.37 .$$

- (b) Using Table 20-3, we find  $\gamma = 5/3 \approx 1.7$  for monatomic gases,  $\gamma = 7/5 = 1.4$  for diatomic gases, and  $\gamma = 4/3 \approx 1.3$  for polyatomic gases. Our result in part (a) suggests that iodine is a diatomic gas.