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# Two Approximation Methods on the Period of Compound Pendulum with Liquid Damping

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# INTRODUCTION

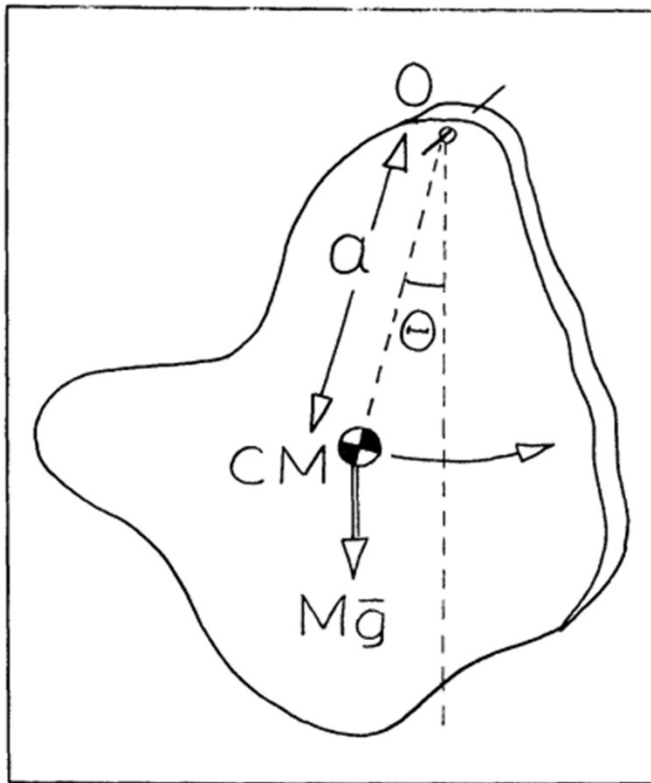


Fig. 1. For an extended object of moment of inertia  $I = M(a^2 + k^2)$  about the pivot O, the period of small oscillation depends only on the distance  $a$  from the pivot to the center of mass, and the gyradius  $k$ .

Fig 1.

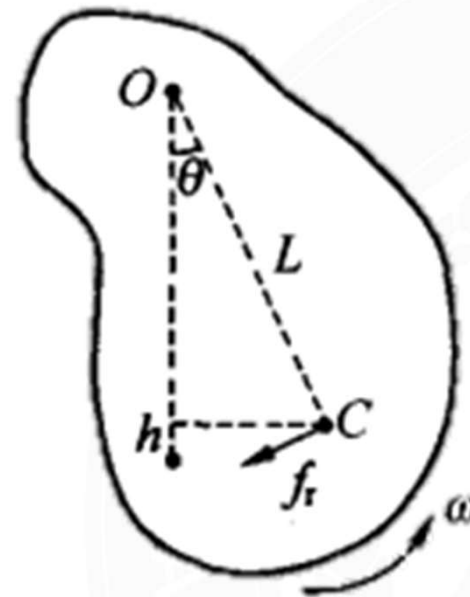


Fig 2.

← **Compound Pendulum**

# INTRODUCTION



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Instead...

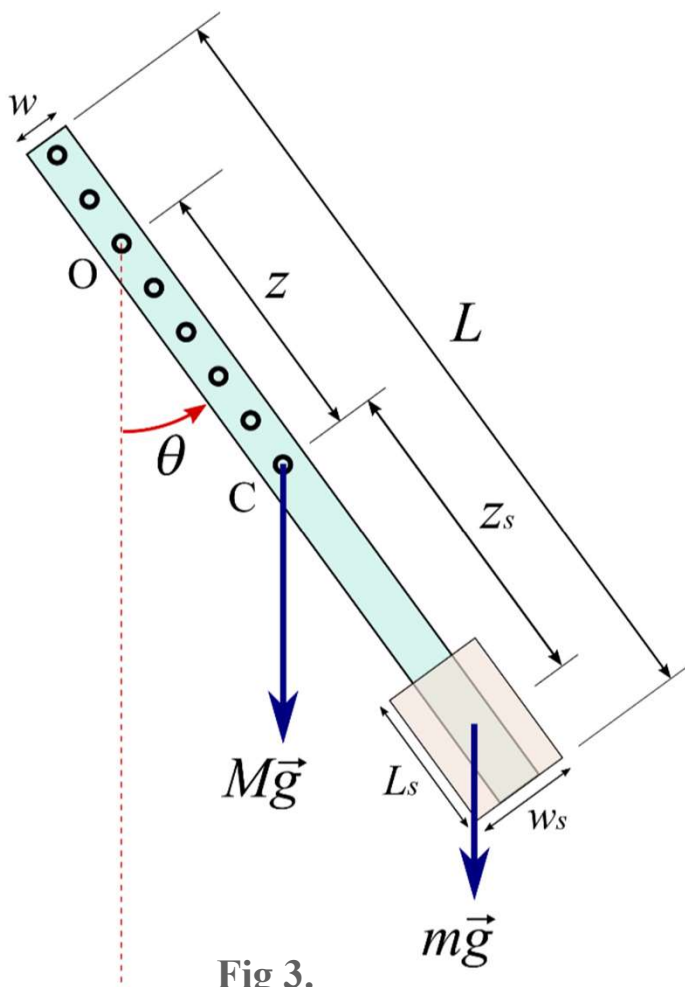


Fig 3.



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**Previous topic:** The Effects on the period ...

**Current topic:** Two Approximation Methods...

时,常采用 2 种简化模型<sup>[3-5]</sup>,一是假设振动物体所受的阻力与物体的速度成正比,另一种是假设阻力与速度的平方成正比. 本文分别采用 2 种空气阻力模型,推导出考虑空气阻力时复摆的振动周期公式,并结合实验测量结果,分析比较 2 种情况下空气的阻力对复摆周期的影响.

Fig 4. (air friction)

# ADJUSTMENTS



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## Reasons:

- Easy to **determine variables**
  - --viscous constant / inertia / length ...
- Hard to find **accurate period**
  - **Nonlinear motion** under friction and driving conditions [1]



# ADJUSTMENTS



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Methods:<sup>[2]</sup>

- $f \propto v$
- $f \propto v^2$

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From analogue ***Newton's II Law of motion*** in rotation:

$$m \rightarrow I, a \rightarrow \alpha, F \rightarrow M$$

$$ma = \sum F \rightarrow I\alpha = \sum M$$

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# RESEARCH PROGRESS



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$$I\ddot{\theta} = F \cdot d$$

## Force list:

1. Weight
2. Buoyance
3. Viscous force

$$W = mg$$

$$F_{up} = \rho_w g V$$

$$f = kv \text{ and } f = kv^2$$

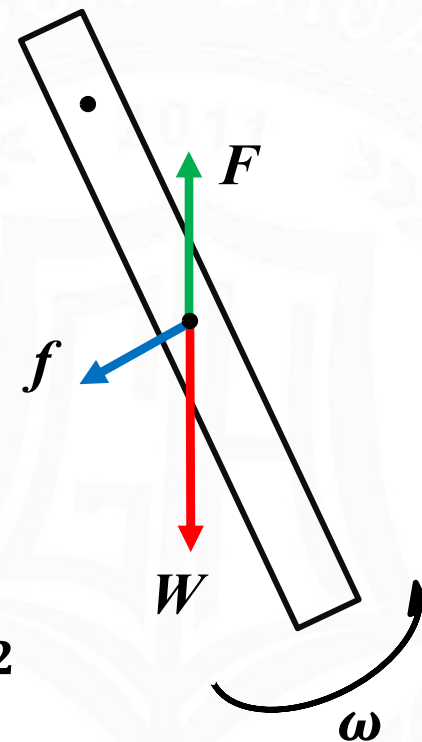


Fig 5.

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$$I\ddot{\theta} = WR - fR - FR$$

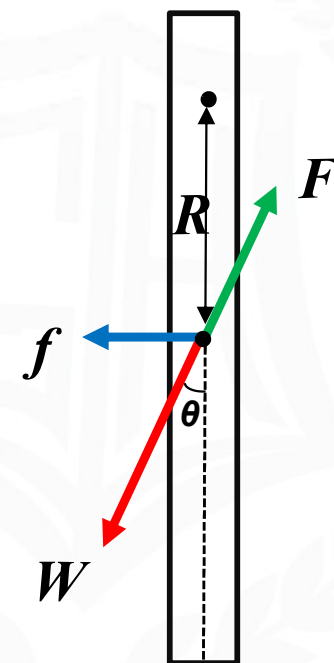
$$1. f = kR\omega = kR\dot{\theta}$$

$$I\ddot{\theta} = (m - \rho V)gR\theta - kR^2\dot{\theta}$$

$$\text{For } \theta \ll 5, \sin \theta \approx \theta_{[3]}$$

里,  $\omega_0 = 0.7$ 。显然, 当幅角较小时, 两者的振动周期、振幅都比较接近, 当幅角更小时, 复摆的振动可看作简谐振动。而实际的复摆, 幅角小于  $5^\circ$  的

Fig 6.



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Homogeneous second-order  
linear ordinary differential equation<sup>[4]</sup>

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$$\theta = ce^{-\frac{kR^2}{I}t} \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{\frac{4(mg - \rho gV)R}{I} - \frac{k^2 R^4}{I^2}}}{2} t\right)$$

$$\omega = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{4(mg - \rho gV)R}{I} - \frac{k^2 R^4}{I^2}}}{2}$$

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$$I\ddot{\theta} = WR - fR - FR$$

$$2. f = kR^2\omega^2 = kR^2\dot{\theta}^2$$

$$\ddot{\theta} + \frac{kR^3}{I}\dot{\theta}^2 - \frac{(m - \rho V)gR}{I}\theta = 0$$

$$\text{Let } x = \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt}\right)^2 = \dot{\theta}^2, \text{ so } \ddot{\theta} = \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = \frac{dx}{d\theta} = \dot{x}$$



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$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I^2}{IR(m - \rho V)g - 1/4(k^2 R^4)}}$$

$$f = kv$$

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I^2 - 2kR^3\theta(I - kR^3)}{gR(m - \rho V)(I - 2kR^3\theta)}}$$

$$f = kv^2$$

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# PROBLEMS & SOLUTIONS



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**Big** angles?    **Small** angles?  
**Directly** proportional?    **Squared** proportional?

- Small angles can occur in air damping<sup>[2]</sup>
- Same in liquid? **Bigger damping force**

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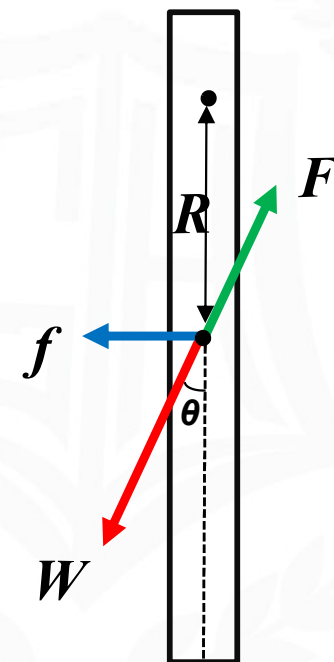
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## A **ROUGH** EXPERIMENT

- Does not need to verify the formula's correctness
- Does need to verify **small angle is observable**

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Fig 7.

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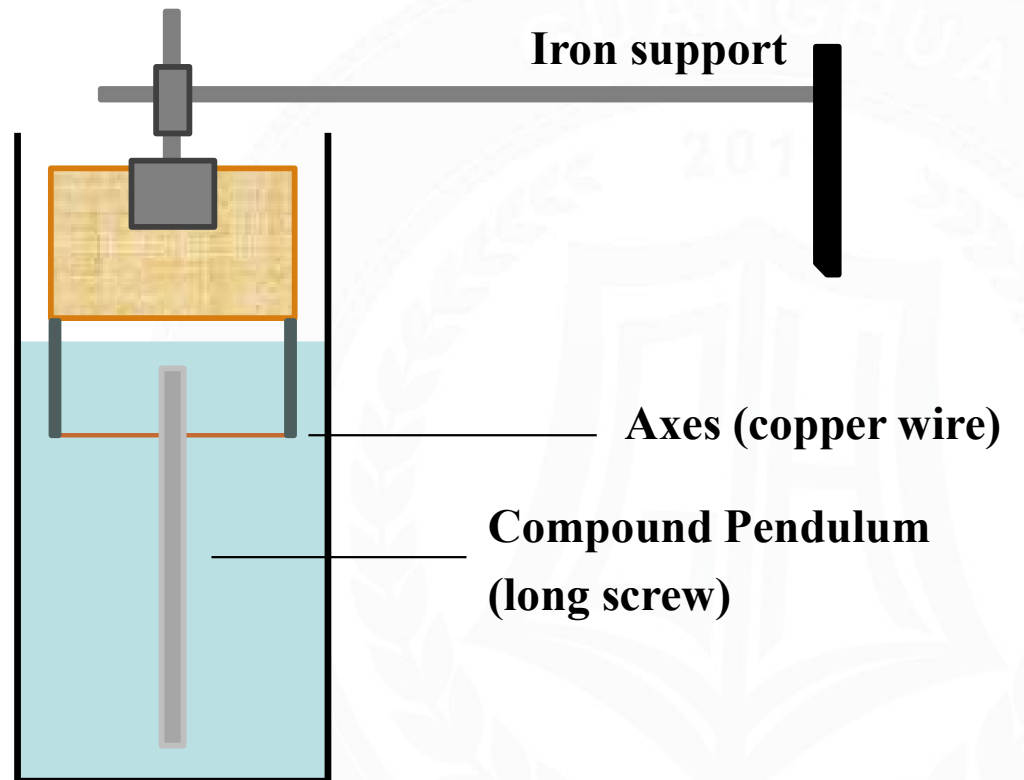


Fig 8.



# PROBLEMS & SOLUTIONS

## Data Collection

- ☐ Use phone camera – slow motion mode
- ☐ Did it for four times
- ☐ Use frame counter to calculate time in tiny units
  - ☐ 1 frame = 1 / 240 second
- ☐ Sum up and calculate average value



# PROBLEMS & SOLUTIONS

## Conclusion:

CAN swing **FOR A LONG TIME** (~40s, at least 60 periods

directly by eyes)

under **SMALL ANGLE**  
**CONDITION & LIQUID**  
**DAMPING**

| No. | Frame/f | 10T/s | T/s   |
|-----|---------|-------|-------|
| 1   | 740     | 6.167 | 0.614 |
| 2   | 736     | 6.133 |       |
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Data Table





# PROBLEMS & SOLUTIONS

$$k = \frac{1}{2}c\rho A = 1.17 \times 1.431 \times 10^{-3} \times 1000 \times 0.5 = 0.837 \text{ kg s}^{-1}$$

$$I = 5.934 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg m}^2 \quad W - F = 304.11 \text{ mN} \quad R = 25.7 \text{ mm}$$

## Measured Results:

Period  $\approx$  **0.614** seconds

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## Theoretical Results:

1.  $f \propto v$ ,  $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I^2}{IR(m-\rho V)g-1/4(k^2 R^4)}}$ , Period  $\approx$  **0.579** seconds  $\delta \approx -5.7\%$

2.  $f \propto v^2$ ,  $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I^2 - 2kR^3\theta(I - kR^3)}{gR(m-\rho V)(I - 2kR^3\theta)}}$ , Period  $\approx$  **0.551** seconds  $\delta \approx -10.3\%$

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## WHY?

1. More **friction** than ideal –not only liquid damping
2. Did **not fixed** axes and pendulum
3. Measuring **uncertainty** –especially  **$k$**

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# WORK PLAN



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Do ACCURATE EXPERIMENTs

- ✓ **Design.** –3D printer, a model of pendulum.
- ✓ **Produce.** –Prepare a list of buying.
- ✓ **Write.** –Start writing the report.



# REFERENCES

**[1]** 复摆运动状态的研究

Study on the motion behaviors of the compound pendulum

**[2]** 空气阻力对复摆振动周期的影响

Influence of air resistance on vibration period of compound pendulum

**[3]** 任意摆角的复摆振动规律研究

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**[4]**

[https://math.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Calculus/Calculus\\_\(OpenStax\)/17%3A\\_A\\_Second-Order\\_Differential\\_Equations/17.01%3A\\_A\\_Second-Order\\_Linear\\_Equations#mjax-eqn-super](https://math.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Calculus/Calculus_(OpenStax)/17%3A_A_Second-Order_Differential_Equations/17.01%3A_A_Second-Order_Linear_Equations#mjax-eqn-super)

**Fig 1.** Practical Applications of the Compound Pendulum

**Fig 2.** 空气阻力对复摆振动周期的影响

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**Fig 3.** Experimental analysis of a physical pendulum with variable suspension point

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