

## I-(7 points)

### Determination of a characteristic of a coil

In order to determine the resistance  $r$  of a coil of inductance  $L=0.032\text{ H}$ , we connect it in series with a capacitor of capacitance  $C=160\text{ }\mu\text{F}$  across the terminals of a low frequency generator (LFG) delivering an alternating sinusoidal voltage. Take:  $0.32\pi=1$ .

The circuit thus carries an alternating sinusoidal current  $i$ .

An oscilloscope is connected so as to display the voltage  $u_g$  on the channel  $Y_1$ , and the voltage across the coil  $u_L$  on the channel  $Y_2$ .

We see on the screen of the oscilloscope a display of the waveforms represented in figure 2.

Let  $S_{v_1}=2.5\text{ V/div}$  be the vertical sensitivity on channel  $Y_1$ .

and  $S_{v_2}$  be the vertical sensitivity on channel  $Y_2$ .

The voltage across the coil is given by:  $u_L=10\sin(100\pi t)$

( $u$  in  $\text{V}$  &  $t$  in  $\text{s}$ ).

1. Redraw figure (1) showing on it the connections of the oscilloscope.

2.a) Find the vertical sensitivity  $S_{v_2}$  on channel  $Y_2$ .

b) Find the frequency of signal delivered by the LFG.

3.a) Calculate the phase difference between  $u_G$  and  $u_L$ .

Which of them leads the other.

b) Deduce the expression of the voltage  $u_{AD}$  across the terminals of the generator as a function of time.

4. By supposing that  $u_C=u_{AB}=U_m\sin(100\pi t+\phi)$ .

Applying the law of addition of voltages, and giving the time two particular values. Find the values of  $U_m$  and  $\phi$ .

5.a) Deduce that the instantaneous expression of the current  $i$  as a function of time is given

$$\text{by: } i=0.5\sin\left(100\pi t-\frac{\pi}{6}\right).$$

b) Using two expressions of the average power consumed across the coil, the expression justified in part 5 and that of  $u_L$ , for  $\omega=100\pi\text{ rad/s}$ .

Find the value of  $r$ .

6. We keep the maximum value of  $u_g$  constant but we vary its frequency  $f$ ; the effective value of the current in the circuit is maximum for certain value  $f_0$ .

a) What is the name of the physical phenomenon thus observed?

b) Find the value of  $f_0$ .

c) The circuit is now equipped by a fuse that cannot withstand a current whose effective intensity exceed  $400\text{ mA}$ .

Show that it is not possible to visualize the preceding physical phenomenon.

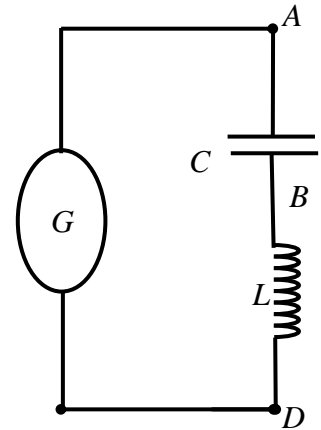


Figure 1

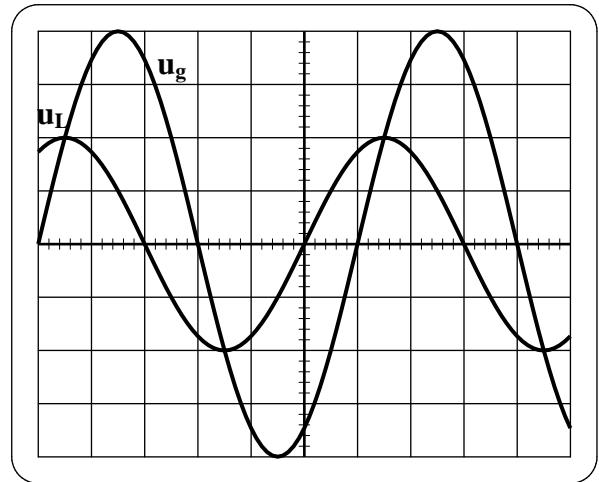


Figure 2

## II-(6 points)

### Photons and vision

According to Planck-Einstein's Hypothesis:

«An electromagnetic radiation of frequency  $\nu$ , is composed of energy particles called photons».

#### Given:

✗  $1\text{nm} = 10^{-9}\text{m}$ .

✗  $1\text{eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}\text{J}$ .

✗ The speed of light in vacuum  $c = 3 \times 10^8\text{m/s}$

- 1.a) What aspect of light, the previous statement, does it show evidence of?  
b) State two physical properties of the photon.  
c) What is meant by duality of light? Give a physical phenomenon that is interpreted basing on each aspect.
2. To study the relationship between the energy  $E$  of a photon and its frequency  $\nu$ , we measure the photon's energy of many electromagnetic radiations that are placed in the following table.

$\nu(\times 10^{14})\text{Hz}$	0.3	3.75	5	7.5	15
$E(\text{eV})$	0.124	1.56	2.1	3.11	6.21

- a) Plot the graph representing the variations of the energy of a photon as a function of the frequency  $\nu$ , by taking as a scale:
- On the abscissas axis:  $1\text{cm} \equiv 1 \times 10^{14}\text{Hz}$ .  
On the ordinate axis:  $1\text{cm} \equiv 0.5\text{eV}$
- b) Justify, basing on the graph plotted and by the means of two evidences, that the energy of a photon is proportional to the frequency  $\nu$ .
- c) Determine, in SI units, the value of this constant of proportionality, called Planck's constant  $h$ .
- d) Knowing that the spectrum of visible light in vacuum extends in the interval:  $400\text{nm} \leq \lambda \leq 750\text{nm}$ .
- i) Find the range of frequencies of visible light.  
ii) Indicate to which domain the radiations mentioned in the previous table belong, the visible, ultraviolet or infrared spectrum?

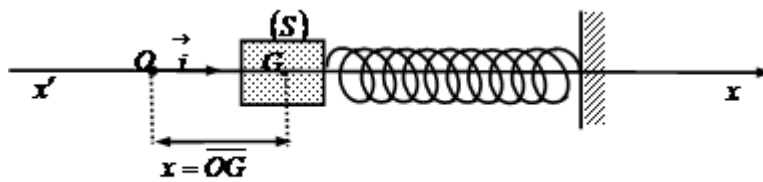
In what follows we consider that the Planck's constant  $h$  is equal to:  $h = 6.64 \times 10^{-34}\text{J}$ .

3. To start up a visual excitation, 100 photons at least must reach the retina whose area is  $0.15 \times 10^{-9}\text{m}^2$  during a duration of  $0.1\text{s}$ . The retina's surface holds 20 rods.
- a) What is the number of photons needed to provoke an excitation of a rod during this duration.  
b) i) Write the expression of a photon's energy in terms of  $h, c$  &  $\lambda_0$ .  
ii) What is the power absorbed by a rod receiving a radiation whose wavelength is  $\lambda_0 = 550\text{nm}$ .  
c) What must be the minimum power of a luminous source emitting this same radiation uniformly in all directions of the space in order to be visible from  $10\text{km}$ .

**III- (7 points)**  
**Horizontal elastic pendulum and Earthquakes**

**Part A**  
**Theoretical study**

The horizontal elastic pendulum of the figure below is formed of a solid  $(S)$  of mass  $m = 100g$  and a spring of constant  $k = 10N/m$ . The center of mass  $G$  of  $(S)$  may move along a horizontal axis  $(O, \vec{i})$  as shown in Figure 1. The abscissa of  $G$  at any instant  $t$  during oscillations is  $x$  and its velocity is  $\vec{v} = v \vec{i}$ . The horizontal plane containing  $G$  is taken as the gravitational potential energy reference. The pendulum thus performs free undamped oscillations of amplitude  $x_m = 4cm$ .



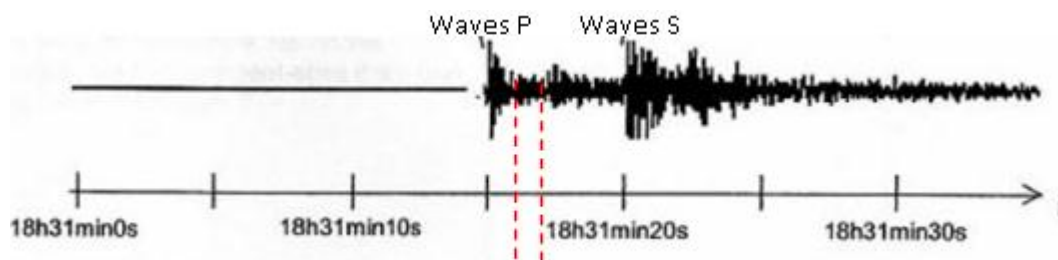
**Figure 1**

1. Write the expression of the mechanical energy  $ME$  of the pendulum  $[(S), \text{spring}]$  as a function of  $m$ ,  $k$ ,  $x$  and  $v$ .
2. Derive the differential equation that describes the motion of the center of mass  $G$ .
3. a) Determine the expression of  $T_0$  so that  $x = x_m \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T_0} t\right)$  is the solution of this differential equation.  
 b) Deduce the value of the proper period  $T_0$ .
4. Applying the principle of conservation of mechanical energy, find the speed of the box when it passes through the equilibrium position.

**Part B**  
**Functioning of a seismometer**

A seismometer is a device used to detect and record any disturbance of Earth. It functions on the principle of a damped oscillator solid-spring connected to a building fixed to ground. The seismometers are sensitive to vertical and horizontal vibrations. We are interested to the functioning of a horizontal seismometer.

In fact a seismic signal can hold waves, that are produced at a point called epicenter, of which we study in particular two types  $P$  and  $S$ , having periods that extends from few hundredths of second to many minutes and the recording obtained is shown in Figure 2. The seismometer enters in resonance for a particular frequency. It acts equally as a damping system, necessarily to obtain a reliable restitution of the ground motion.



**Figure 2**

1. Indicate in this system: the exciter? The resonator?
2. By admitting that the damping is weak; for what period of the exciter, the resonance phenomenon takes place?  
*Note: without the phenomenon of resonance, the relative motion is very weak and the recording is not reliable.*
3. To simplify the study we consider that the waves  $P$  and  $S$  are periodic as indicated in figure2.
  - a) Which wave propagates faster  $P$  or  $S$  basing on the previous recording? Justify.
  - b) Observing the recording, specify the range of magnitude of the periods  $T$ , shown in the previous recording, of waves  $P$  and  $S$  is  $10s$ ,  $1s$  or  $0.1s$  from figure2 above.
  - c) Calculate an approximate value of the solid mass  $m$ , during this Earthquake.  
The constant of spring  $k = 100N.m^{-1}$ .
4. During the seism, certain waves have frequencies very small to that of the waves  $P$  and  $S$ . How should we modify the mass  $m$  in order to obtain a reliable recording?