

## Musical Acoustics Homework Due January 26.

You may work together, but everyone should turn in a separate homework.

BULLETIN  
NWS PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING CENTER EWA BEACH HI  
1133 AM HST SAT FEB 27 2010  
TO - CIVIL DEFENSE IN THE STATE OF HAWAII  
SUBJECT - TSUNAMI WARNING SUPPLEMENT  
AN EARTHQUAKE HAS OCCURRED WITH THESE PRELIMINARY PARAMETERS  
ORIGIN TIME - 0834 PM HST FRI 26 FEB 2010  
COORDINATES - 36.1 SOUTH 72.6 WEST  
LOCATION - NEAR COAST OF CENTRAL CHILE  
MAGNITUDE - 8.8 MOMENT  
EVALUATION  
A TSUNAMI HAS BEEN GENERATED THAT COULD CAUSE DAMAGE ALONG COASTLINES OF ALL ISLANDS IN THE STATE OF HAWAII. URGENT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO PROTECT LIVES AND PROPERTY.  
A TSUNAMI IS A SERIES OF ... OCEAN WAVES. EACH INDIVIDUAL WAVE CREST CAN LAST 5 TO 15 MINUTES OR MORE AND EXTENSIVELY FLOOD COASTAL AREAS. ... TSUNAMI WAVES EFFICIENTLY WRAP AROUND ISLANDS.  
ALL SHORES ARE AT RISK NO MATTER WHICH DIRECTION THEY FACE. THE TROUGH OF A TSUNAMI WAVE MAY TEMPORARILY EXPOSE THE SEAFLOOR BUT THE AREA WILL QUICKLY FLOOD AGAIN. EXTREMELY STRONG AND UNUSUAL NEARSHORE CURRENTS CAN ACCOMPANY A TSUNAMI.  
THE ESTIMATED ARRIVAL TIME IN HAWAII OF THE FIRST TSUNAMI WAVE IS  
1105 AM HST SAT 27 FEB 2010  
MESSAGES WILL BE ISSUED HOURLY OR SOONER AS CONDITIONS WARRANT.

- 1 The warning states that tsunami waves efficiently wrap around islands. What can you say about the wavelength of a tsunami wave relative to the diameter of the islands? Explain your reasoning (with a picture, if helpful).
- 2 The island of Hawaii has a diameter of roughly 100 miles. What must the wavelength of the tsunami wave be, expressed as an inequality?
- 3 Based on the facts given above (including the bulletin), what is the approximate speed of propagation of a tsunami wave? You will need to look up the distance between Chile and Hawaii.

- 5 The largest tsunami ever recorded, over 500 meters high\*, occurred in Lituya Bay, Alaska when an earthquake caused a massive landslide into the bay. The bay is about 10 miles long and 2 miles wide, with a narrow opening to the sea. Why would these conditions lead to an unusually large tsunami? According to one survivor on a boat that rode out the quake, the wave may in the bay have been traveling up to 600 mph.

\* 520 meters - 1720 feet - was the "runup" onto the steep shoreline walls. The wave may have been 200 feet high in the center of the bay, it is estimated.