

Assignment 2b revised to include the wording of the exercises
Due Tuesday, September 10, 2013

- On page 44 of Rigden do exercises 10 and 11.
 - 10. A sound source far removed from reflecting surfaces has an intensity measured to be 0.5 W/m^2 at a distance 20 m from the source. What would be the intensity of this sound if it were measured at a distance of
 - (a) 10 m from the source?
 - (b) 30 m from the source?
 - 11. A sound has an intensity of 10^{-5} W/m^2 . What is the SL of the sound?
- On page 56 of Rigden do exercise 2.
 - 2. Logarithms again. Suppose the intensity of a sound is $4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ W/m}^2$, what is the sound-intensity level?
$$\text{SL} = 10 \log [I/I_0] = 10 \log [(4 \times 10^{-6})/(1 \times 10^{-12})]$$
$$\text{SL} = 10 \log 4 \times 10^6 = 10 [\log 4 + \log 10^6] = 10 [0.602 + 6] = 10 [6.602]$$
$$\text{SL} = 66 \text{ dB}$$

Notice that the log of the product 4×10^6 is the sum of the log 4 (Table 3.2) and log 10^6 .

What is the SL of a sound having an intensity of $6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ W/m}^2$?