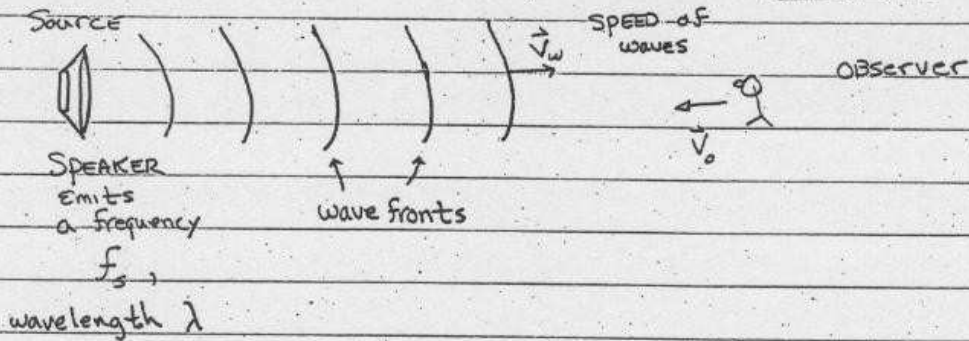


# THE DOPPLER EFFECT:

the apparent shift in frequency (or "pitch") due to the relative motion between source & observer.

## CASE ① STATIONARY SOURCE; OBSERVER Moving toward Source



Observer Measures the SPEED of the wavefronts passing by to be  $v_w'$ ;

$$v_w' = v_w + v_o$$

Observer Measures the frequency  $f'$  to be:

$\lambda$ , the distance between peaks is unchanged

$$f' = \frac{v_w'}{\lambda} = \frac{v_w + v_o}{\lambda}$$

but  $v_w = \lambda f_s$ , so  $\lambda = \frac{v_w}{f_s}$

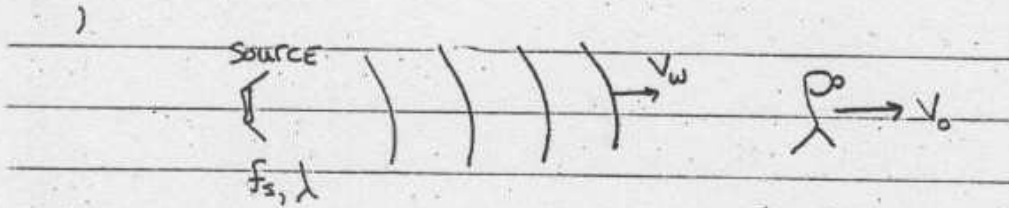
$$f' = \frac{v_w + v_o}{\left(\frac{v_w}{f_s}\right)}$$

$$f' = f_s \left( \frac{v_w + v_o}{v_w} \right)$$

Observer Moving toward STATIONARY SOURCE.

Freq "heard" by observer.

## CASE (2) STATIONARY SOURCE ; OBSERVER Moving AWAY From Source



The speed of the wave fronts  $v_w'$  as measured by the OBSERVER is

$$v_w' = v_w - v_o$$

Obs. now measures a frequency  $f'$  ;

$$\left[ \lambda = \frac{v_w}{f_s} \right]$$

$$f' = \frac{v_w'}{\lambda} = \frac{v_w - v_o}{\lambda} = \frac{v_w - v_o}{\left(\frac{v_w}{f_s}\right)}$$

$$f' = f_s \left( \frac{v_w - v_o}{v_w} \right)$$

heard by  
OBS

OBS. Moving AWAY From  
STATIONARY SOURCE

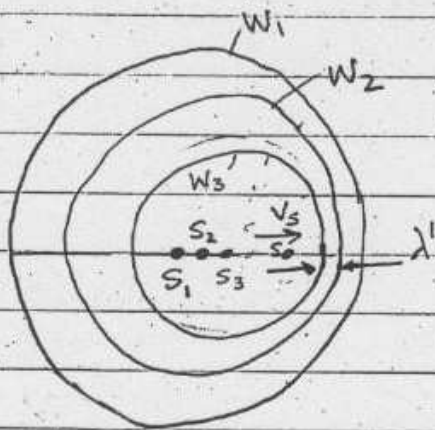
## Doppler EFFECT For STATIONARY SOURCE :

$$f' = f_s \left( \frac{v_w \pm v_o}{v_w} \right)$$

toward "+"  
away "-"

CASE (3) Source Moving toward STationary OBSERVER

Source S emits a wave at equal time intervals.  $V_s \equiv$  speed of source, WAVE has  $f_s, \lambda$ .



$W_1$  emitted when source was at  $S_1$   
 $W_2$  " " " "  $S_2$   
 $W_3$  " " " "  $S_3$

The source is at point  $S_3$ , about to emit another wavefront.

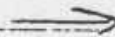
The observer perceives a shorter wavelength  $\lambda'$ ,  $\therefore$  thus a higher frequency.

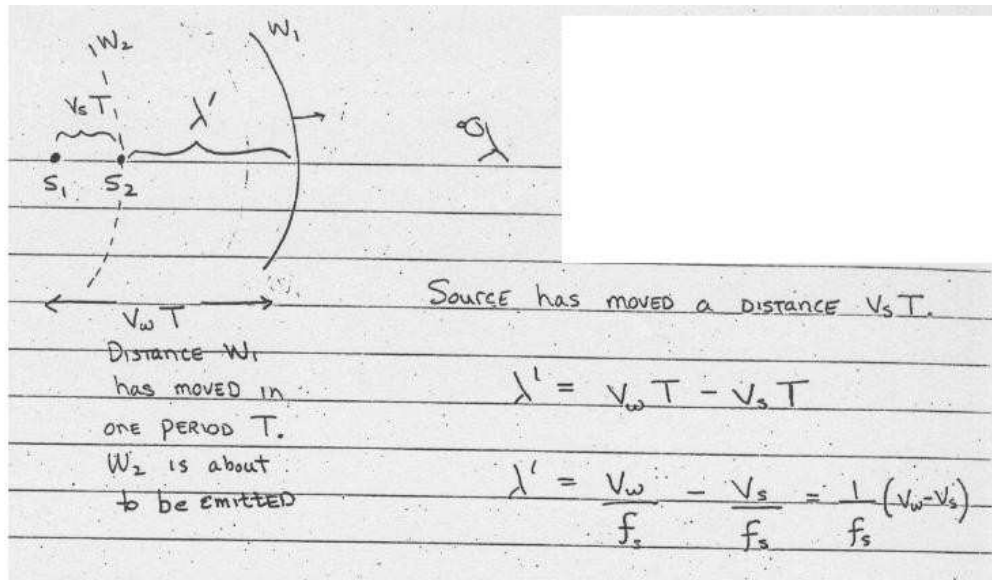
Frequency  $f'$  as measured by OBSERVER is:  $f' = \frac{V_w}{\lambda'}$

$V_w \equiv$  SPEED of the sound wave in the air. ( $V_w = 343 \text{ m/s}$ )

$\lambda \equiv$  wavelength as meas by source

We NEED to find  $\lambda'$ ; the shortened wavelength measured by the OBSERVER.

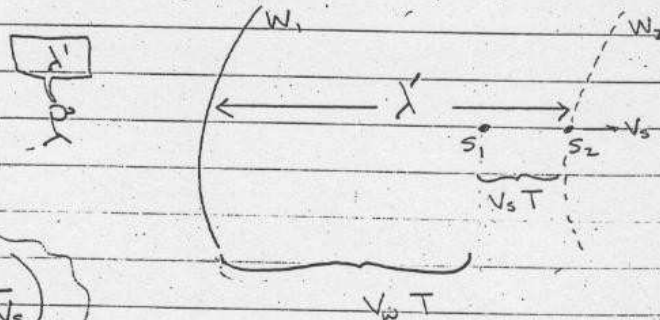




so  $f' = \frac{v_w}{\lambda'} = \frac{v_w}{\frac{1}{f_s} (v_w - v_s)} = f_s \left( \frac{v_w}{v_w - v_s} \right)$

$f' = f_s \left( \frac{v_w}{v_w - v_s} \right)$  Source Moving toward stationary observer.

CASE (4) Source Moving Away From STATIONARY OBSERVER



$$\lambda' = v_w T + v_s T$$

$\therefore f' = f_s \left( \frac{v_w}{v_w + v_s} \right)$

Source Moving Away From stationary observer

$W_1$  has moved this distance in a time  $T$

We can write case ③ & ④ as

$$f' = f_s \left( \frac{V_w}{V_w \mp V_s} \right) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Moving Source.} \\ \text{STATIONARY OBSV} \end{array}$$

upper sign  $\equiv$  toward  $\Rightarrow$  increase in  $f$  (  $\frac{1}{\text{small \#}}$  )

lower sign  $\equiv$  away  $\Rightarrow$  decrease in  $f$  (  $\frac{1}{\text{Big \#}}$  )

CASE ⑤ Both Source & OBSERVER ARE Moving

Recall CASE ① & ②

$$f' = f_s \left( \frac{V_w \pm V_o}{V_w} \right) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Moving OBSV,} \\ \text{Source stationary} \end{array}$$

If now the source ALSO moves, we replace  $f_s$  WITH  $f'$  for a moving source.

$$f' = \left[ f_s \left( \frac{V_w}{V_w \mp V_s} \right) \right] \left( \frac{V_w \pm V_o}{V_w} \right)$$

$V_s \equiv$  speed of source

$V_o \equiv$  speed of observer

$V_w \equiv$  speed of sound.

$$f' = f_s \left( \frac{V_w \pm V_o}{V_w \mp V_s} \right) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{General Doppler} \\ \text{Effect EQ} \end{array}$$

Works for All cases: ①  $\rightarrow$  ⑤.

\* upper sign  $\equiv$  towards  $\rightarrow$  Big #  $\rightarrow$  High  $f$   
small #

\* lower sign  $\equiv$  away  $\rightarrow$  small #  $\rightarrow$  Low  $f$   
Big #