

76. Let the frequencies of sound heard by the person from the left and right forks be f_l and f_r , respectively.

(a) If the speeds of both forks are u , then $f_{l,r} = f v / (v \pm u)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\text{beat}} &= |f_r - f_l| = f v \left(\frac{1}{v - u} - \frac{1}{v + u} \right) = \frac{2 f u v}{v^2 - u^2} \\ &= \frac{2(440 \text{ Hz})(30.0 \text{ m/s})(343 \text{ m/s})}{(343 \text{ m/s})^2 - (30.0 \text{ m/s})^2} \\ &= 77.6 \text{ Hz} . \end{aligned}$$

(b) If the speed of the listener is u , then $f_{l,r} = f(v \pm u)/v$ and

$$f_{\text{beat}} = |f_l - f_r| = 2f \left(\frac{u}{v} \right) = 2(440 \text{ Hz}) \left(\frac{30.0 \text{ m/s}}{343 \text{ m/s}} \right) = 77.0 \text{ Hz} .$$