

3 (a) Define *simple harmonic motion*.

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- (b) A tube, sealed at one end, has a total mass m and a uniform area of cross-section A . The tube floats upright in a liquid of density ρ with length L submerged, as shown in Fig. 3.1a.

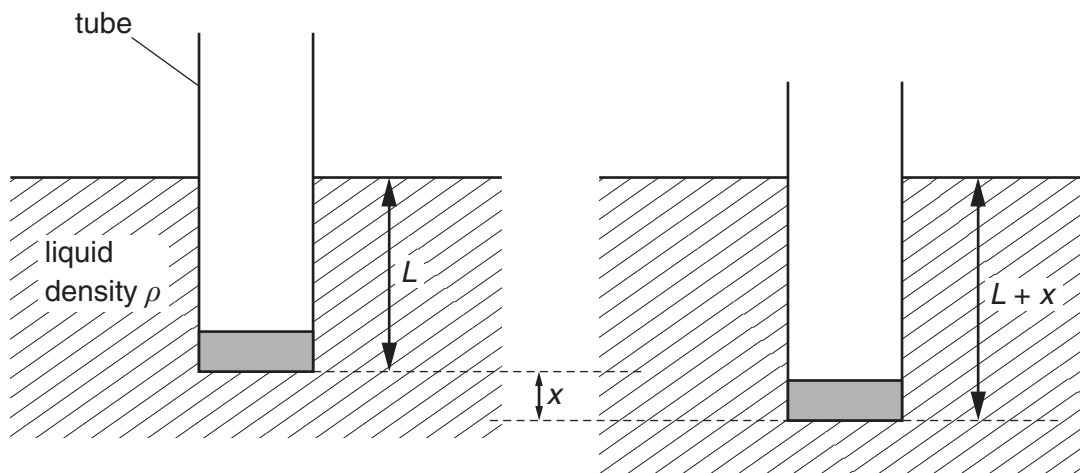


Fig. 3.1a

Fig. 3.1b

The tube is displaced vertically and then released. The tube oscillates vertically in the liquid.

At one time, the displacement is x , as shown in Fig. 3.1b.

Theory shows that the acceleration a of the tube is given by the expression

$$a = -\frac{A\rho g}{m}x.$$

- (i) Explain how it can be deduced from the expression that the tube is moving with simple harmonic motion.

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- (ii) The tube, of area of cross-section 4.5cm^2 , is floating in water of density $1.0 \times 10^3\text{kgm}^{-3}$.

Calculate the mass of the tube that would give rise to oscillations of frequency 1.5 Hz.

mass = g [4]