

Lab. 1. Density of a metal

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I. Purpose of the experiment

- Learn to use length and mass measuring tools.
- Learn how to analys experimental data, and treat measuring errors.

II. Theoretical basis

Volume of a ball: $V = \frac{\pi}{6} D^3$

Density of a substance is calculated from: $\rho = \frac{m}{V}$

where m is the mass and V is the volume of the object.

III. Experimental plan

3.1. Tools and Materials

- Screw gauge; Metal ball;

3.2. Lab Procedure

1. Use a Panmer (Scraw Gauge) to measure the diameter of a metal ball; mass of the ball will be given. Write the obtained results on table 1.
2. Calculate volume and density of the ball;

IV. Experimental results and analysis

Volume and Mass Density of Metal – A Metal Ball

a) Use a Panme (Screw Gauge) to measure the diameter of a metal ball; and use a balance to measure the mass of the ball. Write the obtained results on the following table .

	Tool error of the Screw Gauge: $\Delta D_{tool} = \dots\dots\dots$	
	Mass of the ball: $m = \dots\dots\dots \pm \dots\dots$ (g)	
No.	Diameter, D (mm)	ΔD (mm)
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
	The everage $\overline{D} = \dots\dots\dots$	$\overline{\Delta D} = \dots\dots\dots$

b) Diameter

Absolute uncertainty

$$\Delta D = \overline{\Delta D} + \Delta D_{tool} = \dots\dots\dots \pm \dots\dots\dots = \dots\dots\dots \text{ (mm)}$$

Measuring results:

$$D = \dots\dots\dots \pm \dots\dots\dots \text{ (mm)}$$

c) Volume of the ball

$$V = \frac{\pi}{6} D^3 = \dots\dots\dots \text{ (mm}^3\text{)} = \dots\dots\dots \times 10^{-9} \text{ (m}^3\text{)}$$

+ Percentage uncertainty of volume V :

$$\delta_V = \frac{\Delta V}{V} = \frac{\Delta \pi}{\pi} + \frac{3\Delta D}{D} = \dots\dots\dots = \dots\dots\dots$$

+ absolute uncertainty volume V :

$$\Delta V = V \times \delta_V = \dots\dots\dots = \dots\dots\dots$$

d) Mass of the ball:

+ Mass:

$$m = \dots\dots\dots \pm \dots\dots\dots \text{ (g)} = \dots\dots\dots \pm \dots\dots\dots \times 10^{-3} \text{ (kg)}$$

e) Mass density of the ball:

$$\rho = \frac{m}{V} = \dots\dots\dots \text{ (kg/m}^3\text{)}$$

Estimate the error:

+ Percentage uncertainty of density ρ :

$$\delta_\rho = \frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho} = \frac{\Delta V}{V} + \frac{\Delta m}{m} = \delta_V + \delta_m = \dots\dots\dots + \dots\dots\dots = \dots\dots\dots$$

+ absolute uncertainty density ρ :

$$\Delta \rho = \rho \times \delta_\rho = \dots\dots\dots = \dots\dots\dots \text{ (kg/m}^3\text{)}$$

Writing final results:

The average value of g measured for the entire experiment is:

$$\bar{\rho} = \dots\dots\dots \pm \dots\dots\dots \text{ (kg/m}^3\text{)}$$

Lab. 2. Free fall

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I. Purpose of the experiment

- + Determine the value of free fall acceleration by experiment.
- + Practice skills in using vibrators and digital time meters to measure small periods of time thereby reinforcing basic operations of experiments and processing results with calculations and graphs.
- + Consolidate knowledge about free fall.

II. Theoretical basis

- Free fall is falling only under the influence of gravity.
- Characteristic:
 - + Vertical direction, from top to bottom.
 - + At a certain place on Earth and near the ground, all objects fall freely with the same acceleration g . (*A constant acceleration motion*)
- Formula to calculate free fall acceleration: $s = \frac{1}{2} \cdot g \cdot t^2$

In which, s is distance traveled by a freely falling object (m). t is time that the object falls freely (s) between two points.

- Falling velocity at time t : $v = \frac{2s}{t}$

III. Experimental plan

3.1. Laboratory instruments

- + Digital timer.
- + Free fall acceleration measuring device.
- + Electromagnet N is installed on the top of the holder.
- + Optical sensor port Q is installed below, at a distance $s \sim 0.60$ m from N

3.2. Experimental process

- + Adjust the base screws and observe plumb bob D so that the two round holes of Q and N are coaxial.
- + Place the falling object V (metal pillar) attached to the electromagnet N.
- + Press the switch button R to let the cylinder fall, and at the same time start the meter.
- + Read the falling time results on the clock.

+ Repeat the operation with other distances, for example of 0.200; 0.300; 0.400; 0.500; 0.600 m.

3.3. Record data

+ Read the time measurements t corresponding to different distances s and create an appropriate data table.

+ Data processing.

- Calculate values for data table.
- Draw a graph of v versus t and s versus t^2 .
- Comment on the obtained graphs.

IV. Experimental results

Table 2.1.

No.	Distance s (m)	Falling time t (s)			Average time $\bar{t}$ (s)	Δt (s)	t^2 (s ²)	g (m/s ²)	Δg (m/s ²)	v (m/s)
		No. 1	No. 2	No. 3						
1										
2										
3										
4										
5										

4.1. Graph

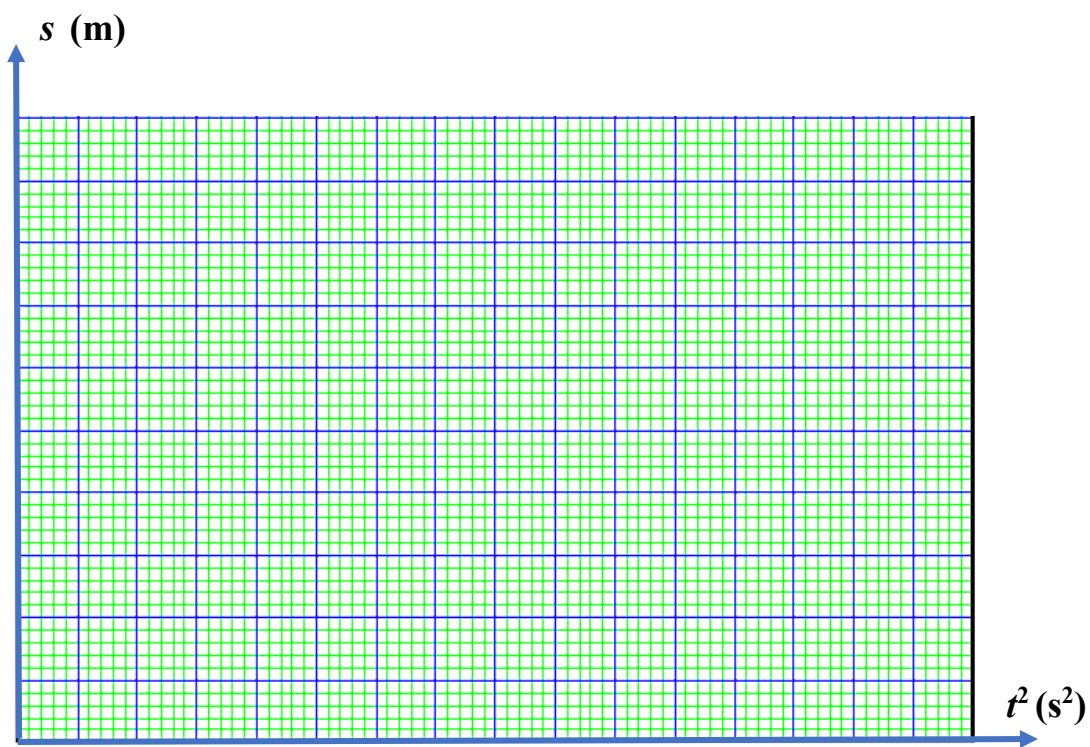
a) Based on the results in the Table 2.1, choose the appropriate scale on the vertical and horizontal axes to draw the graph $s = s(t^2)$.

Draw the straight line of best fit.

Determine the gradient of this line. gradient =

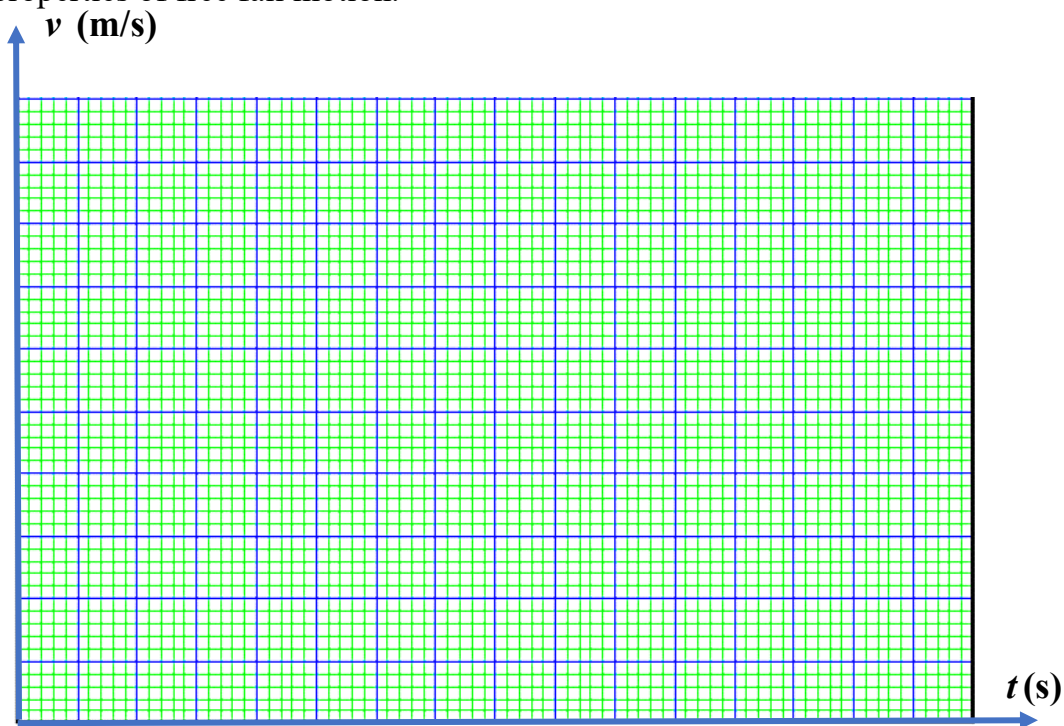
Because we have: $s = \frac{1}{2} \cdot g \cdot t^2 = s(t^2)$. So: *the gradient* = $\frac{1}{2} \cdot g$.

Then, $g = 2 \times \text{gradient} = \dots\dots\dots(\text{m/s}^2)$



b) Determine value of velocity when it's passing through

Draw the graph $v = v(t)$ based on the data in the table, to once again verify the properties of free fall motion.



- Draw a straight line best fit to the experimental data, then give a conclusion about the dependence of velocity v on time t .

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4.2. Determine errors and average values

a) The average value of g and error Δg after 3 measurements (at the same distance) are determined as follows:

+ average value of g : $\bar{g} = \frac{2s}{(\bar{t})^2}$

+ Percentage uncertainty of g : $\delta_g = \frac{\Delta g}{g} = \frac{\Delta s}{s} + \frac{2\Delta t}{t}$

+ where: $\Delta s = 2\Delta s_{tool} = \dots\dots\dots(m)$

+ error (absolute uncertainty): $\Delta g = \bar{g} \times \delta_g$

Then write corresponding results in Table 1.

b) The average value of g measured for the **entire experiment** is:

$$\bar{g} = \frac{g_1 + g_2 + \dots + g_n}{n} = \dots\dots\dots = \dots\dots\dots (m/s^2)$$

The average value of Δg measured for the entire experiment is:

$$\overline{\Delta g} = \frac{\Delta g_1 + \Delta g_2 + \dots + \Delta g_n}{n} = \dots\dots\dots = \dots\dots\dots (m/s^2)$$

The results of the free fall acceleration measurement are:

$$g = \bar{g} \pm \overline{\Delta g} = \dots\dots\dots \pm \dots\dots\dots (m/s^2)$$

Compare the obtained value with g -value obtained in section 4.1.(a).

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Lab. 3. Interference patterns

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I. Purpose of the experiment

In this experiment, you will investigate the interference patterns produced by overlaid grids.

II. Experimental plan

2.1. Tools and Materials

- Grid A and Grid B (on transparent films)
- Ruler (mm scale)
- Protractor or angular scale
- Calculator

2.2. Lab Procedure and Report

(a) Grid A is the grid of parallel, equally spaced lines shown in Fig.3.1.

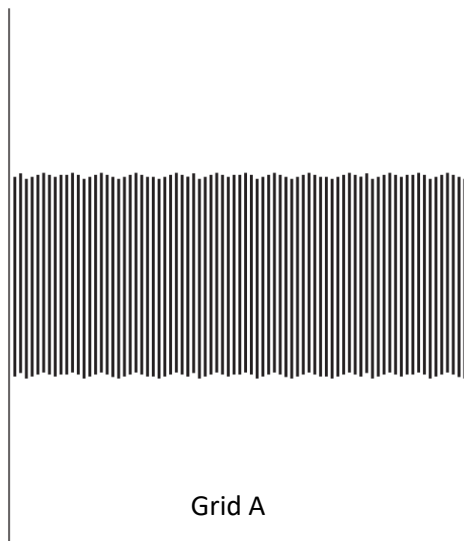


Fig. 3.1.

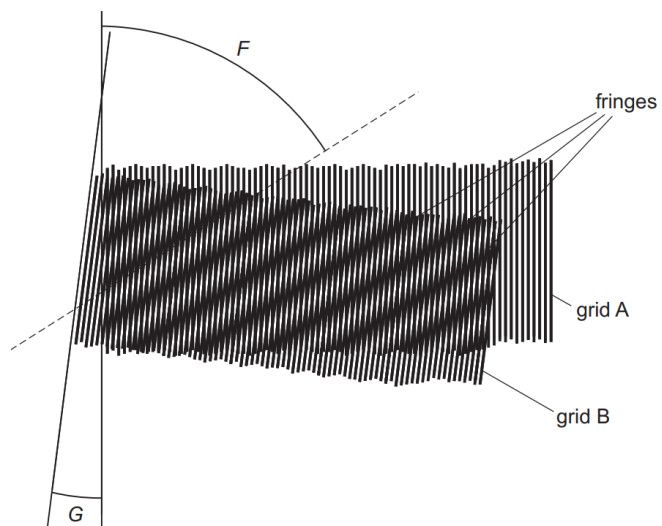


Fig.3.2.

Take measurements to determine the average spacing s_A between the centres of the lines on grid A.

$$s_A = \dots\dots\dots\text{mm}$$

(b) You have been provided with a second grid (labelled grid B) printed on a transparent sheet.

- Place grid B on top of grid A, as shown in Fig.3.1.
- Turn grid B so that there is a small angle G between the grids. A pattern of fringes will be produced, as shown in the example in Fig.3.2
- Do not take measurements from Fig.3.2.

Measure and record your value of G from Fig. 1.1.

$G = \dots\dots\dots^\circ$

- The fringes make an angle F with grid A, as shown in Fig.3.2. Measure and record your value of F from Fig. 1.1.

$F = \dots\dots\dots^\circ$

(c) Rotate grid B and repeat (b) until you have six sets of values of G and F .

Use values of G in the range 0° to 20° .

Record your results in a table. Include values of $\sin F$ and $\sin(F-G)$ in your table.

No.	Angle G ($^\circ$)	Angle F ($^\circ$)	$F - G$ ($^\circ$)	$\sin F$	$\sin(F-G)$
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					

(d) (i) Plot a graph of $\sin(F-G)$ on the y-axis against $\sin F$ on the x-axis.

(ii) Draw the straight line of best fit.

(iii) Determine the gradient and y-intercept of this line.

gradient = $\dots\dots\dots$

y-intercept = $\dots\dots\dots$

(e) It is suggested that the quantities F and G are related by the equation

$$\sin(F - G) = p \sin F + q$$

where p and q are constants. Use your answers in (d)(iii) to determine the values of p and q .

$p = \dots\dots\dots$

$$q = \dots\dots\dots$$

(f) The constant p is related to the spacing of the lines of grids A and B by $p = \frac{s_B}{s_A}$ where s_B is the line spacing of grid B. Use your values of p and s_A to calculate s_B .

$$s_B = \dots\dots\dots\text{mm [1]}$$

