Wave Interference Whiteboard

Two small speakers *S* are positioned a distance of 0.75 m from each other, as shown in the diagram. The two speakers are each emitting a constant 2500 Hz tone, and the sound waves from the speakers are in phase with each other. A student is standing at point *P*, which is a distance of 5.0 m from the midpoint between the speakers, and hears a maximum as expected. Assume that reflections from nearby objects are negligible. Use 343 m/s for the speed of sound.



- (a) Calculate the wavelength of these sound waves.
- (b) The student moves a distance Y to point Q and notices that the sound intensity has decreased to a minimum. Calculate the shortest distance the student could have moved to hear this minimum.
- (c) Identify another location on the line that passes through P and Q where the student could stand in order to observe a minimum. Justify your answer.

i. How would your answer to (b) change if the two speakers were moved closer together? Justify your answer.

ii. How would your answer to (b) change if the frequency emitted by the two speakers was increased? Justify your answer.