

Calculate the buoyancy, gravitational and net forces acting on an object suspended in water. The object has a mass of 2 kg and a volume of 0.5 dm<sup>3</sup>.

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**EXAMPLE 17.6** The Noisy Siren

As an ambulance travels east down a highway at a speed of 33.5 m/s (75 mi/h), its siren emits sound at a frequency of 400 Hz. What frequency is heard by a person in a car traveling west at 24.6 m/s (55 mi/h) (a) as the car approaches the ambulance and (b) as the car moves away from the ambulance?

**Solution** (a) We can use Equation 17.17 in both cases, taking the speed of sound in air to be  $v = 343$  m/s. As the ambulance and car approach each other, the person in the car hears the frequency

$$f' = \left( \frac{v + v_O}{v - v_S} \right) f = \left( \frac{343 \text{ m/s} + 24.6 \text{ m/s}}{343 \text{ m/s} - 33.5 \text{ m/s}} \right) (400 \text{ Hz})$$

$$= 475 \text{ Hz}$$

(b) As the vehicles recede from each other, the person hears the frequency

$$f' = \left( \frac{v - v_O}{v + v_S} \right) f = \left( \frac{343 \text{ m/s} - 24.6 \text{ m/s}}{343 \text{ m/s} + 33.5 \text{ m/s}} \right) (400 \text{ Hz})$$

$$= 338 \text{ Hz}$$

The *change* in frequency detected by the person in the car is  $475 - 338 = 137$  Hz, which is more than 30% of the true frequency.

**Exercise** Suppose the car is parked on the side of the highway as the ambulance speeds by. What frequency does the person in the car hear as the ambulance (a) approaches and (b) recedes?

**Answer** (a) 443 Hz. (b) 364 Hz.

$v=343$  m/s,  $v_0=24,6$  m/s,  $v_s=33,5$  m/s.  $f=400$  Hz.

A closed-end air tube resonates to a tuning fork of 480 Hz at lengths of 53.0 and 88.5 cm. What is the speed of sound in air.

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