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**LABORATORY MANUAL**

**B.Sc. FIRST SEMESTER**

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**Estimation of Errors**

**Aim:** Estimate Average deviation, Standard deviation and Probable error in the experimental determination of physical quantities like diameter, in addition, fit the acceleration due to gravity data to a straight-line graph from a least square fit method.

**Theory:**

**Errors:** There is some error or the other in every measurement we make. The errors are of two kinds;

- a) Errors due to known causes (Systematic errors).
- b) Errors due to unknown causes (Random errors).
  - a) **Systematic errors:** Systematic errors are due to
    - i) The temperature of the measuring scale being different from that at which it was graduated.
    - ii) Radiation loss or gain in calorimeter measurement.
    - iii) Error in measuring time with a stop watch, the watch running either too slow or too fast.
  - b) **Random error:** If an observation is repeated a number of times by the same person under similar conditions, it's found that every time a different reading is obtained, even though the instrument used is very sensitive and accurate and the observer is an experienced one. These errors are not due to any definite cause. We, therefore, cannot depend upon a single observation. The precision with which a physical quantity is measured depends inversely upon the deviation or dispersion of the set of measured values ( $X_i$ ) about their mean value ( $\bar{X}$ ). If the values are widely dispersed or the observed values have a large deviation from the true value, the precision is said to be low.

$$\text{The deviation } \delta_i = X_i - \bar{X}$$

**Average Deviation:** The average value of the deviation of all the individual measurements from the arithmetic mean is known as average deviation.

**Standard deviation:** The square root of the mean square deviation for an infinite set of measurements is known as standard deviation and is denoted by  $\sigma$ .

**Standard error:** The quantity  $(\sigma/\sqrt{n})$  is known as standard error is denoted by  $\sigma_m$

**Probable error:** The probable error is a quantity 'e' such that it is an even chance whether true value of the quantity measured differs from the mean value by an amount greater or less than 'e'

## OBSERVATIONS AND CALCULATIONS:

A. Estimation of error in the measurement of diameter of the given wire using given Screw Gauge data:

Least count of the screw gauge = 0.01 mm

Zero Error = -5

Tabular column-3:

S.NO	Pitch scale reading (PSR) (mm)	Head scale reading (HSR)	$T.R = PSR + (HSR \pm ZE)LC$ $X_i$	Deviation $\delta_i = X_i - \bar{X}$	$\delta_i^2$
1	2	41	$X_1 =$	$\delta_1 =$	$\delta_1^2 =$
2	2	39	$X_2 =$	$\delta_2 =$	$\delta_2^2 =$
3	2	40	$X_3 =$	$\delta_3 =$	$\delta_3^2 =$
4	2	41	$X_4 =$	$\delta_4 =$	$\delta_4^2 =$
5	2	42	$X_5 =$	$\delta_5 =$	$\delta_5^2 =$
6	2	39	$X_6 =$	$\delta_6 =$	$\delta_6^2 =$
7	2	38	$X_7 =$	$\delta_7 =$	$\delta_7^2 =$
8	2	40	$X_8 =$	$\delta_8 =$	$\delta_8^2 =$
9	2	42	$X_9 =$	$\delta_9 =$	$\delta_9^2 =$
10	2	41	$X_{10} =$	$\delta_{10} =$	$\delta_{10}^2 =$
Mean $\bar{X} = \frac{\sum x_i}{n}$					$\sum \delta_i^2$

Standard deviation

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum \delta_i^2}{n-1}}$$

Standard error

$$\sigma_m = \sqrt{\frac{\sum \delta_i^2}{n(n-1)}}$$

Probable error

$$e = \pm 0.6745 \sqrt{\frac{\sum \delta_i^2}{n(n-1)}}$$

**B. Estimation of errors in the measurement of Diameter of Bob.**

Least count of the Vernier Calipers:

Total number of observations = n = 10

**Tabular Column-1:**

S.No	Main scale reading (MSR)	Coinciding Vernier Division (CVD)	Diameter of Bob Total reading $X_i = \text{MSR} + (\text{CVD} \times \text{LC})$	Deviation $\delta_i = X_i - \bar{X}$	$\delta_i^2$
1			$X_1 =$	$\delta_1 =$	$\delta_1^2 =$
2			$X_2 =$	$\delta_2 =$	$\delta_2^2 =$
3			$X_3 =$	$\delta_3 =$	$\delta_3^2 =$
4			$X_4 =$	$\delta_4 =$	$\delta_4^2 =$
5			$X_5 =$	$\delta_5 =$	$\delta_5^2 =$
6			$X_6 =$	$\delta_6 =$	$\delta_6^2 =$
7			$X_7 =$	$\delta_7 =$	$\delta_7^2 =$
8			$X_8 =$	$\delta_8 =$	$\delta_8^2 =$
9			$X_9 =$	$\delta_9 =$	$\delta_9^2 =$
10			$X_{10} =$	$\delta_{10} =$	$\delta_{10}^2 =$
				Mean $\bar{X} = \frac{\sum x_i}{n}$	$\sum \delta_i^2$

**Standard deviation**

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum \delta_i^2}{n - 1}}$$

**Standard error**

$$\sigma_m = \sqrt{\frac{\sum \delta_i^2}{n(n - 1)}}$$

**Probable error**

$$e = \pm 0.6745 \sqrt{\frac{\sum \delta^2}{n(n-1)}}$$

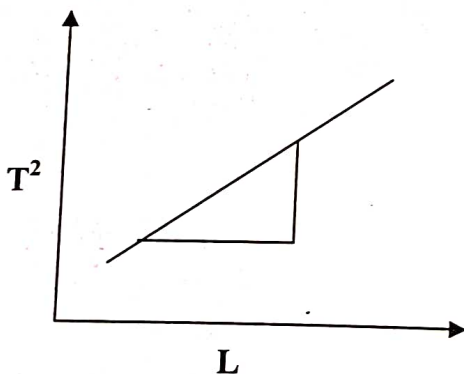
C. Estimation of error in the measurement of acceleration due to gravity using simple pendulum:

Experimental data for the determination for acceleration due gravity (g) by simple pendulum.

Tabular column-1:

No.	Length $L=l+r$ (in cm)	Time for 10 oscillations (in seconds)	Time period $T= t/10$ (in seconds)	$T^2$ (in seconds <sup>2</sup> )
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

Nature of Graph



$$g = \frac{4\pi^2}{\text{Slope}}$$

Acceleration due to gravity (from experimental data)  $g =$

Experimental data for the determination for acceleration due gravity (g) using simple pendulum plotting L vs T<sup>2</sup> graph by using least square fit method.

**Tabular column-3:**

Length 'L' (in cm) X <sub>i</sub>	T <sup>2</sup> (Y <sub>i</sub> )	X <sub>i</sub> Y <sub>i</sub>	X <sub>i</sub> <sup>2</sup>
X <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>1</sub>		X <sub>1</sub> <sup>2</sup>
X <sub>2</sub>	Y <sub>2</sub>		X <sub>2</sub> <sup>2</sup>
X <sub>3</sub>	Y <sub>3</sub>		X <sub>3</sub> <sup>2</sup>
X <sub>4</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>		X <sub>4</sub> <sup>2</sup>
X <sub>5</sub>	Y <sub>5</sub>		X <sub>5</sub> <sup>2</sup>
X <sub>6</sub>	Y <sub>6</sub>		X <sub>6</sub> <sup>2</sup>
X <sub>7</sub>	Y <sub>7</sub>		X <sub>7</sub> <sup>2</sup>
X <sub>8</sub>	Y <sub>8</sub>		X <sub>8</sub> <sup>2</sup>
X <sub>9</sub>	Y <sub>9</sub>		X <sub>9</sub> <sup>2</sup>
X <sub>10</sub>	Y <sub>10</sub>		X <sub>10</sub> <sup>2</sup>
Σ X <sub>i</sub> =	Σ Y <sub>i</sub> =	Σ X <sub>i</sub> Y <sub>i</sub>	Σ X <sub>i</sub> <sup>2</sup> =

No of observation(n)=

m= slope of the line.

$$m = \frac{n \sum X_i Y_i - \sum X_i \sum Y_i}{n \sum X_i^2 - (\sum X_i)^2}$$

b= intercept of the line

$$b = \frac{\sum Y_i - m \sum X_i}{n}$$

Length of the thread L in cm x <sub>i</sub>	Least square fit values of T <sup>2</sup> y <sub>i</sub> = mx <sub>i</sub> + b

Plot the Y<sub>i</sub> versus X<sub>i</sub> graph and find out the acceleration due to gravity.

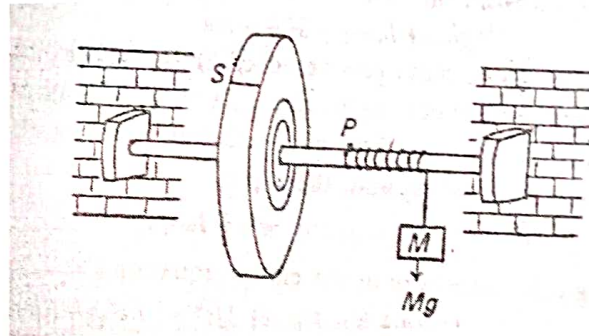
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FLY WHEEL

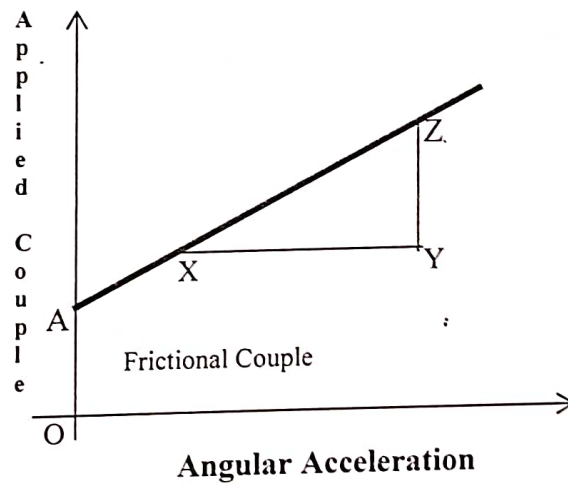
**AIM:** Determine the moment of inertia of the fly wheel from the graph of applied couple against angular acceleration. Calculate frictional couple.

**APPARATUS:** Fly Wheel, weight pan, weight Box, Stop watch, vernier calipers.

**Schematic Diagram:**



**NATURE OF THE GRAPH :**



**Formula:**

From the graph,  
Slope =  $ZY / XY = \text{M.I. (Moment of Inertia) of fly wheel}$   
= ...  $\text{Kgm}^2$

Intercept = Frictional Couple  
= OA  
= \_\_\_\_\_ Newton meter





## KATER'S PENDULUM

**AIM:** To determine the value of 'g' using a Kater's Pendulum (reversible pendulum).

**APPARATUS:** A Kater's Pendulum, knife edges, support stands, stop watch, measuring tape/scale.

### Theory:

Kater's pendulum, shown in Fig. 1, is a physical pendulum composed of a metal rod 1.20 m in length, upon which are mounted a sliding metal weight  $W_1$ , a sliding wooden weight  $W_2$ , a small sliding metal cylinder  $w$ , and two sliding knife edges  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  that face each other. Each of the sliding objects can be clamped in place on the rod. The pendulum can be suspended and set swinging by resting either knife edge on a flat, level surface. The wooden weight  $W_2$  is the same size and shape as the metal weight  $W_1$ . Its function is to provide as near equal air resistance to swinging as possible in either suspension, which happens if  $W_1$  and  $W_2$ , and separately  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ , are constrained to be equidistant from the ends of the metal rod. The centre of mass  $G$  can be located by balancing the pendulum on an external knife edge. Due to the difference in mass between the metal and wooden weights  $W_1$  and  $W_2$ ,  $G$  is not at the centre of the rod, and the distances  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  from  $G$  to the suspension points  $O_1$  and  $O_2$  at the knife edges  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are not equal. Fine adjustments in the position of  $G$ , and thus in  $h_1$  and  $h_2$ , can be made by moving the small metal cylinder  $w$ .

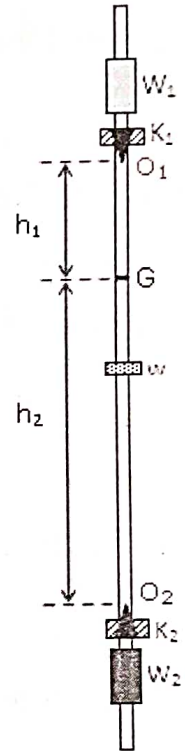


Figure 1

In Fig. 1, we consider the force of gravity to be acting at  $G$ . If  $h_i$  is the distance to  $G$  from the suspension point  $O_i$  at the knife edge  $K_i$ , the equation of motion of the

pendulum is

$$I_i \ddot{\theta} = -Mgh_i \sin \theta$$

where  $I_i$  is the moment of inertia of the pendulum about the suspension point  $O_i$ , and  $i$  can be 1 or 2. Comparing to the equation of motion for a simple pendulum

$$Ml_i^2 \ddot{\theta} = -Mgl_i \sin \theta$$

we see that the two equations of motion are the same if we take

$$Mgh_i / I_i = g / l_i \quad (1)$$

It is convenient to define the radius of gyration of a compound pendulum such that if all its mass  $M$  were at a distance from  $O_i$ , the moment of inertia about  $O_i$  would be  $I_i$ , which we do by writing

$$I_i = Mk_i^2$$

Inserting this definition into equation (1) shows that

$$k_i^2 = h_i l_i \quad (2)$$

If  $I_G$  is the moment of inertia of the pendulum about its centre of mass  $G$ , we can also define the radius of gyration about the centre of mass by writing

$$I_G = Mk_G^2$$

The parallel axis theorem gives us

$$k_i^2 = h_i^2 + k_G^2$$

so that, using (2), we have

$$l_i = \frac{h_i^2 + k_G^2}{h_i}$$

The period of the pendulum from either suspension point is then

$$T_i = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l_i}{g}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{h_i^2 + k_G^2}{gh_i}} \quad (3)$$

Squaring (3), one can show that

$$h_1 T_1^2 - h_2 T_2^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{g} (h_1^2 - h_2^2)$$

and in turn,

$$\frac{4\pi^2}{g} = \frac{h_1 T_1^2 - h_2 T_2^2}{(h_1 + h_2)(h_1 - h_2)} = \frac{T_1^2 + T_2^2}{2(h_1 + h_2)} + \frac{T_1^2 - T_2^2}{2(h_1 - h_2)}$$

which allows us to calculate g,

$$g = 8\pi^2 \left[ \frac{T_1^2 + T_2^2}{h_1 + h_2} + \frac{T_1^2 - T_2^2}{h_1 - h_2} \right]^{-1}$$

$$g = \frac{8\pi^2}{\frac{T_1^2 + T_2^2}{h_1 + h_2} + \frac{T_1^2 - T_2^2}{h_1 - h_2}} \quad \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

### Procedure:

1. The knife edges must be fixed at the same height so as to make sure the mass of the pendulum will be distributed evenly over both bearing points. Make sure that the table and the stage supporting the knife edges do not move with the pendulum. The geometrical length of the rod used as reversible pendulum is 75 cm to which the bearing can be screwed at a desired position. The time period T of the pendulum is determined for small oscillating amplitudes.
2. In this experiment in order to find g, first we need to determine the height of the sleeve W1 and W2 from the center of gravity.



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**Parallel Axes Theorem Of Moment of Inertia**

**Aim:** To verify Parallel Axes Theorem Of Moment of Inertia using bar pendulum.

**Apparatus:** Bar pendulum, Knife Edge, Telescope, wax, pin Clock, Thread, Scale.

**Formula:**

**(I) Moment of Inertia (M.I) of Rectangular body about an axis parallel to the axis passing through C.G is  $I = I_{CG} + ML^2$**

where  $I = MgLT^2/(4\pi^2)$

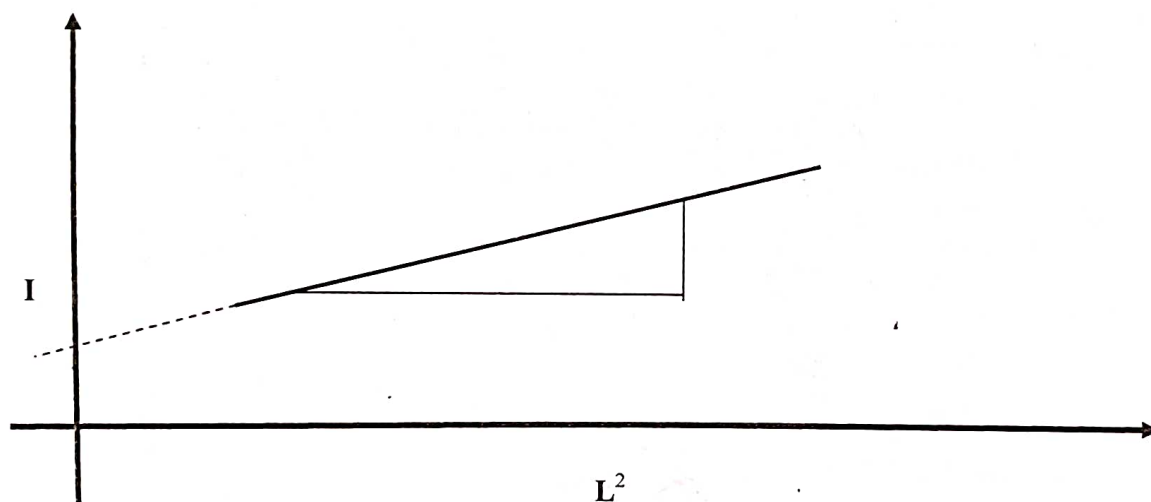
$I_{CG}$  = M.I of rectangular body about CG

M = Mass of the bar( rectangular body)

L = distance between two parallel axes

( or distance of the hole from CG)

Nature of the graph:



**Observations:**

- 1) Mass of the bar Pendulum=      kg
- 2) Total Length of the bar pendulum= X=      m
- 3) Breadth of the bar, pendulum = Y=      m

**Tabular Column:**

Sl. No.	Distance of the hole from CG L	Time for 20 oscillations t in s		Time period $T=t/20$ s	$L^2$	$LT^2$	M.I I
		i	ii				
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							

Theoretical calculation of  $I_{CG}$  :

$$I_{CG} = M(X^2 + Y^2) / 12$$

Result:  $I_{CG}$  ( from graph ) = ----- kg m<sup>2</sup>

$I_{CG}$  ( from formula ) = ----- kg m<sup>2</sup>

## YOUNG'S MODULUS USING CANTILEVER

**AIM:** Determine Young's modulus of given material with the cantilever beam arrangement.

**APPARATUS:** Travelling Microscope, Wooden/steel/plastic scales, Weight box and Screw Gauge.

### INTRODUCTION:

#### Young's modulus:

It is defined as the ratio of stress to longitudinal strain within elastic limit. The longitudinal strain is measured by observing the change in length per unit length. If 'L' is the length of a wire and an increase in length 'l' produced by a force F, then,

$$\text{Strain} = (l/L) \text{ and Youngs modulus} = Y = (\text{Stress/ Strain}) = (F/a) \times (L/l)$$

Young's modulus can be used to predict elongation or compression of an object as long as the stress is less than the yield strength of the material.

**Cantilever:** It is a beam fixed horizontally at one end and loaded at the other.

### FORMULA:

$$\text{Young's Modulus} = Y = \frac{4gl^3}{bd^3} \times \left(\frac{m}{e}\right) \quad (\text{N/m}^2)$$

Where 'g' is the acceleration due to gravity, 'l' is the length of the cantilever, 'b' is the width of the Wooden/steel/plastic scales, 'd' is the thickness of the Wooden/steel/plastic scales, 'm' is the mass suspended and 'e' is the depression.

### OBSERVATIONS:

1. Thickness of the Steel scale =  $d_s$  = .....cm. = .....meters
2. Width of the Steel scale =  $b_s$  = .....cm. = .....meters

### TABULAR COLUMN:

#### For Steel Scale:

Projected Length = l = .....cm. = ..... meters.

Least count of the given Travelling Microscope = ..... cm.

S.No.	Mass suspended (kg) 'm'	Microscope Reading		Mean Reading (cm)	Depression 'e' in meters
		Load increasing(cm)	Load decreasing(cm)		
				a <sub>0</sub>	
1				a <sub>1</sub>	a <sub>0</sub> - a <sub>1</sub>
2				a <sub>2</sub>	a <sub>0</sub> - a <sub>2</sub>
3				a <sub>3</sub>	a <sub>0</sub> - a <sub>3</sub>
4				a <sub>4</sub>	a <sub>0</sub> - a <sub>4</sub>
5				a <sub>5</sub>	a <sub>0</sub> - a <sub>5</sub>
6					

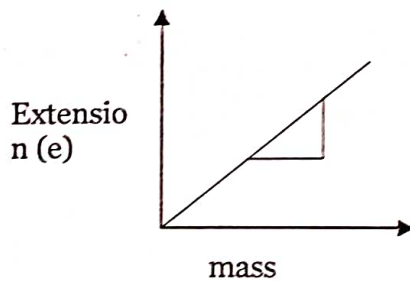
**GRAPH:** Plot 'e' versus 'm' graph and find the slope of the graph.

$$\text{Slope} = (e/m) = \dots\dots\dots \text{m/kg}$$

**CALCULATIONS:**

$$\text{Young's Modulus} = Y = \frac{4gl^3}{bd^3} \times \left( \frac{1}{\text{slope}} \right)$$

**NATURE OF THE GRAPH:**



Result: The Young's modulus of given material is =



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**MAXWELL'S NEEDLE**

**AIM:** Determine the modulus of rigidity of the material of the given wire using Maxwell's Needle. Take at least three lengths of the wire.

**APPARATUS:** Maxwell's Needle, wire, fixed support with torsion head, lamp and scale arrangement, stopwatch (stop clock), micrometer screw, balance, and meter rod.

**THEORY:** Maxwell's needle consists of a hollow cylindrical tube in which two hollow and two solid cylinders of the same diameter and equal length can be fitted. The needle is suspended from a rigid support by the given wire. If  $T_1$  is the period of torsional oscillations when the solid cylinders are at the end (system I),  $C$  is the couple per unit twist of the wire, then

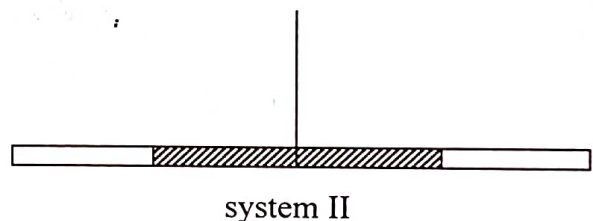
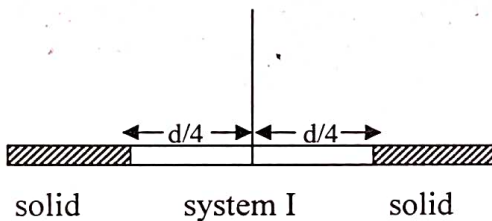
$$T_1 = 2\pi \sqrt{I_1/C} \quad (1)$$

where  $I_1 =$  M.I of system - I about wire.

Similarly if  $T_2$  is the period of torsional oscillations when solid cylinders are at the center (system II).

$$T_2 = 2\pi \sqrt{I_2/C} \quad \dots\dots(2)$$

where  $I_2/C =$  M.I of system - II about wire



$$\text{From (1) and (2) } T_1^2 - T_2^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{C} (I_1 - I_2) \quad \dots\dots(3)$$

$$\text{Now } I_1 = I_0 + 2m_2 \left[ \frac{d}{8} \right]^2 + 2m_1 \left[ \frac{3d}{8} \right]^2$$

$$I_2 = I_0 + 2m_2 \left[ \frac{3d}{8} \right]^2 + 2m_1 \left[ \frac{d}{8} \right]^2$$

where  $I_0 =$  M.I of the needle about the wire  
 $m_1 =$  Mass of either solid cylinder  
 $m_2 =$  Mass of either hollow cylinder  
 $d =$  Length of the needle

$$\text{Hence } I_1 - I_2 = \frac{d^2}{4} (m_1 - m_2) \quad \dots\dots(4)$$



N o. of ob s	Length of Wire L meter	Time for 10 oscillations when solid cylinders are at end (secs)				Period $T_1$ secs	Time for 10 oscillations when solid cylinders are at the centre (secs)				Period $T_2$ secs	$\frac{L}{T_1^2 - T_2^2}$
		I	II	III	Mean		I	II	III	Mean		
1												
2												
3												

Mean =

**CALCULATIONS:** Modulus of rigidity

$$n = \frac{2\pi I m d^2}{r^4} \left\{ \frac{L}{T_1^2 - T_2^2} \right\}$$

## Poisson's Ratio

Determination of Different Coefficient of Elasticity and Poisson's Ratio using Searle's Apparatus.

**Aim:** To determine the Young's Modulus, Bulk Modulus and Modulus of Rigidity of wire, and hence the Poisson's Ratio using Searle's Apparatus.

**Apparatus:** Searle's apparatus, rectangular bar, wire, thread, candle, match box, stop watch etc.

**Formula:**

$$\text{Young's Modulus: } Y = \frac{8 \pi l l}{T_1^2 r^4}$$

$$\text{Modulus of Rigidity: } \eta = \frac{8 \pi l l}{T_2^2 r^4}$$

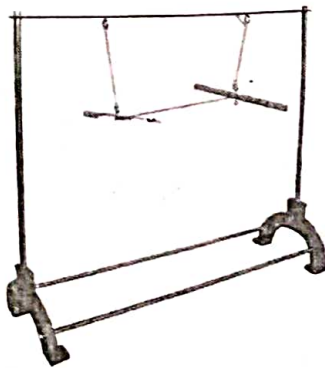
$$\text{Poisson's ratio: } \sigma = \frac{T_2^2}{2T_1^2} - 1$$

$$\text{Bulk Modulus: } K = \frac{Y}{3(1-2\sigma)}$$

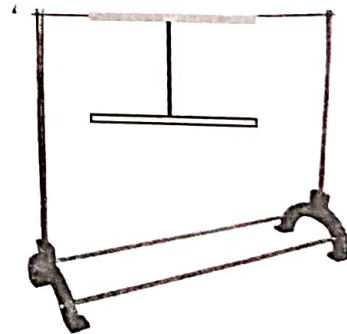
$$\text{Moment of inertia: } I = M \left( \frac{L^2 + b^2}{12} \right)$$

where  $l$ : length of the wire,  $r$  is radius of the wire,  $M$  is mass of the bar,  $b$  is breadth of the bar,  $L$  is length of the bar,  $T_1$  time period for horizontal configuration and  $T_2$  time period for vertical configuration.

**Experimental Arrangement**



Horizontal Configuration of wire



Vertical Configuration of wire

**Observations:**

Mass of the bar  $M =$  gm = kg

Length of the bar  $L =$  cm = m

Breadth of the Bar (b)

i)      ii)      iii)      mean  $b =$  cm = m

Radius of the wire (r)

i)      ii)      iii)      mean diameter  $d =$  mm = m

Radius of wire  $r = d/2 =$  mm = m

**Tabular Column**

Configuration	Time for 10 oscillation t (s)					Time Period T $T = t/10$ (s)
	t1	t2	t3	t4	Mean t (s)	
Horizontal						$T_1 =$
Vertical						$T_2 =$

**Calculation:**

Moment of inertia:  $I = M \left( \frac{L^2 + b^2}{12} \right)$

Young's Modulus:  $Y = \frac{8 \pi l l}{T_1^2 r^4}$

Modulus of Rigidity:  $\eta = \frac{8 \pi l l}{T_2^2 r^4}$

Poisson's ratio:  $\sigma = \frac{T_2^2}{2T_1^2} - 1$

Bulk Modulus:  $K = \frac{Y}{3(1-2\sigma)}$

**Result:**

Young's Modulus of wire = .....  $\text{N/m}^2$

Modulus of Rigidity of wire = .....  $\text{N/m}^2$

Bulk Modulus of wire = .....  $\text{N/m}^2$

Poisson's ratio of wire =

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Bifilar Suspension

**Aim:** To determine the moment of inertia of the regular object ( Rectangular object ) by bifilar suspension method. Compare the experimentally determined value of M.I with theoretical value.

**Apparatus:** Wooden block (Regular shaped object), Frame, Thread, Timer, telescope, scale, caliper etc.

Formula:

$$I = \frac{Mgd d'}{4\pi^2} (T^2/l) \quad \text{kg-m}^2$$

where

M= mass of the regular body

g = Acceleration due to gravity

d =(Separation between points of suspension )/2= AB/2

d'=(Distance between hooks on regular body)/2 = CD/2

T=Time period

l = length of the thread =AC=BD

Theoretical Formula for M.I:

$$I = M (L^2+B^2) / 12$$

where

M= mass of the regular object( Rectangular block)

L = Length of the block

B = Breadth of the block

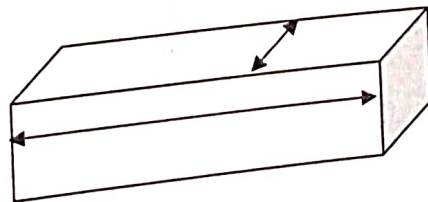
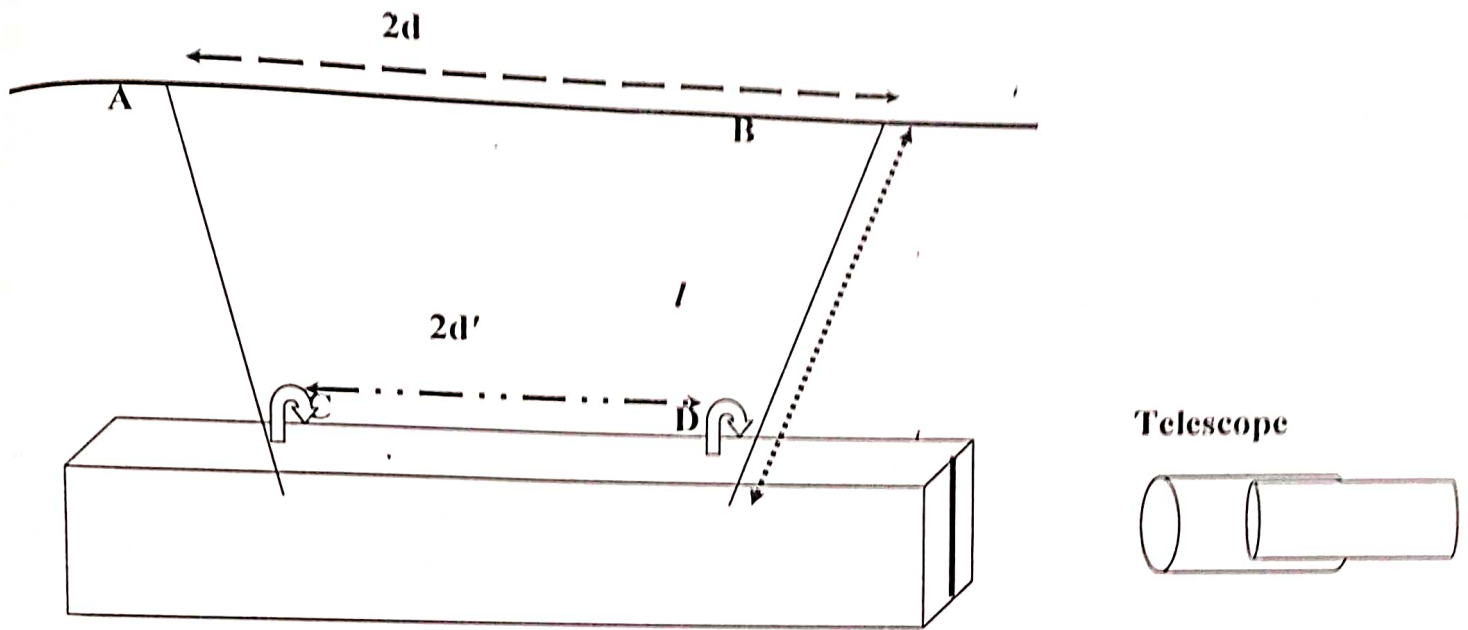


Diagram:



Observations:

- 1) Mass of the regular object =  $M =$       kg
- 2) Length of the object =  $L =$       m
- 3) Breadth of the object =  $B =$       m

Tri al No.	Lengt h l (m)	AB=2 d	d m	CD=2 d'	d' m	Time for 30 Oscillations				Time Period s	Momet of inertia <b>I</b> Kg-m <sup>2</sup>
						I s	Ii s	Ii s	Mean t in s		
1											
2											
3											
4											
5											
6											

Average I =

Result:

Measured Moment of inertia of given regular object about vertical axis	=	kg-m <sup>2</sup>
Theoretically calculated M.I of given regular object about same vertical axis	=	kg-m <sup>2</sup>



## Volume Resonator

**Aim:** Obtain experimentally the volume of air in resonator that would resonate with each of the five tuning forks of frequency  $N$ . Plot a graph of  $V$  vs  $1/N^2$  and hence determine the frequency of the unknown tuning fork, the neck correction and natural frequency of the resonator

**Apparatus:** Resonator filled with water on stand, tuning forks, pinchcock, rubber pad and measuring cylinder

**Theory:** As the water flows out of the resonator, the volume of the air inside it increases. The air in the neck moves back and forth like a piston when the vibrating tuning fork is held over the mouth of the resonator. For a certain volume of air in a resonator, a loud sound is heard indicating that the air inside resonates. The frequency of vibration of air-piston in the neck equal to the frequency of the tuning fork is given by

$$N = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma p a^2}{m v}}$$

where  $\gamma = \frac{c_p}{c_v}$   $p$  is pressure inside,  $a$  is area of cross section of the neck  $v$  is volume of air in the resonator and  $m$  is mass of the air in the neck.

Since velocity of sound  $v = \sqrt{\frac{rP}{\rho}}$        $rP = v^2 \rho$

Hence  $N = \frac{1}{2\pi} v \sqrt{\frac{a}{lV}}$       and       $N^2 V = \frac{v^2 a}{4\pi^2 l} = \text{constant}$

$l$  is length of the neck and  $\rho$  is density of air

However the relation experimentally found is  
 $N^2 = (V + v_0) = \text{constant}$   $v_0$  is called neck correction.

**Procedure:**

1. Fill the resonator to the base of the neck. Arrange the given forks in descending order of the frequency
2. Set the tuning fork of the highest frequency into vibration and hold it just above the mouth of the resonator. Allow the water to flow out at slow rate till a sound heard. Measure the volume of the collected water with the help of measuring cylinder. Repeat this three times and find the mean volume of the resonating air.
3. Repeat the above process for the remaining four forks and also for the unknown fork.
4. Plot the graph of  $V$  vs  $1/N^2$  and from the graph calculate the neck correction, frequency of the unknown tuning fork and the natural frequency of the resonator.

**Observations:**Volume of the bottle  $V_r = \dots\dots\dots \text{cc}$ 

No. of Observations.	Frequency of the fork $N$	Volume of the water collected out from the Volume resonator $V$ in cc	Mean $V$	$1/N^2$
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6	Unknown			

 $V_x$

## Frequency of A.C. by Sonometer

**Aim:** To determine the frequency of AC source using Sonometer

**Apparatus:** Sonometer strong magnets, AC ammeter, rheostat, plug key, wire etc.

### Principle:

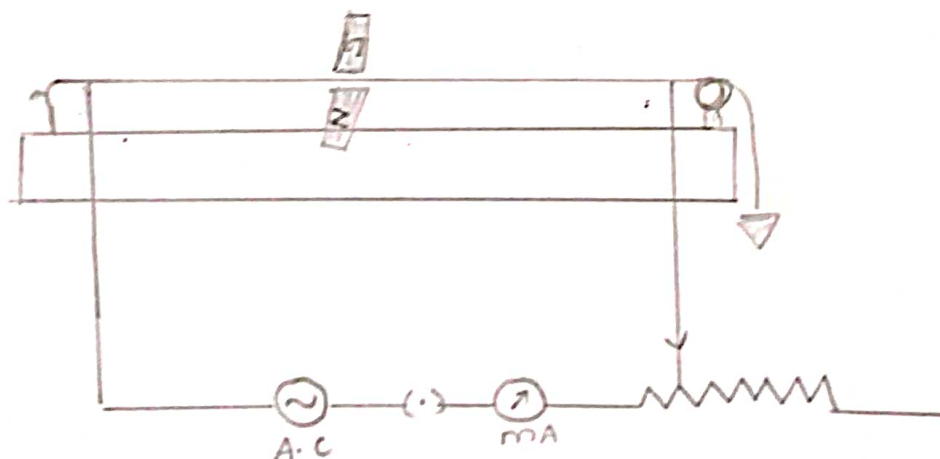
The frequency of vibrating string is given by

$$n = \frac{1}{2l} \sqrt{\frac{T}{m}} \text{ Hz}$$

where  $l$  is vibrating length  $T$  is Tension and  $M$  is mass per unit length of the string

**Principle:** The AC from 6 V transformer is passed through the sonometer wire with rheostat and AC ammeter in series as shown in figure. Two strong magnets with N and S poles symmetrically placed on the two sides of the wire are arranged to produce magnetic field perpendicular to the direction of the current. The wire will experience a force perpendicular to the plane of paper. Setting the wire to vibrate with the frequency of AC, the wedges are adjusted till the amplitude of vibration is maximum. The frequency of vibration of the wire will then be equal to the frequency of AC.

### Circuit Diagram:



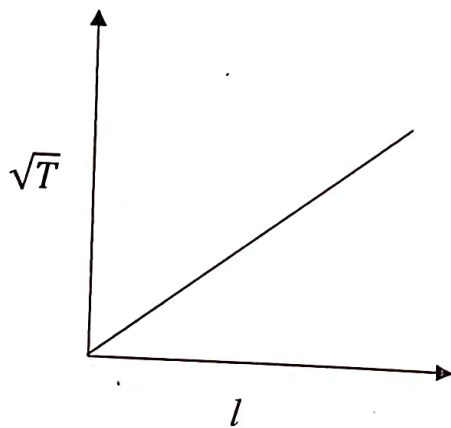
**Observation:**

1. Mass per unit length ( $m$ ) = .....kg/m
2. Mass of the pan ( $M_0$ ) = .....gm = .....kg

**Tabular Column:**

No. Observation	Load applied $M = M_0 + M'$ (kg)	Tension $T = M \times g$ (N)	Length of the vibrating loop $l$ (m)	$\sqrt{\frac{T}{l}}$	Frequency of AC $n = \frac{1}{2l} \sqrt{\frac{T}{m}}$

**Graph:**



From the graph obtain slope

$$n = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{m}} \times \text{slope}$$

**Procedure:**

1. Make the electrical connections shown in the circuit diagram. Keep N and S poles of two magnets close but symmetrically with respect to the wire.
2. For weights 5 gm, 10gm, 15 gm and so on in the pan, adjust the wedges such that a loop of maximum amplitude is observed. Note the distance ( $l$ ) between the wedges in each case. Calculate  $T=Mg$  in each case.
3. Calculate the frequency  $n$  in each case using the formula
4. Plot the graph and determine slope. Using slope determine the frequency.