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الرقم:مسابقة في مادة الفيزياء  
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**This exam is formed of three exercises in three pages numbered from 1 to 3.**  
**The use of a non-programmable calculator is recommended.**

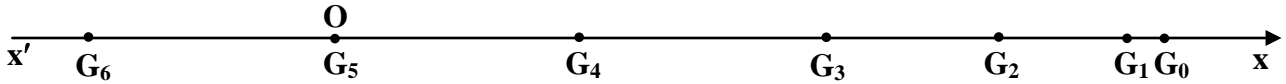
**First exercise : ( 6 1/2 pts) Horizontal mechanical oscillator**

Consider a mechanical oscillator that is formed of a solid (S) of mass  $m = 0.1$  kg and a spring whose stiffness (force constant) is  $k$ . (S) may move, without friction, on a horizontal track with its center of mass G on a horizontal axis  $x'x$ .

An apparatus is used to register the positions of the center of mass G at successive instants separated by a constant time interval  $\tau = 20$  ms.

(S) is shifted, in the positive direction, from the equilibrium position O of G by a certain distance, and then is released without initial velocity at the instant  $t_0 = 0$ .

The above apparatus gives the positions  $G_0, G_1, G_2, G_3, \dots$  of G at the instants  $t_0 = 0, t_1 = \tau, t_2 = 2\tau, t_3 = 3\tau, \dots$  respectively.



Some of the positions of G are given in the following table:

| t          | 0               | $\tau$                 | $2\tau$                | $3\tau$                | $4\tau$                | $5\tau$             | $6\tau$                 |
|------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| OG = x(cm) | OG <sub>0</sub> | OG <sub>1</sub> = 9.53 | OG <sub>2</sub> = 8.09 | OG <sub>3</sub> = 5.88 | OG <sub>4</sub> = 3.09 | OG <sub>5</sub> = 0 | OG <sub>6</sub> = -3.09 |

1) At the instant t, the abscissa of G is x and the algebraic value of its velocity is v.

Write the expression of the mechanical energy of the system (oscillator, Earth) in terms of x, v, m and k. Take the horizontal plane through G as a gravitational potential energy reference.

2) Derive the second order differential equation that governs the motion of G.

3) The solution of this differential equation may be written in the form:

$$x = X_m \sin(\omega_0 t + \phi) \text{ where } X_m, \omega_0 \text{ and } \phi \text{ are constants.}$$

a) Determine the expression of  $\omega_0$  in terms of m and k.

b) Determine the position of G for which the speed of (S) is maximum ( $V_{\max}$ ).

c) Applying the principle of conservation of mechanical energy, show that:

$$(V_{\max})^2 = v^2 + \omega_0^2 x^2.$$

4) Using the above table, show that:

a) the speed at the instant  $t_3$  is 1.250 m/s ;

b) the maximum speed is  $V_{\max} = 1.545$  m/s.

5) Deduce the value of k.

**Second exercise: ( 7 pts) The capacitor - A humidity sensor**

In order to show evidence of the role of the capacitor in the humidity sensor, we connect up the circuit of figure 1.

This circuit is formed of a function generator (LFG) delivering across its terminals an alternating sinusoidal voltage of frequency  $f$ , a coil of inductance  $L = 0.07$  H and of negligible resistance, a resistor of resistance  $R = 100$  K $\Omega$  and a capacitor of capacitance  $C$ .

The voltage across the LFG is  $u_{AM} = U_m \sin \omega t$ , ( $\omega = 2\pi f$ ). The circuit thus carries an instantaneous current given by:  $i = I_m \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$

1) We denote by  $u_C = u_{BN}$  the instantaneous voltage across the capacitor, by  $u_{AB}$  the voltage across the coil and by  $u_{NM}$  that across the resistor.

Show that:

a)  $i = C \frac{du_C}{dt}$

b)  $u_C$  may be written in the form:  $u_C = \frac{-I_m}{C\omega} \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$ .

c)  $u_{AB} = L\omega I_m \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$ .

2) The relation:  $u_{AM} = u_{AB} + u_{BN} + u_{NM}$  is valid for any  $t$ . Show, giving  $\omega t$  a particular value, that:

$$\tan \varphi = \frac{\frac{1}{C\omega} - L\omega}{R}$$

3) An oscilloscope, conveniently connected, displays the variations, as a function of time, of  $u_{AM}$  and  $u_{NM}$  on the channels ( $Y_1$ ) and ( $Y_2$ ) respectively. These variations are represented in the waveforms of figure 2.

a) Redraw figure 1 showing the connections of the oscilloscope.

b) The waveform of  $u_{NM}$  represents the « image » of the current  $i$ . Why?

c) Find the value of  $f$ , knowing that the horizontal sensitivity is 5ms/division.

d) Determine the phase difference  $\varphi$  between  $i$  and  $u_{AM}$ .

4) Deduce the value of the capacitance  $C$ .

5) The frequency  $f$  is made to vary, keeping the same effective value of  $u_{AM}$ . It is noticed that, for a value  $f_1$  of  $f$ ,  $u_{AM}$  is in phase with  $i$ .

a) Give the name of the phenomenon that appears in the circuit.

b) Deduce, from what preceded, the relation among  $L$ ,  $C$  and  $f_1$ .

6) A commercial humidity sensor can be considered as a capacitor whose capacitance  $C$  increases when the rate of relative humidity  $H$  % of air increases.

The manufacturer provides the graph of the variation of  $C$  as a function of the rate of the relative humidity  $H$  % (Fig.3). ( $1\text{pF} = 10^{-12}\text{F}$ ).

We replace the capacitor of the circuit of figure 1 by the sensor.

In order to measure the value of  $C$ , the frequency  $f$  is made to vary; we notice that the voltage  $u_{AM}$  and the current  $i$  are in phase for a frequency  $f = 5.20 \times 10^4$  Hz.

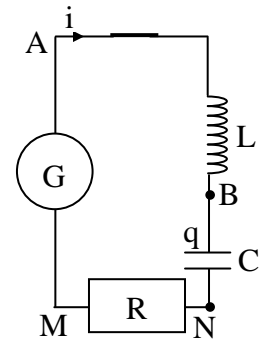


Figure 1

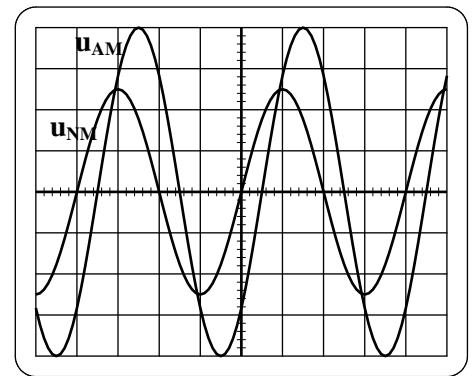


Figure 2

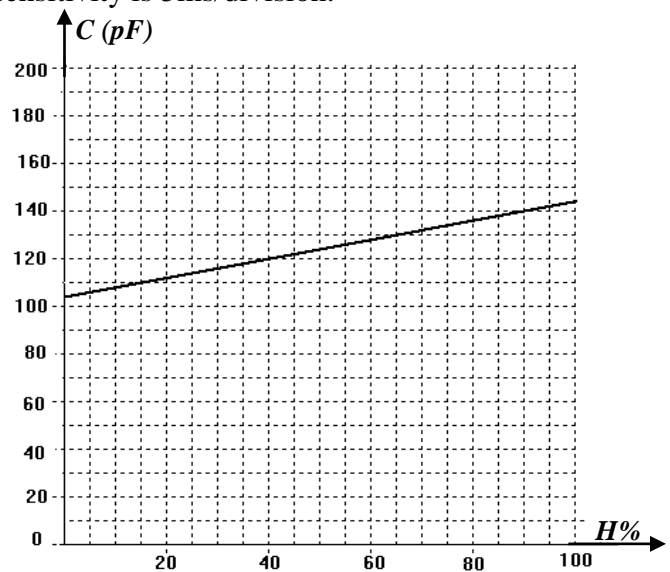


Figure 3

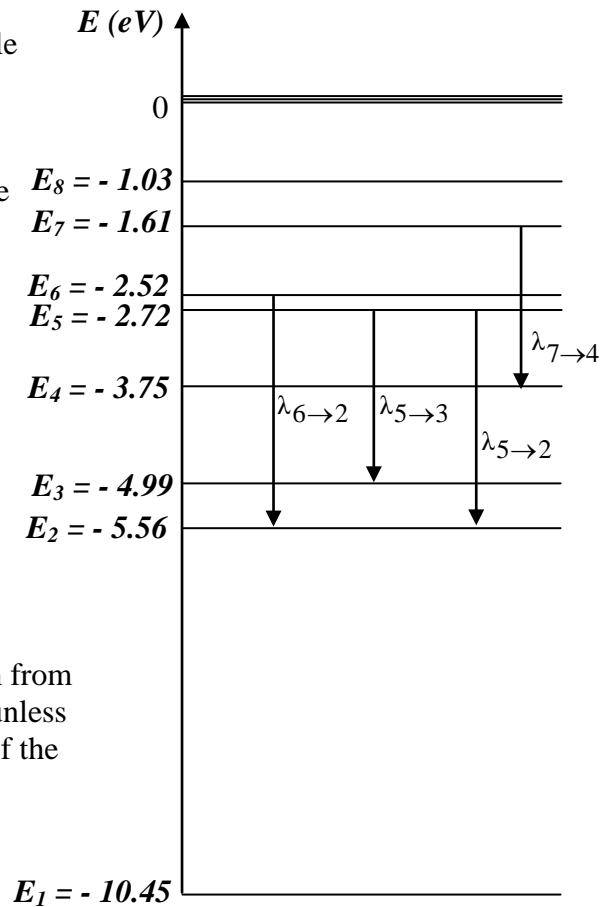
Deduce the rate of relative humidity of air under the atmospheric conditions of the experiment.

***Third exercise: (6 1/2 pts) Emission spectrum of a mercury vapor lamp***

The object of this exercise is to determine the visible emission spectrum of a mercury vapor lamp. The adjacent diagram gives, in a simplified way, the energy level of the ground state, those of the excited states  $E_2, E_3, E_4, E_5, E_6, E_7, E_8$  and the ionization energy level  $E = 0$  of the mercury atom.

**Given:**

Planck's constant  $h = 6.62 \times 10^{-34}$  J.s;  
 speed of light in vacuum :  $c = 3 \times 10^8$  m/s;  
 $1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  J;



**I- Quantization of the energy of the atom**

- 1) The energy of the mercury atom is quantized. What is meant by "quantized energy"?
- 2) a) What is meant by « ionizing » an atom ?  
 b) Calculate, in eV, the ionization energy of a mercury atom taken in the ground state.

**3) Interaction photon-atom.**

A photon cannot cause the transition of an atom from an energy level  $E_p$  to a higher energy level  $E_n$  unless its energy is exactly the same as the difference of the energies ( $E_n - E_p$ ) of the atom.

The mercury atom being in the ground state.

- a) Determine the maximum wavelength of the wave associated to a photon capable of exciting this atom.
- b) The mercury atom is hit with a photon of wavelength  $\lambda_1 = 2.062 \times 10^{-7}$  m.
  - i) Show that this photon cannot be absorbed.
  - ii) What is then the state of this atom?
- c) The atom receives now a photon of wavelength  $\lambda_2$ . The atom is thus ionized and the extracted electron is at rest. Calculate  $\lambda_2$ .

**II- Emission by a mercury vapor lamp**

For an electron to cause a transition of an atom from an energy level  $E_p$  to a higher energy level  $E_n$ , its energy must be at least equal to the difference of the energies ( $E_n - E_p$ ) of the atom.

During one electron-atom collision, the atom absorbs, from the electron, an amount of energy enough to ensure a transition. The rest of the energy is carried by the electron as kinetic energy.

When the mercury vapor lamp is under a convenient voltage, an electric discharge takes place. Some electrons, each of kinetic energy 9 eV, moving in the vapor of mercury between the electrodes of the lamp, hit the gaseous atoms giving them energy. For that lamp, the atoms are initially in the ground state.

- 1) Verify that an atom may not overpass the energy level  $E_7$ .
- 2) The visible emission spectrum due to the downward transition of the mercury atom, is formed of four rays of wavelengths:  $\lambda_{7 \rightarrow 4}; \lambda_{6 \rightarrow 2}; \lambda_{5 \rightarrow 2}; \lambda_{5 \rightarrow 3}$  ( refer to the diagram).

Determine the wavelengths of the limits of the visible spectrum of the mercury vapor lamp.

**First exercise ( 6 1/2 pts)**

1) ME = KE + PE<sub>g</sub> + PE<sub>el</sub> = 1/2 mv<sup>2</sup> + 1/2 kx<sup>2</sup> + 0 (1/2 pt)

2) Friction is neglected

$\Rightarrow \frac{dE_m}{dt} = 0 = m\dot{x}\ddot{x} + kx\dot{x} \Rightarrow \dot{x} + \frac{k}{m}x = 0. (1/2 \text{ pt})$

3) a-  $\dot{x} = X_m \omega_0 \cos(\omega t + \varphi) \Rightarrow \ddot{x} = -X_m \omega_0^2 \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$ ; replace  $\ddot{x}$  and  $x$  in the obtained differential equation, we obtain :

$-X_m \omega_0^2 \sin(\omega t + \varphi) + \frac{k}{m} X_m \sin(\omega t + \varphi) = 0$

$\Rightarrow X_m \sin(\omega t + \varphi) (-\omega_0^2 + \frac{k}{m}) = 0 \Rightarrow \omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} (1 \text{ pt})$

b-  $v = \dot{x} = X_m \omega_0 \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$ ; |v| is max when  $\cos(\omega t + \varphi) = \pm 1 \Rightarrow x = 0.$

( or we apply the conservation of ME) (1 pt)

c- ME = cte = ME (at point O) = ME<sub>t</sub> (any point of abscissa x and speed v).  $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} m (V_{\max})^2 = \frac{1}{2} mv^2 + \frac{1}{2} kx^2$   
 $\Rightarrow (V_{\max})^2 = v^2 + \omega_0^2 x^2 (1 \text{ pt})$

4) a-  $v_3 = \frac{G_4 G_2}{2\tau} = 1.250 \text{ m/s. (1/2pt)}$

b-  $V_{\max} = v_0 = \frac{G_6 G_4}{2\tau} = 1.545 \text{ m/s. (1/2pt)}$

5) By using the relation  $(V_{\max})^2 = v^2 + \omega_0^2 x^2$  at the point of abscissa  $x_3 = 5.88 \text{ cm}$ , we obtain :  $\omega_0 = 15.44 \text{ rad/s. (1pt)}$

But  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} \Rightarrow k = 23.85 \text{ N/m. (1/2 pt)}$

**Second exercise: ( 7 pts)**

1) a-  $i = dq / dt$  and  $q = C u_C \Rightarrow i = C du_C / dt. (1/2 \text{ pt})$

b-  $u_C = \frac{1}{C} \int i dt = \frac{-I_m}{C\omega} \cos(\omega t + \varphi). (1/2 \text{ pt})$

c-  $u_{AB} = L di / dt = L\omega I_m \cos(\omega t + \varphi) (1/2 \text{ pt})$

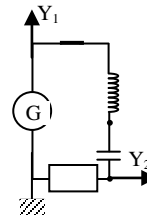
2)  $u_{AM} = u_{AB} + u_{BN} + u_{NM}$

$\Rightarrow U_m \sin \omega t =$

$L\omega I_m \cos(\omega t + \varphi) - (I_m / C \omega) \cos(\omega t + \varphi) + R I_m \sin(\omega t + \varphi).$

For  $\omega t = 0 \Rightarrow 0 = L\omega I_m \cos \varphi - (I_m / C \omega) \cos \varphi + R I_m \sin \varphi$

$\Rightarrow \tan \varphi = \frac{\frac{1}{C\omega} - L\omega}{R}. (1 \text{ pt})$



3) a- Branching of the oscilloscope. (1/2 pt)

b-  $u_{CM} = R i = u_{NM} / cte \Rightarrow$  the curve of  $u_{NM}$  represents the « image » of  $i (1/2 \text{ pt})$

c-  $T \rightarrow 4 \text{ div} \Rightarrow T = 20 \text{ ms} \Rightarrow f = 50 \text{ Hz (1/2 pt)}$

d-  $|\varphi| = \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ rad (1/2 pt)}$

4)  $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 100\pi$ , the relation  $\tan \varphi = \frac{\frac{1}{C\omega} - L\omega}{R}$

$\Rightarrow C = 32 \text{ nF (1/2pt)}$

5) a- Current resonance (1/2pt)

b- At current resonance :  $\varphi = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{C\omega} - L\omega = 0 \Rightarrow 4$

$\pi^2 LC f_1^2 = 1 (1/2 \text{ pt})$

6)  $C = 132 \text{ pF}$ . Graphically for  $C=132 \text{ pF}$ , the relative humidity of air is 70 %. (1 pt)

**Third exercise : (6 1/2 pts)**

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1) only specific values of energy are allowed (1/2 pt)

2) a- giving the atom an energy to extract an electron (1/2 pt)

b-  $E(\text{ionization}) = E - E_1 = 0 - (-10.45) = 10.45 \text{ eV. (1/2 pt)}$

3) a-  $\lambda = \frac{hc}{E_n - E_1}$

$\lambda_{\max}$  correspond  $(E_n)_{\min} \Leftrightarrow n = 2 \Rightarrow \lambda_{\max} = 2.54 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m (1 pt)}$

b- i) For  $\lambda_1$ , the energy of the photon is:

$E = \frac{hc}{\lambda} = 9.63 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} = 6.02 \text{ eV}$ ; the energy level of the

atom must be  $E_1 + E = -4.43 \text{ eV}$ ; but this level does not exist in the energy diagram, so the photon is not absorbed (1 pt)

ii) The atom remains in the ground state (1/4 pt)

c-  $W = 10.45 \text{ eV} \Rightarrow \lambda_2 = 1.188 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m. (3/4 pt)}$

II-1-  $E_1 + 9 = (-10.45) + 9 = -1.45 \text{ eV} < E_8 (1 \text{ pt})$

2-  $(\Delta E)_{6 \rightarrow 2} = 3.04 \text{ eV}$ ;  $(\Delta E)_{5 \rightarrow 3} = 2.27 \text{ eV}$ ;  $(\Delta E)_{7 \rightarrow 4} = 2.14 \text{ eV}$

$(\Delta E)_{5 \rightarrow 2} = 2.84 \text{ eV}$ .  $(\Delta E)_{\max} = 3.04 \text{ eV}$  et  $(\Delta E)_{\min} = 2.14 \text{ eV}$

$\lambda = \frac{hc}{\Delta E}$

$\lambda_{\min} \Rightarrow (\Delta E)_{\max} = E_6 - E_2 \Rightarrow \lambda_{6 \rightarrow 2} = 408.3 \text{ nm}$

$\lambda_{\max} \Rightarrow (\Delta E)_{\min} = E_7 - E_4 \Rightarrow \lambda_{7 \rightarrow 4} = 580.0 \text{ nm (1pt)}$