PHYSQ 124 – Particules et ondes Quiz 9 – 2 décembre 2014

Solution

± Harmonics of a Piano Wire

A piano tuner stretches a steel piano wire with a tension of 765 N. The steel wire has a length of 0.700m and a mass of 5.25g.

Part A

What is the frequency f_1 of the string's fundamental mode of vibration?

Express your answer numerically in hertz using three significant figures.



On utilise
$$v = \sqrt{\frac{F}{\mu}} = \sqrt{\frac{FL}{m}}$$
 et on obtient $f_1 = \frac{v}{2L} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{F}{Lm}} = \frac{228 \text{ Hz}}{2}$

Part B

What is the number n of the highest harmonic that could be heard by a person who is capable of hearing frequencies up to f = 16 kHz?

Express your answer exactly.

