

# Experiment

## No. 05

1) Aim:-  $J$

To determine mechanical equivalent of Heat

2) Apparatus Required:

A tube, A measuring scale,

→ An electronic balance, an infrared thermometer,  
Metal (Cu, Al, Pb)

3) Formula Used:

→ Gravitational Potential Energy ( $E$ ) =  $mgh$

where,

$m$  = mass of metal,  $g$  = acc<sup>n</sup> due to gravity

$h$  = height of shot fall

Amount of Heat generated =  $mc\Delta T$

where,

$c$  = specific heat capacity,

$g$  = acc<sup>n</sup> due to gravity,

$\Delta T = T_2 - T_1$

So,

Joule's Equivalent of Heat =  $J = E/Q$



# OBSERVATION TABLE

	ALUMINUM	COPPER	LEAD
Specific heat (C) (J/kg°C)	887	385	130
Length of Tube (L) (m)	1.8	1.8	1.8
Mass of Metal (m) (kg)	0.5508	0.5761	0.5484
Initial Temperature (T <sub>1</sub> ) (°C)	21.1	21.4	21.4
No of times flipped (n)	31	35	38
Final Temperature (T <sub>2</sub> ) (°C)	21.7	22.9	26.3
Height calculated (h) (m)	55.8	63.0	68.4
Gravitational Potential (E = mgh)	0.6	1.5	4.9
Heat Energy (Q = mcΔT)	301.199472	355.68414	366.9332
Joule's Equivalent (J = E/Q)	70.128172	79.5928	83.4196
	4.29286	4.46424	4.389

$$J_{\text{average}} = \frac{4.29286 + 4.46424 + 4.389}{3} = 4.382064 \text{ J/cal Ans}$$

$$\text{Error\%} = \left| \frac{4.382064 - 4.18}{4.18} \right| \times 100\% = 4.83\% \text{ Ans}$$

Result  $\Rightarrow J = 4.382064 \text{ J/cal}$ , %error = 4.83% Ans



4.) Theory: According to Law of conservation of energy, mechanical work done on a system is proportional to heat produced i.e.

$$W \propto Q \Rightarrow W = JQ \text{ where}$$

$W$  = work done

$Q$  = Quantity of heat

$J$  = Joule's Equivalent of heat

= Amount of work that needs to be performed to produce unit quantity of heat

5.) Procedure:

- 1) Use choose a metal menu to select a metal.
- 2) One of the measurement i.e. distance of shortfall is measured by dragging the ruler next to the tube using mouse & measure the length of tube.
- 3) To measure mass of shot, click open tube then drag the shot to balance then & measure weight.
- 4) Also, shot's initial temperature is needed so drag the shot onto red laser front of infrared thermometer & take its reading.
- 5) Click Close tube to put shot back & click flip tube



as many times you need to flip. Click open Tube & drag shot to thermometer to get final temperature. Do the above steps for other metals.

6) Result:

Experimental value of Joule's Equivalent of heat  
 $[J] = 4.382064 \text{ J/cal}$  with % error = 4.83%  
Ans.

Precautions & Sources of Error:

- ★ Measure Length of tube carefully
  - ★ Convert all quantities to SI units before calculations
  - ★ Temperature should be measured carefully
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