

# Physics Problem Solving format

- ① List given info and  
unknown variables (with ?)

eg  $v = 3.00 \text{ m/s}$

①  $f = 60.0 \text{ Hz} = 60.0 \text{ s}^{-1}$

$\lambda = ?$

- ② Write the eqn in symbols

- ③ Rearrange the eqn to solve  
for the unknown.

②  $v = f\lambda$

③  $\lambda = \frac{v}{f}$

- ④ input values

- ⑤ calculate

- ⑥ State answer with  
correct sig figs + units

④  $\lambda = \frac{(3.00 \text{ m/s})}{60.0 \text{ s}^{-1}}$

- ⑦ Box answer

⑤⑥⑦  $\lambda = 5.00 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$