

## SOLUTION EXPERIMENT I

### PART A

#### 1. [Total 0.5 pts]

The experimental method chosen for the calibration of the arbitrary scale is a simple pendulum method [0.3 pts]

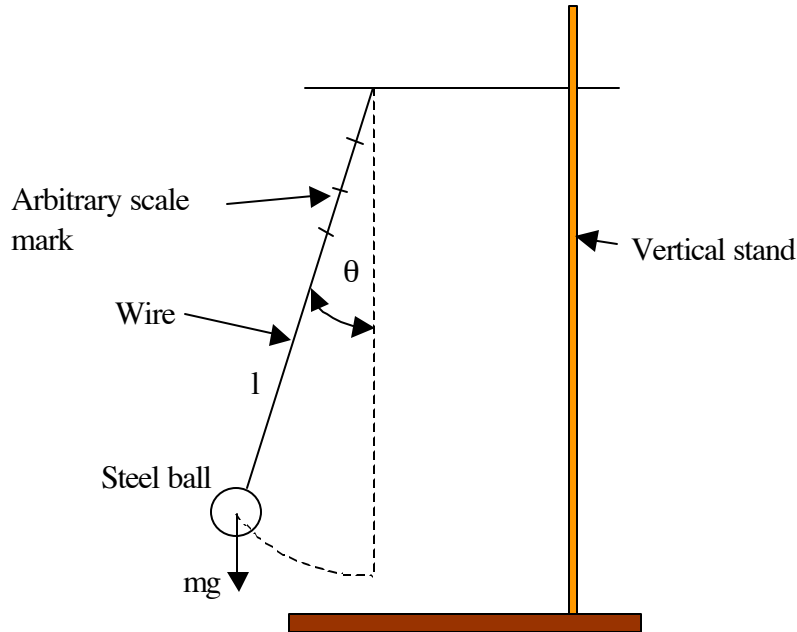


Figure 1. Sketch of the experimental set up [0.2 pts]

#### 2. [Total 1.5 pts]

The expression relating the measurable quantities: [0.5 pts]

$$T_{osc} = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}; T_{osc}^2 = 4\pi^2 \frac{l}{g}$$

Approximations :

$$\sin \theta \approx \theta \quad [0.5 \text{ pts}]$$

mathematical pendulum (mass of the wire  $\ll$  mass of the steel ball,  
the radius of the steel ball  $\ll$  length of the wire [0.5 pts]

flexibility of the wire, air friction, etc [0.1 pts, only when one of the two  
major points above is not given]

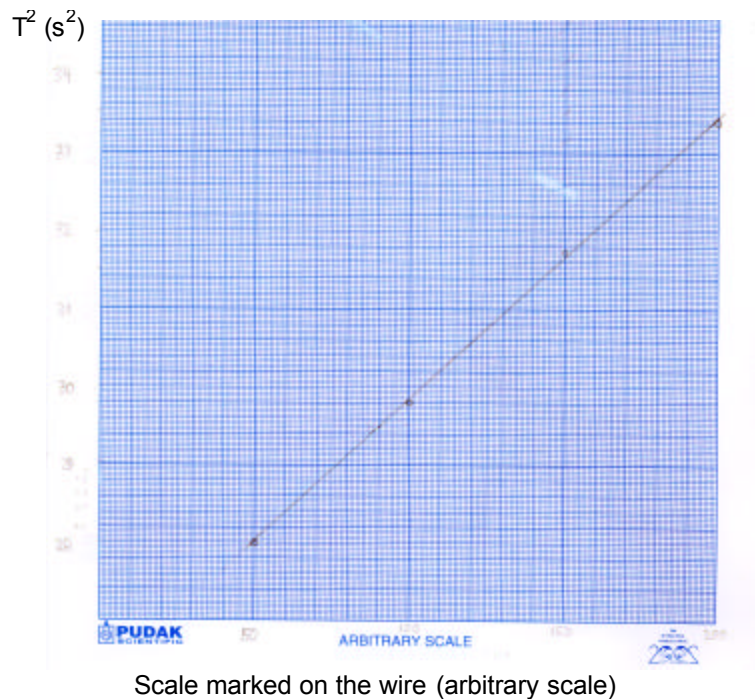
3. **[Total 1.0 pts]** Data sample from simple pendulum experiment  
 # of cycle  $\geq 20$  [0.2 pts.] , difference in  $T \geq 0.01$  s [0.4 pts], # of data  $\geq 4$  [0.4 pts]

No.	t(s) for 50 cycles	Period, T (s)	Scale marked on the wire (arbitrary scale)
1	91.47	1.83	200
2	89.09	1.78	150
3	86.45	1.73	100
4	83.8	1.68	50

4. **[Total 0.5 pts]**

No.	Period, T (s)	Scale marked on the wire (arbitrary scale)	$T^2(s^2)$
1	1.83	200	3.35
2	1.78	150	3.17
3	1.73	100	2.99
4	1.68	50	2.81

The plot of  $T^2$  vs scale marked on the wire:



5. Determination of the smallest unit of the arbitrary scale in term of mm **[Total 1.5 pts]**

$$T_{osc_1}^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{g} L_1, \quad T_{osc_2}^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{g} L_2$$

$$(T_{osc_1}^2 - T_{osc_2}^2) = \frac{4\pi^2}{g} L_1 - L_2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{g} \Delta L$$

$$\Delta L = \frac{g}{4\pi^2} (T_{osc1}^2 - T_{osc2}^2) \text{ or other equivalent expression} \quad [0.5 \text{ pts}]$$

No.		Calculated $\Delta L$ (m)	$\Delta L$ in arbitrary scale	Values of smallest unit of arbitrary scale (mm)
1.	$T_1^2 - T_2^2 = 0.171893 \text{ s}^2$	0.042626	50	0.85
2.	$T_1^2 - T_3^2 = 0.357263 \text{ s}^2$	0.088595	100	0.89
3.	$T_1^2 - T_4^2 = 0.537728 \text{ s}^2$	0.133347	150	0.89
4.	$T_2^2 - T_3^2 = 0.18537 \text{ s}^2$	0.045968	50	0.92
5.	$T_2^2 - T_4^2 = 0.365835 \text{ s}^2$	0.09072	100	0.91
6.	$T_3^2 - T_4^2 = 0.180465 \text{ s}^2$	0.044752	50	0.90

The average value of smallest unit of arbitrary scale,  $\bar{l} = 0.89 \text{ mm}$  [0.5 pts]

The estimated error induced by the measurement: [0.5 pts]

No.	Values of smallest unit of arbitrary scale (mm)	$(l - \bar{l})$	$(l - \bar{l})^2$
1.	0.85	-0.04	0.0016
2.	0.89	0	0
3.	0.89	0	0
4.	0.92	0.03	0.0009
5.	0.91	0.02	0.0004
6.	0.90	0.01	0.0001

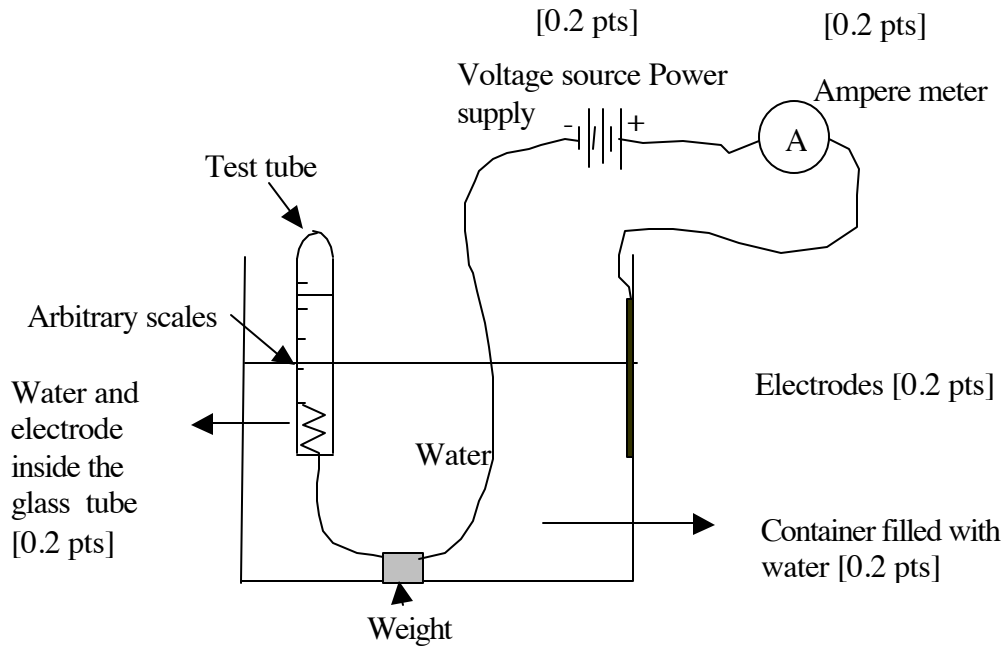
And the standard deviation is:

$$\Delta l = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^6 (l - \bar{l})^2}{N - 1}} = \sqrt{\frac{0.003}{5}} = 0.02 \text{ mm}$$

other legitimate methods may be used

## PART B

### 1. The experimental set up:[Total 1.0 pts]



### 2. Derivation of equation relating the quantities time $t$ , current $I$ , and water level difference $\Delta h$ : [Total 1.5 pts]

$$I = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t}$$

From the reaction:  $2 \text{H}^+ + 2 \text{e}^- \longrightarrow \text{H}_2$ , the number of molecules produced in the process ( $\Delta N$ ) requires the transfer of electric charge is  $\Delta Q = 2e \Delta N$  : [0.2 pts]

$$I = \frac{\Delta N 2e}{\Delta t} \quad [0.5 \text{ pts}]$$

$$P \Delta V = \Delta N k_B T \quad [0.5 \text{ pts}]$$

$$= \frac{I \Delta t}{2e} k_B T$$

$$P \Delta h (\pi r^2) = \frac{I \Delta t}{2} \frac{k_B}{e} T \quad [0.2 \text{ pts}]$$

$$I \Delta t = \frac{e}{k_B} \frac{2P(\pi r^2)}{T} \Delta h \quad [0.1 \text{ pts}]$$

3. The experimental data: [ **Total 1.0 pts**]

No.	$\Delta h$ (arbitrary scale)	$I$ (mA)	$\Delta t$ (s)
1	12	4.00	1560.41
2	16	4.00	2280.61
3	20	4.00	2940.00
4	24	4.00	3600.13

- The circumference  $\phi$ , of the test tube = 46 arbitrary scale [0.3 pts]
- The chosen values for  $\Delta h$  ( $\geq 4$  scale unit) for acceptable error due to uncertainty of the water level reading and for  $I$  ( $\leq 4$  mA) for acceptable disturbance [0.3 pts]
- # of data  $\geq 4$  [0.4 pts]

The surrounding condition ( $T, P$ ) in which the experimental data given above taken:

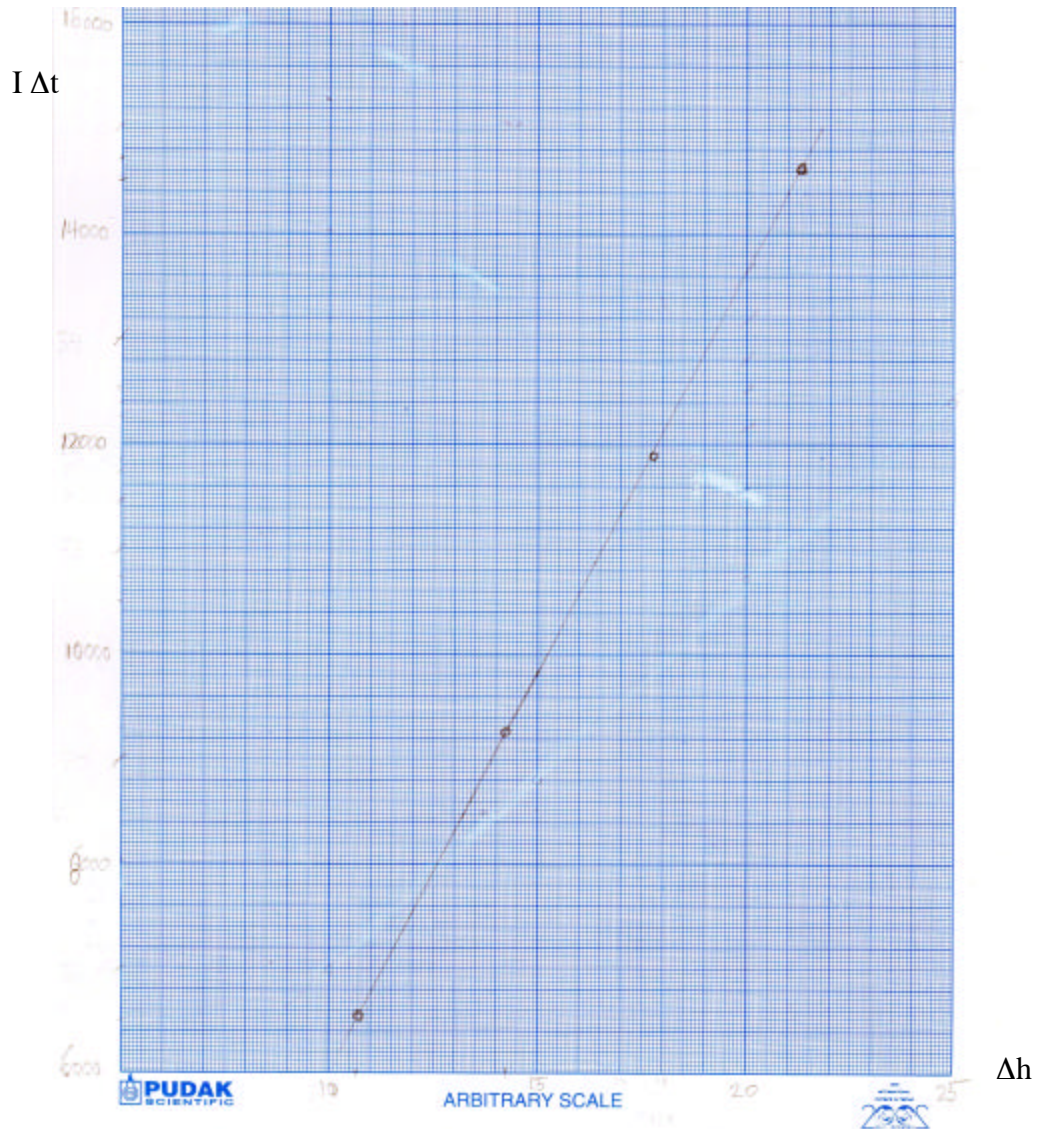
$$T = 300 \text{ K}$$

$$P = 1.00 \cdot 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

4. Determination the value of  $e/k_B$  [ **Total 1.5 pts**]

No.	$\Delta h$ (arbitrary scale)	$\Delta h$ (mm)	$I$ (mA)	$\Delta t$ (s)	$I \Delta t$ ( C )
1	12	10.68	4.00	1560.41	6241.64
2	16	14.24	4.00	2280.61	9120.48
3	20	17.80	4.00	2940.00	11760.00
4	24	21.36	4.00	3600.13	14400.52

Plot of  $I \Delta t$  vs  $\Delta h$  from the data listed above



The slope obtained from the plot is 763.94;

$$\frac{e}{k_B} = \frac{763.94 \times 300 \times \pi}{2 \times 10^5 \times (23 \times 0.89 \times 10^{-3} \times 0.82)^2} = 1.28 \times 10^4 \text{ Coulomb K/J}$$

[1.0 pts]

Alternatively [the same credit points]

No.	$\Delta h$ (mm)	$I \Delta t$ ( C )	Slope	$e/k_b$
1	10.68	6241.64	584.4232	9774.74
2	14.24	9120.48	640.4831	10712.37
3	17.80	11760.00	660.6742	11050.07
4	21.36	14400.52	674.1816	11275.99

Average of  $e/k_b = 1.07 \times 10^4$  Coulomb K/J  
[1.0 pts]

No.	$e/k_b$	difference	Square difference
1	9774.74	-928.55	862205.5
2	10712.37	9.077117	82.39405
3	11050.07	346.7808	120256.9
4	11275.99	572.6996	327984.9

Estimated error

[0.5 pts]

The standard deviation obtained is  $0.66 \times 10^3$  Coulomb K/J,  
Other legitimate measures of estimated error may be also used