



# Topic 24: Oscillations in water

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# Problem

Take a vial, a tall glass, or a bottle and load it with heavy objects. Make it float vertically on the water surface. If displaced up or down, the vial will oscillate. **Calculate theoretically and measure experimentally the period of its oscillations.**

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## Oscillation and periodic objects

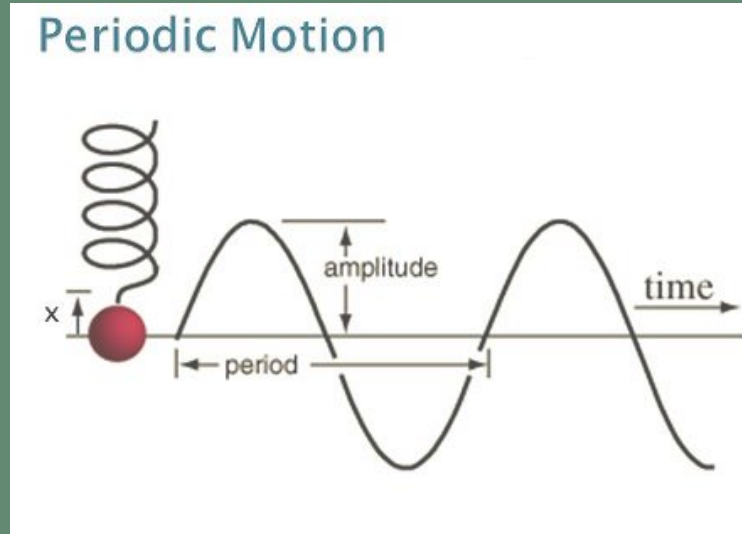
- A regular variation in magnitude or position about a central point called the equilibrium
- In the experiment, the vial is an example of periodic motion.
- A period is the time taken for an object to make one oscillation



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Graph of the periodic motion of an object



# Calculating the Period

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

Where:

T: Period of the oscillation

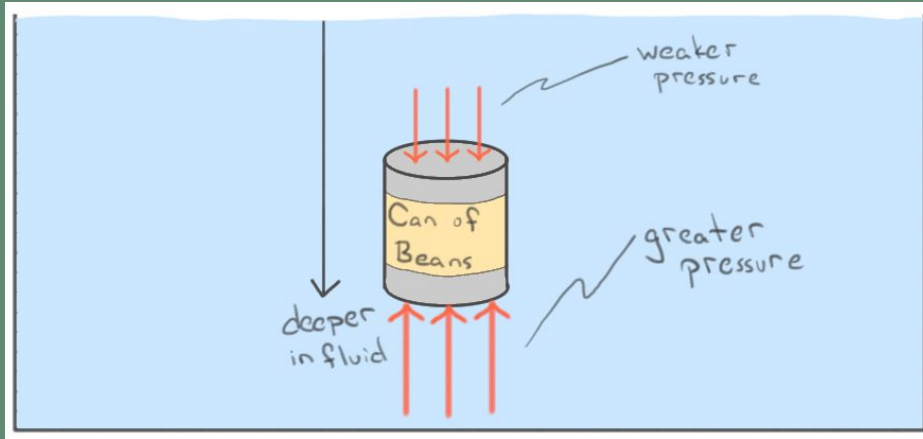
l: length of the water inside the vial

g: gravitational force



# Buoyant

When an object is submerged in a fluid an upward force is applied on the object:  
the Buoyant force



- Pressure increases as the object goes deeper
- The force from pressure exerted downward on the top of the object will be less than the force from pressure exerted upward on the bottom of the object

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## Buoyancy Formula

**Buoyant Force:**  $F_b = -\rho g V$

**Object floating means buoyant force = weight**

$$Mg = (\rho A d)g$$

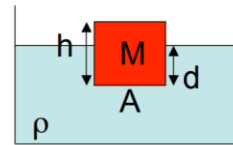
$$d = M/\rho A$$

M = Mass

g = Acceleration of gravity

$\rho$  = Fluid density

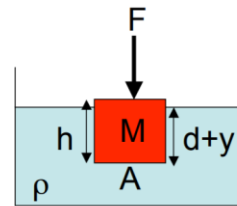
A = Surface area



Object floating means buoyant force = weight

$$Mg = (\rho A d)g$$

$$d = M/\rho A$$



Object floating with extra force F means more buoyant force

$$Mg + F = (\rho A d)g + (\rho A y)g$$

$$y = F/\rho A g$$

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## Research Question:

Does an increase in the height from the base affect in the period of oscillation of the test tube?





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## Hypothesis:

Based on research, The oscillating object goes through and damped simple harmonic motion.

That means that at the best approximation, the number of the oscillations will will be more when the height is greater.

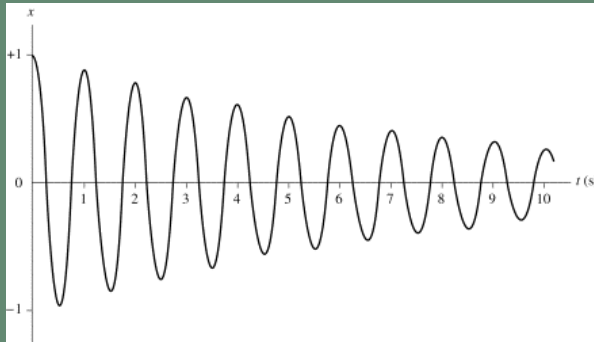


Figure 2: Graph of a Damped SHM

# Variables-Exp 1



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## Independent

- Height from the base of the jar

## Dependent

- Number of oscillations

## Control

- Size of test tube
- Temperature of water
- Amount of water in container (ml)

# All Materials



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1. Containers
  - a. Erlenmeyer Flasks  
Conical Glass Beaker  
(500ml)
  - b. Test tube ( ml)
2. Mass blocks ( 1.17g)
3. Water
4. Motion Sensor (NeuLog)
5. Sticker (target for sensor)
6. Clamp
7. Ruler stick
8. Test tube (22.42g)
9. Small blocks of mass 1.17g

Figure 3:  
Erlenmeyer Flasks  
500ml Conical  
Glass Beaker



Figure 4: Test Tube



Figure 5:  
NeuLog Motion  
Sensor

# Method



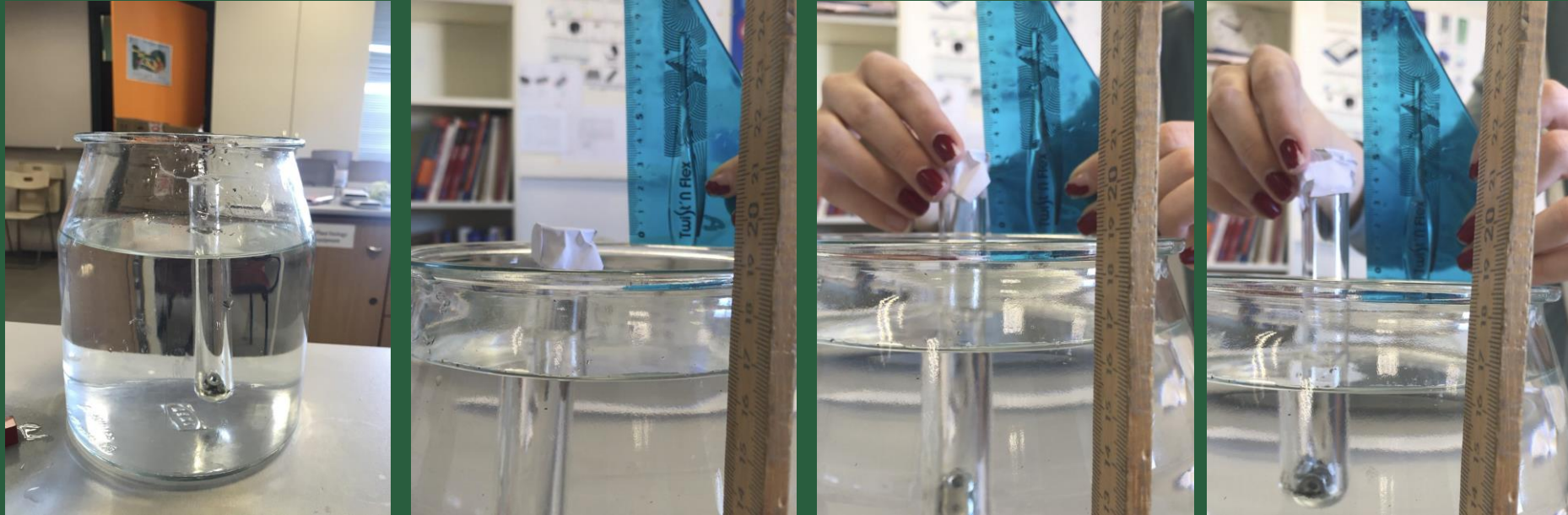
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1. An jar was filled till 1000ml.
2. Five blocks of mass was added inside the test tube and the top of the test tube was covered with a sticker.
3. A ruler was also fixed in place, so that the top of the test tube was located at 20 cm.
4. The test tube was released at 4 different heights (-2cm, 1cm, 3cm, 5cm).
5. A video was taken and the number of times the object oscillated was recorded.

# Results



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**Figure 6** The set up of experiment

# Results



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## Raw Data

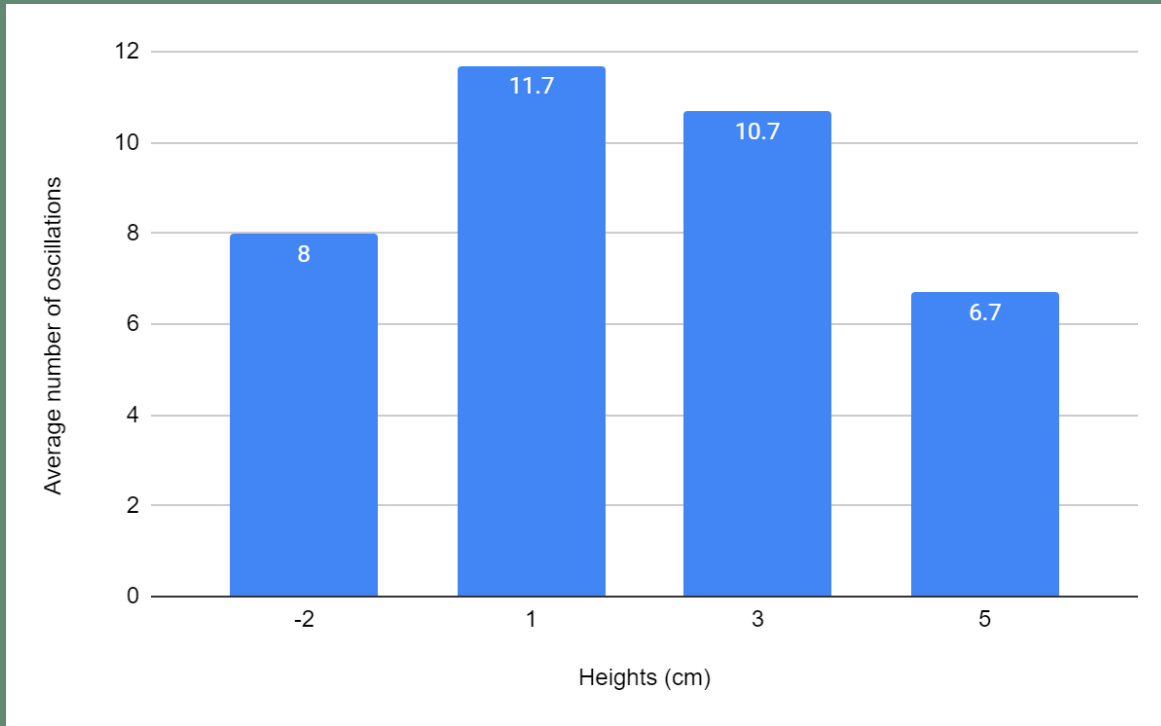
Insert graph

	-2 cm	1 cm	3 cm	5 cm
Trial 1	8	12	11	5
Trial 2	9	11	6	5
Trial 3	7	12	5	10
<b>Mean</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>6.7</b>

# Results



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Graph 1: Number of oscillations per height

# Variables-Exp 2



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## Independent

- Positions of

## Dependent

- Time in Seconds

## Control

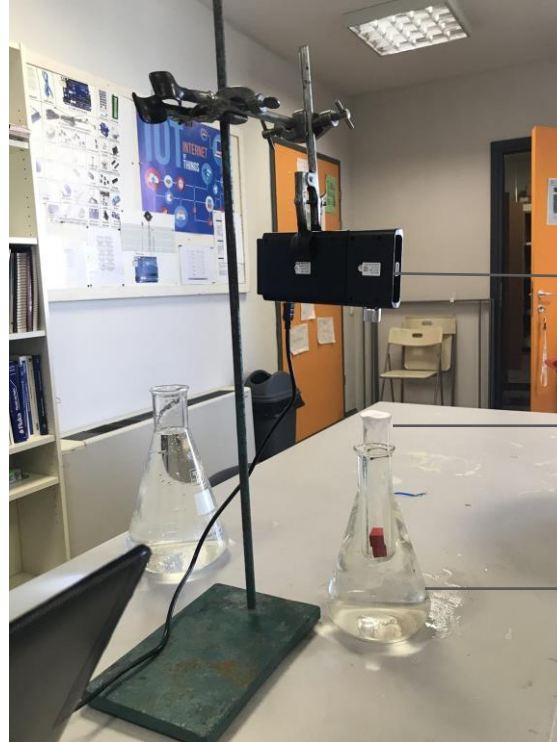
- Size of test tube
- Temperature of water
- Amount of water in container (ml)



# Set up 2



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→ NeuLog Motion  
Sensor

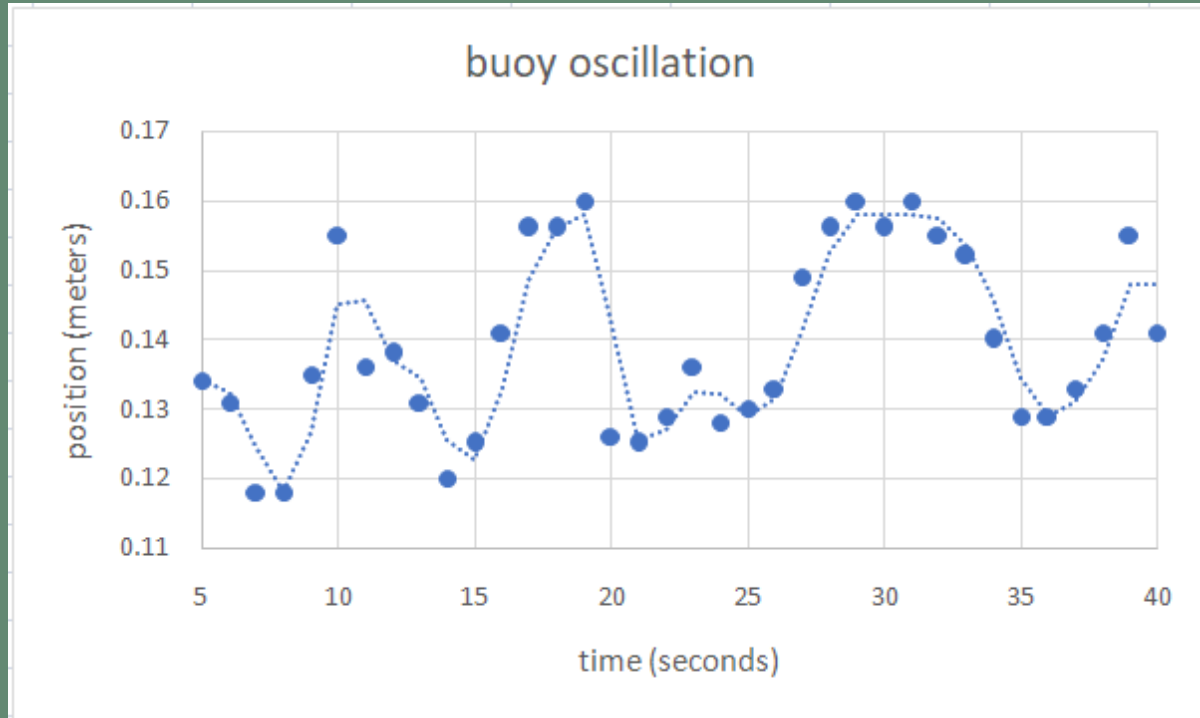
→ Test tube with the blocks  
of masses inside

→ Erlenmeyer Flask -  
500ml water

Figure 5.

Figure 4. Setup of Erlenmeyer Flasks Conical beaker and test tube

# Graph-Experiment 2



Thank you