

3. Waves moving on a lake have a speed of 2.0 m/s and a distance of 1.5 m between adjacent crests.
a. What is the frequency of the waves?

$$v = f \cdot \lambda$$

$$f = \frac{v}{\lambda}$$

$$f = \frac{2.0 \text{ m/s}}{1.5 \text{ m}}$$

$$f = \frac{1.3}{\text{s}}$$

$$f = 1.3 \text{ Hz}$$

- b. Find the period of the wave motion.

$$f = \frac{1}{T}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{f}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{1.3 \text{ Hz}} = \frac{1}{1.3/\text{s}}$$

$$T = 0.77 \text{ sec}$$

7. What is the frequency of blue light that has a wavelength of 420 nm?

$$v = f \cdot \lambda$$

$$3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} = f \cdot 420 \text{ nm}$$

$$3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} = f \cdot 4.2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$$

$$7.1 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz} = f$$

11. Compute the wavelength in air or ultrasound with a frequency of 50 kHz if the speed of sound is 344 m/s.

$$v = f \cdot \lambda$$

$$344 \text{ m/s} = 50 \text{ kHz} \cdot \lambda$$

$$344 \text{ m/s} = 50,000 \text{ Hz} \cdot \lambda$$

$$0.007 \text{ m} = \lambda$$

$$7 \text{ mm} = \lambda$$

13. During a thunderstorm, 4.5 s elapses between observing a lighting flash and hearing the resulting thunder. Approximately how far away, in kilometers and miles, was the lighting flash? (Assume that 1 kilometer equals 0.621 miles)

Assume that the time that light takes to get to you is negligible. Since the speed of light = 3.0×10^8 m/s and the speed of sound is 344 m/s, this is a reasonable assumption.

$$v = \frac{d}{t}$$

$$344 \text{ m/s} = \frac{d}{4.5 \text{ s}}$$

$$d = 1500 \text{ m}$$

$$d = 1500 \text{ m} * \frac{1 \text{ km}}{1000 \text{ m}}$$

$$d = 1.5 \text{ km}$$

Convert km into miles...

$$d = 1.5 \text{ km} * \frac{0.621 \text{ miles}}{1 \text{ km}}$$

$$d = 0.93 \text{ miles}$$