



Joe Acoustic sets up two speakers in his sound lab. Speaker A is located a distance L due North of Joe, at the same height H as his ears. Speaker B is located exactly W to the East of speaker A, and at a vertical height J above speaker A.

Joe connects speaker A to a wave generator, which produces sound waves such that

$$y_A = \frac{A}{r_A} \sin(kr_A - \omega t)$$

where

$$A = 0.0076 \sqrt{\text{Watts}}$$

$$\omega = 2\pi f = 2\pi (600 \text{ Hz}) = 3770 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$k = \frac{\omega}{v_s} = \frac{3770 \text{ rad/s}}{343 \text{ m/s}} = 10.99 \text{ rad/m}$$

What is the intensity of the wave at Joe's position at $t = 2.59$ s?

$$\text{intensity} = (y_A)^2 = \frac{A^2}{L^2} \sin^2(kL - \omega t)$$

Plug in numbers; in my case $L = 8.57$ m

$$\text{intensity} = (y_A)^2 = 2.37 \times 10^{-9} \text{ W/m}^2$$

Joe unplugs speaker A, and plugs in speaker B. He plays the same sound. At $t = 2.59$ s after re-starting, what is intensity?

$$\text{Now dist } r_B = \sqrt{L^2 + W^2 + J^2} \quad \text{where } W = 0.56 \text{ m} \\ J = 0.35 \text{ m}$$

$$r_B = 8.60 \text{ m}$$

Plug in, $\text{intensity} = (y_B)^2 = 3.87 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2$

Finally, Joe plugs in both speakers and re-starts the sound generator.

The intensity now is

$$\text{intensity} = (y_A + y_B)^2 \quad \text{not } y_A^2 + y_B^2$$

Plugging in numbers, $y_A = -4.87 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\sqrt{\omega}}{\text{m}}$

$$y_B = 1.97 \times 10^{-4} \frac{\sqrt{\omega}}{\text{m}}$$

$$(y_A + y_B) = 1.47 \times 10^{-4} \frac{\sqrt{\omega}}{\text{m}}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{intensity} = (y_A + y_B)^2 = 2.19 \times 10^{-8} \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2}$$