

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 ( $\sigma_s$ ) and the uncertainty in the mean ( $\sigma_m$ ).

-  $\sigma_m = \frac{\sigma_s}{N}$  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.

$\Delta x$ : is  $\sigma_m$  for  $x$  values.

-  $\Delta x$  should always be written to one significant figure and  $\bar{x}$  should follow  $\Delta x$  in decimal

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

- if the leading figure in  $\Delta x$  is one like 0.134 we keep another digit after the one

Ex:  $x = 3.52 \pm 0.13$  cm

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$\Rightarrow$   $\Delta x$  can be found from the least number a tool can read.

Ex: ① if ~~an~~ 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  $\frac{2}{3}$

$$\Rightarrow x_{\text{true}} - G_m \leq \bar{x} \leq x_{\text{true}} + G_m$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{x} \in [x_{\text{true}} - G_m, x_{\text{true}} + G_m]$$

} 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.

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

$0.02 \leq 0.28 \checkmark$

Acceptable.

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

$0.09 \leq 0.06 \times$

Not acceptable.

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② Significant figures : ~~(Average)~~

$x = \underline{3}, \underline{5}, \underline{2} \Rightarrow 3 \text{ significant figures.}$

$x = 0. \underline{3}, \underline{5}, \underline{2}, \underline{0} \Rightarrow 4 \text{ significant fig.}$

$x = \underline{3}, \underline{0}, \underline{5}, \underline{2}, \underline{0}, \underline{0} \Rightarrow 6 \text{ sig. fig.}$

$x = \underline{1}, \underline{0}, \underline{0}, \underline{0} \Rightarrow 4 \text{ sig. fig.}$

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

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

\* Rounding :-

$x = 3, \underline{5}, \underline{2}, \underline{7} \Rightarrow 4 \text{ sig. fig}$

$x = 3, \underline{5}, \underline{3} \Rightarrow 3 \text{ sig. fig}$

$x = 3, \underline{5} \Rightarrow 2 \text{ sig. fig.}$

$\Rightarrow$  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.

ex: ①  $x = 3, \underline{2}, \underline{5} \text{ (3 sig. fig)}$

$\downarrow$   
 $3, \underline{2} \text{ (2. sig fig)}$

②  $x = 3, \underline{3}, \underline{5} \Rightarrow 3, \underline{4}$

④

## ⇒ 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

$R = A + B = 18,131$  ⇒  $18,13$  (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)

$R = A * B = 12,6025$  (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.

⇒ + / -

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

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

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

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

⇒ ~~8~~ / ~~8~~ (multiplication and division)

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

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

⇒ Constant multiplier

$$R = 2x$$

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

⇒ raising to power

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$\Delta R = \Delta \theta \sin(\theta)$      $\Rightarrow$  Note  $\Delta \theta$  should be in Radian

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

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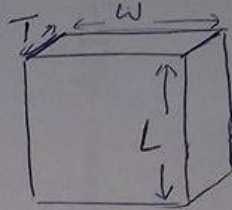
## Experiments

### 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.



## 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

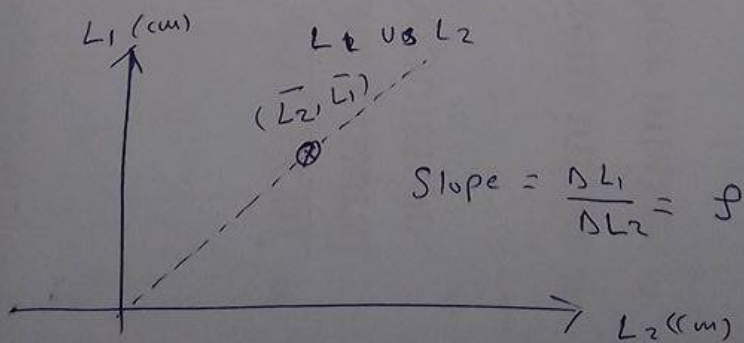
## Exp. 3

Density of liquids

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

$$\rho_1 = 1$$

$$L_1 = \rho_2 L_2$$



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

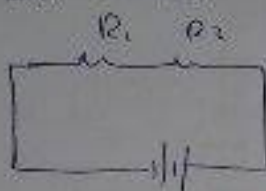
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## Exp. 4

### D.C circuit

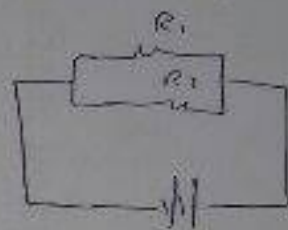
$$R = \frac{V \text{ (volt)}}{I \text{ (amp A)}}$$

\* In Series

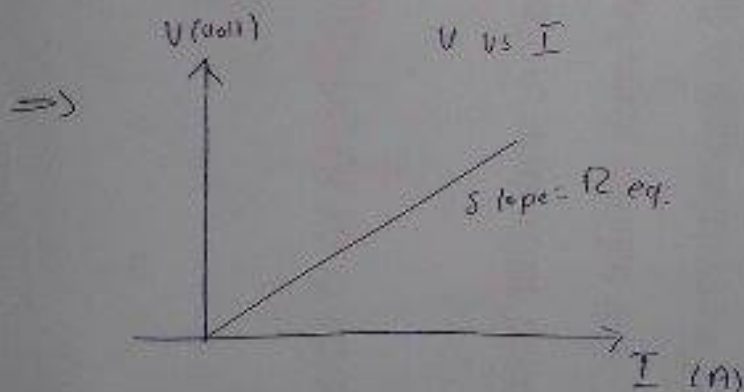


$$R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2$$

\* In Parallel



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



- ⇒ Voltmeter: very large resistance  
↳ On parallel
- ⇒ Ammeter: very small resistance  
↳ On series.

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

\* Colour code



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

Exp. 5

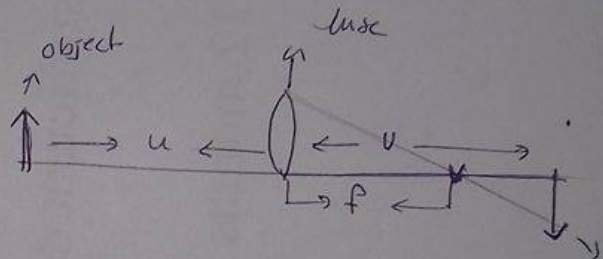
focal length.

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

$f \Rightarrow$  focal length.

$u \Rightarrow$  Distance between the object and lens

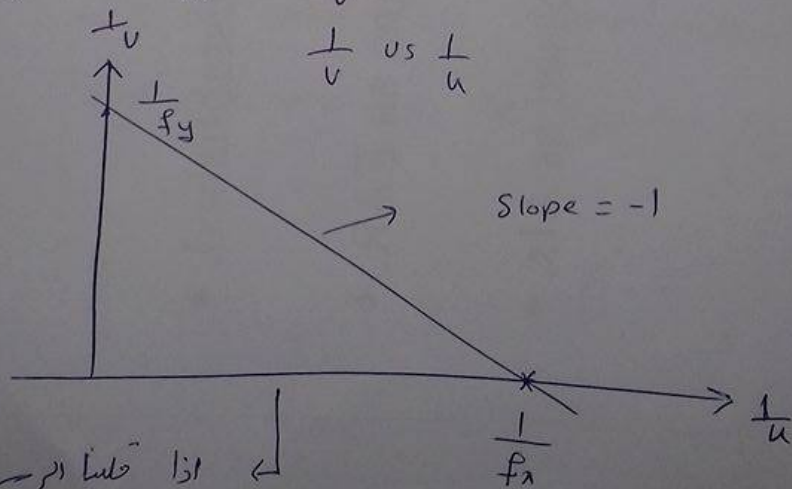
$v \Rightarrow$  Distance between the lens and Image



The focal length: the distance at which the 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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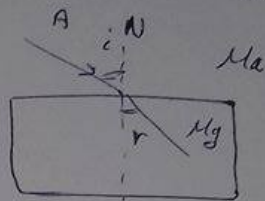
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## Exp. 6 (Index of refraction)

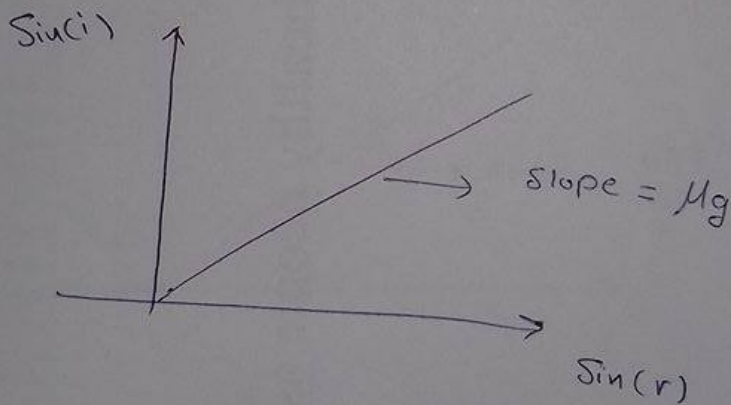
$\mu = \frac{c}{v}$  → speed of light in air.  
 Index of refraction → speed of light in the medium.

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

$$\mu_a = 1$$



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



→ we used least square method

But don't remember the equations by heart.

Exp. 7: Measuring g

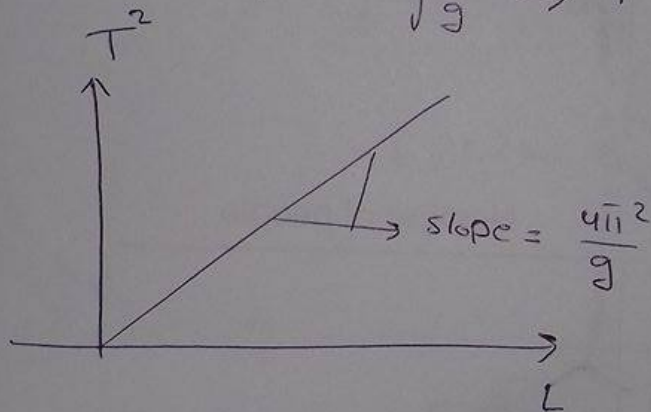
$$\omega = 2\pi f = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

$\omega$ : 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.

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

Exp. 8: Half-life ...

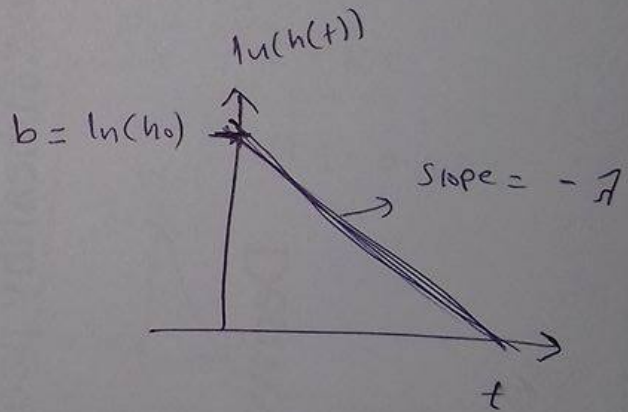
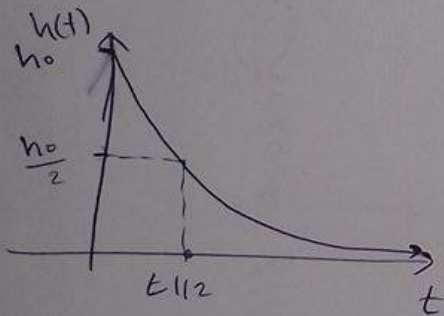
$$\frac{dh}{dt} = -\lambda h$$

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

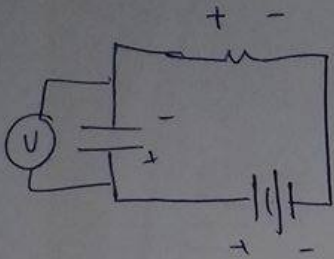
$\lambda \Rightarrow$  decay constant

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

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



# Exp. 9 : RC circuit



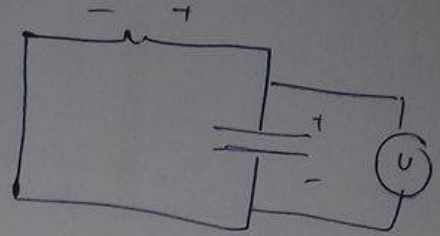
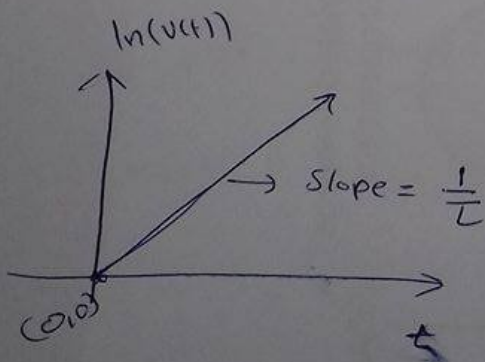
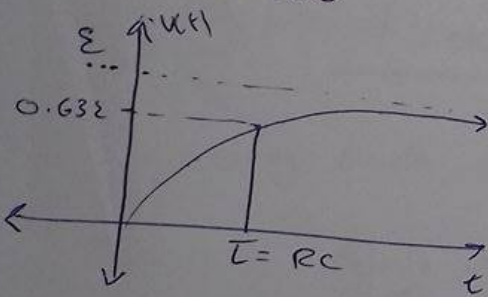
⇒ Charging

$$Q(t) = \epsilon C (1 - e^{-t/RC})$$

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

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

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



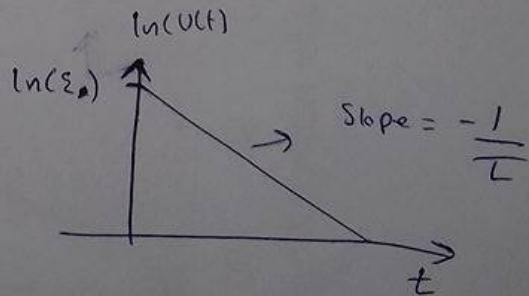
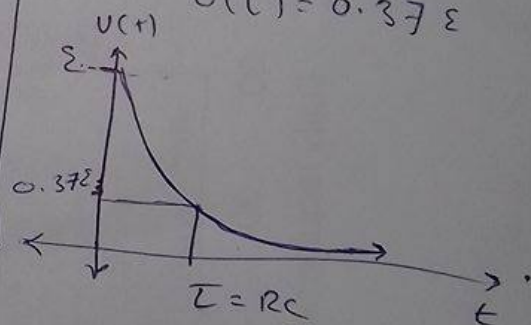
⇒ Discharging

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

$$V(t) = \epsilon e^{-t/RC}$$

$$\tau = RC$$

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



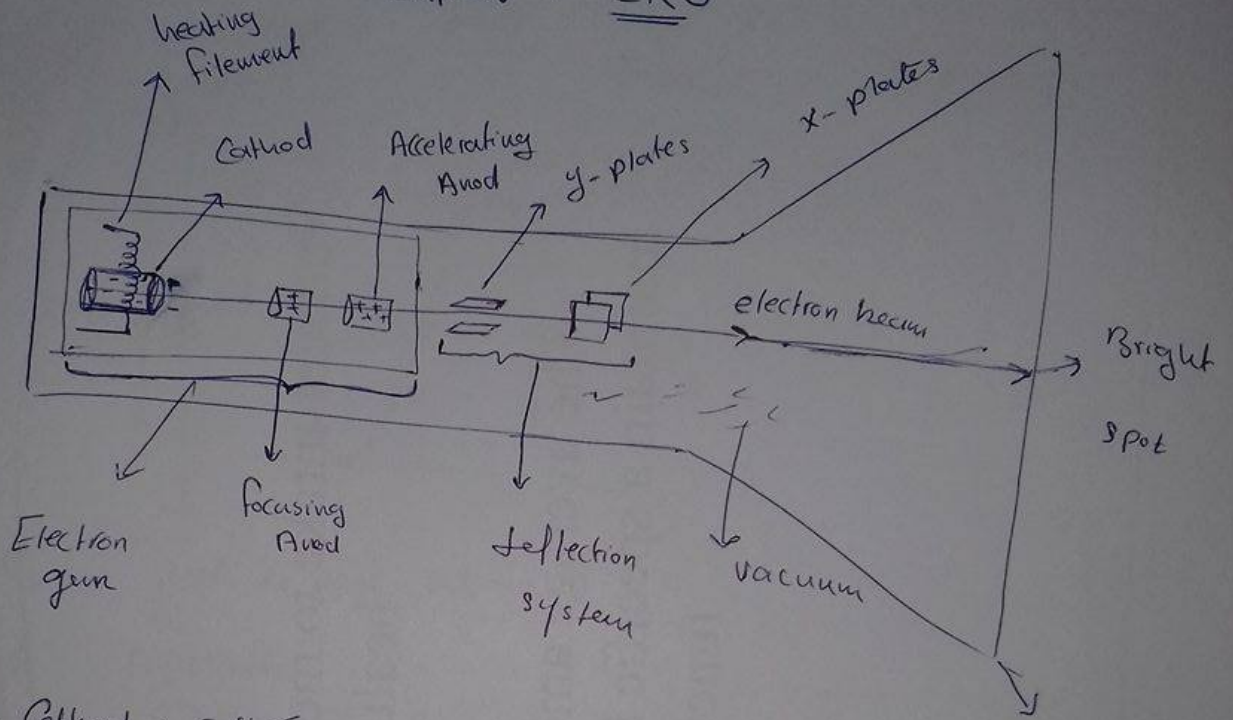
$\tau \Rightarrow$  time constant

Big  $\tau \Rightarrow$  slow charging

small  $\tau \Rightarrow$  fast charging

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

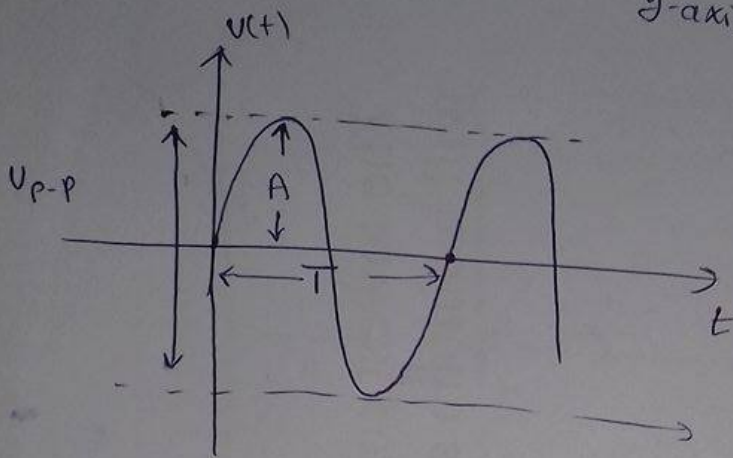
Exp. 10 : CRO



- Cathode : (قطب سالب) مادة تفرط بالالكترونات
- heating filament : مادة تستخدم لتسخين الكاثود
- Accelerating Anode ⇒ قطب موجب واسع بالالكترونات
- focusing Anode ⇒ قطب موجب مركز بالالكترونات
- y-plates, x-plates ⇒ صناع للتحريك باتجاه المحاور بالالكترونات
- fluorescent screen ⇒ شاشة فلورية تضيء بالالكترونات



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



$V_{p-p}$ : peak to peak voltage.

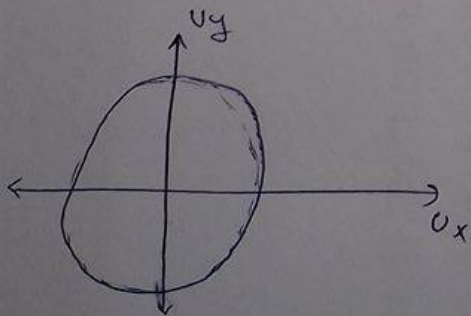
$A$ : Amplitude.

$T$ : period

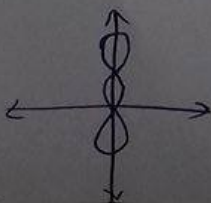
$$f = \frac{1}{T}$$

⇒ External Mode

$$f_x = f_y$$

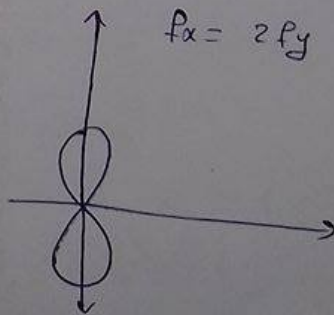


$$f_x = 3f_y$$

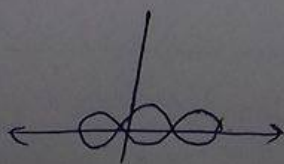


y-axis  $\uparrow$   
 $V_y$  vs  $V_x$   
 $x$ -axis  $\downarrow$

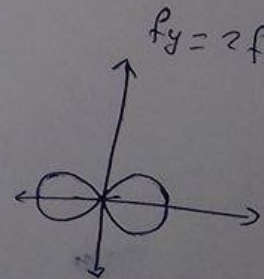
$$f_x = 2f_y$$



$$f_y = 3f_x$$



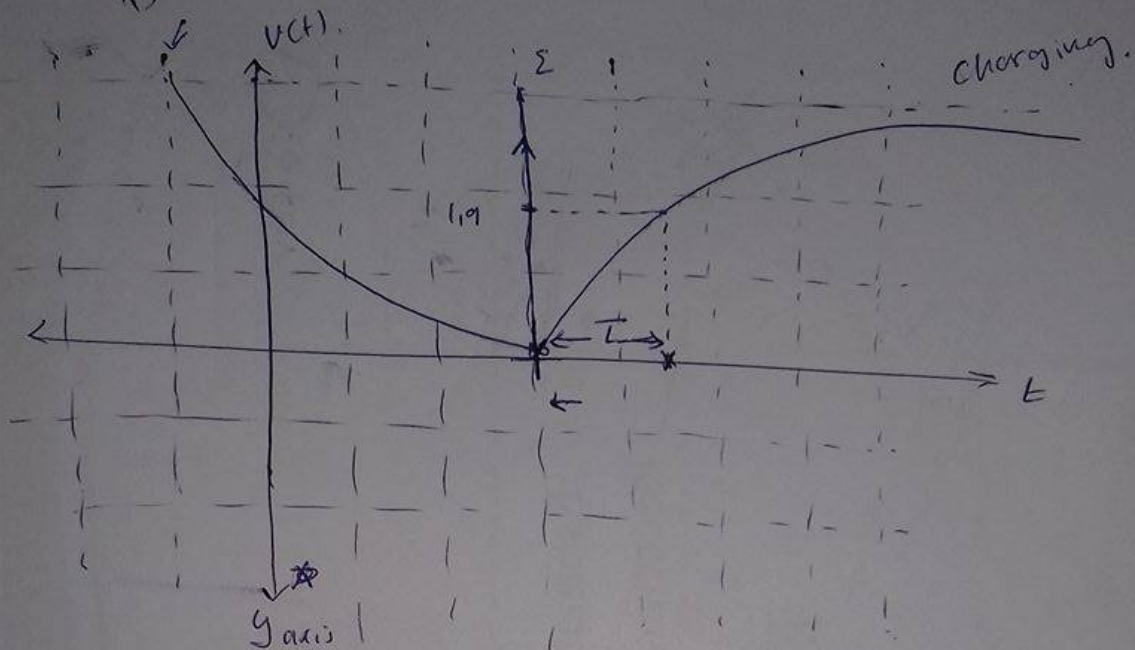
$$f_y = 2f_x$$



Discharging

Exp. 11

RC-Circuit



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

0.5 Volt/Div

5 msec/Div

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

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

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

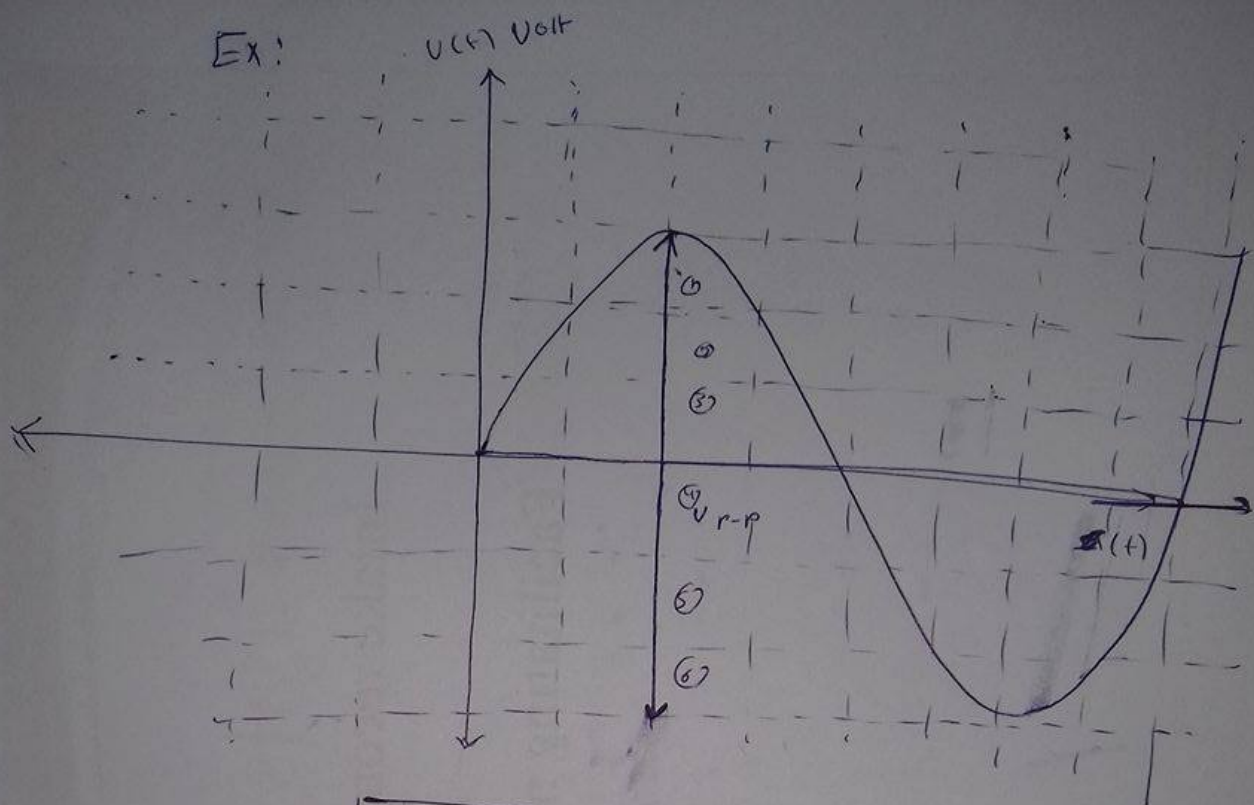
$$1.5 \times 5 \text{ msec} = 7.5 \text{ m (sec)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Find } R$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{L} = RC$$

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

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



2 Volt / Div

0.1 msec / Div

Find ①  $V_{p-p}$  :

② Amplitude

③ frequency

①  $\Rightarrow$  6 squares

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

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

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

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$$f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{0.8 * 10^{-3}} = \frac{1000}{0.8} = 1250 \text{ Hz}$$