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Ex There are two tuning forks A and B that produces 5 beats/sec. The frequency of A = 512, when B is filled, 5 beats/sec are again produced. Calculate the frequency of B before and after filling.

Sol Given that frequency of A = 512

$$\text{Beats Per Second} = 5$$

Frequency of B before filling will be either

$$512 + 5 = 517, \quad \text{or} \quad 512 - 5 = 507$$

We know that, 5 beats/sec are generated again after filling, the frequency of B after filling is either.

$$512 + 5 = 517 \quad \text{or} \quad 512 - 5 = 507$$

Consider the frequency of B before filling as 517. The frequency increases after filling. Therefore the frequency of B after filling cannot be equal to 517 or 507. Therefore, the frequency of B cannot be equal to 517.

Consider the frequency of B before filling 507. After filling its frequency can be equal to 517.

These will be the possible values

$$\text{So, frequency of B before filling} = 507$$

$$\text{after filling} = 517$$

Thus, the frequency of B before filling is 507 and after filling is 517.





Ex: A note produces 4 beats/sec with a tuning fork of frequency 512 and 6 beats/sec with a fork of frequency 514. Calculate the frequency of the note.

Sol (1) Given that, frequency of the tuning fork = 512

$$\text{Beats/sec} = 4$$

Thus the possible frequencies of the note are given as

$$512 + 4 = 516$$

$$512 - 4 = 508$$

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(2) Given that, frequency of the tuning fork = 514

$$\text{Beats / second} = 6$$

Thus the possible frequencies of the note are given as

$$514 + 6 = 520$$

$$514 - 6 = 508$$

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The common frequency in equ<sup>n</sup> ① and equ<sup>n</sup> ② is 508. Therefore the frequency of the note is 508.





Suppose there are two wave trains having frequency  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  where  $(n_1 - n_2)$  is small.

Assume that  $a$  and  $b$  are the amplitudes of the waves respectively. Simply, we can assume that the two waves are in phase at any point in the medium at  $t=0$ . The displacement  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  due to each wave are specified as

$$y_1 = a \sin \omega_1 t$$

$$y_2 = b \sin \omega_2 t$$

Here  $\omega_1 = 2\pi n_1$

and  $\omega_2 = 2\pi n_2$

$$\therefore y_1 = a \sin 2\pi n_1 t \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

and  $y_2 = b \sin 2\pi n_2 t \quad \text{--- (2)}$

The resultant displacement is specified as

$$y = y_1 + y_2$$

$$y = a \sin 2\pi n_1 t + b \sin 2\pi n_2 t$$

$$y = a \sin 2\pi n_1 t + b \sin 2\pi [n_1 - (n_1 - n_2)] t$$

$$y = a \sin 2\pi n_1 t + b [\sin 2\pi n_1 t \cos 2\pi (n_1 - n_2) t - \cos 2\pi n_1 t \sin 2\pi (n_1 - n_2) t] \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$y = \sin 2\pi n_1 t [a + b \cos 2\pi (n_1 - n_2) t - \cos (2\pi n_1 t) [b \sin 2\pi (n_1 - n_2) t]]$$

Take  $a + b \cos 2\pi (n_1 - n_2) t = A \cos \theta$

And  $b \sin 2\pi (n_1 - n_2) t = A \sin \theta$

$$\therefore y = A \sin (2\pi n_1 t - \theta)$$





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Here  $\tan \theta = \frac{b \sin 2\pi (\nu_1 - \nu_2) t}{a + b \cos 2\pi (\nu_1 - \nu_2) t}$  — (4)

and  $A = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + 2ab \cos 2\pi (\nu_1 - \nu_2) t}$  — (5)

Equation (4) specifies that the phase angle  $\theta$  changes with respect to time. Similarly equation (5) specifies that the amplitude of the resultant vibration also changes with time.

1.) When  $2\pi (\nu_1 - \nu_2) t = 2k\pi$   
 where  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$  etc.

The resultant amplitude

$$A = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + 2ab}$$

$$A = (a + b) \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

If  $t = \frac{k}{(\nu_1 - \nu_2)}$ , the resultant amplitude

is defined as maximum.

~~at  $t = \frac{k}{(\nu_1 - \nu_2)}$~~

i.e. at time instants,  $0, \frac{1}{(\nu_1 - \nu_2)}, \frac{2}{(\nu_1 - \nu_2)}$

etc. the amplitude of the resultant is maximum.

The maximum sound intensity will be audible during the such instants since sound intensity is directly proportional





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to the square of amplitude.

$$0, \frac{1}{2(n_1 - n_2)}, \frac{2}{2(n_1 - n_2)}, \frac{3}{2(n_1 - n_2)}, \dots \text{etc.}$$

2.) When  $2\pi(n_1 - n_2)t = (2k+1)\pi$

where  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$  etc.

The resultant amplitude  $A = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 - 2ab}$

$$A = (a - b)$$

If  $t = \frac{(2k+1)}{2(n_1 - n_2)}$ , the resultant ampli-

tude is defined as maximum that means at time instants.

$$\frac{1}{2(n_1 - n_2)}, \frac{3}{2(n_1 - n_2)}, \frac{5}{2(n_1 - n_2)}, \dots \text{etc.}$$

The amplitude of the resultant is minimum. Since the minimum intensity of sound will be heard at the instant, so

$$\frac{1}{2(n_1 - n_2)}, \frac{3}{2(n_1 - n_2)}, \frac{5}{2(n_1 - n_2)}, \dots \text{etc.}$$

Hence, the maxima and minima occur alternately after equal intervals of time

$$\frac{1}{2(n_1 - n_2)}$$





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The time interval between two successive maxima or between two successive minima is  $\frac{1}{(n_1 - n_2)}$

We know that the number of beats produced per second is  $(n_1 - n_2)$ . In case the amplitude of the two wave trains are equal, the maximum resultant amplitude is  $2a$  and the minimum amplitude is  $0$ . Here, the intensity of minima positions will be zero.