

- 3 A cylindrical tube, sealed at one end, has cross-sectional area A and contains some sand. The total mass of the tube and the sand is M .

The tube floats upright in a liquid of density ρ , as illustrated in Fig. 3.1.

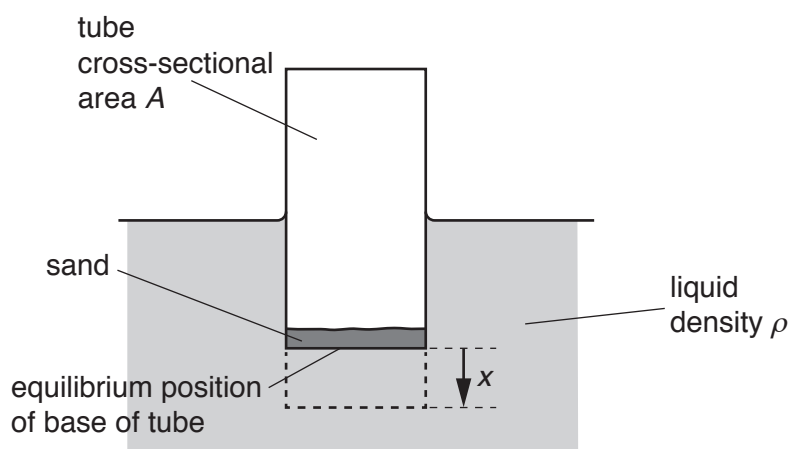


Fig. 3.1

The tube is pushed a short distance into the liquid and then released.

- (a) (i) State the two forces that act on the tube immediately after its release.

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 [1]

- (ii) State and explain the direction of the resultant force acting on the tube immediately after its release.

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 [2]

- (b) The acceleration a of the tube is given by the expression

$$a = -\left(\frac{A\rho g}{M}\right)x$$

where x is the vertical displacement of the tube from its equilibrium position.

Use the expression to explain why the tube undergoes simple harmonic oscillations in the liquid.

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 [2]

- (c) For a tube having cross-sectional area A of 4.5 cm^2 and a total mass M of 0.17 kg , the period of oscillation of the tube is 1.3 s .

- (i) Determine the angular frequency ω of the oscillations.

$$\omega = \dots\dots\dots \text{ rad s}^{-1} \text{ [2]}$$

- (ii) Use your answer in (i) and the expression in (b) to determine the density ρ of the liquid in which the tube is floating.

$$\rho = \dots\dots\dots \text{ kg m}^{-3} \text{ [3]}$$

[Total: 10]