

$$L = \frac{n\lambda}{2} \quad v = f\lambda \quad f = \frac{nv}{2L} \quad T = \frac{1}{f}$$

for a standing wave on a string

(A) If a human being can hear up to 20000 Hz, how many overtones of a low A ( $f=27.5$  Hz) can be heard by the human ear?

(B) Assume the speed on the string which produced this low A is 85.0 m/s, what is the length of the string?

$$A) f = \frac{nv}{2L} = nf, \quad 20000 = n(27.5 \text{ Hz})$$
$$n = 727$$

$$B) v = f\lambda \quad 85.0 \text{ m/s} = (27.5) \lambda$$
$$\lambda = 3.1 \text{ m}$$

fundamental =  $n=1$

$$\text{so } L = \lambda/2 = 1.55 \text{ m}$$