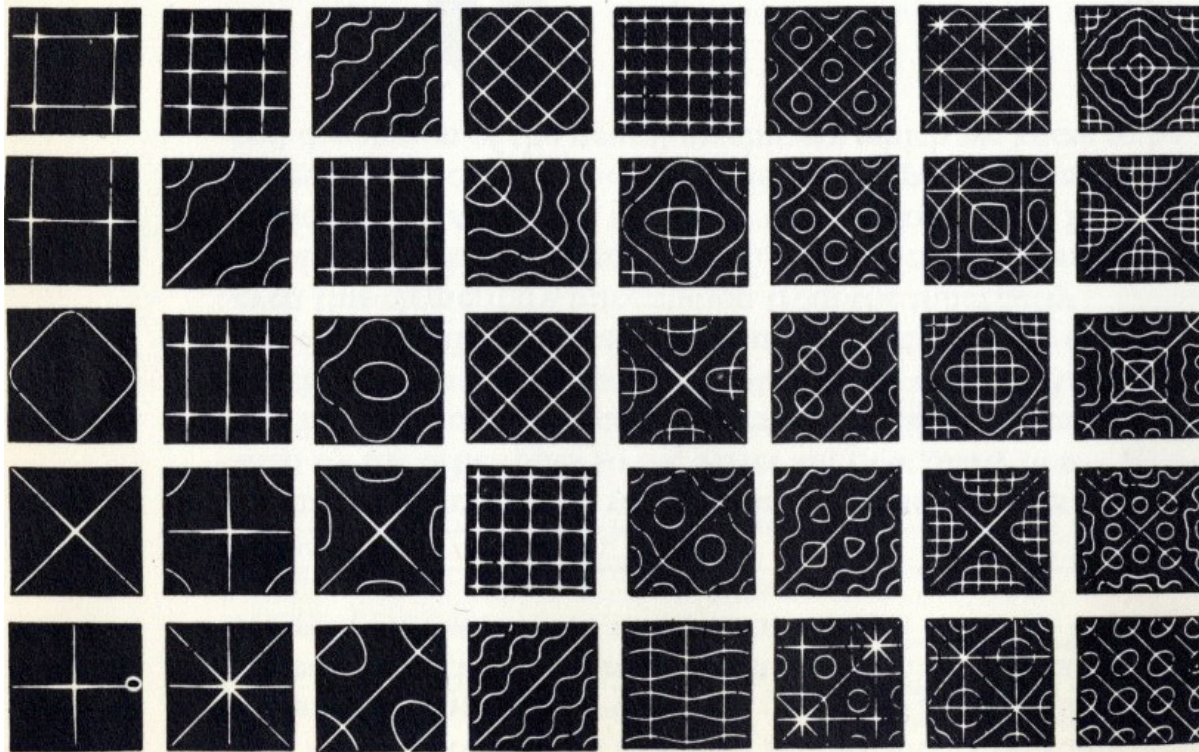


# Physics 1240: Sound and Music

Today (8/8/19): Review for Final

Next time: Final Exam



**Online FCQs**  
(Faculty Course Questionnaires)

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(we will begin the review session at 11:10 AM)

## **Final exam tomorrow**

Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

11:00 AM – 12:35 PM

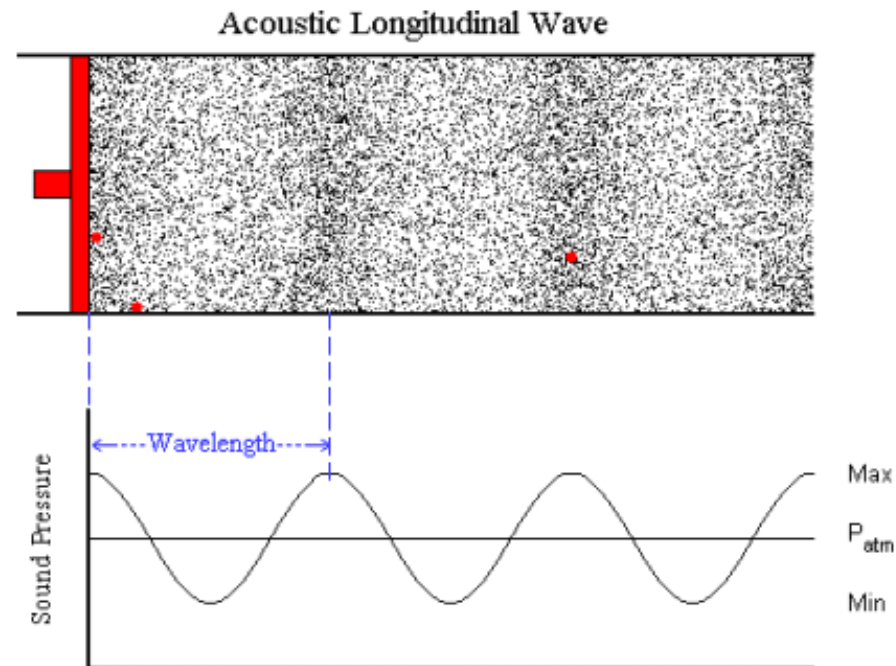
Duane G1B31 (this lecture hall)

### **Materials to bring:**

- pencil or pen
- calculator
- one 8.5"x11" equation sheet  
(anything written on BOTH sides)

## Sound Basics

- Sound: a mechanical disturbance of the **pressure** in a **medium** that travels in the form of a **longitudinal wave**
- Speed = Wavelength  $\times$  Frequency ( $v = \lambda f$ )
- Frequency = 1 / Period





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- Simple harmonic motion:
  - Higher elasticity (stiffness) means \_\_\_\_\_ frequency
  - Higher inertia (mass) means \_\_\_\_\_ frequency
- Resonance: amplifying a system's natural frequency
- Damping: decrease in amplitude of oscillating system

## Sound Propagation

- Speed of sound increases with temperature:

$$v[\text{m/s}] = 331 + 0.6 T[^\circ\text{C}]$$

- Reflection (diffuse or spectral)
- Absorption (greater for softer surfaces)
- Refraction (when speed of sound changes)
- Diffraction (greater for larger wavelengths)
  
- Sonic boom (shock wave when going over Mach 1)
- Doppler effect (frequency increases when sources travels towards you):

$$\% \text{ change in } f \cong \frac{\Delta v}{v_{\text{sound}}}$$

- Two-source interference (waves cancel when separated by half a wavelength)



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If you are in a room with two speakers each producing sine waves with a wavelength of 0.5 meters, where should you stand if you don't want to hear any sound?

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- B) 1 meter from one speaker and 1 meter from the other
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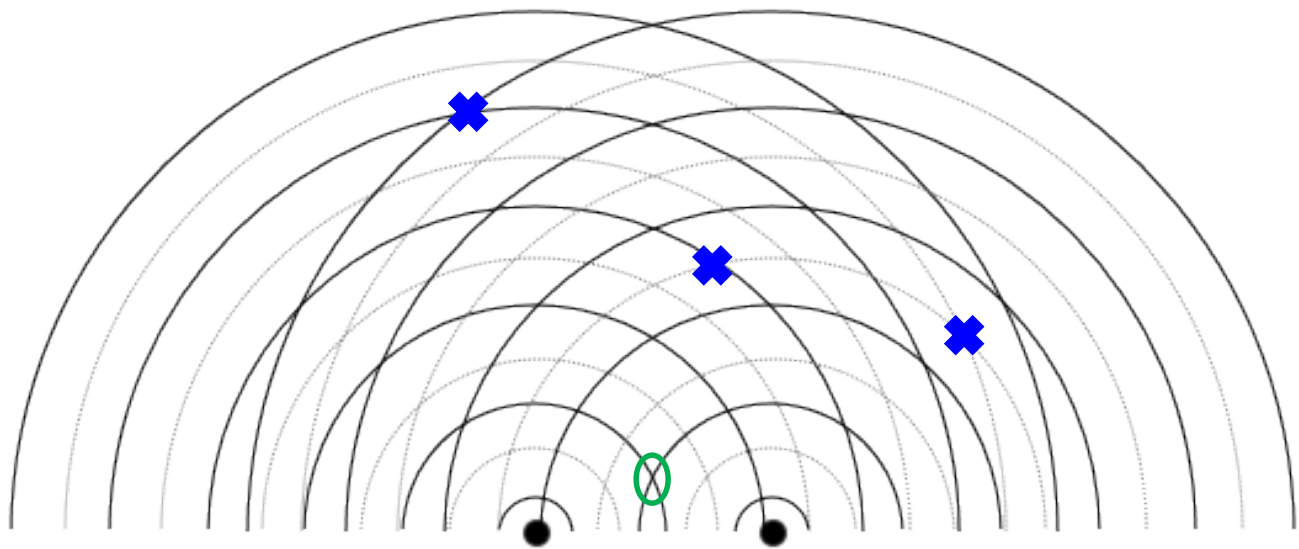


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trough ↑↑  
peak

## Amplitude/Loudness

- Intensity: energy flow per unit area ( $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ )
  - proportional to the pressure amplitude squared
- SIL: logarithmic version of intensity, relative to reference value  $I_0 = 10^{-12} \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$  , measured in decibels

$$SIL \text{ [dB]} = 10 \log \left( \frac{I}{10^{-12} \text{ W}/\text{m}^2} \right)$$

$$SIL_1 - SIL_2 = 10 \log \left( \frac{I_1}{I_2} \right)$$

- Two sounds playing together  $\Rightarrow$  add their intensities





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## Clicker Question 22.5

If a room full of a hundred babies crying has an ambient sound intensity level of 110 dB, how many babies would you need to take out to reduce the SIL to 90 dB?

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# Loudness and Hearing

Pressure amplitude [ $\text{N/m}^2$ ]

Intensity [ $\text{W/m}^2$ ]

Sound Intensity Level [dB]

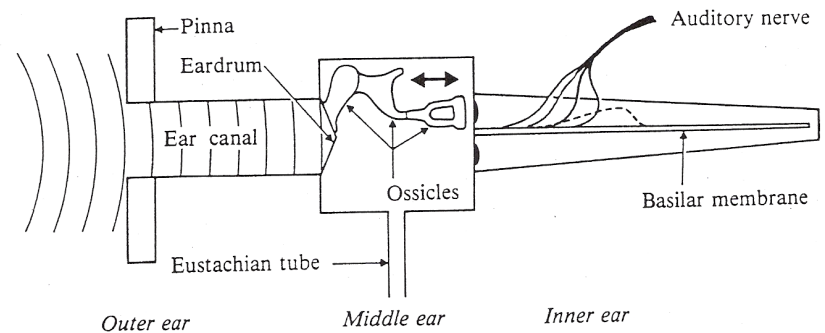
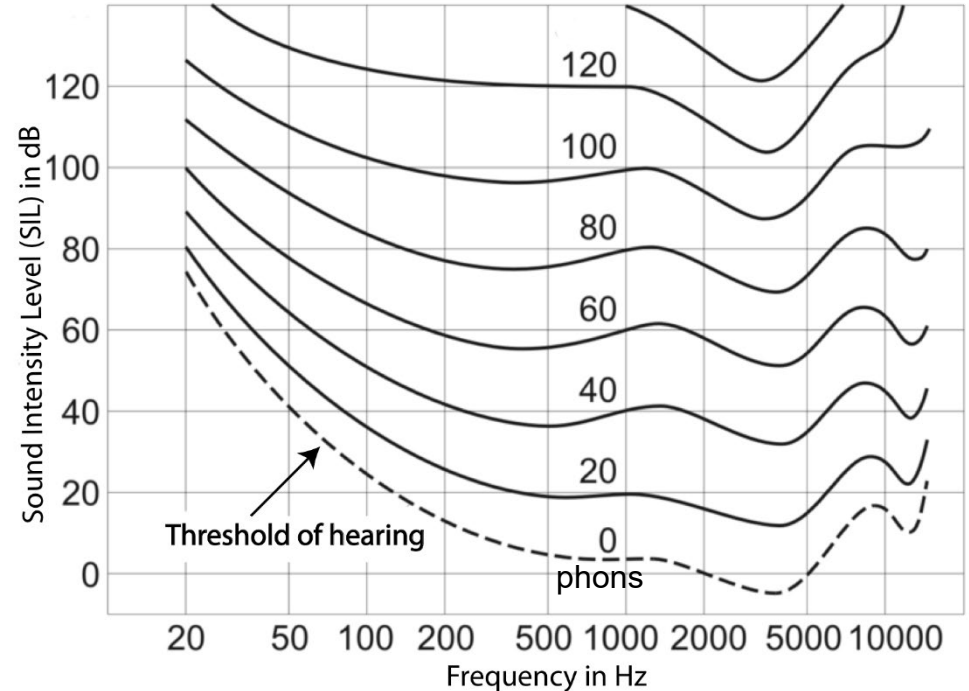
Loudness Level [phon]

Outer ear: pinna, auditory canal

Middle ear: ear drum, ossicles:  
malleus, incus, stapes; Eustachian tube

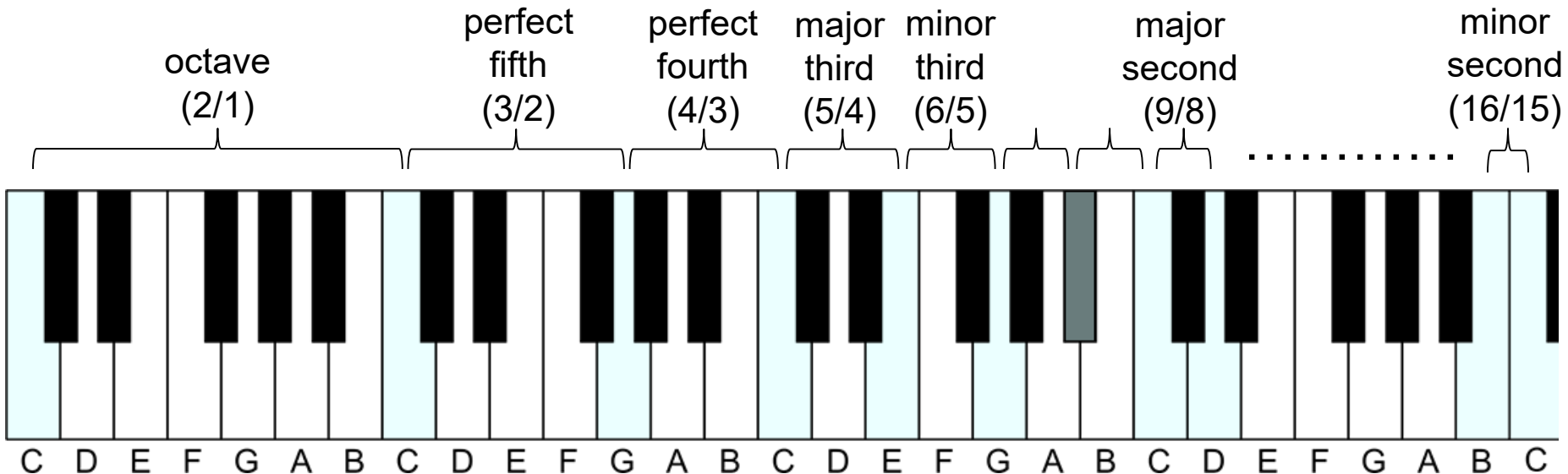
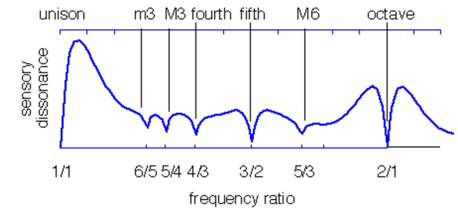
Inner ear: cochlea, oval window,  
circular window, basilar membrane,  
hair cells, auditory nerve

cochlea = “mechanical spectrum analyzer”



# Psychoacoustics

- Octave equivalence, Missing fundamental
- Dissonance: harsh sound when 2 tones (or upper harmonics) produce beats within the same critical band
- Consonance: Pythagorean hypothesis
- Harmonic series → Pythagorean intervals



## Tuning systems

- Just Tuning: uses only pure, harmonic intervals
  - Pros: all pure consonances for intervals from same note
  - Cons: can only play in one key
- Pythagorean Tuning: makes all fifths in any key pure (3/2)
  - Pros: all pure consonances for fifths
  - Cons: thirds are dissonant; Pythagorean comma
- Equal Temperament: same interval for all adjacent notes
  - Pros: can play in any key
  - Cons: all intervals are very slightly dissonant

	Note name:	C	D	E	F	G	A	B	C
Just		$\frac{1}{1}$	$\frac{9}{8}$	$\frac{5}{4}$	$\frac{4}{3}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{5}{3}$	$\frac{15}{8}$	$\frac{2}{1}$
Pythagorean	Frequency ratio to C:	$\frac{1}{1}$	$\frac{9}{8}$	$\frac{81}{64}$	$\frac{4}{3}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{27}{16}$	$\frac{243}{128}$	$\frac{2.03?}{1}$
Equal- Tempered		$\frac{1}{1}$	$(\frac{1}{2^{1/2}})^2$	$(\frac{1}{2^{1/2}})^4$	$(\frac{1}{2^{1/2}})^5$	$(\frac{1}{2^{1/2}})^7$	$(\frac{1}{2^{1/2}})^9$	$(\frac{1}{2^{1/2}})^{11}$	$\frac{2}{1}$



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- B) 1.5 and 1.5
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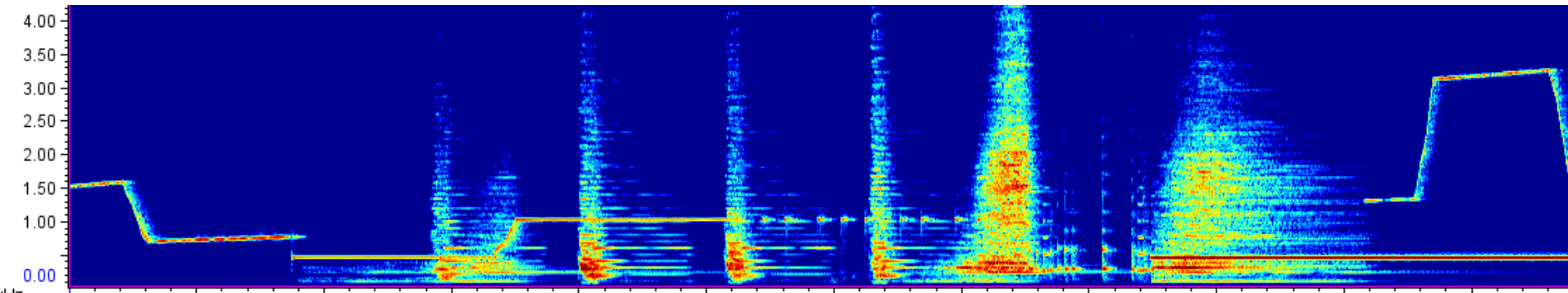
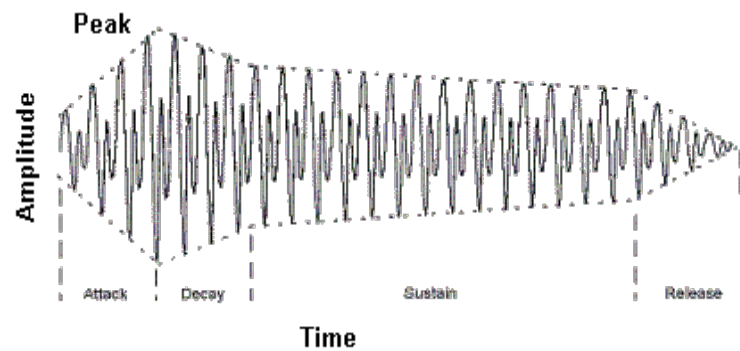
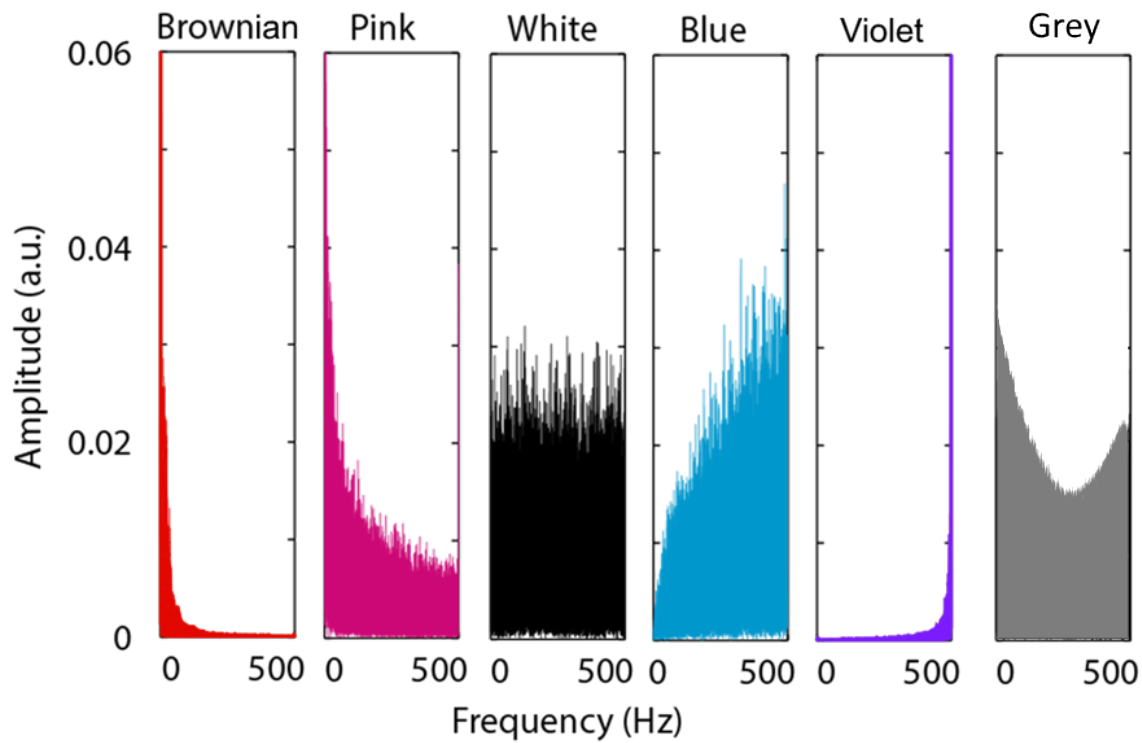
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# Noise, Sound Envelopes







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# Types of Instruments

(Hornbostel–Sachs classification)

- Chordophones: vibrating strings
- Aerophones: vibrating columns of air
- Idiophones: vibrating the whole instrument
- Membranophones: vibrating membrane/skin
- Electrophones: vibrating loudspeaker



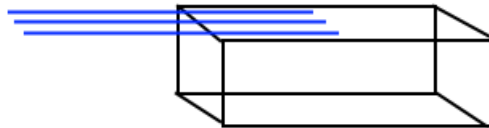
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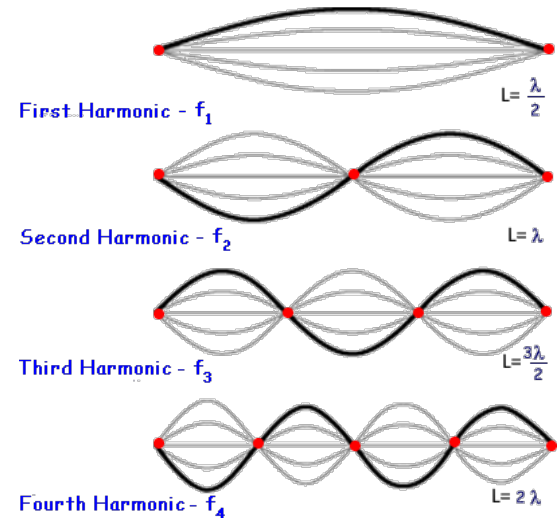
- Zithers



- Lutes

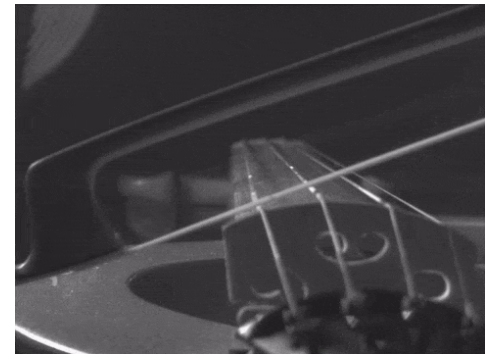
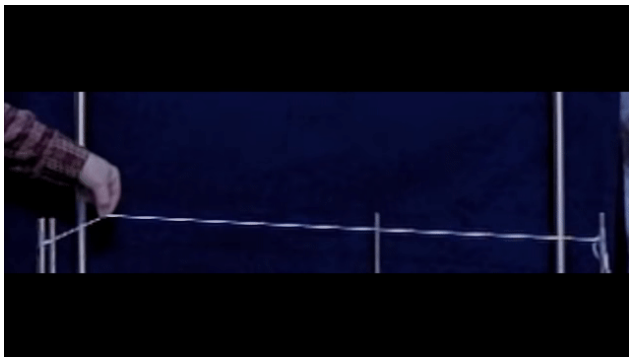


- Harps



$$f_n = \frac{n}{2L} \sqrt{\frac{T}{m/L}}$$

- How to create waves: initial displacement, velocity, or both

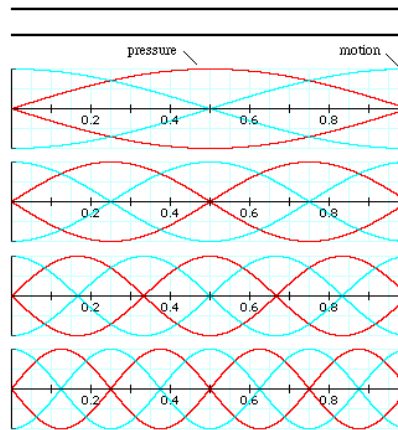


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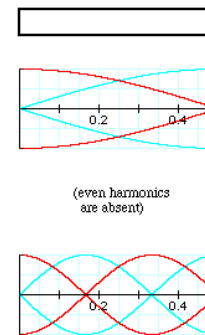
- **Free**  
(no standing waves)
- **Flute-type**  
(edge tones)
- **Reed-type**  
(vibrating reed/lips)

e.g. flute,  
recorder



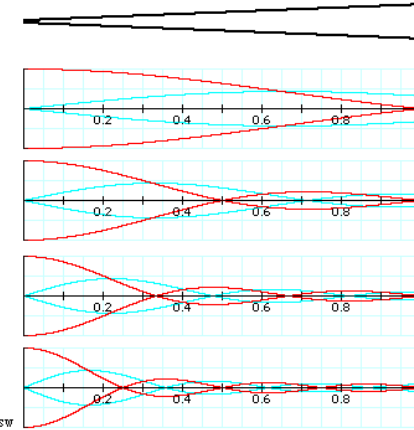
$$f_n = n \frac{v}{2L}$$

e.g. clarinet



$$f_n = n \frac{v}{4L}$$

e.g. saxophone,  
oboe, bassoon

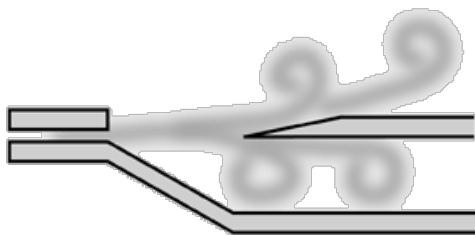


$$f_n = n f_1$$

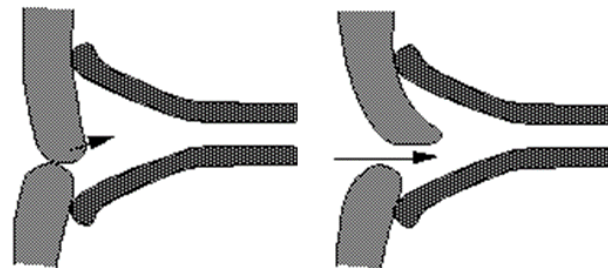
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- How to create waves:

Edge tones



Bernoulli effect

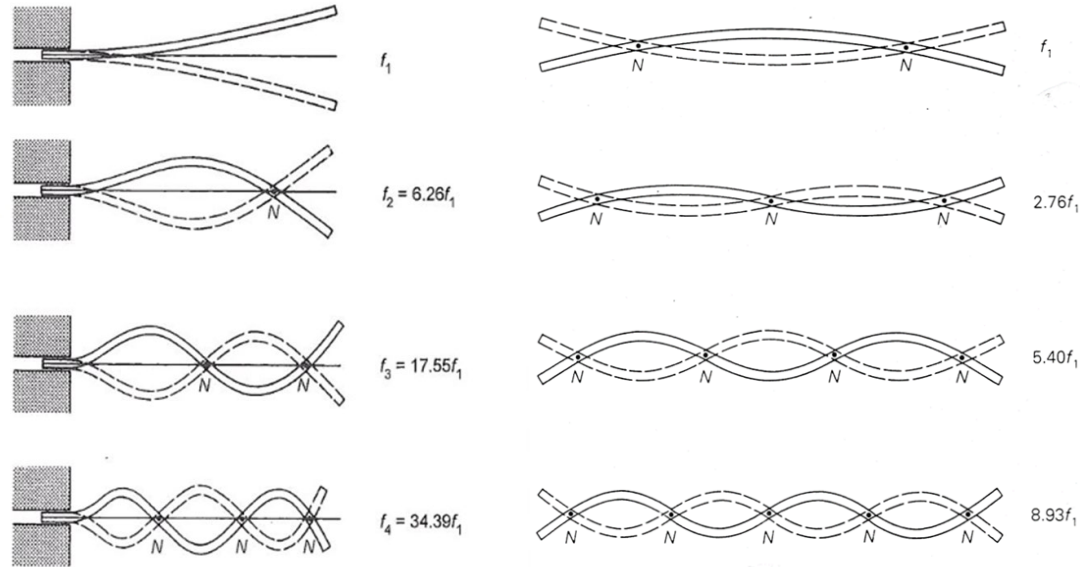


# Idiophones

Types:

Clamped-free beam

Free-free beam

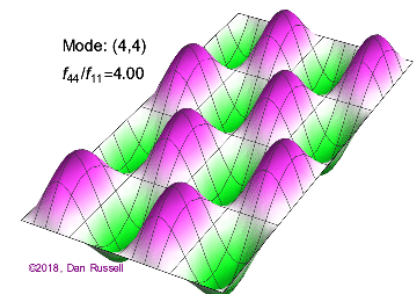
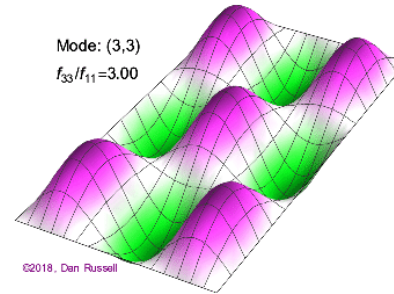
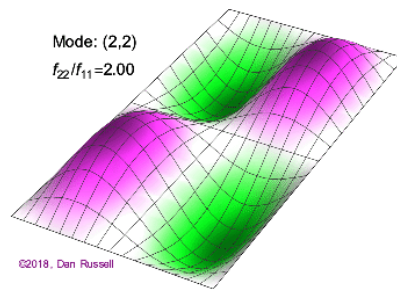
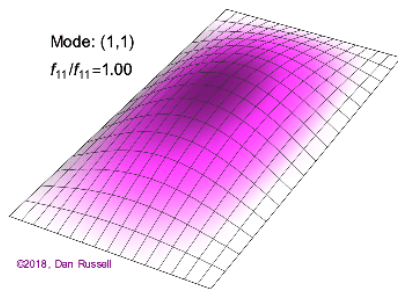


- Striking an object at any given point will sound each natural mode in proportion to how much that mode involves motion of that point
- Fixing an object to any given point will sound each natural mode that has a node at that point

# Membranophones

Types:

- Unpitched (inharmonic spectrum)
- Pitched (certain modes damped out due to instrument's shape or striking point)

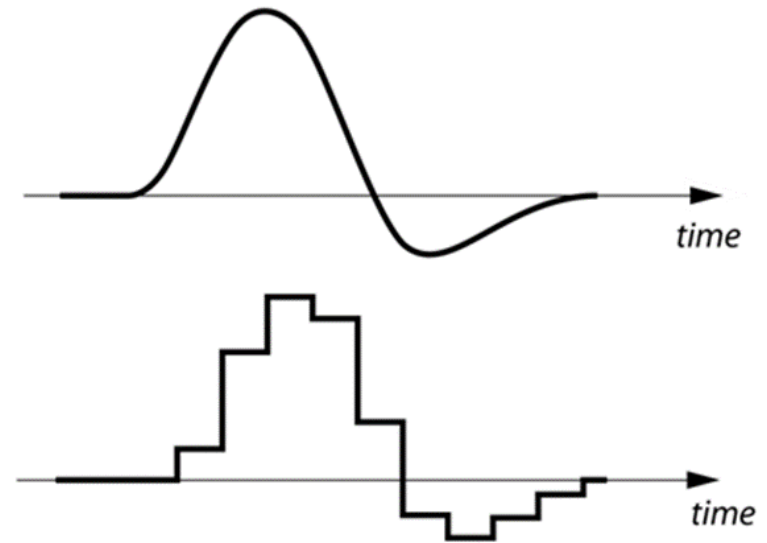


- Natural modes in 2D: nodes are lines instead of points
- Drums: have circular node around outer edge

# Electrophones

Types:

- Analog (continuous signal)
- Digital (sampling rate, bit depth)



How to create waves:

- Loudspeaker (type of transducer)
- Combination of MIDI data, sound envelope, high/low pass filters





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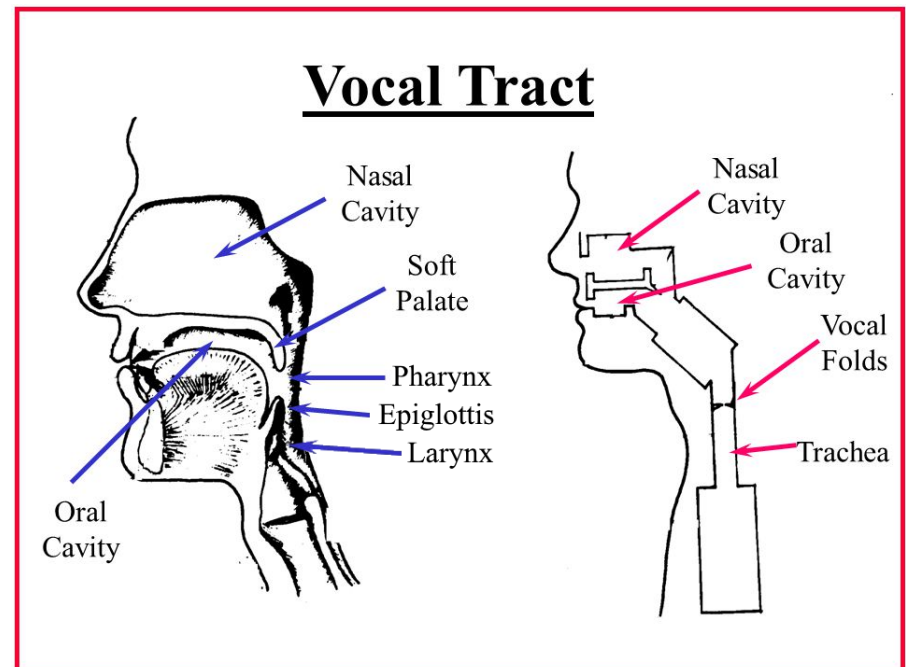
# Instruments

- What class of instruments?
- How is sound produced on the instrument?
- How to change the instrument's pitch?
- Sound envelope?

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## Human Voice

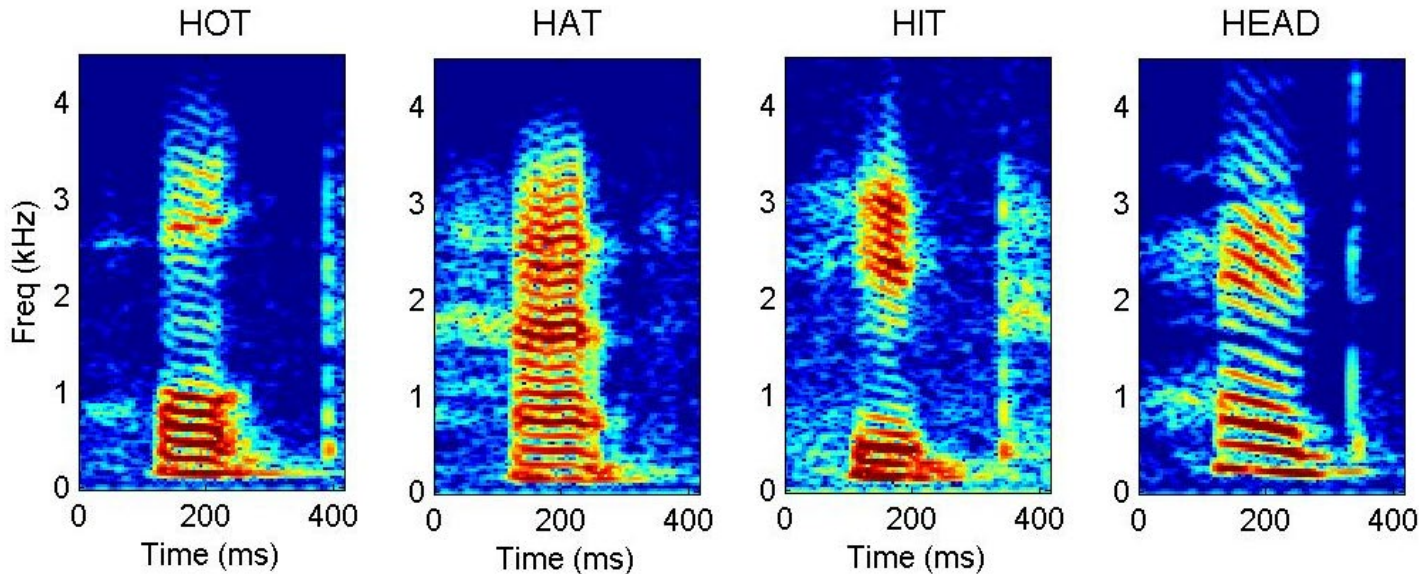
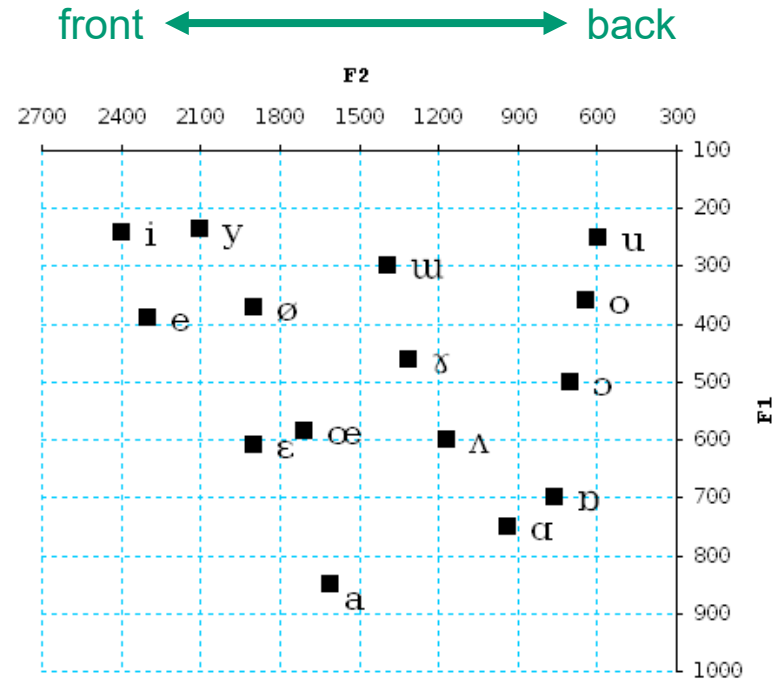
- Vocal cords: produce sound by the Bernoulli effect (determines pitch)
- Vocal tract: can be modelled as tube closed on one end, 14-17 cm long (determines timbre (vowels))
- Types of phonemes:
  - Vowels (vocal tract completely open)
  - Plosives (burst of air through initially closed vocal cords)
  - Fricatives (sustained sound by forcing air through turbulent passageways)

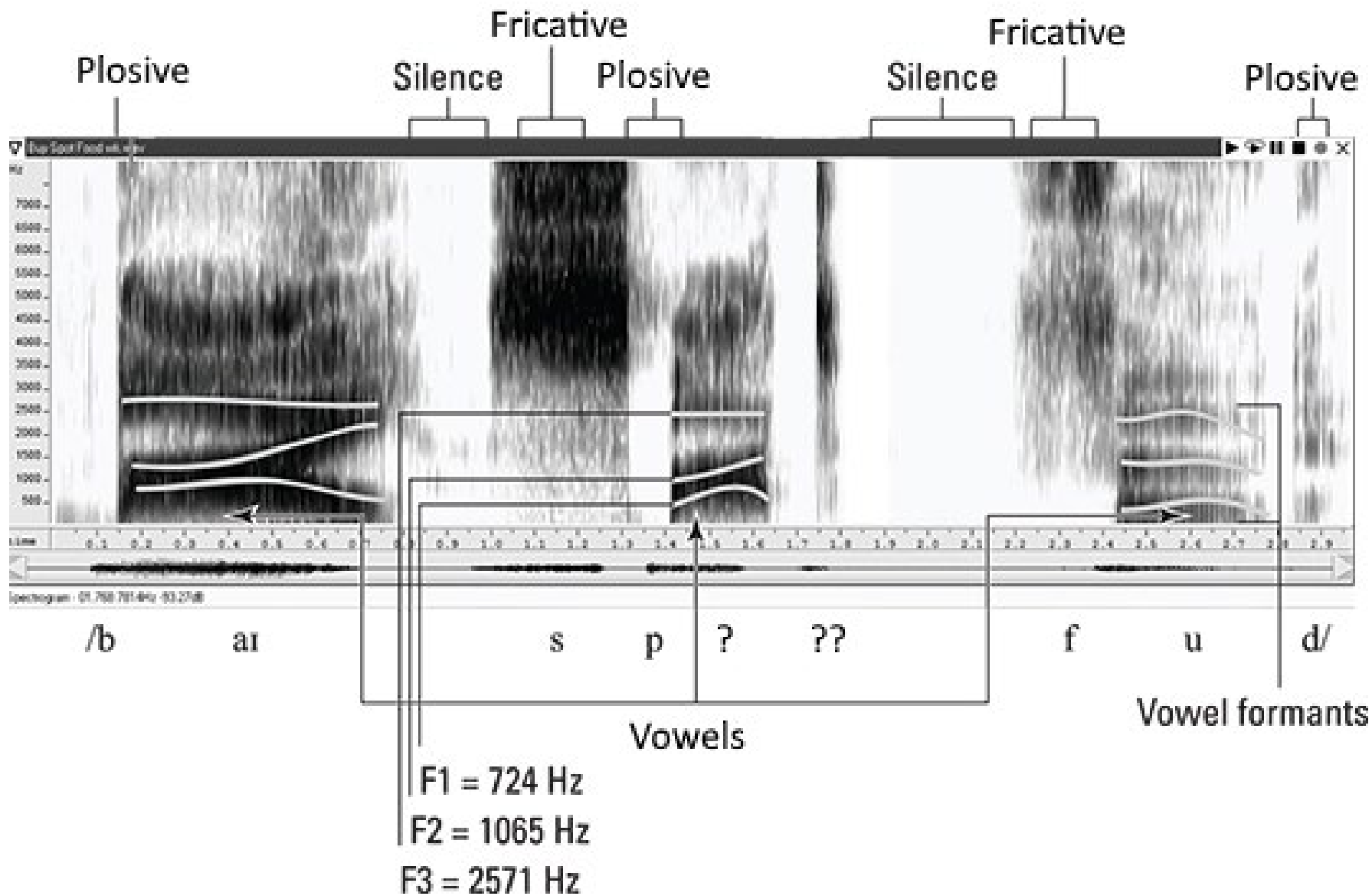


# Human Voice

- Formant: band of enhanced frequencies corresponding to a resonant frequency in the vocal tract

high  
↑  
low





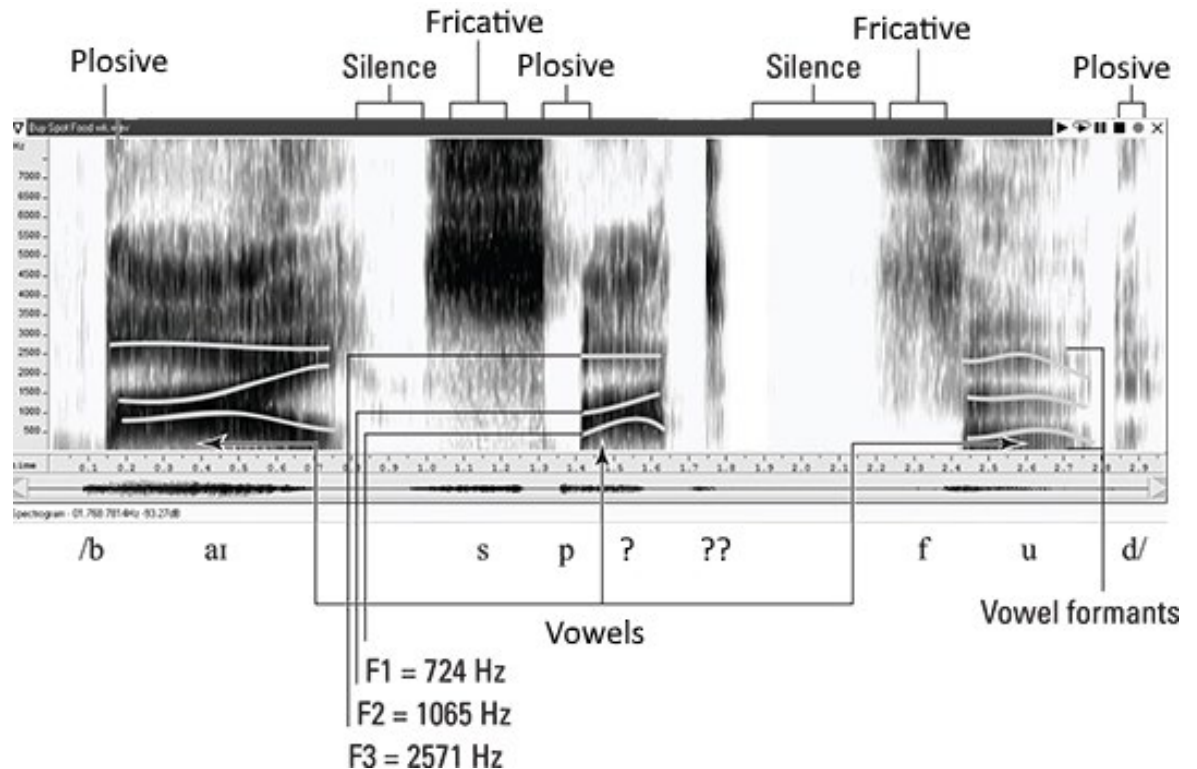
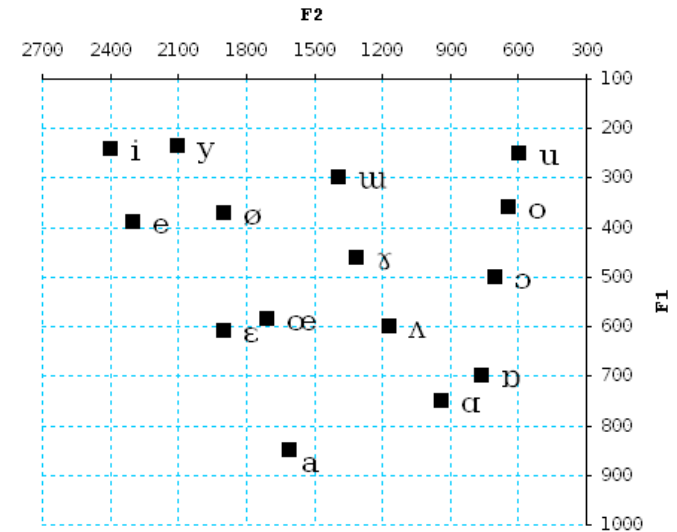


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What letter could “??” represent?

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- C) s (fricative)
- D) oi (diphthong)



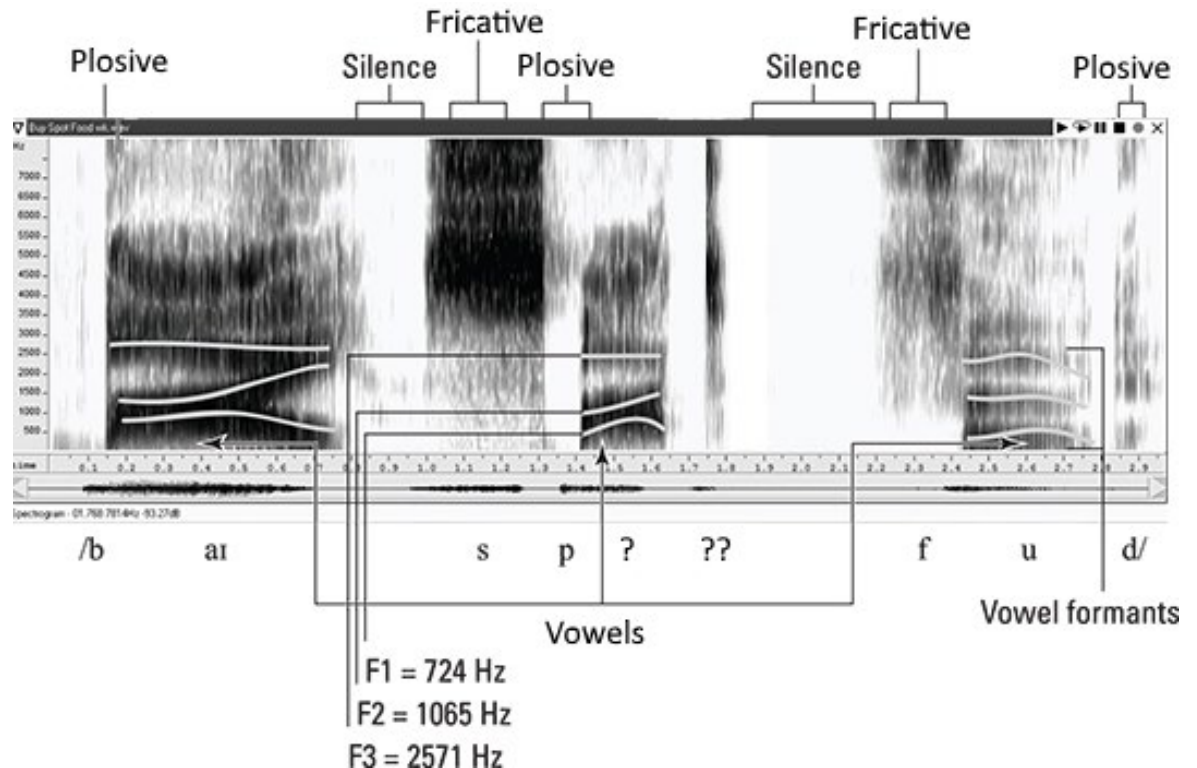
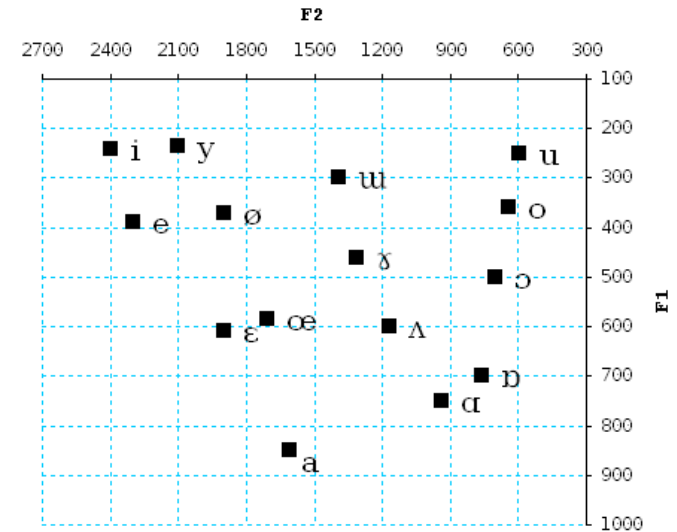


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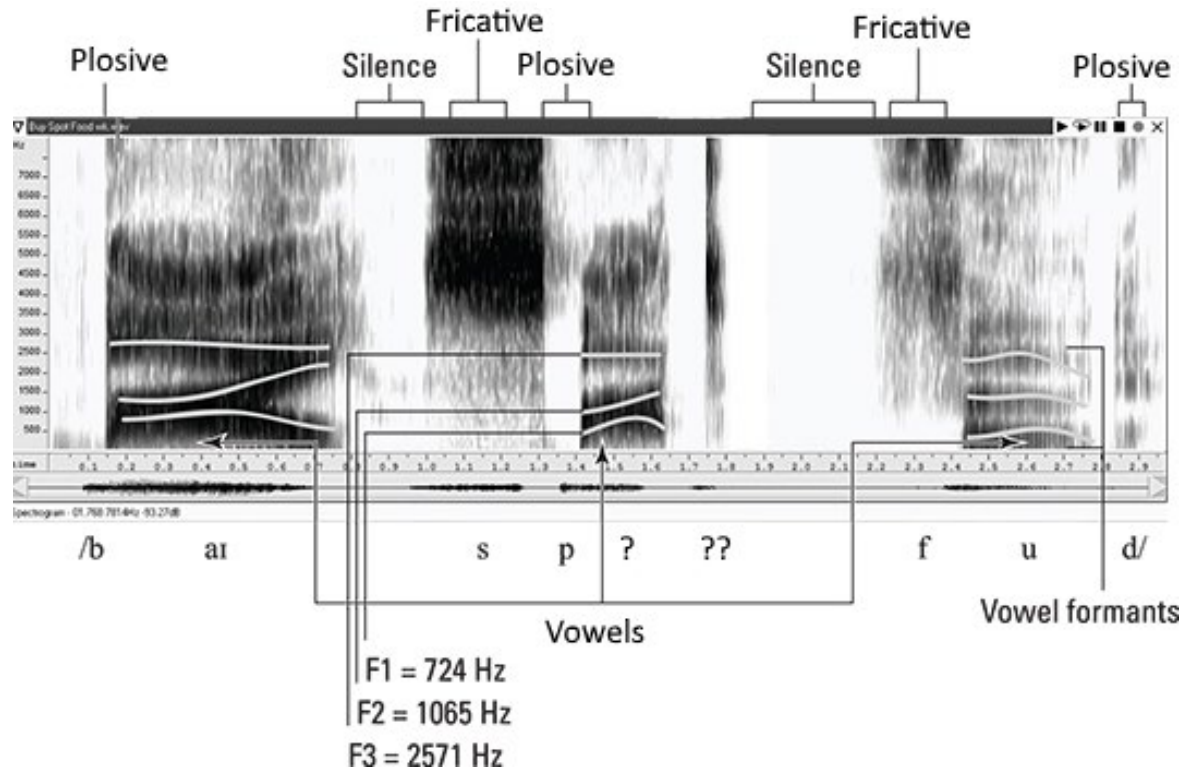
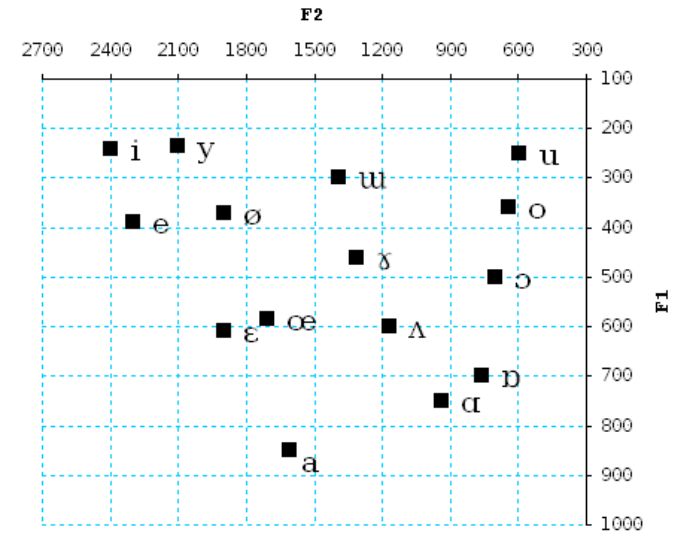


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