



Justin swings on a swing set with rope of length L , at an angle of at most $\theta = 10^\circ$. When he swings at max speed away from his audience, she hears a perfect $f' = 440 \text{ Hz}$... even though Justin produces $f = 450 \text{ Hz}$.

a) Justin is at the bottom of his swing when the speed and Doppler shift are a maximum.

b) How fast is Justin moving?

$$f' = f \left(\frac{1}{1 + \frac{v}{v_s}} \right)$$

$v = \text{Justin's speed}$
 $v_s = \text{sound speed} = 343 \text{ m/s}$

$$1 + \frac{v}{v_s} = \frac{f}{f'}$$

$$v = v_s \left[\frac{f}{f'} - 1 \right]$$



So Justin's maximum speed is

$$v = \left(343 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\right) \left[\frac{450 \text{ Hz}}{440 \text{ Hz}} - 1 \right] = 7.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

From diagram at top of previous page, we see that Justin's height at top of a swing is

$$h = L - L \cos \theta$$

But conservation of energy requires

$$mgh = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$\Rightarrow v^2 = 2gh = 2g[L - L \cos \theta]$$

$$v = \sqrt{2gL(1 - \cos \theta)}$$

Re-arrange to solve for L

$$\frac{v^2}{2g(1 - \cos \theta)} = L$$

$$L = \frac{(7.8 \text{ m/s})^2}{2(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(1 - \cos 10^\circ)} = 204 \text{ m} !$$

That's one big swingset! The period of the motion will be

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}} = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{L}{g}} = 28.7 \text{ s}$$