

# Doppler effect

(1) (of 1)

Grancoli 6.ed: 12-7 (p. 930 for light)

Sound	$v'$	$\lambda$	$f$	
Moving source Still observer	not changed	$\lambda' = \lambda \left(1 \mp \frac{v_s}{v}\right)$	$f' = f \frac{1}{1 \mp \frac{v_s}{v}}$	$-: s \rightarrow O$ $+: \leftarrow s O$
Moving observer Still source	changed	$\lambda' = \lambda$	$f' = f \left(1 \pm \frac{v_o}{v}\right)$	$+ s \leftarrow O$ $- s O \rightarrow$
Both moving			$f' = f \frac{v \pm v_o}{v \mp v_s}$	

$v'$  = relative velocity between sound waves and observer.

$v$  = absolute velocity of waves

$v_s$  = velocity of source

$v_o$  = velocity of observer

If  $v_o \ll v$  and  $v_s \ll v$  the two formulas (1) and (2) leads to approximately the same result.

(Math:  $\frac{1}{1 \mp x} \approx 1 \pm x$  if  $x \ll 1$ )

Light:  $c$  always constant, even if relative velocity!

$$\lambda' = \lambda \sqrt{\frac{1 + \frac{v}{c}}{1 - \frac{v}{c}}} \quad \text{with } v \text{ velocity of observer or source.}$$

$$\Delta f \approx \frac{v}{c} f \quad \text{if } v \ll c.$$

( $\Delta f > 0$  if coming closer,  $\Delta f < 0$  if coming farther)