

Helical Spring II

Aim:

1. To find the spring constant of the given Helical Spring using Oscillation method also to determine the mass of the given body.
2. To draw M-T² graph for a Helical Spring and to determine spring constant from the graph.

Apparatus:

Helical spring Apparatus, weight hanger with slotted weight, unknown mass etc.

Principle:

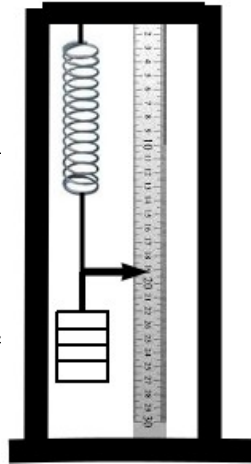
(For Aim 1)

Time period of the oscillation of a spring is given by $T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{M}{K}}$

Spring Constant $K = 4\pi^2\left(\frac{M}{T^2}\right)$ where **M** is the mass suspended.

If **t** is the time period for the unknown mass **m**,

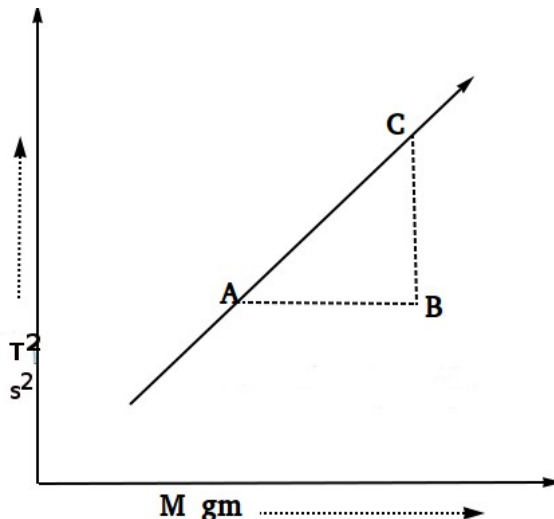
$$\text{Unknown mass} = \left(\frac{M}{T^2}\right)t^2$$



(For Aim 2)

Time period of the oscillation of a spring is given by $T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{M}{K}}$

Spring Constant $K = 4\pi^2\left(\frac{M}{T^2}\right)$ where **M** is the mass suspended, If **t** is the time period for the unknown mass **m**,



From graph $\frac{M}{T^2} = \frac{AB}{BC} \text{ g/s}^2$

Observations: (For Aim 1)

| Sl No | Mass in the Helical Spring M gm | Time for 20 Oscillations (s) | | | Period T = $\frac{\text{Time}}{20}$ | T ² s ² | $\frac{M}{T^2}$ g/s ² |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---|------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | Mean | | | |
| 1 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | | | |
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| 5 | | | | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | | | |
| Unknown mass(m) | | | | | t = s | t ² = s ² | |

Mean $\frac{M}{T^2} =$ g/s² = kg/s²

Calculations: (For Aim 1)

Spring Constant $K = 4\pi^2 \left(\frac{M}{T^2}\right) =$ N/m = N/m

Unknown Mass = $\left(\frac{M}{T^2}\right)t^2 =$ kg = kg

Observations: (For Aim 2)

| Sl No | Mass in the Helical Spring M gm | Time for 20 Oscillations (s) | | | Period T = $\frac{\text{Time}}{20}$ | T ² s ² |
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Calculations: (For Aim 2)

From graph $\frac{M}{T^2} = \frac{AB}{BC} =$ g/s² = g/s²
 = kg/s²

Spring Constant $K = 4\pi^2 \left(\frac{M}{T^2}\right) =$ N/m = N/m

Results:

1. Mass of the given body = kg
2. Spring Constant of the Helical Spring = N/m
3. Spring Constant of the Helical Spring (from graph) = N/m