

- 4 A test-tube of cross-sectional area A is loaded with lead shots. It rests in equilibrium in a beaker of water of density ρ as shown in Fig. 4.1, with a length L submerged in the water.

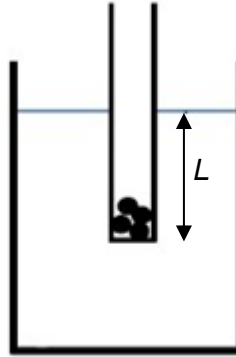


Fig. 4.1

- (a) (i) On Fig. 4.1, draw and label the forces acting on the loaded test-tube. [2]
- (ii) Derive an expression for the mass of the loaded test tube in terms of ρ , A , and L . [2]

- (b) The loaded test-tube is displaced downward and released, which causes it to bob up and down in simple harmonic motion. At a particular instant in time, the loaded test-tube is at a distance x below the equilibrium position, as shown in Fig. 4.2.

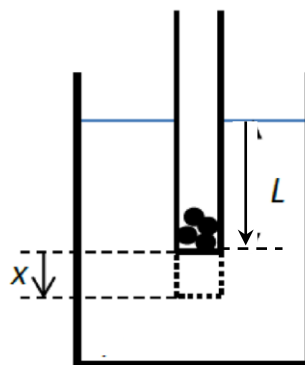


Fig. 4.2

- (i) Ignoring resistive forces, show that the resultant force F acting on the loaded test-tube at this instant is given by:

$$F = -\rho A x g$$

where g is the acceleration of free fall.

- (ii) Hence or otherwise, show that the angular frequency ω of oscillation of the loaded test-tube is given by:

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}$$

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- (iii) Given that the mass of the loaded test-tube is 50 g, L is 12.5 cm and the amplitude of oscillation is 1.5 cm.

Calculate the total energy of oscillation.

Total energy = J [2]

- (iv) The loaded test-tube is at the lowest position at $t = 0$. The period of oscillation is T .

On Fig. 4.3, sketch a clearly labelled graph showing the variation with time of the kinetic energy of the loaded test-tube for two complete oscillations. Ignore resistive forces.

Indicate the maximum kinetic energy of the loaded test-tube along the vertical axis.

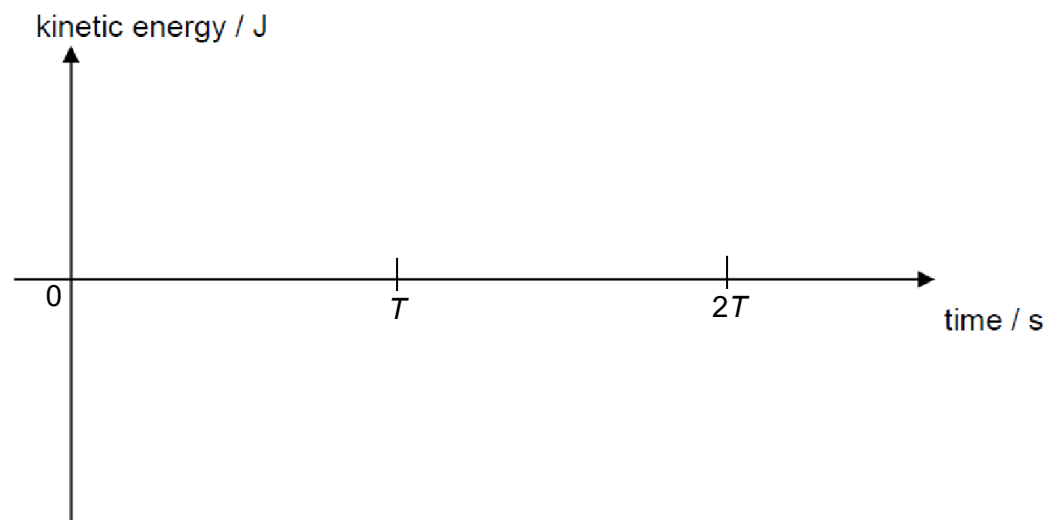


Fig. 4.3

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