

Physics III (Final Summary)
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① Measurements and uncertainty:

* Random errors: - caused by taking different readings for the same measurements.

- Related to the uncertainty in the sample (G_s) and the uncertainty in the mean (G_m).

- $G_m = \frac{G_s}{N}$ where N is the # of measurements.

- Any number or measurement should be written

as $\Rightarrow X = \bar{X} \pm \Delta X$

where \bar{X} : is the average value.

ΔX : is G_m for X values.

- ΔX should always be written to one significant figure and \bar{X} should follow ΔX in decimal

places \Rightarrow Ex: $X = 3.52 \pm 0.04$ cm

- if the leading figure in ΔX is one like 0.134 we keep another digit after the one

Ex: $X = 3.52 \pm 0.13$ cm

①

\Rightarrow Δx can be found from the least number a tool can read.

Ex: ① if ~~analog~~ the smallest measurement a ruler can read is 1 mm then $\Delta x = 1 \text{ mm}$.

② if the smallest measurement a voltmeter can read is 0.5 volt then $\Delta V = 0.5 \text{ volt}$.

* Systematic errors:-

- Caused by the uncalibration of the measuring tool.
- related to the average value.
- high systematic error means that the average value is far from the true value.

* Remember \Rightarrow

- The probability that the average value is different from the true value by G_m is $\frac{2}{3}$

$$\Rightarrow x_{\text{true}} - G_m \leq \bar{x} \leq x_{\text{true}} + G_m$$
$$\Rightarrow \bar{x} \in [x_{\text{true}} - G_m, x_{\text{true}} + G_m] \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{matrix} \Rightarrow x_{\text{true}} - G_m \leq \bar{x} \leq x_{\text{true}} + G_m \\ \Rightarrow \bar{x} \in [x_{\text{true}} - G_m, x_{\text{true}} + G_m] \end{matrix}} \right\} \text{Same meaning}$$

- The probability that any single measurement x_i is different from the average value by G_s is $\frac{2}{3}$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{x} - G_s \leq x_i \leq \bar{x} + G_s$$

$$\Rightarrow x_i \in [\bar{x} - G_s, \bar{x} + G_s]$$

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* Precision and accuracy!

⇒ Small random error $\Delta x \Rightarrow$ high precision.

⇒ Small systematic error $|\bar{x} - x_{\text{true}}| \Rightarrow$ high accuracy.

Ex: $g_A = 9.78 \pm 0.14 \text{ m/sec}^2$

$$g_B = 9.89 \pm 0.03 \text{ m/sec}^2$$

$$g_{\text{true}} = 9.80 \text{ m/sec}^2$$

Which is more precise and which is more accurate?

Answer: $\Delta g_B = 0.03 < \Delta g_A = 0.14$

* g_B is more precise.

$$D_A = |g_A - g_{\text{true}}| = 0.02$$

$$D_B = |g_B - g_{\text{true}}| = 0.09$$

* g_A is more accurate.

$$D_A \stackrel{?}{\leq} 2 \pm 0.14$$

$$0.02 \leq 0.28 \quad \checkmark$$

Acceptable.

$$D_B \stackrel{?}{\leq} 2 \pm 0.03$$

$$0.09 \leq 0.06 \quad \times$$

Not acceptable.

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② Significant figures : ~~Average~~

$$x = \underline{3.52} \Rightarrow 3 \text{ significant figures.}$$

$$x = 0.\underline{3520} \Rightarrow 4 \text{ significant fig.}$$

$$x = \underline{3.05200} \Rightarrow 6 \text{ sig. fig.}$$

$$x = \underline{1.000} \Rightarrow 4 \text{ sig. fig.}$$

$$x = \underline{1000} \Rightarrow 1 \text{ sig. fig.}$$

$$x = 0.\underline{10} \Rightarrow 1 \text{ sig. fig.}$$

* Rounding :-

$$x = 3.52\underline{7} \Rightarrow 4 \text{ sig. fig.}$$

$$x = 3.53 \Rightarrow 3 \text{ sig. fig.}$$

$$x = 3.5 \Rightarrow 2 \text{ sig. fig.}$$

\Rightarrow if the next digit $> 5 \Rightarrow$ Round up.

\Rightarrow if the next digit $< 5 \Rightarrow$ Round down.

\Rightarrow if the next digit $= 5$

\Rightarrow odd number Round up.

\Rightarrow even number Round down.

exp: ① $x = 3.25$ (3 sig. fig.)
 \downarrow
 3.2 (2 sig. fig.)

② $x = 3.35 \Rightarrow 3.4$

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⇒ Significant Figures in Calculations

* Addition and Subtraction:

⇒ the result should have the least number

of decimal places.

Ex: $A = 3.521$ (4 sig. fig) ⇒ 3 decimal places

$B = 14.61$ (3 sig. fig) ⇒ 2 decimal places

$R = A + B = 18.131 \Rightarrow 18.13$ (2 decimal places)

* multiplication and Division:

⇒ the result should have the least number of

Significant Figures

Ex: $A = 2.5$ (2 sig. fig)

$B = 5.041$ (4 sig. fig)

$R = A \times B = 12.6025$ (calculator Result)

$R = 13$

* Other Functions:

Result should have the same # of sig. fig. as
the inside of the function ⇒

$\theta = 3.5^\circ$ (2 sig. fig)

$R = \sin(\theta) = \sin(3.5) = 0.061$

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⇒ ~~8~~ Uncertainties in functions.

⇒ + / -

$$x = \bar{x} + \Delta x$$

$$y = \bar{y} \pm \Delta y$$

$$R = x + y \Rightarrow \bar{R} = \bar{x} + \bar{y}$$

$$\Delta R = \Delta x + \Delta y$$

⇒ ~~*~~ / ~~*~~ (multiplication and division)

$$R = \frac{x}{y} \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta R}{\bar{R}} = \frac{\Delta x}{\bar{x}} + \frac{\Delta y}{\bar{y}}$$

$$\bar{R} = \frac{\bar{x}}{\bar{y}}$$

⇒ Constant multiplier

$$R = 2x$$

$$\Delta R = 2\Delta x$$

⇒ raising to power

$$R = \frac{x^a y^b}{z^c}$$

$$\frac{\Delta R}{\bar{R}} = a \frac{\Delta x}{\bar{x}} + b \frac{\Delta y}{\bar{y}} + c \frac{\Delta z}{\bar{z}}$$

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⇒ General Rule

if R is a function of $x, y, z \Rightarrow R(x, y, z)$

$$\text{then } \Delta R = \left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial x}\right) \Delta x + \left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial y}\right) \Delta y + \left(\frac{\partial R}{\partial z}\right) \Delta z$$

Ex: $R = x^2 y^3 \sin(x+z)$

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial x} = y^3 (2x \sin(x+z) + x^2 \cos(x+z))$$

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial y} = 3y^2 x^2 \sin(x+z)$$

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial z} = x^2 y^3 \cos(x+z)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta R = & \Delta x (2y^3 x \sin(x+z) + x^2 y^3 \cos(x+z)) \\ & + \Delta y (3y^2 x^2 \sin(x+z)) \\ & + \Delta z (x^2 y^3 \cos(x+z)) \end{aligned}$$

Ex: if $R = \sin(\theta)$ $\theta = 80^\circ \pm 1^\circ$

$$\Delta R = \Delta \theta \sin(\theta) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Note } \Delta \theta \text{ should be in Radian}$$

$$\Delta R = 1^\circ \times \frac{\pi}{180} \sin(80^\circ)$$

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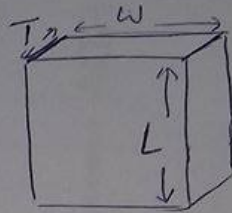
Experiments

Exp. 1

Density of Metals

$$* V = L \times W \times T \text{ (cm}^3\text{)}$$

Volume



$$* \rho = \frac{M^{(\text{mass})}}{V^{(\text{Volume})}} = \text{g/cm}^3$$

Density

$$* \frac{\Delta V}{V} = \frac{\Delta L}{L} + \frac{\Delta W}{W} + \frac{\Delta T}{T}$$

$$* \frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho} = \frac{\Delta M}{M} + \frac{\Delta V}{V}$$

* $a \Rightarrow$ density between atoms

$$a = \sqrt{\frac{A_w}{\rho N_A}}$$

$A_w \Rightarrow$ Atomic weight

$N_A \Rightarrow$ Avogadro's number.

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Exp. 2

Conservation of linear momentum

$$R = \frac{P_a}{P_b} = \frac{m_1 u_{1a} + m_2 u_{2a}}{m_1 u_{1b}}$$

a: after collision

$$= \frac{m_1 x_{1a} + m_2 x_{2a}}{m_1 x_{1b}}$$

b: before collision

$$\frac{\Delta R}{R} = \frac{\Delta P_a}{P_a} + \frac{\Delta P_b}{P_b}$$

or

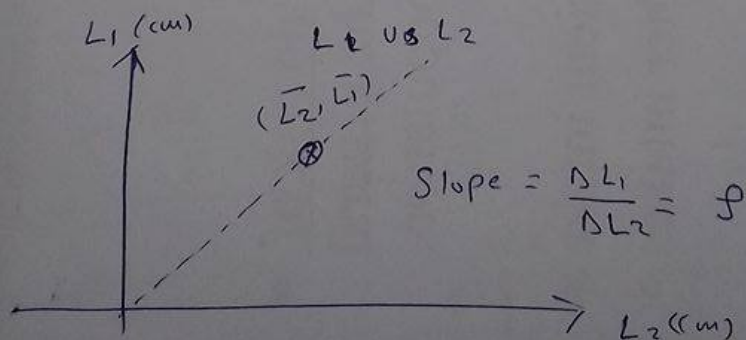
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Density of liquids

water $\leftarrow \rho_1 L_1 = \rho_2 L_2$

$$\rho_1 = 1$$

$$L_1 = \rho_2 L_2$$



$$\frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho} = \frac{\Delta L_1}{L_1} + \frac{\Delta L_2}{L_2}$$

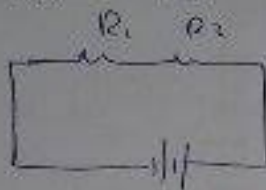
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Exp. 4

D.C circuit

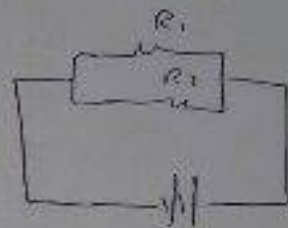
$$R = \frac{V \text{ (volt)}}{I \text{ (amp A)}}$$

* In Series

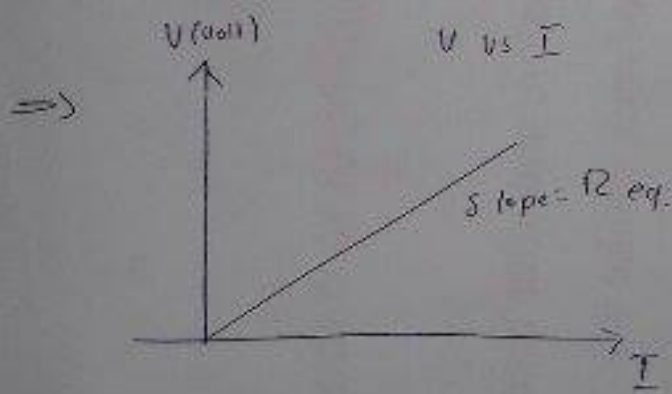


$$R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2$$

* In Parallel



$$R_{eq} = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$



\Rightarrow Voltmeter: very large resistance
 \hookrightarrow On parallel

\Rightarrow Ammeter: very small resistance
 \hookrightarrow On series.

$$\frac{\Delta R}{R} = \frac{\Delta V}{V} + \frac{\Delta I}{I}$$

* Colour code



$$R = \underbrace{AB \times 10^C}_{\text{Resistance}} \pm D\% \text{ (Tol.)}$$

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Exp. 5

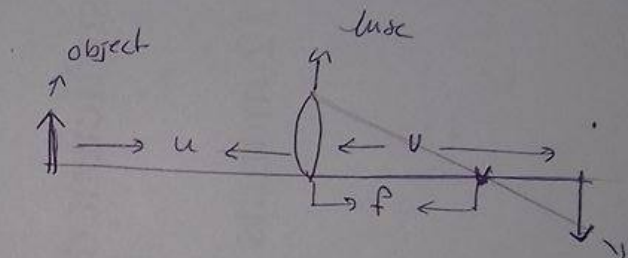
focal length.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v}$$

$f \Rightarrow$ focal length.

$u \Rightarrow$ Distance between the object and lens

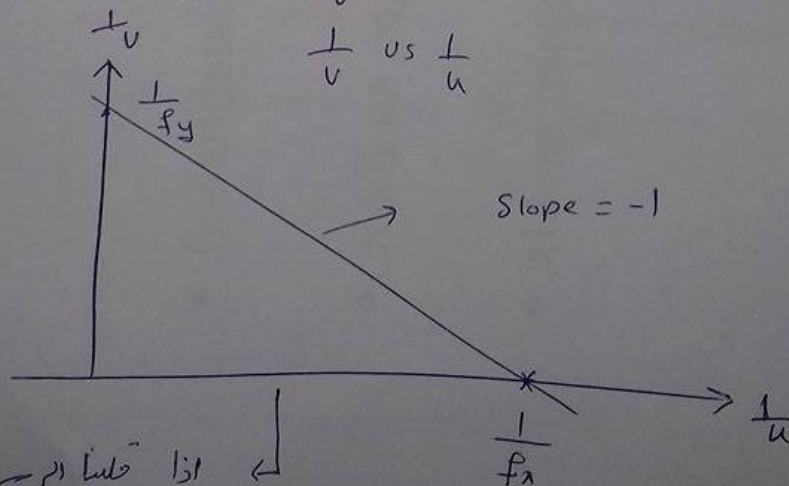
$v \Rightarrow$ Distance between the lens and Image



The focal length: the distance at which the Image light converges.

$$\frac{\Delta f}{f^2} = \frac{\Delta u}{u^2} + \frac{\Delta v}{v^2}$$

$\frac{1}{v}$ vs $\frac{1}{u}$



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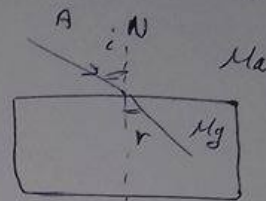
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Exp. 6 (Index of refraction)

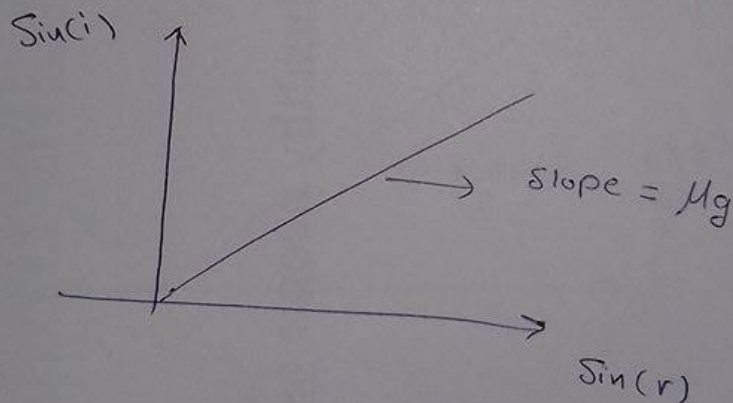
$\mu = \frac{c}{v}$ → speed of light in air.
 Index of refraction. → speed of light in the medium.

$$\mu_a \sin(i) = \mu_g \sin(r)$$

$$\mu_a = 1$$



$$\frac{\Delta \mu_g}{\mu_g} = \left| \frac{\cos(\bar{i})}{\sin(\bar{i})} \right| \Delta i + \frac{\cos(\bar{r})}{\sin(\bar{r})} \Delta r$$



→ we used least square method

But don't remember the equations by heart.

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Exp. 7: Measuring g

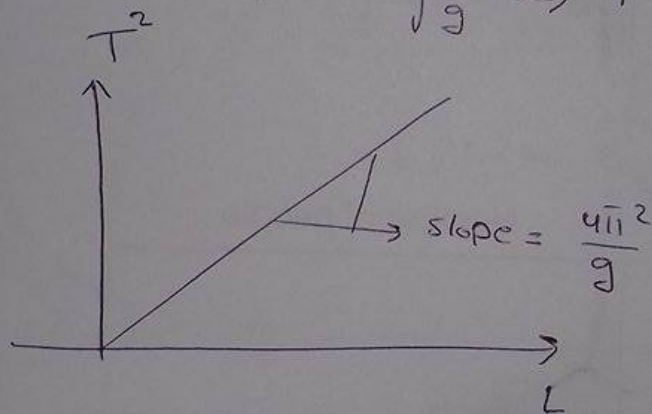
$$\omega = 2\pi f = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

ω : Angular frequency

f : frequency

T : period

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}} \Rightarrow T^2 = 4\pi^2 \frac{L}{g}$$



L : length of the string.

$$\frac{\Delta g}{g} = \frac{\Delta \text{slope}}{\text{slope}}$$

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Exp. 8: Half-life ...

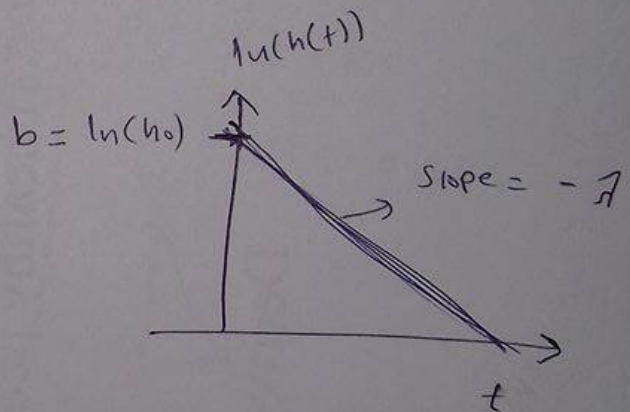
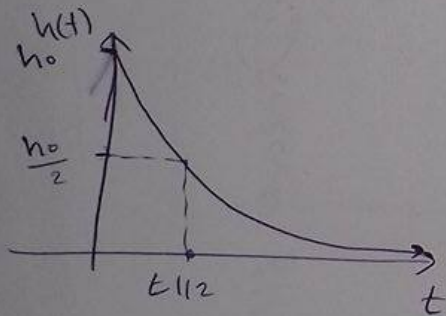
$$\frac{dh}{dt} = -\lambda h$$

$$h(t) = h_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

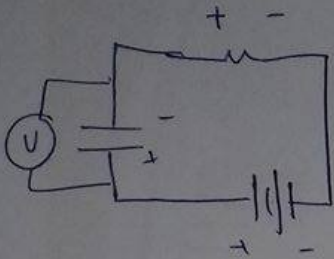
$\lambda \Rightarrow$ decay constant

$t_{1/2} =$ half-life time

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln(2)}{\lambda}$$



Exp. 9 : RC circuit



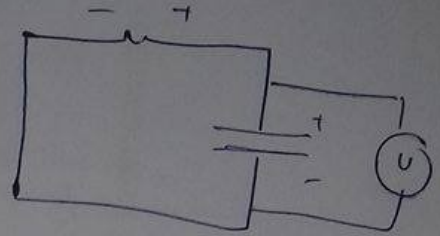
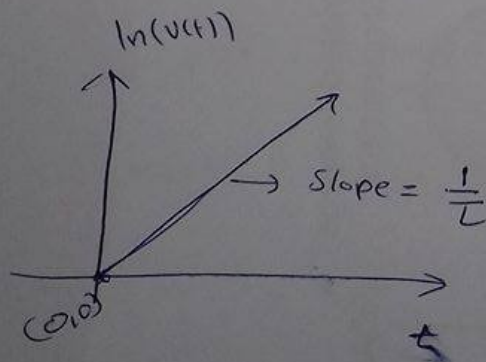
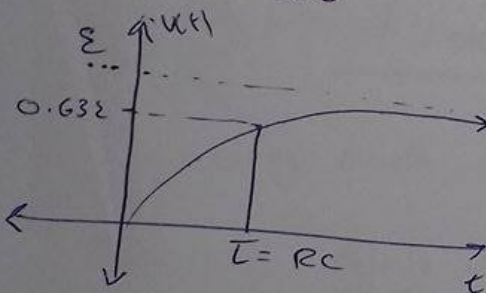
⇒ Charging

$$Q(t) = \varepsilon C (1 - e^{-t/\tau})$$

$$V(t) = \varepsilon (1 - e^{-t/\tau})$$

$$\tau = RC \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta C}{C} = \frac{\Delta \tau}{\tau} + \frac{\Delta R}{R}$$

$$V(\tau) = 0.63 \varepsilon$$



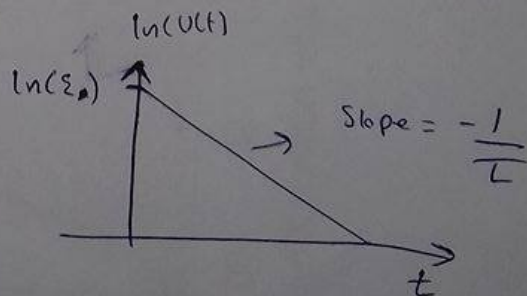
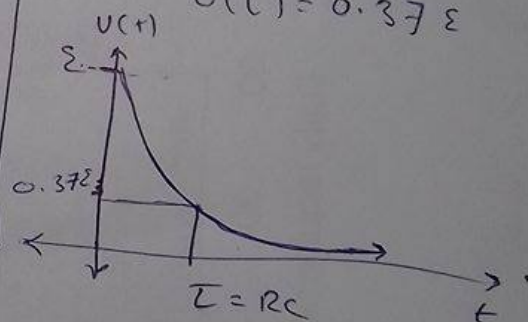
⇒ Discharging

$$Q(t) = \varepsilon C e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$V(t) = \varepsilon e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$\tau = RC$$

$$V(\tau) = 0.37 \varepsilon$$



$\tau \Rightarrow$ time Constant

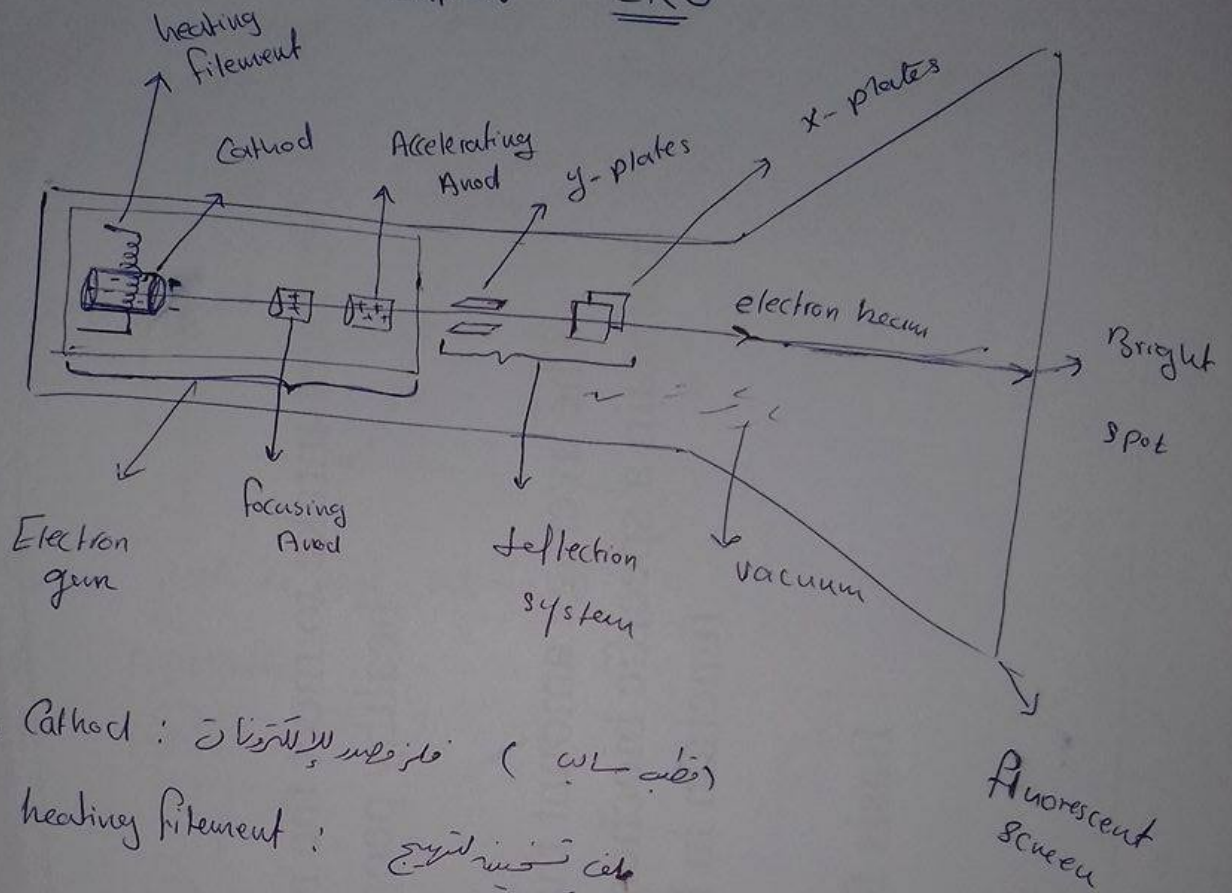
Big $\tau \Rightarrow$ slow charging

small $\tau \Rightarrow$ fast charging

$$\Rightarrow t_{1/2} = \ln(2) \times \tau$$

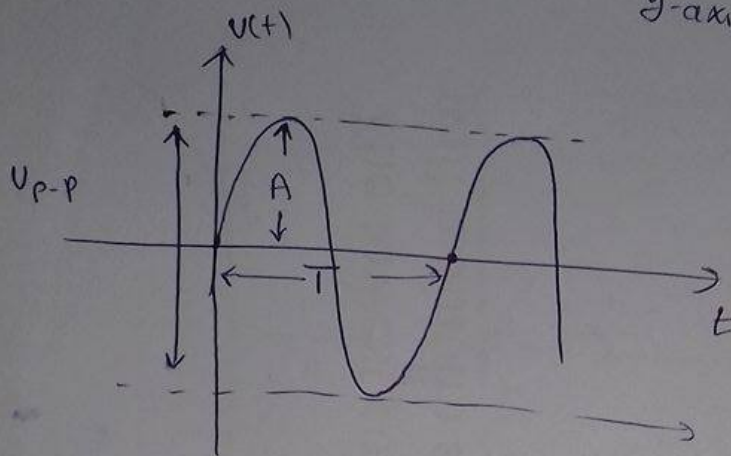
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Exp. 10 : CRO



- Cathod : (قطب سالب) - قطب سالب للإلكترونات
- heating filament : ملف تسخين لتسخين الإلكترونات
- Accelerating Anode ⇒ قطب موجب واسع للإلكترونات
- focusing Anode ⇒ قطب موجب مركز للإلكترونات
- ⇒ y-plates, x-plates ⇒ صناع للتحريك بإحداثيات الإلكترونات
- ⇒ fluorescent screen ⇒ شاشة فلورية لتسليط الضوء

⇒ Internal Mode : V vs t
 y -axis \rightarrow x -axis



V_{p-p} : peak to peak Voltage.

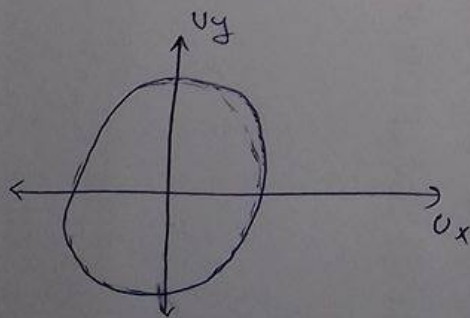
A : Amplitude.

T : period

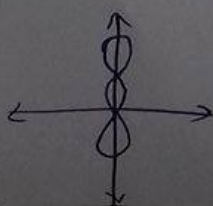
$$f = \frac{1}{T}$$

⇒ External Mode

$$f_x = f_y$$

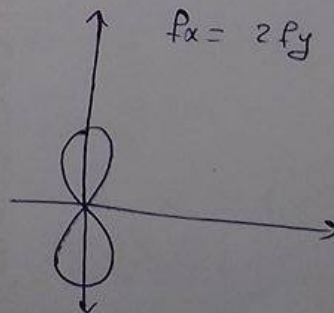


$$f_x = 3f_y$$

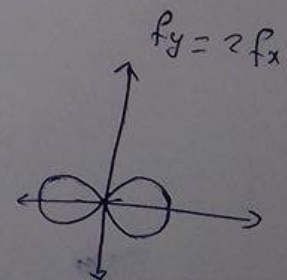
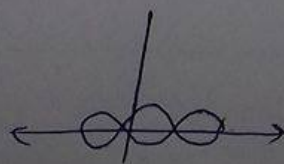


y -axis
 V_y vs V_x
 x -axis

$$f_x = 2f_y$$



$$f_y = 3f_x$$

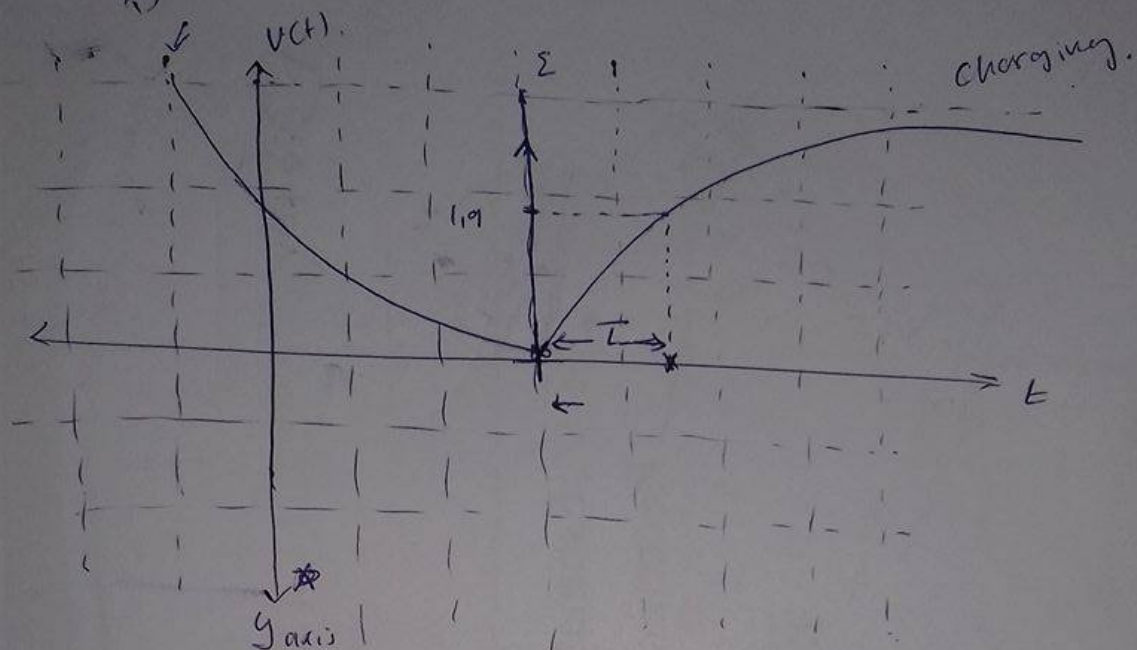


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Discharging

Exp. 11

RC - Circuit



$$\Rightarrow C = 0.1 \text{ MF}$$

$$0.5 \text{ Volt/div}$$

$$5 \text{ msec/div}$$

$$\Sigma = 3 \text{ squares}$$

$$0.63 \times 3 = 1.9 \Rightarrow \text{for charging}$$

$$\bar{L} = 1.5 \text{ squares}$$

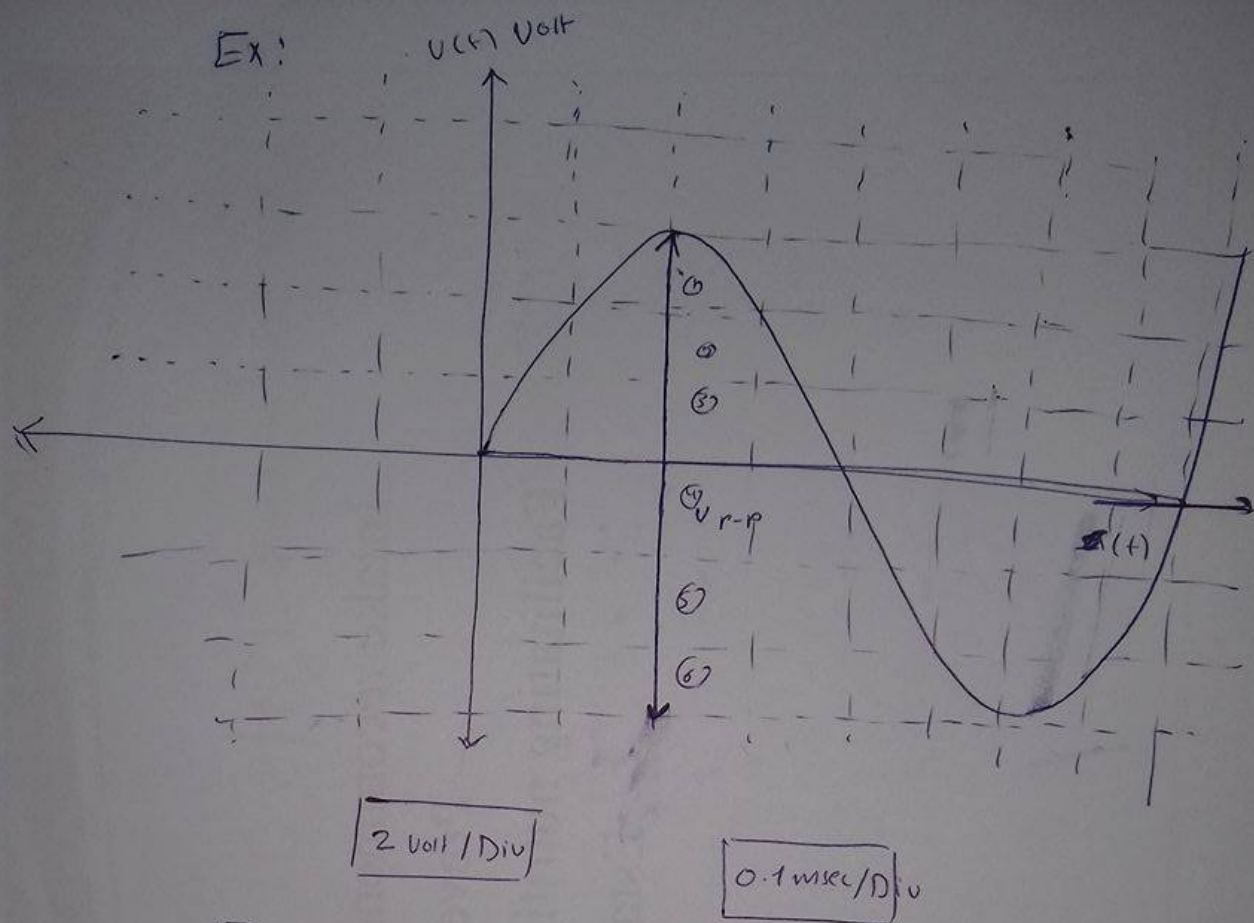
$$1.5 \times 5 \text{ msec} = 7.5 \text{ msec}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Find } R \Rightarrow \bar{L} = RC$$

$$7.5 \times 10^{-3} = R \times 0.1 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$R = 75 \times 10^{-3} = 75 \text{ K}\Omega$$

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Find ① V_{p-p} :

② Amplitude

③ frequency

① \Rightarrow 6 squares

$$V_{p-p} = 6 \times 2 \text{ Volt / Div} = 12 \text{ Volt}$$

② Amplitude = $\frac{V_{p-p}}{2} = 6 \text{ Volt}$

③ $T_{\text{period}} = 8 \times 0.1 \text{ msec} = 0.8 \text{ msec}$

(19) $f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{0.8 \times 10^{-3}} = \frac{1000}{0.8} = 1250 \text{ Hz}$