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PHYSICS LAB MANUAL – I

FOR FIRST YEAR B.E. / B.TECH STUDENTS

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- Students should return all apparatus to stores 15 minutes before the end of lab session.
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1. OPTICAL FIBERS - MEASUREMENT OF ATTENUATION NUMERICAL APERTURE

AIM

- (i) To study various type of losses occur in optical fibers and measure the loss in dB of two optical fiber patch cords.
- (ii) To determine the Numerical aperture of the fiber cable and acceptance angle.

APPARATUS REQUIRED

Fibre optic LED light source, Fibre optic power meter, Fo cable 1 metre, FO cable 5 meter, In line Adaptor, NA JIG, NA screen and Mandrel.

Formula

- (i) For measurement of attenuation $L = (P_{in} - P_{out})$ dB

P_{in} - Input power in dB

P_{out} - Output power in dB

- (ii) For Numerical aperture

$$NA = \mu_a \sin \theta_{max} = \frac{W}{(4L^2 + W^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

For air $\mu_a = 1$

Where, θ_{max} - the maximum ray angle

W - diameter of the red spot in meters

L - distance of the screen from the fiber end in meters

PROCEDURE

- (i) *Measurement of Numerical Aperture*

Step (i)

Connect one end of the 1 meter Fo cable to Fo LED and the other end to the NA fig as shown in the fig (1)

Step (ii)

Plug the AC main Light should appear at the end of the fibre on the NA fig.

Step (iii)

Hold the wire with the 4 concentric circles (10, 15, 20 and 25 mm diameter) vertically at a suitable distance to make the red spot from the emitting Fibre coincide with 10 mm circle. Note that the circumference of the spot (outer most) must coincide with the circle. A dark room with facilitate good contrast record L , the distance of the screen from the fibre and note the diameter (W) of the spot you may measure the diameter of the circle accurately with a suitable scale.

Step (iv)

Compute NA from the formula

$$NA = \mu_a \sin \theta_{max} = \frac{W}{(4L^2 + W^2)^{1/2}} \text{ and also calculate}$$

θ_{max} using the formula

$$\theta_{max} = \sin^{-1} (NA)$$

tabulate the reading and the experiment for 15 mm, 20 mm and 25 mm diameter 100.

Note:

In case the fibre is under filled, the intensity with in the spot may not be evenly distributed. To ensure even distribution of light in the fibre, first remove twist on the fibre and then 5 turns of the fibre on the mandrel. Use an adhesive tape on to hold the winding in position. Now view the spot. The intensity will be more evenly distributed with in the core.

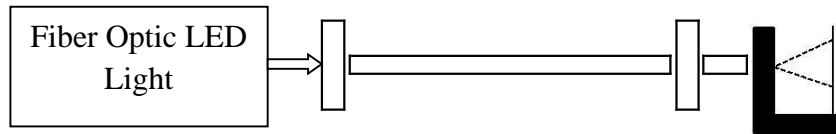


Fig. 1 Setup for Measurement of Numerical Aperture

(ii) Measurement of Attenuation:**Step (i)**

Connect one end of the 1 meter Fo cable to the Fo LED and the other end to the Fo power meter.

Step (ii)

Plug the AC mains. Connect the optical fibre patch cord scarcely, as shown after relieving

all twist and strains on the” Fibre. Note the value on the power meter and note this as P_{01}

Step (iii)

Wind 4 turns of the fibre on the mandrel as shown in experiment 1 and note the new reading of the power meter P_{02} . Now the loss due to bending and strain on the plastic Fibre is $P_{01} - P_{02}$.

Step (iv)

Next remove the mandrel and relieve the cable twist and strains. Note the reading P_{01} for the 1 meter cable. Repeat the measurement with the 5 meter cable and note the reading P_{03} and P_{04} . Now the loss due to bending and strain on the plastic fibre is $P_{03} - P_{04}$ dB. Note the reading as P_{05}

$P_{05} - P_{01}$ gives loss in the second cable plus the loss due to inline adaptor.

$P_{05} - P_{04}$ gives loss in the first cable plus the loss due to in-line adaptor.

Assuming a loss of 1.0 dB in the adaptor, we obtain the loss in cable.

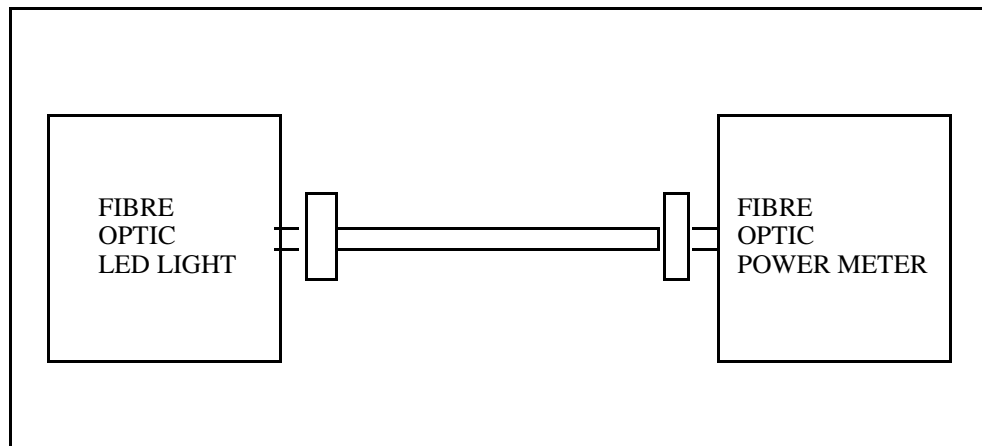


Fig. 2

OBSERVATION

P_{01} = Reading shown by the power meter with 1 m cap

P_{01} =

P_{02} = Reading shown by the power meter at 4 turns of the fiber on the mandrel

P_{02} =

P_{03} = Reading shown by the power meter with 5 m cable

P_{03} =

P_{04} = Reading shown by the power meter at 4 turns of the fiber on the madral

P_{04} =

P_{05} = Power meter reading with inline adaptor, first cable and second cable

P_{05} =

Calculation :

Loss due to bending and strain on the plastic fibre (for 1 metre) = $P_{01} \sim P_{02}$ = _____

Loss due to bending and strain on the plastic fibre (for 5 meter) = $P_{03} \sim P_{04}$ = _____

Loss due to in-line adaptor and the second cable = $P_{05} \sim P_{01}$ = _____

Loss due to in-line adaptor and the first cable = $P_{05} \sim P_{02}$ = ____

RESULTS

(i) Attenuation loss in the given Fiber optic cable

1. $P_{01} \sim P_{02}$ = _____ dB (loss due to strain)

2. $P_{03} \sim P_{04}$ = _____ dB (loss due to strain)

3. $P_{05} \sim P_{01}$ = _____ dB (Linear loss)

4. $P_{05} \sim P_{02}$ = _____ dB (Linear loss)

(ii) Numerical apture NA of the given fiber optic cable for 1 meter = _____

Acceptance angle θ_{max} = _____

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2. TORSIONAL PENDULUM

AIM

To determine the moment of inertia of a disc by torsional oscillations and to calculate the rigidity modulus of the material of the suspension wire.

APPARATUS REQUIRED

A uniform circular disc, suspension wire, two identical cylindrical masses, stop-clock, screw gauge, etc.

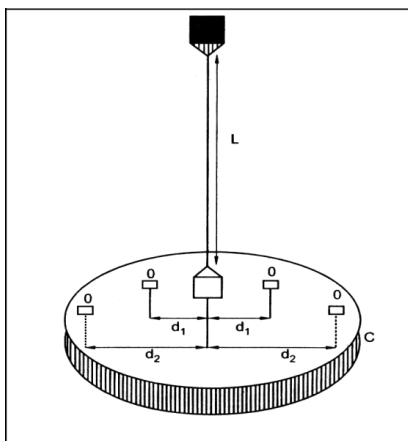


Fig: Torsional Pendulum

Table - 1: To find the time period of oscillation

Sl. No.	Length of Suspension wire (L) cm	Position	Time taken for 10 oscillations (Sec)			Time Period (T) Sec
			Trial 1	Trial 2	Mean	
1.		Without mass				$T_0 =$
2.		With mass at d_1 cm				$T_1 =$
3.		With mass at d_2 cm				$T_2 =$

FORMULA

$$I = \frac{2m (d_2^2 - d_1^2) T_0^2}{T_2^2 - T_1^2} \text{ Kg.m}^2$$

$$n = \frac{8\pi IL}{r^4 T_0^2} \text{ N/m}^2$$

$$C = \frac{\pi n r^4}{2L} \text{ N-m}$$

- I - Moment of inertia of the disc, (kg.m²)
 d₁ - Closest distance between suspension wire and center of mass (m)
 d₂ - Farthest distance between suspension wire and centre of mass (m)
 T₀ - Time period without any mass placed on disc (s)
 T₁ - Time period when equal masses are placed at a distance d₁(s)
 T₂ - Time period when equal masses are placed at a distance d₂ (s)
 r - Mean radius of the wire (m)
 L - Length of the suspension wire (m)
 C - Couple per unit twist of the wire (N-m) n
 m - Mass of one of the cylindrical mass (kg)

d₁ = Closest distance between suspension wire and center of symmetric mass _____ x 10⁻²m

d₂ = Farthest distance between suspension wire and center of symmetric mass _____ x 10⁻² m

Table - 2: To find the radius of the wire using screw gauge

Z.E = ±...

Z.C = Z.E x L.C = ±...mm

L.C = 0.01 mm

Sl.No.	PSR (mm)	HSC (div)	HSR = HSC x LC (mm)	TR = (PSR + HSR) ± ZC (mm)

Mean = _____ x 10⁻³ m

r = $\frac{\text{Mean}}{2}$ = _____ x 10⁻³ m

PROCEDURE

One end of a long uniform wire, whose rigidity modulus is to be determined is clamped by a vertical chuck. To the lower end, a heavy uniform circular disc is attached by another chuck. The length 'L' of the wire is measured and the suspended disc is slightly twisted so that the body oscillates, executing simple harmonic motion, i.e. the disc now makes torsional oscillations. The first few oscillations are omitted. By using two pointers, the time taken for 10 complete oscillations is noted. The period of torsional oscillation T_0 is determined. Two identical cylindrical masses are placed on the disc symmetrically on either side of the wire at the minimum distance apart (d_1) and the period T_1 is found. The two masses are next arranged symmetrically at the maximum distance apart (d_2) and the period T_2 is determined. The distances d_1 and d_2 between the center of each equal mass and the axis of the wire in the cases are measured. The two cylindrical masses are weighed together and their total mass $2m$ is found. The mean radius of the wire is measured using screw gauge.

CALCULATION

RESULT

The moment of inertia of the disc = _____ Kg m^2

The rigidity modulus of the material of the wire = _____ N/m^2

The Couple per unit twist of the wire = _____ N-m

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3. SPECTROMETER-HOLLOW PRISM

AIM

To determine the angle of the given liquid prism and angle of minimum deviation and hence to calculate its refractive index.

APPARATUS REQUIRED

Spectrometer, glass prism, spirit level, reading lens, sodium vapour lamp, prism stand etc.

FORMULA

$$\mu = \frac{\sin [(A + D)/2]}{\sin (A/2)} \quad (\text{No unit})$$

μ - Refractive index of the material of a prism

A - Angle of the liquid prism (deg)

D - Angle of minimum deviation (deg)

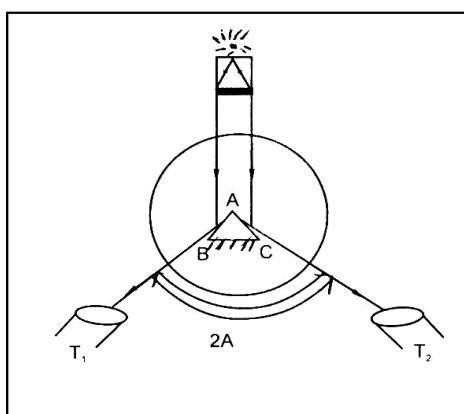


Fig. 1. Angle of liquid prism

TO DETERMINE ANGLE OF THE LIQUID PRISM

Sl.No.	Vernier	Reflected ray reading						2A	Angle of Prism A
		Left			Right				
		M.S.R	V.S.C	T.R.	M.S.R	V.S.C	T.R.		
1.	A								
2.	B								

Mean A =

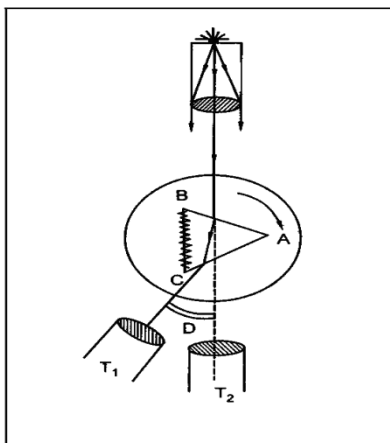


Fig. 2 To find minimum deviation

TO DETERMINE ANGLE OF MINIMUM DEVIATION

Sl.No.	Vernier	Refracted Ray Reading			Direct Ray Reading			Angle of Minimum deviation (D)
		M.S.R	V.S.C	T.R.	M.S.R	V.S.C	T.R.	
1.	A							
2.	B							

Mean d:

PROCEDURE

To start with, the following preliminary adjustments should be made. The eyepiece of the telescope is moved to and fro until the crosswires are clearly seen. The telescope is adjusted to receive parallel rays by turning it towards a distant object and is adjusted to get a clear image of the distant object on the cross wires. The telescope is brought in line with the collimator. The slit is opened slightly and the image of the slit is viewed through the telescope and the length of the collimator is adjusted till a clear well-defined image of the slit is obtained. Levelling the prism table by using a spirit level and levelling screws. The vertical cross wire of the telescope should coincide with the vertical slit.

TO DETERMINE ANGLE OF THE PRISM(A)

The given liquid prism is mounted vertically at the centre of the prism table, with its refracting edge facing the collimator, so that parallel rays of light from the collimator fall almost equally, on the two faces of the liquid prism ABC as shown in the figure 1. As a result of reflection, an image of the slit is formed by each face of the prism and this is located by the naked eye. The telescope is then moved to that position, to view the reflected image. The telescope is fixed at that position by working the radial screw. The tangential screw is adjusted until the fixed edge of the image of the slit, coincides with vertical cross wire. The readings of circular and vernier scales A and B, are noted for the reflected image on the left. The telescope is then moved to the right and the reflected image on the slit is made to coincide with the cross wire. The readings of both verniers A and B are noted. The difference between vernier A on left and right and vernier B on left and right, gives twice the angle of the liquid prism, half of this gives the angle of liquid prism A.

TO DETERMINE ANGLE OF MINIMUM DEVIATION (D)

Rotate the prism table in such a way that one refracting face of the liquid prism faces the collimating lens as shown in the figure 2. Rotate the telescope and view the refracted image through telescope. Viewing the refracted image through telescope, rotate the prism-table slowly in such a direction that the image of the slit shifts towards the direction of the incident ray. It will be found that for one particular position of the liquid prism, the image just retraces its path. Adjust the telescope so that the image of the slit just touches the vertical cross wire. Now the liquid prism is in minimum deviation position. Note the readings of verniers A and B. Remove the liquid prism and turn the telescope to get the direct image of the slit. Note the direct ray reading of both verniers. The difference in vernier A readings of the minimum deviation position and direct ray will be give the angle of minimum deviation. Similarly vernier B differences are found.

RESULT

Angle of the liquid prism (A) =

Angle of minimum deviation (D) =

Refractive index of the liquid prism (μ) =

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4. YOUNG'S MODULUS BY NON UNIFORM BENDING

AIM

To find the Young's modulus of the material of a uniform bar (metre scale) by non uniform bending.

APPARATUS REQUIRED

1. Travelling microscope 2. Two knife-edge supports 3. Weight hanger with set of weights 4. Pin 5. Metre scale 6. Vernier Caliper 7. Screw gauge.

FORMULA

Young's modulus of the material of the beam (metre scale).

(i) By Calculation
$$Y = \frac{gl^3}{4bd^3} \frac{M}{y} \text{ Nm}^{-2}$$

(ii) By graphical method
$$Y = \frac{gl^3}{4bd^3} \frac{1}{k} \text{ Nm}^{-2}$$

y - Mean depression for a load M (metre)

g - Acceleration due to gravity $9.8 \text{ (m/s}^2\text{)}$

l - Distance between the two knife edges (metre)

b - Breadth of the beam (metre scale) (metre)

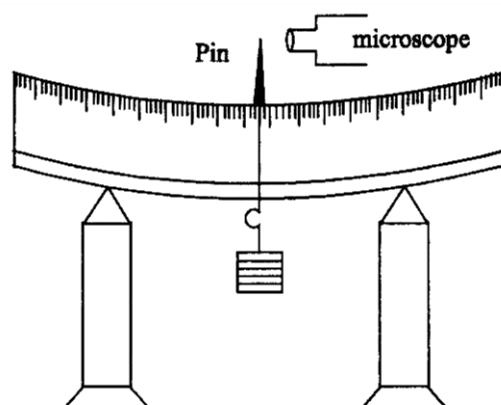
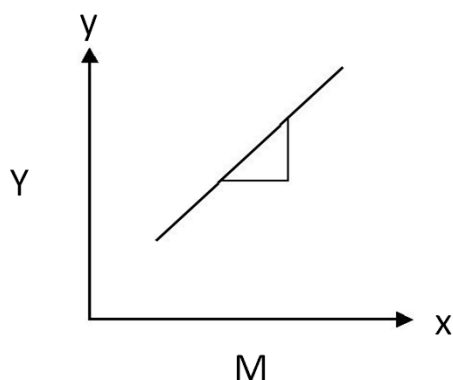
d - Thickness of the beam (metre scale) (metre)

M - Load applied (kg)

K - Slope y/M from graph (mkg^{-1})

PROCEDURE

The weight of the hanger is taken as the dead load W . The experimental bar is brought to elastic mood by loading and unloading it a number of times with slotted weights. With the dead load W suspended from the midpoint, the microscope is adjusted such that the horizontal cross-wire coincides with the image of the tip of the pin. The reading of the vertical scale is taken.



The experiment is repeated by adding weights in steps. Every time the microscope is adjusted and the vertical scale reading is taken. Then the load is decreased in the same steps

and the readings are taken. From the readings, the mean depression of the mid - point for a given load can be found. The length of the bar between the knife edges is measured 'l'. The bar is removed and its mean breadth 'b' is determined with a vernier caliper and its mean thickness 'd' with a screw gauge. From the observations, Young's modulus of the material of the beam is calculated by using the given formula. A graph is drawn taking load (M) along X-axis and depression 'y' along Y-axis as shown in fig. The slope of the graph gives the value of $k = \frac{y}{M}$. Substituting the value of the slope in the given formula, the Young's modulus can also be calculated.

To find the depression 'y' for a load of M Kg

SI. No.	Distance between knife edges (1)	load	Microscope Reading						Mean	Depression(y) for M Kg	M/y
			Increasing load			Decreasing load					
			MSR	VSC	TR	MSR	VSC	TR			
Unit	$\times 10^{-2}\text{m}$	(M)	$\times 10^{-2}\text{m}$	div	$\times 10^{-2}\text{m}$	$\times 10^{-2}\text{m}$	div	$\times 10^{-2}\text{m}$	$\times 10^{-2}\text{m}$	$\times 10^{-2}\text{m}$	Kg.m^{-1}

VERNIER CALIPER READINGS

1. To find breadth of the beam (b)

Least Count = ...0.01.....cm

Zero error = \pmdiv

Zero correction = \pmcm

S.No.	MSR	VSC	TR = MSR + (VSC x LC)
Unit	cm	div.	cm
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
			Mean(b)=..... $\times 10^{-2}$ m

SCREW GAUGE READINGS

2. To find the thickness of the beam (d)

Least Count = 0.01.....mm

Zero error = \pmdiv

Zero correction = \pmmm

S.No.	PSR	HSC	TR = PSR + (HSC x LC)	Correct Reading = TR \pm ZC
Unit	mm	div.	Mm	mm
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
			Mean (d)= x 10 ⁻³ m	

Calculation

Distance between two knife-edges l =x 10⁻²m

Depression for Load applied y =x 10⁻²m

Load applied M =kg

Breadth of the beam b =x 10⁻²m

Thickness of the beam d =x 10⁻²m

Young's modulus of the material of the beam

$$Y = \frac{gl^3}{4bd^3} \frac{M}{y} \text{ Nm}^{-2}$$

$$Y = \dots\dots\dots \text{N/m}^2$$

RESULT

Young's Modulus of the material of the given bar (Meter scale)

- (i) By calculation = N/m^2
- (ii) By Graph = N/m^2

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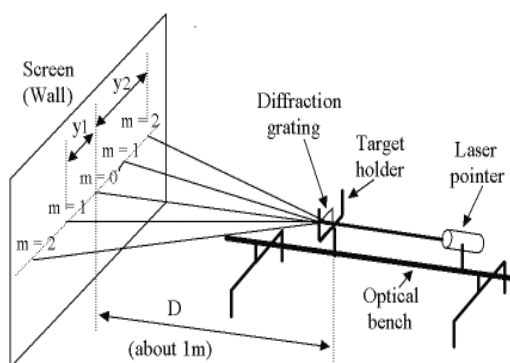
5. LASER GRATING-DETERMINATION OF WAVELENGTH OF LASER LIGHT

AIM

To calculate the wavelength of the given laser light using the diffraction grating.

APPARATUS REQUIRED

He-Ne or semiconductor laser source, a transmission grating, an optical bench, screen, meter scale, etc.,



FORMULA

The wavelength of laser light is given by

$$\lambda = \frac{\sin\theta}{Nn} \text{ A}^\circ \text{ (1 A}^\circ = 10^{-10} \text{ m)}$$

θ - Angle of diffraction – degree

n – Order of diffraction

N = Number of lines per meter on grating = 10^5 lines/m

THEORY

LASER – Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation. The wavelength of laser light is determined by using the grating. Diffraction means the bending of light rays around the edges of the obstacle. To get the diffraction pattern, spacing between the lines on the grating should be of the order of wavelength of light used. The laser light is allowed to fall on the grating and it gets diffracted. The diffracted rays will form alternate bright and dark fringes and by using Bragg's equation, the wavelength of laser light is determined.

PROCEDURE

The grating is placed between the laser source and the screen. The orientation of the laser in the above set up is adjusted till a bright spot is seen on the screen. This position

corresponds to the central maximum, and this position is marked on the screen. Next, the screen is moved towards or away from the grating till clear light spots are seen on either side of the central maximum. These light spots on either side of the central maximum correspond to images of different orders of the spectrum. The nearest spots to either side of the central maximum correspond to the image of first order, and the next will correspond to the images of second order and so on. The position of these spots are also marked on the screen.

The distance between the grating and the screen is measured. Let it be 'd', the distance between the central maximum and first, second, third maximum is measured and so on. The same procedure is repeated on the other side of the central maximum. The readings are tabulated and calculations are done.

Distance between the grating and the screen (d)=x 10^{-2} m

TO DETERMINE THE WAVELENGTH OF LASER SOURCE

Order (n)	Distance (x) between (10^{-2} m) the central maximum and the diffracted image		Mean(x) 10^{-2} m	$\theta = \tan^{-1}(x/d)$	$\sin\theta$	$\lambda = \sin\theta/n.N(m)$
	Left	Right				

Mean λ =

Result

The wavelength of the given laser light (λ) = _____m

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6. QUINCKE'S METHOD - DETERMINATION OF MAGNETIC SUSCEPTIBILITY OF LIQUID

AIM

To determine the magnetic susceptibility of the given liquid using Quincke's method.

APPARATUS REQUIRED

Quincke's tube with stand, sample liquid (FeCl_3), Electromagnet, Constant current powersupply, Digital Gaussmeter, Travelling Microscope, etc.

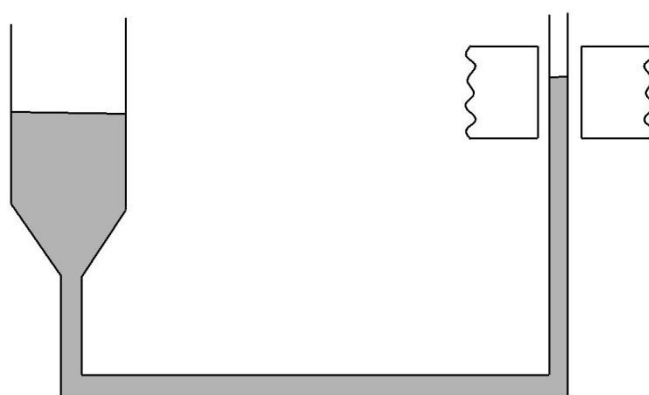


Fig. Quincke's Tube

FORMULA

$$\chi_l = \frac{2gh}{H^2} \quad \text{m}^2 \text{sec}^{-2} \text{ gauss}^{-2}$$

Where

- g - Acceleration due to gravity = 9.8 m/s^2
- h - Height through which the liquid column rises due to the magnetic field-m
- H - The magnetic field at the centre of pole pieces - Gauss

PROCEDURE

The apparatus consists of U-shaped tube known as Quincke's tube. One of the limb of the tube is wide and the other one narrow. The experimental liquid or solution is filled in the tube and the narrow limb is placed between the pole pieces of the electromagnet. The arrangement is in such away that the meniscus in the narrow limb is exactly at the centre of the pole pieces and the limb vertical. Focus the microscope on the meniscus and take reading (h_1). Apply the magnetic field (H) to its minimum and note its value from the Gauss meter. Note whether the meniscus rises up or descends down. It rises up for paramagnetic liquids and descends down for diamagnetic. Refocus the microscope on liquid meniscus and take reading

(h_2). Find the difference of two readings to give $h = (h_1 \sim h_2)$ in m. The experiment is repeated for different values of applied magnetic field (H) by adjusting the variable power supply of the electromagnet. In each case, the rise or fall in the liquid meniscus is noted using the travelling microscope. All the readings are tabulated. From that χ_l is calculated using the given formula.

OBSERVATION

Initial Reading	Current = 0	Magnetic field = 0
	Microscope readings	
MSR $\times 10^{-2} \text{m}$	VSC Div	TR = MSR+(VSC \times LC) $\times 10^{-2} \text{m}$

TO DETERMINE THE MAGNETIC SUSCEPTIBILITY OF A LIQUID

Least Count = 0.001cm

S.No	Current in Amp	Magnetic field in H Gauss	Microscope reading			h = (h ₁ ~h ₂) x10 ⁻² m	h	χ m ² sec ⁻² gauss ⁻²
			Final reading				H ²	
			MSR x10 ⁻² m	VSC Div	TR = MSR+ (VSCxLC) x10 ⁻² m		m/gauss ⁻² _____	

RESULT

The magnetic susceptibility of the given liquid $\chi_l = \text{-----} \text{m}^2 \text{sec}^{-2} \text{gauss}^{-2}$