

# Reminder:

**First exam: Monday October 8, 2001**

the exam covers:

- Homework
- Lab through Strings
- Study questions (will be handed out Monday)
  
- Review Sessions by TA's on October 6 or 7  
(times and rooms will be announced)

if you received no e-mail from PH109, you should deposit your correct e-mail address at registrar

## Sound Waves in Air

- Sound waves in gases (air):  
longitudinal (compression) waves

wave length:

$$= v/f$$

example (homework)  
demo

- Speed of sound in air:

$$v = 344 \text{ m/s} = 1130 \text{ ft/s at } 20^{\circ} \text{ C (} 68^{\circ} \text{F)}$$

**v increases with temperature**

(increase 0.6 m/s per degree C = 1 ft/s per deg F).

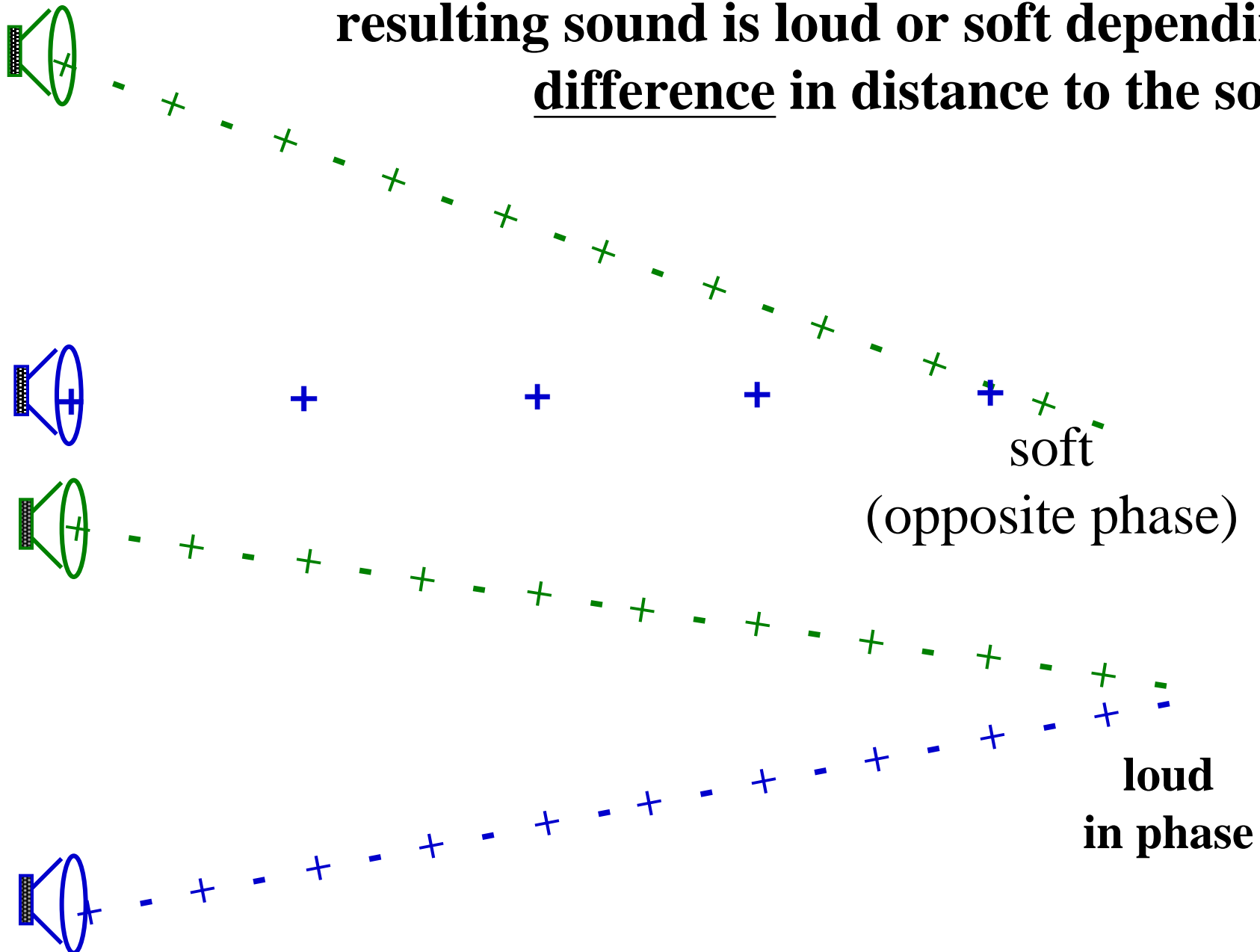
**air pressure does not affect v!**

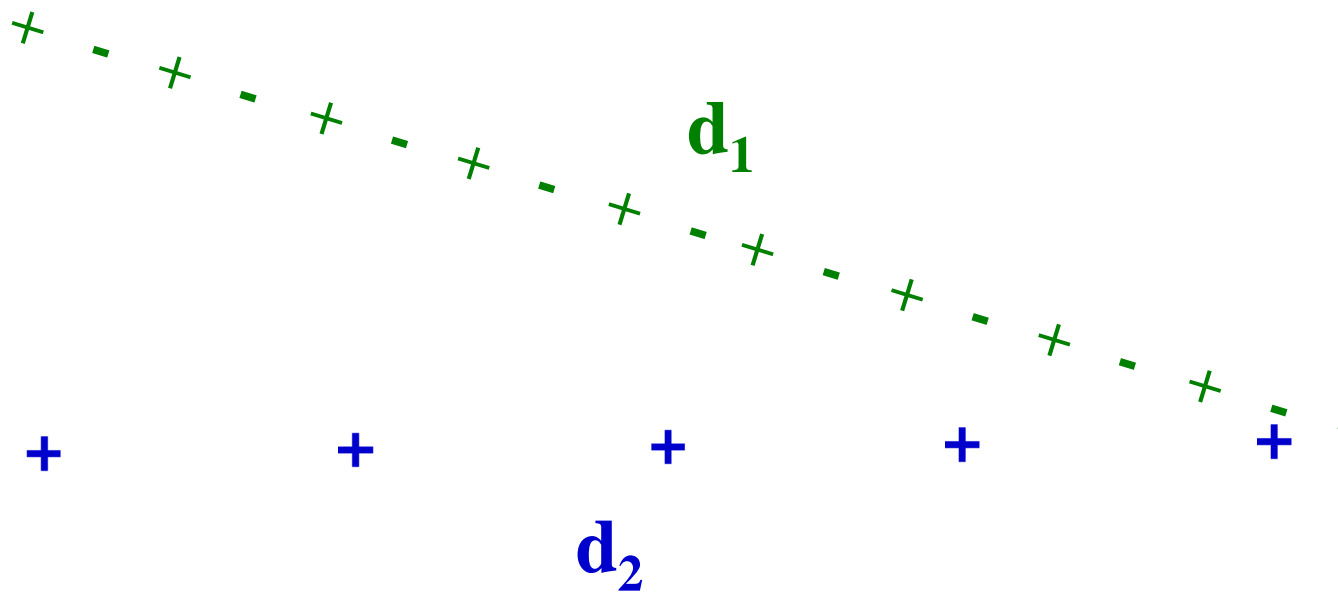
**frequency does not affect v!**

**relevance: pitch of wind instruments changes with v**

# INTERFERENCE OF TWO SOUND SOURCES

resulting sound is loud or soft depending on difference in distance to the source





oh, no sound!  
destructive  
interference!

## Constructive interference:

loud (reinforcement) if waves arrive in step:

$$|d_1 - d_2| = n \quad (n = \text{whole number, } 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

## Destructive interference:

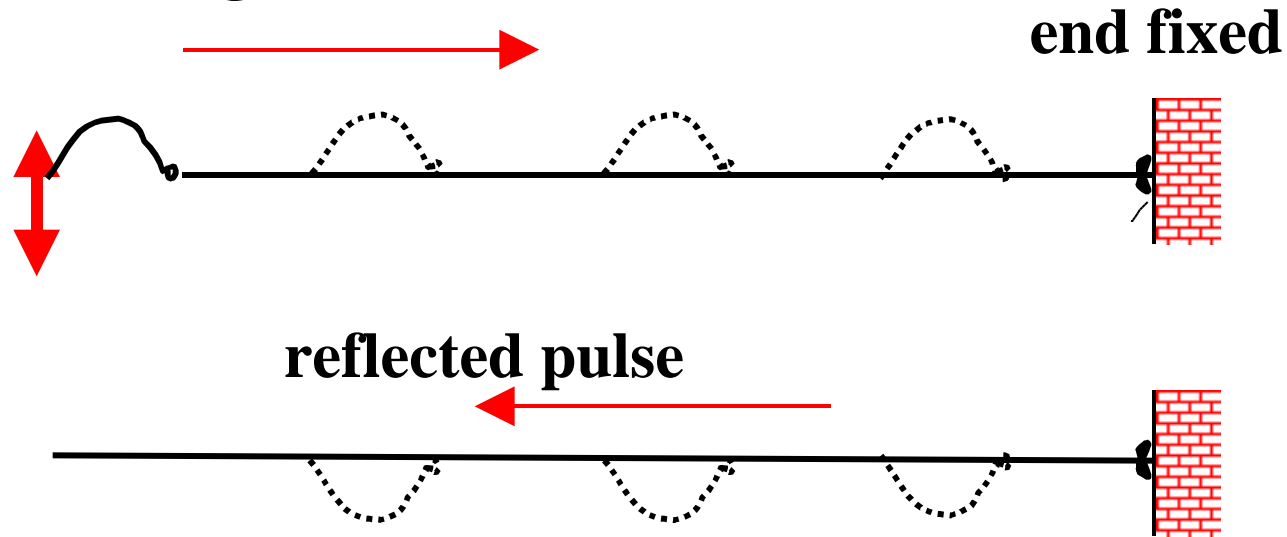
no sound if waves arrive  $180^\circ$  out of step:

$$|d_1 - d_2| = (n + 1/2) \quad (n = \text{whole number})$$

demo; example (homework)

# TRANSVERSE WAVES ON STRING

Pulse on string



Speed  $v$  of pulse (or wave) on string depends on

- pull on string - “tension”  $T$  in N (Newtons)
- how fat the string is - mass per meter length:  $= m/\ell$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{T}{m/\ell}} = \sqrt{\frac{T}{m/\ell}}$$

$T$ : tension (in Newtons)

$m/\ell$  in kg/m

**example (homework)**

## Vibration of Strings:

Transverse motion (displacement of string)

Travel time along string and back

$$time = period = 2L/v$$

Frequency  $f = 1/\text{period}$

Fundamental frequency  $f_1$

$$f_1 = \frac{v}{2L}$$

**shorter string -> higher f (inverse proportion)**

**Demo: Slinky, Guitar**

**EXAMPLE (homework)**

[CD demo](#)

## Changing String Tension and Mass

$$f_1 = \frac{v}{2L} = \frac{1}{2L} \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}}$$

**higher tension (larger T) - higher f**

**more massive string (larger  $\mu$ ) - lower f**

**Example: string frequency 300 Hz for T= 40 N**

**find frequency for T = 50 N**

**hint: use proportions! (homework)**

# HIGHER MODES OF STRING

An oscillation is called a “MODE” if each point makes simple harmonic motion

Lowest mode: "fundamental"

Second mode of string

Third mode of string

freq.  $f_1$

$$f_2 = 2 \times f_1$$

$$f_3 = 3 \times f_1$$

**demo: modes of string**

**example: find frequencies of modes**

oscillations called “harmonics” if frequencies are exact multiple of fundamental