

Principle of Physics

Lab 1: Sonometer Experiment





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Objective

Deduce the frequency of multiple tuning forks.

Plot a graph to illustrate the correlation between the frequency f and the wire length l .

Find the relationship between the frequency f and length of a specific wire l while maintaining constant tension.



Equipment

Sonometer apparatus

Tuning forks with predetermined frequencies

Hanger with a mass of 0.5kg

Several 0.5kg slotted weights

Elastic rubber pad

A piece of paper



Theoretical Analysis

$$f = \frac{1}{2l} \sqrt{\frac{T}{m}}$$

- f : vibration frequency (Hz)
- l : string length (m)
- T : applied tension (N)
- m : string mass per unit length (kg/m)

$$T = M * g$$

- M : total mass of weights & hanger (kg)
- g : acceleration of gravity (m/sec²)



Experiment Procedure

Position the sonometer on a table.



Apply an appropriate load to the hanger to stretch the wire.



Attach an inverted V-shaped paper rider to the middle of the wire.



Vibrate the tuning fork and touch its lower end to the sonometer. The wire vibrates & the paper falls.



Observation: Constant tension on the wire, $T = 2.5 \text{ kg}$

No.	Tuning Fork Frequency (Hz)	Resonant Length of the Wire			$1/l \text{ (cm}^{-1}\text{)}$
		Length decreasing $l_1 \text{ (cm)}$	Length increasing $l_2 \text{ (cm)}$	Mean $l = \frac{l_1 + l_2}{2}$	
1	60				
2	90				
3	120				



Conclusion



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The square of the length against tension forms a linear relationship, revealing that tension is directly proportional to the square of the resonant length.



Thank You

