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$$v = \lambda f = (2L)(f) = 2(0.327)(440) = 287.8\text{m/s}$$

[Ex. 11-13]  $v = \sqrt{F_T/\mu} \Rightarrow F_T = \mu v^2$

$$\mu = \frac{2.8 \times 10^{-4}\text{kg}}{0.327\text{m}} = 8.5627 \times 10^{-4}\text{kg/m}$$

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Now want

$$L_c = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_c$$

$$f_c = 523\text{ Hz}$$

$$v \text{ unchanged} = 287.8\text{ m/s}$$

$$v = \lambda_c f_c \Rightarrow \lambda_c = \frac{v}{f_c} = \frac{287.8\text{ m/s}}{523\text{ Hz}} = 0.5503\text{ m}$$

$$L_c = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_c = \boxed{0.275\text{ m}}$$

change is  $0.327 - 0.275 = \boxed{0.0518\text{ m}}$