

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

for a standing wave on a string

(A) If a human being can hear up to 20000 Hz, how many overtones of a low C ($f=32.2$ Hz) can be heard by the human ear?

(B) Assume the length of the string is 2.4 m that produces this fundamental low C. What is the wavelength? What is the speed of the standing wave?

$$A) \quad f = \frac{nv}{2L} = n f_1 \quad 20000 = n(32.2)$$

$$n = 621$$

B) fundamental is $n=1$

$$L = \frac{1\lambda}{2} \quad \text{so } \lambda = 2L = 4.8 \text{ m}$$

$$v = f\lambda = (32.2 \text{ Hz})(4.8 \text{ m}) = 155 \text{ m/s}$$