Question #78090, Physics / Other

A speaker (sound source) is located at the origin, one pickup microphone is located at distance D1 away and along the positive y-axis and a second pick up microphone is located a distance d=2.47m to the right of the first microphone at a distance D2 from the speaker. If a sound from the speaker reaches the second microphone 2.54 ms after it reaches the first microphone and the speed of sound is 343 m/s, determine the distance D1 and D2 to the microphone





1)

$$\frac{D_2}{v} - \frac{D_1}{v} = \frac{D_2 - D_1}{v} = t$$
$$D_2 - D_1 = vt$$

2)

$$D^{2} = D_{2}^{2} - D_{1}^{2} = (D_{2} - D_{1})(D_{2} + D_{1}) = vt(D_{2} + D_{1})$$
$$\frac{D^{2}}{vt} = D_{2} + D_{1} = D_{1} + vt + D_{1}$$
$$D_{1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{D^{2}}{vt} - vt \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2.47^{2}}{(343 \cdot 0.00254)} - (343 \cdot 0.00254) \right) = 3.07 m.$$
$$D_{2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{D^{2}}{vt} - vt \right) + vt = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{D^{2}}{vt} + vt \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2.47^{2}}{(343 \cdot 0.00254)} + (343 \cdot 0.00254) \right) = 3.94 m.$$

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