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Experiment No – 1

Study of Galvanometer

Objective:

- (i). Finding galvanometer Constants.
- (ii). Finding Transient Response of Galvanometer.
- (iii). Finding Frequency Response of Galvanometer.

(i) Finding Galvanometer Constants

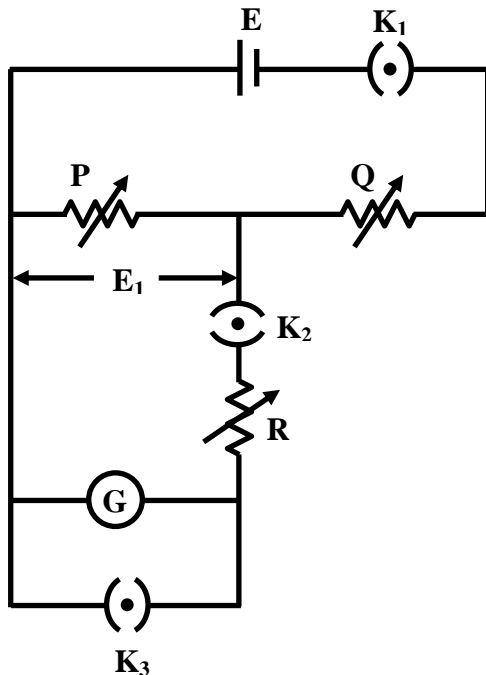


Fig. 1

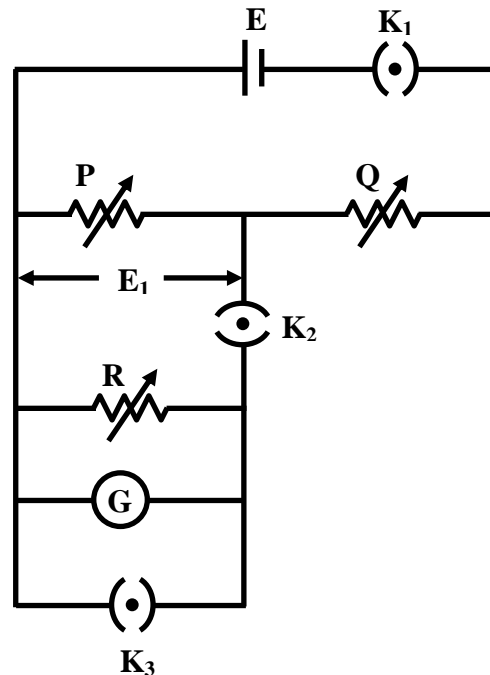


Fig. 2

- a) To determine free period T of the galvanometer on open circuit, keep $R = 0$, and get a deflection of 20cms on the scale by adjusting P and Q in Fig. 1. Then open K_2 and find the time (in seconds) taken for a few oscillations. $\therefore T = \text{time/no of oscillations}$.
- b) To determine coil resistance R_c (in ohms) of the galvanometer, keep $R = 0$, and get a deflection of 20cms on the scale by adjusting P and Q in Fig. 1. Then increase R gradually so that the deflection is 10cms. This of R is R_c .

- c) To determine sensitivity S (in radians per ampere) of the galvanometer, keep $R + R_c$ a convenient value in Fig. 1, get the deflections corresponding to few different values of P .

The deflection of the coil in radian measure

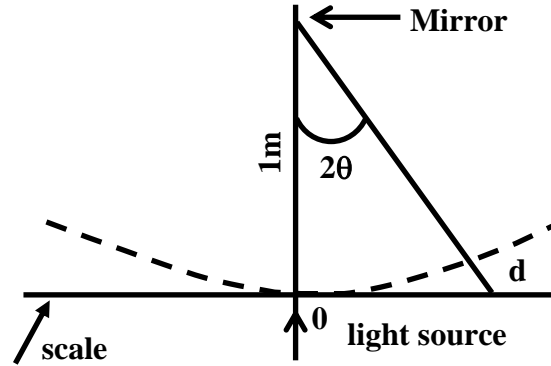


Fig. 3

$$\text{is } \theta = \frac{d_{mm}}{2 \times 1000} \text{ if } 2\theta \leq 10^\circ$$

$$\text{or } \theta = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{dmm}{1000} \right) \text{ if } 2\theta > 10^\circ$$

plot θ vs galvanometer current I_g . Obtain current sensitivity S from the slope of the curve. Since $P \ll Q$

$$I_g = \frac{E_1}{R + R_c} \quad \text{Where } E_1 \approx \frac{E \cdot P}{P + Q}$$

- d) To determine external resistance R_s for critical damping of the galvanometer close keys K_1 and K_2 in Fig. 2, and when the deflection is 20cms, open K_2 . Now observe the movement of the light spot on the scale. First adjust R so as to obtain oscillatory motion, and then decrease R until the motion just ceases to be oscillatory. Note down the value of R for R_s .

Calculate the galvanometer constants from

$$\text{Displacement constant } G = \frac{T(R_c + R_s)}{\pi S} \text{ mw - m / amp}$$

$$\text{Roatorating constant } C = \frac{T(R_c + R_s)}{\pi S^2} \text{ nw - m / rad}$$

$$\text{Movement of inertia of the moving system, } a = \frac{T^3(R_c + R_s)}{4\pi^3 S^2} \text{ kg - m}^2$$

(ii) Finding Transient Response of Galvanometer

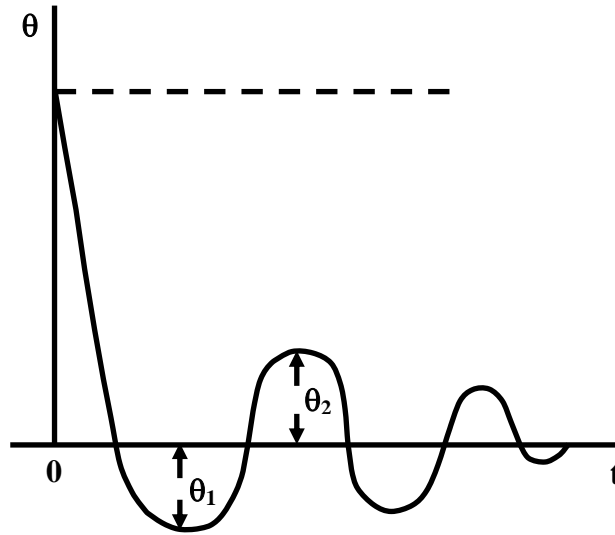


Fig. 4

- (a) Refer to Figs. 1 and 4. Note deflections θ_1 and θ_2 for two consecutive swings of the galvanometer under open circuit damping ratio

$$\delta_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \log_e \left(\frac{\theta_1}{\theta_2} \right)$$

- (b) Refer to Fig. 1 and 5 set different values for damping ratio δ using the formula

$$\delta = \delta_0 + \frac{G^2/R}{2\sqrt{ac}}$$

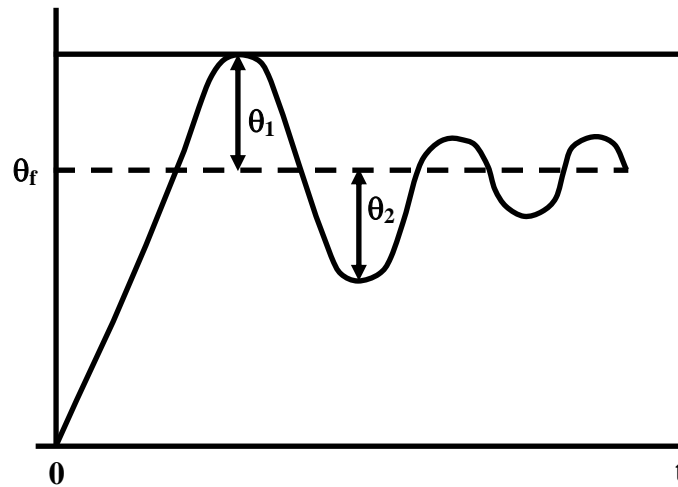


Fig. 5

and for each value of R so set, note first throw θ_1 and final steady deflection θ . In each case calculate percent maximum overshoot using the formula

$$\text{percent maximum overshoot} = \frac{\theta_1 - \theta_f}{\theta_f} \times 100$$

plot percent maximum overshoot verses δ

(iii) Finding frequency response of Galvanometer

Replace d.c. source by a low frequency function generator with output in sine wave mode. Natural frequency of the galvanometer is approximately given by

$$\omega_n = \frac{2\pi}{T} \text{ rad/sec}$$

- (a) For $\delta = 0.2$, vary frequency in the range $\frac{\omega_n}{20} \leq \omega \leq 20\omega_n$ and note amplitude of oscillation on the scale. The frequency must be varied in small steps since the amplitude of oscillations falls off sharply on either side of ω_n . Plot amplitude of oscillations verse $\log_{10} \omega$ repeat the above for $\delta = 0.4, 0.6, 0.8$ and 1.0 .