## Harold's Physics Doppler Effect "Cheat Sheet"

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Doppler Effect – Sound					
Diagram	Low Frequency High Frequency T T T T T T T T T T T T T				
$f = frequency (pitch)of sound wave$ $v = speed of sound in the medium$ $[343.2 m/s; 1,126 ft/s; 1,236 km/h; 768 mph]$ $v_s = speed of the sound source$ $v_r = speed of the listener / receiver$	Source Velocity $(v_s)$	Receiver Velocity ( $v_r$ )	Observed Frequency Equation		
Source and receiver are both stationary	•	•	$f_r = f_s$		
Source moving away from the receiver	~	•	$f_r = f_s \left(\frac{v}{v + v_s}\right)$		
Source moving towards the receiver	$\rightarrow$	•	$f_r = f_s \left(\frac{v}{v - v_s}\right)$		
Receiver moving towards the source	•	÷	$f_r = f_s\left(\frac{\nu + \nu_r}{\nu}\right)$		
Receiver moving away from the source	•	$\rightarrow$	$f_r = f_s \left(\frac{v - v_r}{v}\right)$		
General Equation	$\leftarrow \rightarrow$	$\leftrightarrow$	$f_r = f_s \left(\frac{v \pm v_r}{v \mp v_s}\right)$		
<b>Tip:</b> Towards use top sign, away use bottom sign Pick sign so observed frequency increases when towards (big numerator, small denominator)					

Doppler Effect – Light					
light red shifted rotating star	BLUESHIFT		REDSHIFT		
f = frequency of light wave at the source c = speed of light v = speed difference between two objects	Source Velocity Relative to Receiver ( <i>v</i> )	Receiver Velocity (0)	Observed Frequency Equation		
Both objects are moving at the same velocity	•	•	$f_r = f_s$		
Redshift: Source object moving away from the earth	~	•	$\bullet f_{red} = f_s\left(\frac{c}{c+v}\right)$		
Blueshift: Source object moving towards the earth	$\rightarrow$	•	$\bullet f_{blue} = f_s\left(\frac{c}{c-v}\right)$		
$f = \frac{c}{\lambda}$	$\lambda = rac{c}{f}$				
$\lambda$ = wavelength of light wave at the source c = speed of light v = speed difference between two objects	Source Velocity Relative to Receiver ( <i>v</i> )	Receiver Velocity (0)	Observed Wavelength Equation		
Both objects are moving at the same velocity	•	•	$\lambda_r = \lambda_s$		
Redshift: Source object moving away from the earth	~	•	$\lambda_{red} = \lambda_s \left(\frac{c+v}{c}\right)$		
Blueshift: Source object moving towards the earth	$\rightarrow$	•	$\lambda_{blue} = \lambda_s \left(\frac{c-v}{c}\right)$		