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Write your name, class, Centre number and index number in the spaces at the top of this page.

Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.

You may use a HB pencil for any diagrams, graphs.

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The use of an approved scientific calculator is expected, where appropriate.

Answer **all** questions.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

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Data

speed of light in free space
 permeability of free space
 permittivity of free space

elementary charge
 the Planck constant
 unified atomic mass constant
 rest mass of electron
 rest mass of proton
 molar gas constant
 the Avogadro constant
 the Boltzmann constant
 gravitational constant
 acceleration of free fall

$$c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H m}^{-1}$$

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F m}^{-1}$$

$$(1 / (36\pi)) \times 10^{-9} \text{ F m}^{-1}$$

$$e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$$

$$u = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$$

$$m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$R = 8.31 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$$

$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-2}$$

$$g = 9.81 \text{ m s}^{-2}$$

Formulae

uniformly accelerated motion

work done on / by a gas
 hydrostatic pressure
 gravitational potential
 temperature

pressure of an ideal gas

mean translational kinetic energy of an ideal molecule

displacement of particle in s.h.m.

velocity of particle in s.h.m.

electric current

resistors in series

resistors in parallel

electric potential

alternating current/voltage

magnetic flux density due to a long straight wire

magnetic flux density due to a flat circular coil

magnetic flux density due to a long solenoid

radioactive decay

decay constant

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$$

$$W = p\Delta V$$

$$p = \rho gh$$

$$\phi = -Gm/r$$

$$T / \text{K} = T / ^\circ\text{C} + 273.15$$

$$p = \frac{1}{3} \frac{Nm}{V} \langle c^2 \rangle$$

$$E = \frac{3}{2} kT$$

$$x = x_0 \sin \omega t$$

$$v = v_0 \cos \omega t$$

$$= \pm \omega \sqrt{x_0^2 - x^2}$$

$$I = Anvq$$

$$R = R_1 + R_2 + \dots$$

$$1/R = 1/R_1 + 1/R_2 + \dots$$

$$V = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$$

$$x = x_0 \sin \omega t$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi d}$$

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 NI}{2r}$$

$$B = \mu_0 nI$$

$$x = x_0 \exp(-\lambda t)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{t_{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

Answer **all** the questions in the spaces provided.

- 1 The rate of heat flow through a rod due to conduction is given by Fourier's Law:

$$\frac{Q}{t} = \frac{CA(\Delta T)}{L}$$

where A is the cross-sectional area of the material,

L is the length of the material,

ΔT is the temperature difference across the length of the material, and

C is a constant.

- (a) Determine the SI base units of C .

$$\begin{aligned} [C] &= \frac{[Q][L]}{[t][A][\Delta T]} \\ &= \frac{(\text{kg m}^2 \text{s}^{-2})(\text{m})}{(\text{s})(\text{m}^2)(\text{K})} \\ &= \text{kg m s}^{-3} \text{K}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

[Recall : Q can be considered as energy whose unit can be found from work done]

SI base units = [2]

- (b) An experiment is conducted to determine the value of C . Using copper rod of diameter 0.80 cm but different length, and two ends of the rod are maintained at pure ice point and steam point, the rate of flow of thermal energy was measured using a heat flux sensor. A graph of how $\frac{Q}{t}$ varies with $\frac{1}{L}$ is plotted, as shown in Fig. 1.1.

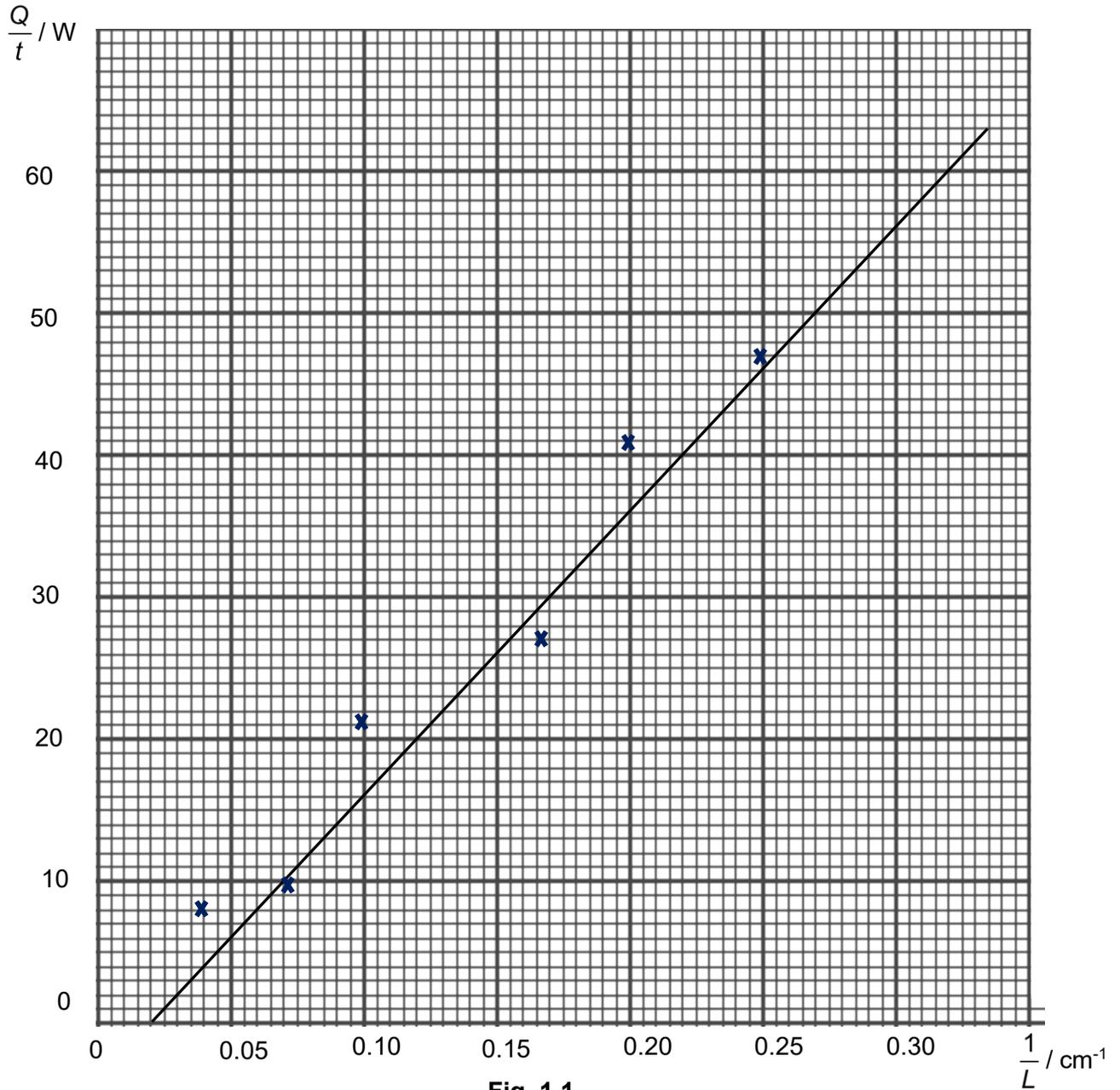


Fig. 1.1

- (i) State the feature of the graph that indicates the presence of systematic error in the experiment.

The evidence of systematic error is seen by the graph shift by a fixed value to the right and did not pass through the origin. The best fit should pass through the origin if there is no systematic error.

(ii) Calculate the value of C , in SI units, from Fig. 1.1.

$$\text{gradient of graph} = CA\Delta T$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Gradient} &= \frac{56.0 - 10.0}{0.300 - 0.070} \\ &= \frac{46.0}{0.230} \\ &= 200 \text{ W cm} \\ &= 2.00 \text{ W m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C &= \frac{\text{gradient}}{A\Delta T} \\ &= \frac{2.00}{\left(\pi \left(\frac{0.80 \times 10^{-2}}{2} \right)^2 \right) (100 - 0)} \\ &= 398 \text{ kg m s}^{-3} \text{ K}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

value of C = SI base units [3]

(iii) With reference to Fig. 1.1 and (b)(i), state and explain whether the accuracy of C is affected by the presence of systematic error in the experiment.

No, the gradient of the straight line is equal to $CA\Delta T$ and the gradient is not affected by the presence of systematic error, the accuracy of C is not affected.

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[1]

[Total : 7]

2 (a) State the principle of conservation of momentum.

When bodies in a system interact, the total momentum remains constant provided no resultant external force acts on the system.

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[1]

(b) Fig. 2.1 shows a metal bullet of mass 2.0 g fired horizontally into a block of wood of mass 600 g. The block is suspended from strings so that it is free to move in the vertical plane. The bullet hits and becomes embedded in the block. The block and bullet rise together through a vertical distance of 8.6 cm.

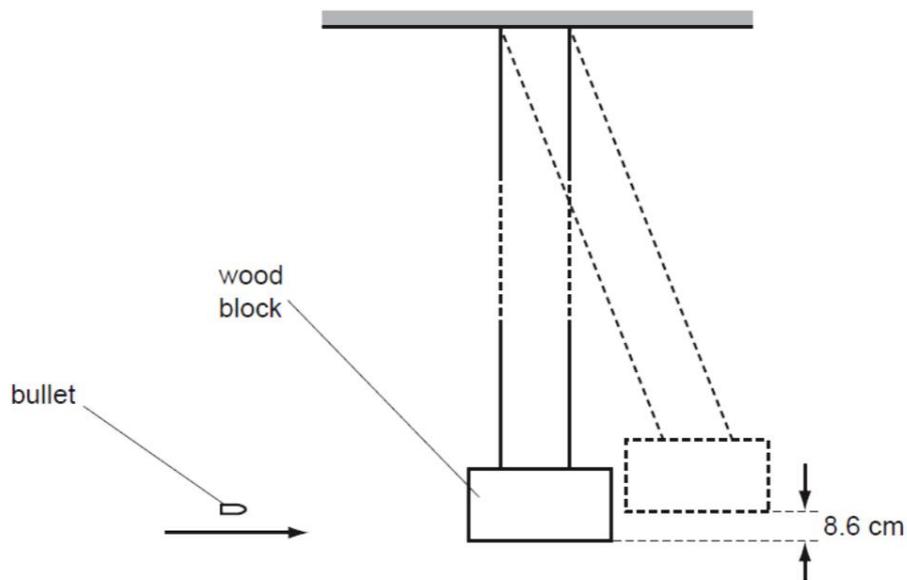


Fig. 2.1

(i) Show that the speed of the block and bullet as they just move off together is 1.3 m s^{-1} .

Comparing when bullet just become embedded in the block to highest position,

Gain in GPE = Loss in KE

$$(0.602)(9.81)(0.086) - 0 = KE_i - 0 \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{(0.602)(9.81)(0.086) \times 2}{0.602}} \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$= 1.3 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

[2]

(ii) Using (a) and (b)(i), determine the speed of the bullet before the impact with the block.

$$PCOM, \sum p_i = \sum p_f$$

$$m_{bullet} v_{bullet} + 0 = (m_{bullet} + m_{block}) \times v_{bullet\&block}$$

$$0.002 v_{bullet} = 0.602 \times 1.3 \text{ [M1]}$$

$$v_{bullet} = 391.3 \approx 390 \text{ ms}^{-1} \text{ [A1]}$$

speed = m s⁻¹ [2]

(iii) A rubber bullet of the same mass hits the block with the same speed calculated in (ii) and rebounds in the opposite direction. State and explain whether the block will reach a maximum height of greater or less than 8.6 cm.

Change in momentum of bullet increase, (by PCOM or N3L) change in momentum of block increases too[B1].

Block will rise up with a greater speed/KE. Hence the maximum height of the block will be greater. [B1]

.....[2]

[Total : 7]

- 3 A steel sphere of mass 0.30 kg is suspended in equilibrium from a vertical spring. The centre of the sphere is 8.5 cm from the top of the spring, as shown in Fig. 3.1.

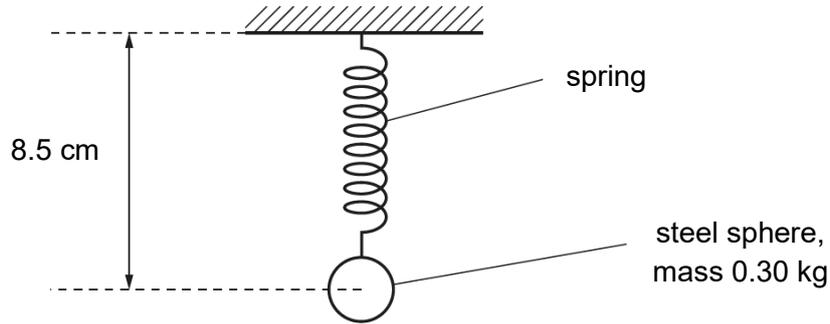


Fig. 3.1

The sphere is now set in motion so that it is moving in a horizontal circle at constant speed, as shown in Fig. 3.2.

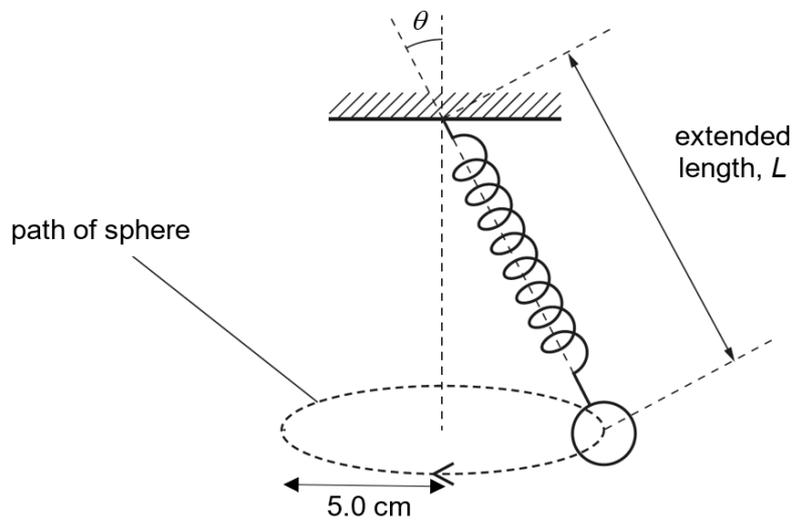


Fig. 3.2

The spring stretches to a new extended length L , and the radius of the circular motion is 5.0 cm. The angle between the linear axis of the spring and the vertical is θ . The period of the circular motion is 0.60 s.

- (a) Explain, with reference to the forces acting on the sphere, why the length of the spring in Fig. 3.2 is greater than in Fig. 3.1.

In Fig 3.2, the vertical component of the tension in the spring equal to the weight of the sphere. [B1]

the horizontal component of the tension provides the centripetal force for circular motion. [B1]

Since the vertical and horizontal forces combine to give a greater tension in the spring in Fig. 3.2 compared to the tension in Fig 3.1 that equals to the weight of sphere, [B1] the spring undergoes a greater extension by Hooke's law.

[3]

- (b) (i) Calculate the centripetal acceleration of the sphere.

$$a_c = r\omega^2 = (0.050)\left(\frac{2\pi}{0.60}\right)^2 = 5.5 \text{ m s}^{-2} \quad [\text{A1}]$$

centripetal acceleration = m s⁻² [1]

- (ii) Show that the angle θ is 29° .

Let T be the tension in the spring

$$T \sin \theta = mr\omega^2 \dots (1)$$

$$T \cos \theta = mg \dots (2) \quad [\text{M1}]$$

Taking $\frac{(1)}{(2)}$,

$$\tan \theta = \frac{r\omega^2}{g} = \frac{r\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^2}{g}$$

$$= \frac{(0.050)\left(\frac{2\pi}{0.60}\right)^2}{9.81} \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$\theta = 29.202^\circ \approx 29^\circ \quad [\text{A0}]$$

- (iii) Calculate the tension in the spring in Fig. 3.2.

$$T \cos \theta = mg$$

$$T \cos(29.202) = (0.30)(9.81) \quad [\text{C1}]$$

$$T = 3.3715 \approx 3.4 \text{ N} \quad [\text{A1}]$$

tension in spring = N [2]

(iv) Calculate the spring constant of the spring.

$$\sin \theta = \frac{0.05}{L}$$

$$\sin(29.202) = \frac{0.05}{L} \quad [\text{C1}]$$

$$L = 0.10248 \text{ m}$$

$$k = \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta x} = \frac{3.3715 - (0.30)(9.81)}{0.10248 - 0.085} \quad [\text{C1}]$$

$$= 24.5 \text{ N m}^{-1} \quad [\text{A1}]$$

spring constant = N m⁻¹ [3]

[Total: 11]

- 4 Fig. 4.1 shows a fixed mass of ideal gas in a cylinder of pressure 2.1×10^5 Pa, volume 4.0×10^{-4} m³ and temperature 27 °C.

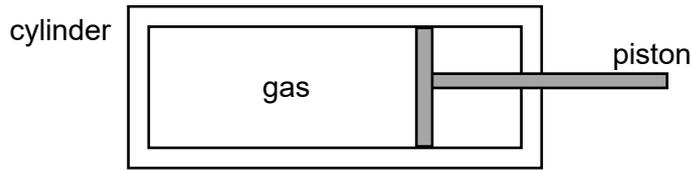


Fig. 4.1

The gas is compressed at constant temperature along process I. Fig. 4.2 shows the variation with volume V of the pressure P of the gas.

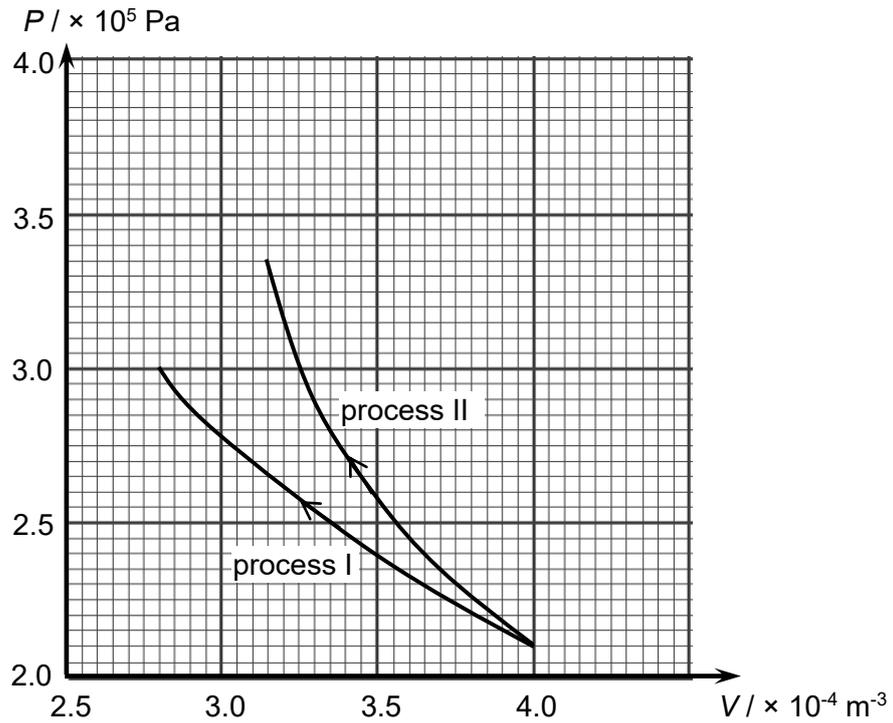


Fig. 4.2

- (a) (i) With reference to Fig. 4.2, estimate the work done on the gas through process I.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Work done on gas} &= \text{Area under } P - V \text{ graph} \\ &= 0.5(2.90 + 2.10) \times 10^5 \times (4.00 - 2.80) \times 10^{-4} \\ &= 30.0 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

work done = J [3]

(ii) State the *first law of thermodynamics*.

The increase in internal energy is the sum of the heat supplied and the work done on system. [1]

[1]

(ii) Determine the heat loss from the gas through process I.

30.0 J. Since there is no change in temperature, there is no change in internal energy. Hence heat loss by gas is equal to work done on the gas.

[1]

(b) A second identical cylinder containing the same ideal gas is thermally insulated. The gas is compressed to a new pressure and volume, as shown in process II. The work done on the gas in process I equals to the work done on the gas in process II.

(i) Using the kinetic theory of gases, explain why the pressure in process II increases.

There is no heat loss to surrounding, and the work done on gas results in an increase in internal energy. [B1]

This increase in internal energy is equivalent to the increase in kinetic energy, resulting in an increase in speed / momentum of the gas particles. [B1]

Upon collision with the walls of the cylinder, there is a greater change in momentum. [B1]

There is also higher frequency of collision between particles in the walls of the cylinder. [B1]
These result in a greater force and hence greater pressure.

(ii) Calculate the final temperature of process II.

$$\frac{P_i V_i}{T_i} = \frac{P_f V_f}{T_f}$$

$$\frac{(2.10)(4.00)}{273.15 + 27} = \frac{(3.35)(3.15)}{T_f}$$

$$T_f = 377 \text{ K} = 104 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$

temperature = °C [2]

[Total: 11]

5 (a) State one differences between *progressive* waves and *stationary* waves.

Progressive waves transfer energy but not stationary waves [B1]

Particle in a progressive wave have the same amplitude but particles in a stationary wave have different amplitude, ranging from a maximum at antinodes to minimum at nodes. (B1)

Adjacent particles in a progressive wave are out of phase but adjacent particles between two consecutive nodes in a stationary are in phase. (B1)

(b) Define *transverse* waves and *longitudinal* waves.

Particles in a transverse wave oscillate/vibrate normal/perpendicular to the direction of energy transfer of wave [B1]

Particles in a longitudinal wave oscillate/vibrate parallel to the direction of energy transfer of wave [B1]

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..... [1]

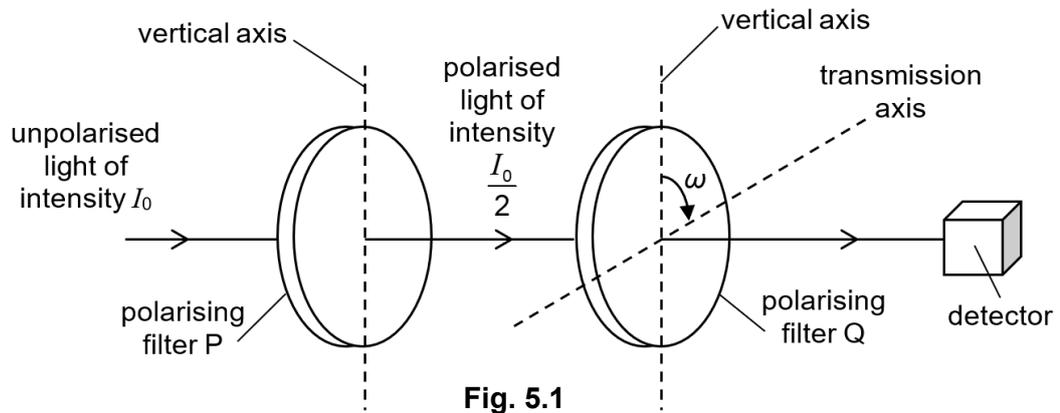
(c) (i) Explain why it would not be possible to polarise sound waves.

Sound waves are longitudinal waves. [B1]

Hence, sound waves in a gas or liquid cannot be polarised because the medium oscillates only along the direction of wave propagation or energy transfer (i.e. a single line), and hence cannot be restricted to a plane normal to the direction of energy transfer. [B1]

..... [2]

- (ii) Unpolarised light of intensity I_0 is incident on two polarising filters P and Q, as shown in Fig. 5.1 below. The transmission axis of filter P is aligned vertically. The intensity of the unpolarised light is halved after passing P.



The light is then passed through filter Q, which has the transmission axis initially aligned vertically and spun at a constant angular velocity of 2.0 rad s^{-1} .

Determine the ratio $\frac{\text{intensity reaching detector}}{\text{initial intensity } I_0}$ after 9.0 s.

relative angle between P and Q = $\omega t = 2(9) = 18 \text{ rad}$ [C1]

By Malus' law, $\frac{\frac{I_0}{2} \cos^2(18 \text{ rad})}{I_0}$ [B1]

= 0.218 [A1]

ratio = [3]

[Total: 8]

- 6 (a) A uniform magnetic field has a constant flux density B . A straight wire of fixed length carries a current I at angle θ to the magnetic field, as shown in Fig. 6.1.

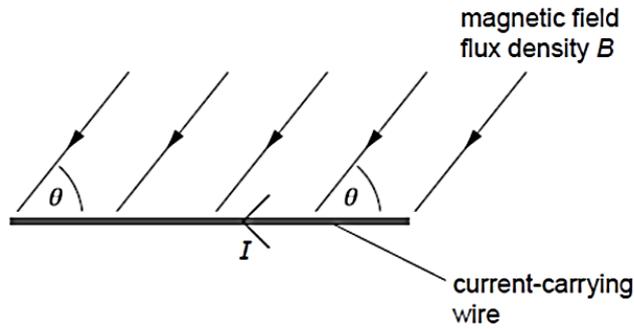


Fig. 6.1

- (i) The current in the wire is changed, keeping the angle θ constant.

On Fig. 6.2, sketch the graph to show the variation with the current I of the force F on the wire.

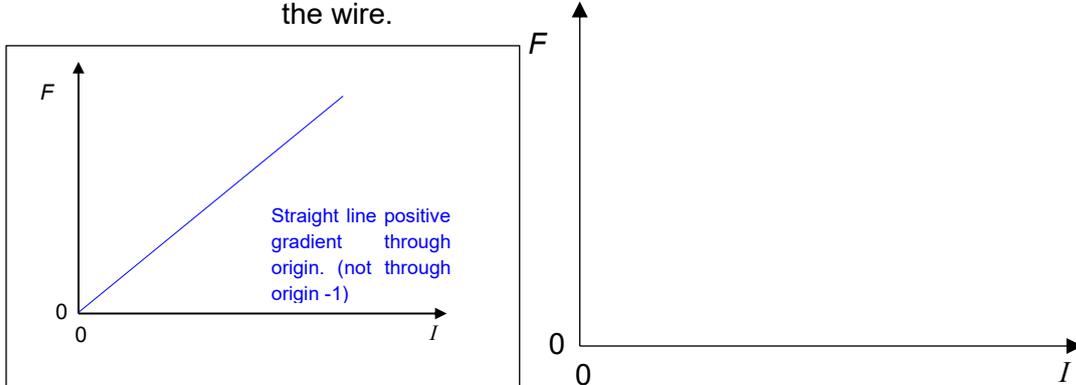


Fig. 6.2

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- (ii) The angle θ between the wire and the magnetic field is now varied and the current I is kept constant.

On Fig. 6.3, sketch a graph to show the variation with angle θ of the force F on the wire from $\theta = 0^\circ$ to 180° .

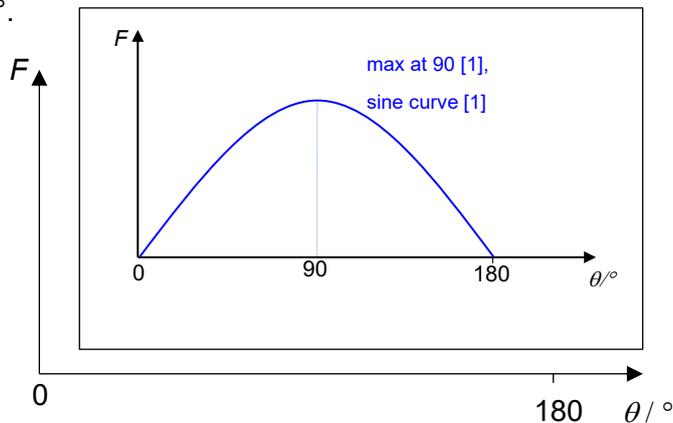


Fig. 6.3

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- (b) A uniform magnetic field is directed at right angle to the rectangular surface PQRS of a slice of conducting material, as shown in Fig. 6.4.

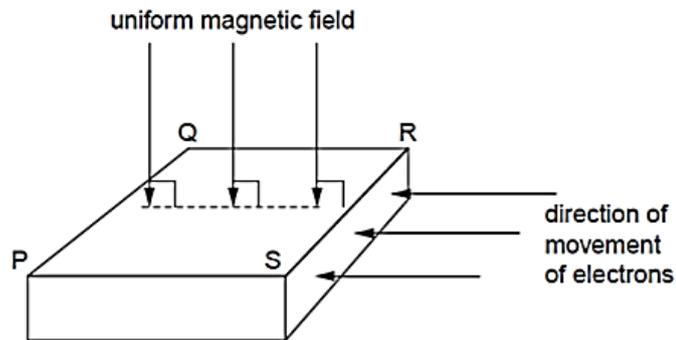


Fig. 6.4

Electrons, moving towards side SR, enters the slice of conducting material. The electrons enter the slice at right angle to side SR.

- (i) Explain why the electrons do not travel in straight lines across the slice from side SR to side PQ.

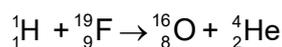
There is a magnetic force on the electrons due to the magnetic field and this force is normal to both the magnetic field and direction of electron motion. Hence the electrons will experience an acceleration perpendicular to its motion, causing the direction of velocity to change and they will not travel in a straight line.

- (ii) State the direction of the electric field applied to the slice of conducting material for the electrons to pass through the slice undeviated.

From S to R or from P to Q

[Total: 7]

- 7 In a nuclear reaction, a stationary fluorine-19 is bombarded with a proton having a kinetic energy of 5.00 MeV. The following reaction may occur.



The following data may be used for the calculation.

Rest mass of ${}^{19}_9\text{F}$	18.998403 u
Rest mass of ${}^1_0\text{n}$	1.008665 u
Rest mass of ${}^1_1\text{H}$	1.007825 u
Rest mass of ${}^4_2\text{He}$	4.003860 u

- (a) Explain what is meant by
- (i) binding energy of a nucleus,

It is defined as the energy **needed** just to **separate completely** to infinite the nucleons in the nucleus.

Or

It is also defined as energy **released** when a **nucleus is formed** from infinite by putting all its constituent nucleons together

- (ii) mass defect of a nucleus.

Mass defect is defined as the difference between the total mass of the nucleons of the atom taken separately and the mass of the nucleus.

.....[1]

- (b) Calculate the binding energy per nucleon, in MeV, for fluorine-19.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mass defect} &= (\sum m_p + \sum m_n) - m_{\text{nucleus}} \\ &= (9(1.007825\text{u}) + (19-9)(1.008665\text{u}) - 18.998403\text{u}) \\ &= 0.158672 \text{ u} \\ &= 2.633955 \times 10^{-28} \text{ kg} \quad [1] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Binding energy per nucleon} &= \frac{\text{mass defect} \times c^2}{19} \\ &= \frac{(2.633955 \times 10^{-28}) \times (3.0 \times 10^8)^2}{19} \\ &= 1.247663 \times 10^{-12} \text{ J} \quad [1] \\ &= 7.80 \text{ MeV} \quad [1] \end{aligned}$$

binding energy per nucleon = MeV [3]

- (c) Use the answer in (b) and the following data to determine the total kinetic energy of the products. Assume no photon is emitted in this reaction.

	Binding energy per nucleon/MeV
Oxygen-16	7.72
Helium-4	6.82

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Total energy} &= (\text{total BE})_{\text{products}} - (\text{total BE})_{\text{reactants}} + \text{input energy} \\
 &= [(7.72)(16) + (6.82)(4)] - (7.80)(19) + 5.00 \\
 &= 7.60 \text{ MeV} \\
 &= 1.22 \times 10^{-12} \text{ J}
 \end{aligned}$$

total kinetic energy = J [2]

- (d) Determine the rest mass of $^{16}_8\text{O}$.

By conservation of energy,

$$(\Sigma M)_{\text{reactants}} \times c^2 + KE_{\text{reactants}} = (\Sigma M)_{\text{products}} \times c^2 + KE_{\text{products}}$$

$$\Rightarrow [(18.998403 \text{ u}) + (1.007825 \text{ u})] c^2 + (5.00 \times 10^6)(1.60 \times 10^{-19})$$

$$= (4.003860 \text{ u})(c^2) + M_{\text{O}}c^2 + 1.22 \times 10^{-12} \text{ J}$$

$$\text{Rest mass} = 2.655926 \times 10^{-26} \text{ kg} = 2.66 \times 10^{-26} \text{ kg}$$

Alternatively,

Binding energy of Oxygen = mass defect $\cdot c^2$.

$$(7.72)(16) \times 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \times 10^6 = (\text{mass of 8 protons} + 8 \text{ neutrons} - \text{rest mass of oxygen})(3.0 \times 10^8)^2$$

$$\text{rest mass of oxygen} = 8 \times (1.007825 + 1.008665)(1.66 \times 10^{-27}) - 2.195911 \times 10^{-28}$$

$$= 2.655940 \times 10^{-26} \text{ kg} = 2.66 \times 10^{-26} \text{ kg}$$

[Total : 9]

8 Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

DPM Heng Swee Kiat announced in Budget 2020 that Singapore will be phasing out internal combustion engine vehicles (i.e. vehicles that use petrol or diesel as fuel) in favour of fully electric vehicles (EV) by 2040. The move is part of Singapore's commitment to tackle climate change and build an eco-friendlier city.

To increase the adoption rate of EVs, all HDB car parks in at least eight "EV-Ready Towns" across Singapore will be fitted with EV charging stations, according to Minister for Transport Ong Ye Kung during his Committee of Supply debate for the Singapore Green Plan on March 4, 2021.

The battery of an EV can be charged through either conductive or inductive methods. Conductive charging involves wired connection to the electricity supply grid. Inductive charging refers to wireless charging systems (WCS). WCS can function in both stationary and dynamic modes. This means that they can be utilized when the car is parked or stopped, such as in car parks, garages, or at traffic signals, or they can be utilized while the vehicle is in motion.

Battery chargers can be implemented inside (on-board) or outside (off-board) the vehicle. Fig 8.1 shows the typical architecture of an EV charging system, where both the on-board charger and the off-board charger are represented.

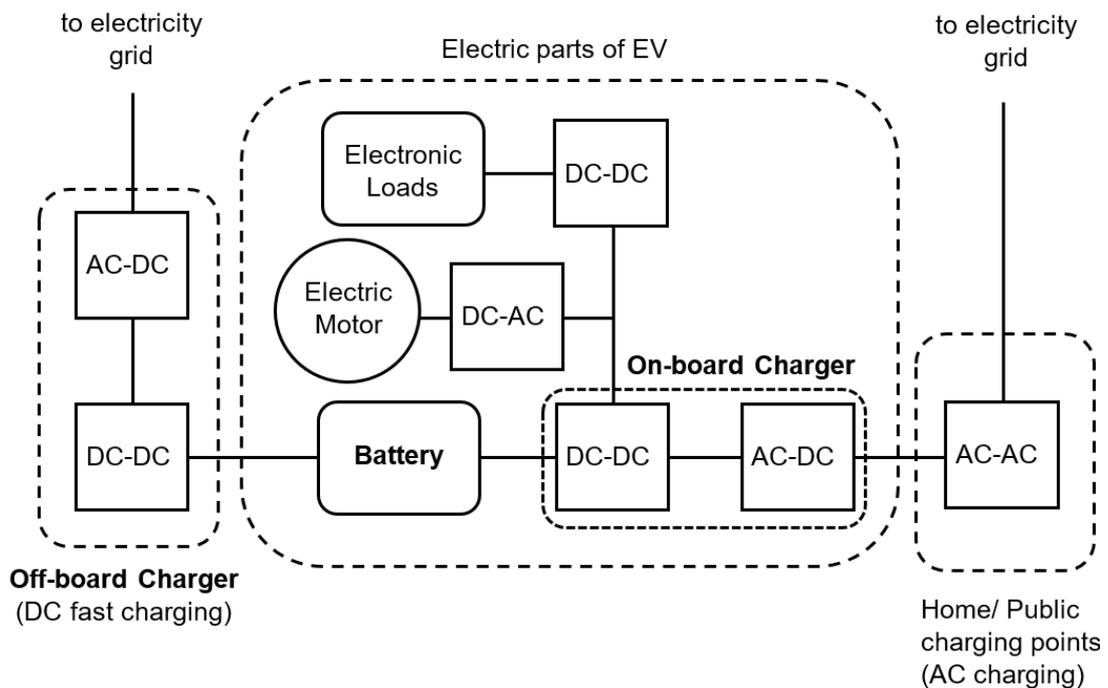


Fig. 8.1

On-board battery chargers are limited by size, weight and volume. On-board chargers are typically composed of two stages: a front-end AC-DC (a.c. to d.c.) stage and a back-end DC-DC (d.c. to d.c.) stage. The front-end conversion can be performed by a full-bridge diode rectifier circuit.

Off-board charging systems, with higher power ratings, are installed outside the vehicle. It is usually made up of two stages: a grid-facing AC-DC converter followed by a DC-DC converter providing an interface to the EV battery.

The batteries installed on EVs are not all the same. The battery capacity is the quantity that measures how much electricity can be stored. Charging power is the quantity that measures the amount of effective energy per unit time that is transferred from the charging station to the battery of the car. Ideally it could be equal to the power of the charging station but in reality, it is almost always limited by a series of factors including charging station power, maximum charging power of the machine, maximum current of the charging cable and grid energy availability.

(a) The alternating voltage from the power sub-station has to be stepped down from 21 kV to 250 V with a transformer before connecting to a domestic EV charger with a rated output of 8.0 kW.

(i) Calculate the current in the secondary coil of the transformer.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_s &= I_s V_s \\
 8.0 \times 10^3 &= I_s (250) && \text{[C1]} \\
 I_s &= 32 \text{ A} && \text{[A1]}
 \end{aligned}$$

current in the secondary coil = A [2]

(ii) Assuming the transformer is ideal, calculate the current in the primary coil of the transformer.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_p &= P_s \\
 I_p V_p &= P_s \\
 I_p (21 \times 10^3) &= 8.0 \times 10^3 && \text{[C1]} \\
 I_p &= 0.38 \text{ A} && \text{[A1]}
 \end{aligned}$$

current in the primary coil = A [2]

(iii) Determine the ratio of the number of turns in the primary coil to the number of turns in the secondary coil in the transformer.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{N_p}{N_s} &= \frac{V_p}{V_s} && \text{[C1]} \\
 &= \frac{21 \times 10^3}{250} = 84 && \text{[A1]}
 \end{aligned}$$

ratio = [2]

(iv) If the output voltage from the charger is half-wave rectified to give a d.c. voltage, determine the peak value of this rectified voltage. Explain your working clearly.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{Peak value of } \frac{1}{2}\text{-wave rectified voltage} \\
 &= \text{Peak value of unrectified secondary voltage} && \text{[B1]} \\
 &= \sqrt{2} V_s = \sqrt{2} (250) = 354 \text{ V} && \text{[A1]}
 \end{aligned}$$

peak rectified voltage = V [2]

- (v) The charger is used to charge an EV installed with a 27 kWh battery. Calculate the duration, in hours, required for the battery to be 80% charged.

$$Pt = E$$

$$(8000)t = (0.80)(27000 \times 3600) \quad [C1]$$

$$t = 9720s$$

$$= 2.7 \text{ hr} \quad [A1]$$

time = hr [2]

- (b) The current from the battery must first be converted from a d.c. to an a.c. before it can power the electric motor. This is achieved using a circuit known as an *Inverter*. Fig. 8.2 shows a schematic of a simple inverter.

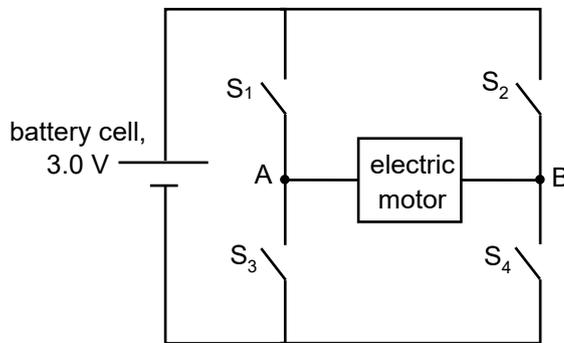


Fig. 8.2

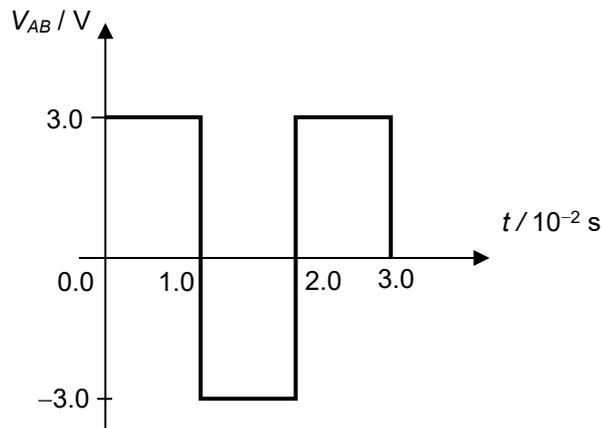


Fig. 8.3

Fig. 8.3 shows the output voltage V_{AB} across points A and B, connected to the motor in the circuit.

- (i) The 4 switches S_1 , S_2 , S_3 and S_4 in Fig. 8.2 are electronically controlled to operate in pairs, so that at any one instant, 2 of switches will be closed while the other 2 will be open.

State and explain how the switches can be paired and operated to produce the output voltage V_{AB} in Fig. 8.3.

First $\frac{1}{2}$ cycle, S1 and S4 closed, S2 and S3 open, $V_{AB} = +3.0$ V. [B1]

Next $\frac{1}{2}$ cycle, S2 and S3 closed, S1 and S4 open, $V_{AB} = -3.0$ V. [B1]

Full cycle repeated 50 times a second to give a period of 0.020 s. [B1]

(ii)

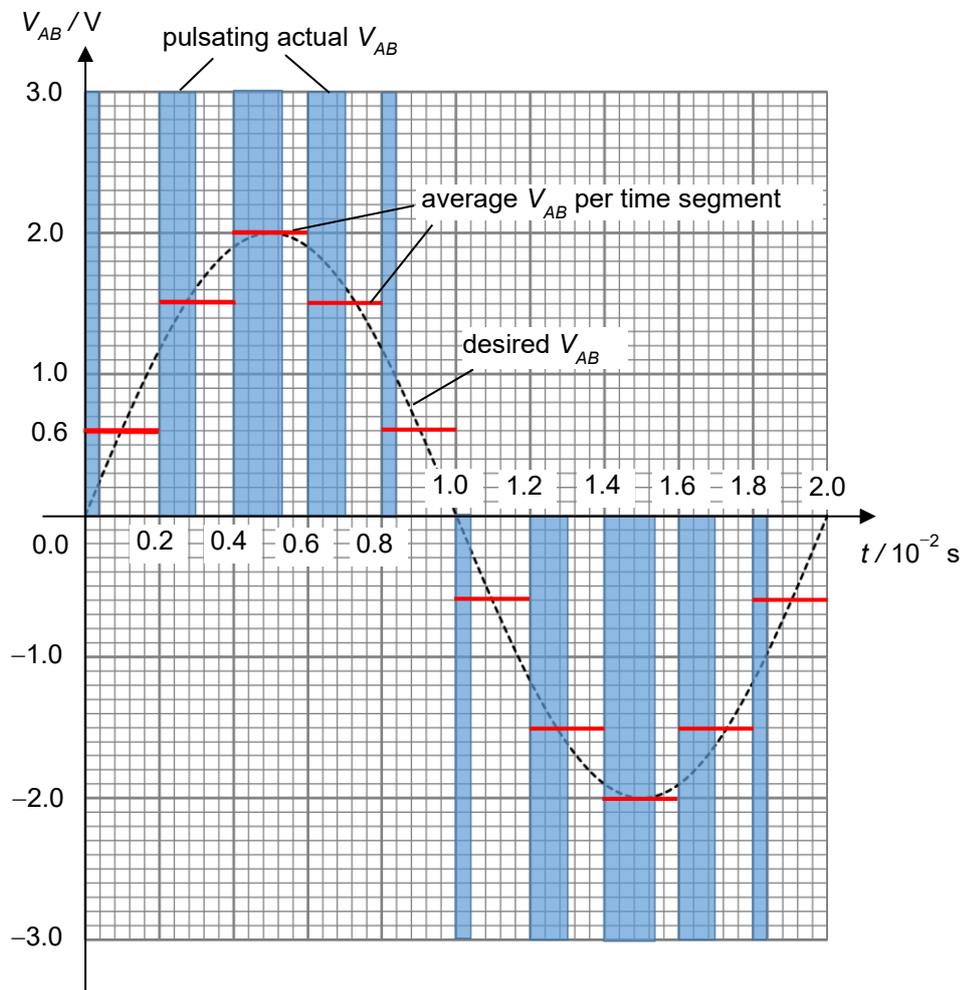


Fig. 8.4

To produce an output waveform that resembles a sinusoidal waveform, the opening and closing of the switches are specially programmed. While one pair of switches is open, the other pair of switches does not just stay closed for the duration of the half-cycle. Instead, they are made to rapidly open and close multiple times in a pulsating pattern. Each pulse varies in width, as shown in Fig. 8.4. This is known as *Pulse Width Modulation*.

The cycle is broken up into multiple smaller segments. By rapidly pulsating the switches the average voltage per segment can be controlled to increase or decrease from one time segment to the next.

The resultant output experienced by the motor can thus be made to approximate a sine wave. The more segments there are, the closer the output mimics a smooth wave.

- Using information from Fig. 8.4, show that the average output voltage V_{AB} for the time segment $0.00 \leq t \leq 0.20 \times 10^{-2}$ s is 0.60 V.

$$\langle V \rangle = \frac{(3.00)(0.04 \times 10^{-2})}{0.20 \times 10^{-2}} \quad [M1]$$

$$= 0.60 \text{ V}$$

[1]

- Explain how the magnitude and the frequency of the average output voltage V_{AB} can be changed.

To change the magnitude of V_{AB} , control how long a duration of time the paired switches are open/closed in each time segment. [B1]

To change the frequency of V_{AB} , control the frequency of alternating between each paired switches in their pulsating or open states. [B1]

.....[2]

- (c) Inductive charging, or wireless charging, consists of a transfer of energy from the charging station to the vehicle without using a cable.

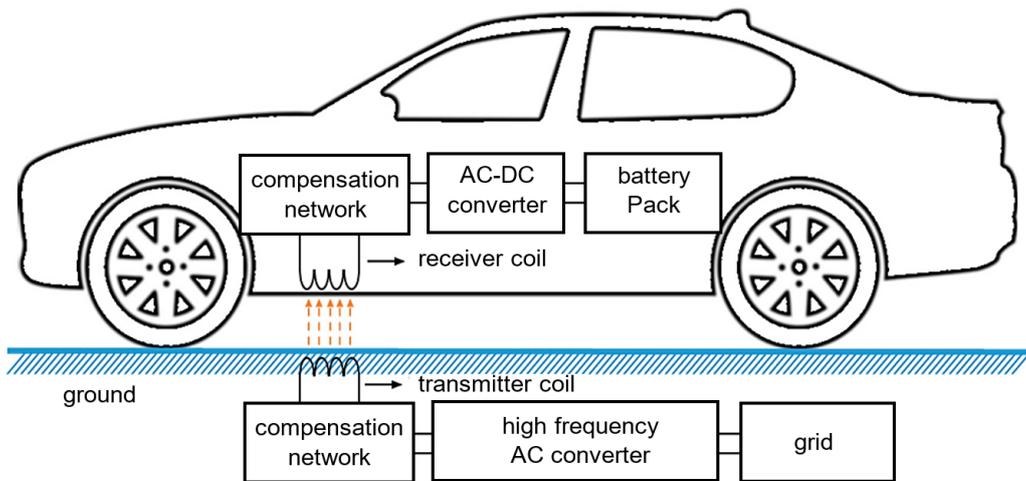


Fig. 8.5

Fig. 8.5 shows two conductive coils, one placed under the car body and the other installed at the ground level of the charging station.

(i) Use Faraday's law to explain how the battery in the EV is charged.

High frequency a.c. in transmitter coil sets up an alternating current and hence a changing magnetic field/magnetic flux density in the receiver coil. [B1]

By Faraday's law, an induced e.m.f. is set up in the receiver coil. Since the receiver coil is a closed loop, current will be induced in the coil. The flow of induced current in the charger circuit charges the battery. [B1]

.....[2]

(ii) Wireless charging is rarely used due to the high inefficiencies involved. Charging cables allow for a near 100% energy transfer from the source to the battery, but a wireless charger can have efficiencies as low as 60%.

Suggest two reasons why the energy transfer process might be inefficient.

1. receiver coil and transmitter coil not close to each other, and may not be perfectly aligned, this resulted in the lost of some flux linkage between the coils [B1]
loss of energy via heating of metal parts in car due to eddy currents [B1]

2.
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..... [1]

[Total: 20]

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