

7 (a) State the origin of the upthrust acting on a body in a fluid.

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- (b) A tube, sealed at one end, has a uniform area of cross-section A . Some sand is placed in the tube so that it floats upright in a liquid of density ρ , as shown in Fig. 7.1.

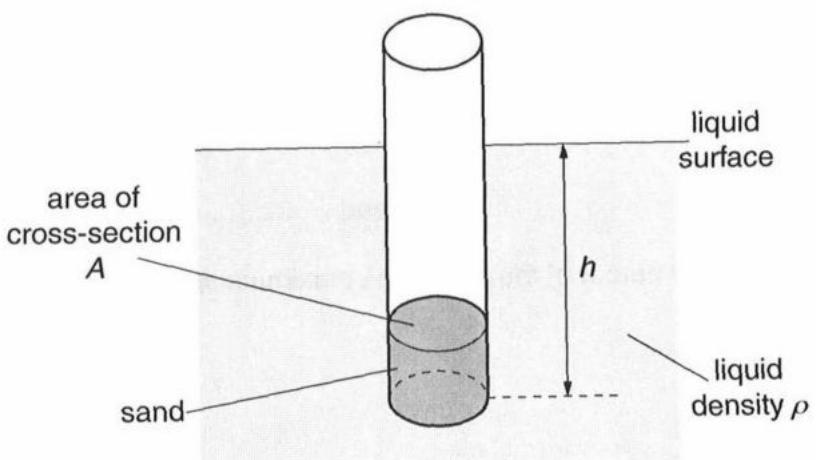


Fig 7.1

The total mass of the tube and the sand is m .

The tube floats with its base a distance h below the surface of the liquid.

Derive an expression relating m to h , A and ρ . Explain your working.

- (c) The tube in (b) is displaced vertically and then released.

For a displacement x , the acceleration a of the tube is given by the expression

$$a = -\left(\frac{\rho Ag}{m}\right)x$$

where g is the acceleration of free fall.

- (i) Explain why the expression leads to the conclusion that the tube is performing simple harmonic motion.

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- (ii) The tube has total mass m of 32 g and the area A of its cross-section is 4.2 cm^2 . It is floating in liquid of density ρ of $1.0 \times 10^3 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$.

Show that the frequency of oscillation of the tube is 1.8 Hz.

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(d) The tube in (b) is now placed in a different liquid.

The tube oscillates vertically. The variation with time t of the vertical displacement x of the tube is shown in Fig. 7.2.

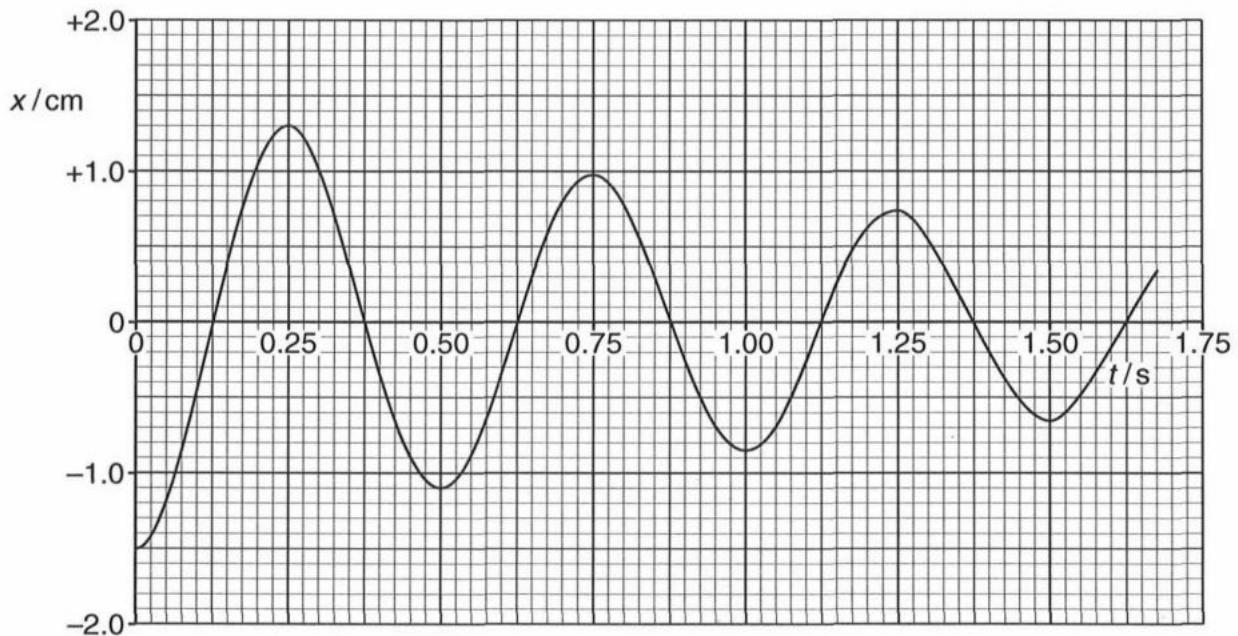


Fig. 7.2

(i) Use Fig. 7.2 to

1. determine the frequency of oscillation of the tube,

$$\text{frequency} = \dots \text{Hz} \quad [2]$$

2. calculate the density of the liquid.

$$\text{density} = \dots \text{kg m}^{-3} \quad [2]$$

(ii) 1. Suggest two reasons why the amplitude of the oscillation decreases with time.

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2. Calculate the decrease in energy of the oscillation during the first 1.0 s.

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