

DPP – Thermal Expansion

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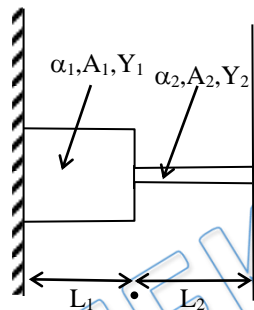
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- Q 2. An iron tyre is to be fitted onto a wooden wheel 1.0 metre in diameter. The diameter of the tyre is 6 mm, smaller than that of the wheel. The tyre should be heated so that its temperature increases by a minimum of (given coefficient of volume expansion of iron is $3.6 \times 10^{-5}/^\circ\text{C}$)
- (a) 167°C (b) 334°C (c) 500°C (d) 1000°C

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- Q 4. Two rods one of aluminium and the other made of steel, having initial length l_1 and l_2 are connected together to form a single rod of length $l_1 + l_2$. The coefficients of linear expansion for aluminium and steel are a_a and a_s respectively. If the length of each rod increases by the same amount when their temperature are raised by $t^\circ\text{C}$, then find the ratio $l_1/(l_1 + l_2)$ –
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 (c) $a_s/(a_a + a_s)$ (d) $a_a/(a_a + a_s)$

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- (a) diameter (b) surface area
(c) volume (d) density
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(c) $l_2^2 \alpha_1 = l_1^2 \alpha_2$ (d) $\frac{\alpha_1^2}{l_1} = \frac{\alpha_2^2}{l_2}$
- Q 8. Three rods of equal length are joined to form an equilateral triangle ABC. D is midpoint of AB. The coefficient of linear expansion is α_1 for AB, and α_2 for AC and BC. If the distance DC remains constant for small changes in temperature—
(a) $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2$ (b) $\alpha_1 = 2\alpha_2$
(c) $\alpha_1 = 4\alpha_2$ (d) $\alpha_1 = \frac{1}{2}\alpha_2$
- Q 9. A uniform metal rod is used as a bar pendulum. If the room temperature rises by 10°C , and the coefficient of linear expansion of the metal of the rod is 2×10^{-6} per $^\circ\text{C}$, the period of the pendulum will have percentage increase of—
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(a) $\frac{V_0 T (\gamma_m + 3\alpha_g)}{A_0 (1 + 2\alpha_g T)}$ (b) $\frac{V_0 T (\gamma_m - 3\alpha_g)}{A_0 (1 + 2\alpha_g T)}$
(c) $\frac{V_0 T (\gamma_m + 2\alpha_g)}{A_0 (1 + 3\alpha_g T)}$ (d) $\frac{V_0 T (\gamma_m - 2\alpha_g)}{A_0 (1 + 3\alpha_g T)}$
- Q 12. A beaker is completely filled with water at 4°C . If expansion in beaker is negligible, It must overflow —
(a) when heated but not when cooled



- (b) when cooled but not when heated
- (c) both when heated or cooled
- (d) neither when heated nor when cooled

Q 13. Match The Column

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Answer Key

Q.1 d	Q.2 c	Q.3 a	Q.4 c	Q.5 c
Q.6 b	Q.7 b	Q.8 c	Q.9 d	Q.10 b
Q.11 b	Q.12 c			

Ans. 13) A → Q; B → P; C → Q; D → Q


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DPP- 1 Thermal Expansion
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Q1) Two elastic rods are joined between fixed supports as shown in the figure. Condition for no change in the lengths of individual rods with the increase of temperature is –
 (α_1, α_2 = linear expansion coefficient, A_1, A_2 = Area of rods, Y_1, Y_2 = young modulus)

$F_1 = F_2$ in equilibrium

$\Rightarrow Y_1 A_1 \alpha_1 \Delta T = Y_2 A_2 \alpha_2 \Delta T$

$\Rightarrow \frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{Y_2 \alpha_2}{Y_1 \alpha_1}$

(a) $\frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{\alpha_1 Y_1}{\alpha_2 Y_2}$

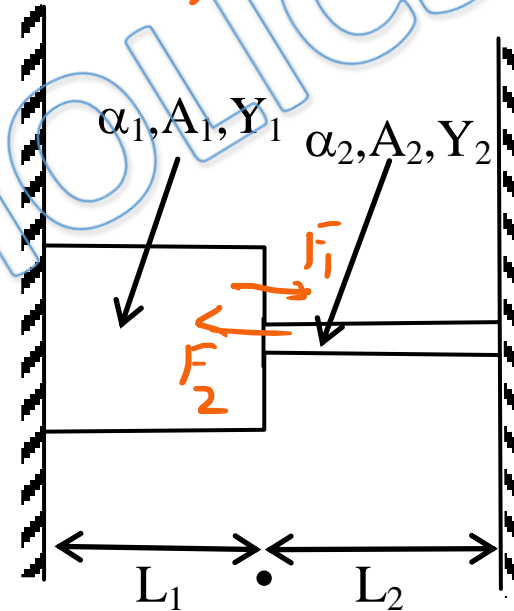
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formula of thermal stress

$= Y \alpha \Delta T$



Q2) An iron tyre is to be fitted onto a wooden wheel 1.0 metre in diameter. The diameter of the tyre is 6 mm, smaller than that of the wheel. The tyre should be heated so that its temperature increases by a minimum of (given coefficient of volume expansion of iron is $3.6 \times 10^{-5}/^{\circ}\text{C}$)

$$\alpha = \frac{\gamma}{3} = 1.2 \times 10^{-5}$$
$$\Delta l = l_0 \alpha \Delta T$$
$$\Rightarrow 6 \text{ mm} = (1 \text{ m} - 6 \text{ mm}) \alpha \Delta T \Rightarrow \Delta T = \frac{6 \times 10^{-3}}{1 \times 1.2 \times 10^{-5}} = 500^{\circ}\text{C}$$

(a) 167°C

(b) 334°C

(c) 500°C

(d) 1000°C

Q3) When a block of iron floats in mercury at 0°C , a fraction K_1 of its volume is submerged, while at the temperature 60°C , a fraction K_2 is seen to be submerged. If the coefficient of volume expansion of iron is γ_{Fe} , and that of mercury γ_{Hg} , then the ratio K_1 / K_2 can be expressed as –

$$\text{Volume merged} = \frac{\rho_s}{\rho_r} = K_1$$

at 60°C .

$$K_2 = \frac{\rho_s}{1 + \gamma_{Fe} \Delta T} \times \frac{1 + \gamma_{Hg} \Delta T}{\rho_r} = \frac{K_1 (1 + 60 \gamma_{Hg})}{1 + 60 \gamma_{Fe}}$$

✓ (a) $\frac{1 + 60 \gamma_{Fe}}{1 + 60 \gamma_{Hg}}$

(b) $\frac{1 - 60 \gamma_{Fe}}{1 + 60 \gamma_{Hg}}$

(c) $\frac{1 + 60 \gamma_{Fe}}{1 - 60 \gamma_{Hg}}$

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{K_1}{K_2} = \frac{1 + 60 \gamma_{Fe}}{1 + 60 \gamma_{Hg}}$$

Q4) Two rods one of aluminium and the other made of steel, having initial length l_1 and l_2 are connected together to form a single rod of length $l_1 + l_2$. The coefficients of linear expansion for aluminium and steel are a_a and a_s respectively. If the length of each rod increases by the same amount when their temperature are raised by $t^\circ\text{C}$, then find the ratio $l_1/(l_1 + l_2)$ -

$$\Delta l = l_1 \alpha_1 \Delta T = l_2 \alpha_2 \Delta T$$

$$\frac{l_1}{l_1 + l_2} = \frac{l_1}{l_1 + l_2} = \frac{l_1}{l_1 + l_2} = \frac{l_1}{l_1 + l_2} = \frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} = \frac{a_s}{a_a + a_s}$$

(a) a_s / a_a

(b) a_a / a_s

(c) $a_s / (a_a + a_s)$

(d) $a_a / (a_a + a_s)$

Q5) An iron ball is heated. The percentage increase will be the largest in –

$$\Delta V = V_0 \gamma \Delta T$$

$$\therefore \text{Increment in volume} = \frac{\Delta V}{V_0} \times 100 = 100 \gamma \Delta T$$

$$\text{, , , diameter} = 100 \alpha \Delta T$$

$$\text{, , , surface area} = 100 \beta \Delta T$$

(a) diameter

(b) surface area

(c) volume

(d) density

$$\text{Since } \gamma > \beta > \alpha$$

\therefore Increment in volume will be maximum.

Q6) Two holes of unequal diameters d_1 and d_2 ($d_1 > d_2$) are cut in a metal sheet. If the sheet is heated—

fill the hole with removed metal discs. increase the temperature and remove discs.

diameter of hole = diameter of disc

- (a) Both d_1 and d_2 will decrease
- (b) Both d_1 and d_2 will increase
- (c) d_1 will increase, d_2 will decrease
- (d) d_1 will decrease, d_2 will increase

⇒ diameters of both holes increase.

Q7) Two rods of lengths l_1 and l_2 are made of materials whose coefficient of linear expansions are α_1 and α_2 . If the difference between two lengths is independent of temperature—

difference between lengths is constant.

⇒ increment in length is same for both

$$\Rightarrow l_1 \alpha_1 \Delta T = l_2 \alpha_2 \Delta T \Rightarrow \frac{l_1}{l_2} = \frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1}$$

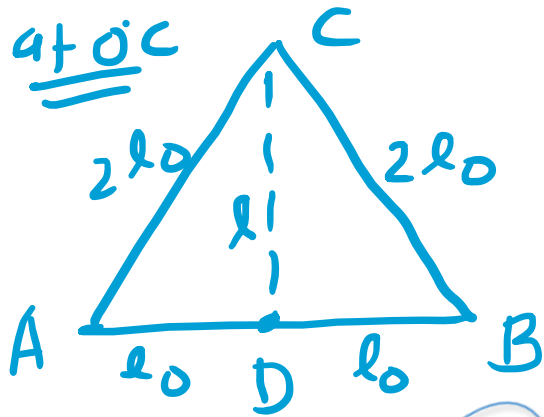
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Q8) Three rods of equal length are joined to form an equilateral triangle ABC. D is midpoint of AB. The coefficient of linear expansion is α_1 for AB, and α_2 for AC and BC. If the distance DC remains constant for small changes in temperature-



Let length of BD is x and that of BC is y at temperature T .

$$x^2 + l^2 = y^2 \Rightarrow 2x \Delta x = 2y \Delta y$$

$$\Rightarrow l_0 \times l_0 \alpha_1 \Delta T = 2l_0 \cdot 2l_0 \alpha_2 \Delta T$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 = 4\alpha_2$$

(a) $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2$

(b) $\alpha_1 = 2\alpha_2$

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(d) $\alpha_1 = \frac{1}{2}\alpha_2$

Q9) A uniform metal rod is used as a bar pendulum. If the room temperature rises by 10°C , and the coefficient of linear expansion of the metal of the rod is 2×10^{-6} per $^\circ\text{C}$, the period of the pendulum will have percentage increase of-

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}} \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta T}{T} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\Delta l}{l} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{l \alpha \Delta T}{l}$$

$$\% \text{ increment in } T = 100 \times \frac{1}{2} \times \alpha \Delta T = 100 \times \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times 10^{-6} \times 10 = 10^{-3}$$

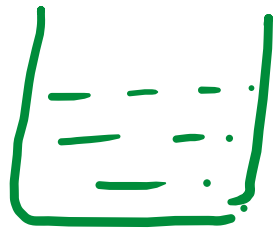
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Q10) A vessel is partly filled with a liquid. Coefficient of cubical expansion of material of the vessel and liquid are γ_V and γ_L respectively. If the system is heated, then volume unoccupied by the liquid will necessarily-



At $T = T_0$
 Capacity $= V_0$
 Volume of liquid $= V_1$

Let $\gamma_V = \gamma_L = \gamma$

(a) Remain unchanged if $\gamma_V = \gamma_L$

✓ (b) Increase if $\gamma_V = \gamma_L$

(c) Decrease if $\gamma_V = \gamma_L$

(d) None of these

At $T_0 + \Delta T$

Capacity $= V_0 \gamma \Delta T$

Volume of liquid $= V_1 \gamma \Delta T$

Empty space $= (V_0 - V_1) \gamma \Delta T$

Empty space will increase on increasing temperature.

Q11) The volume of the bulb of a mercury thermometer at 0°C is V_0 and cross-section of the capillary is A_0 . The coefficient of linear expansion of glass is α_g per $^\circ\text{C}$ and the cubical expansion of mercury γ_m per $^\circ\text{C}$. If the mercury just fills the bulb at 0°C , what is the length of mercury column in capillary at $T^\circ\text{C}$ -

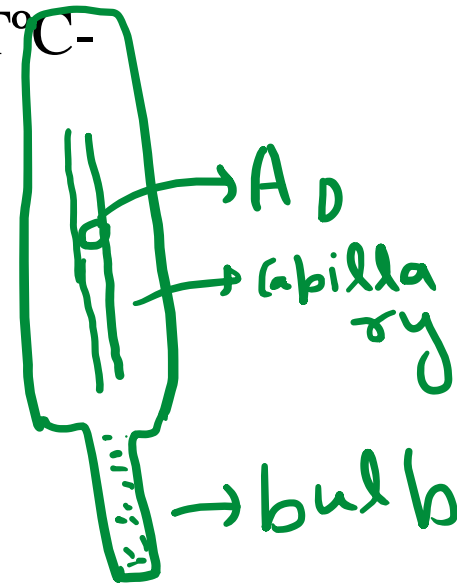
At $T^\circ\text{C}$ \rightarrow Volume of mercury = $V_0 \gamma_m T$
 " " bulb = $V_0 3\alpha_g T$

(a) $\frac{V_0 T (\gamma_m + 3\alpha_g)}{A_0 (1 + 2\alpha_g T)}$

(b) $\frac{V_0 T (\gamma_m - 3\alpha_g)}{A_0 (1 + 2\alpha_g T)}$

(c) $\frac{V_0 T (\gamma_m + 2\alpha_g)}{A_0 (1 + 3\alpha_g T)}$

(d) $\frac{V_0 T (\gamma_m - 2\alpha_g)}{A_0 (1 + 3\alpha_g T)}$



excess volume of Hg = $V_0 (\gamma_m - 3\alpha_g) T$

Area of capillary = $A_0 (1 + 2\alpha_g T)$

Height of Hg in capillary = $\frac{V_0 (\gamma_m - 3\alpha_g) T}{A_0 (1 + 2\alpha_g T)}$

Q12) A beaker is completely filled with water at 4°C . If expansion in beaker is negligible, It must overflow -

- (a) when heated but not when cooled
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Due to abnormal expansion of water, water has maximum density at 4°C . If we change the temperature (increase or decrease) its volume will increase.

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Column I

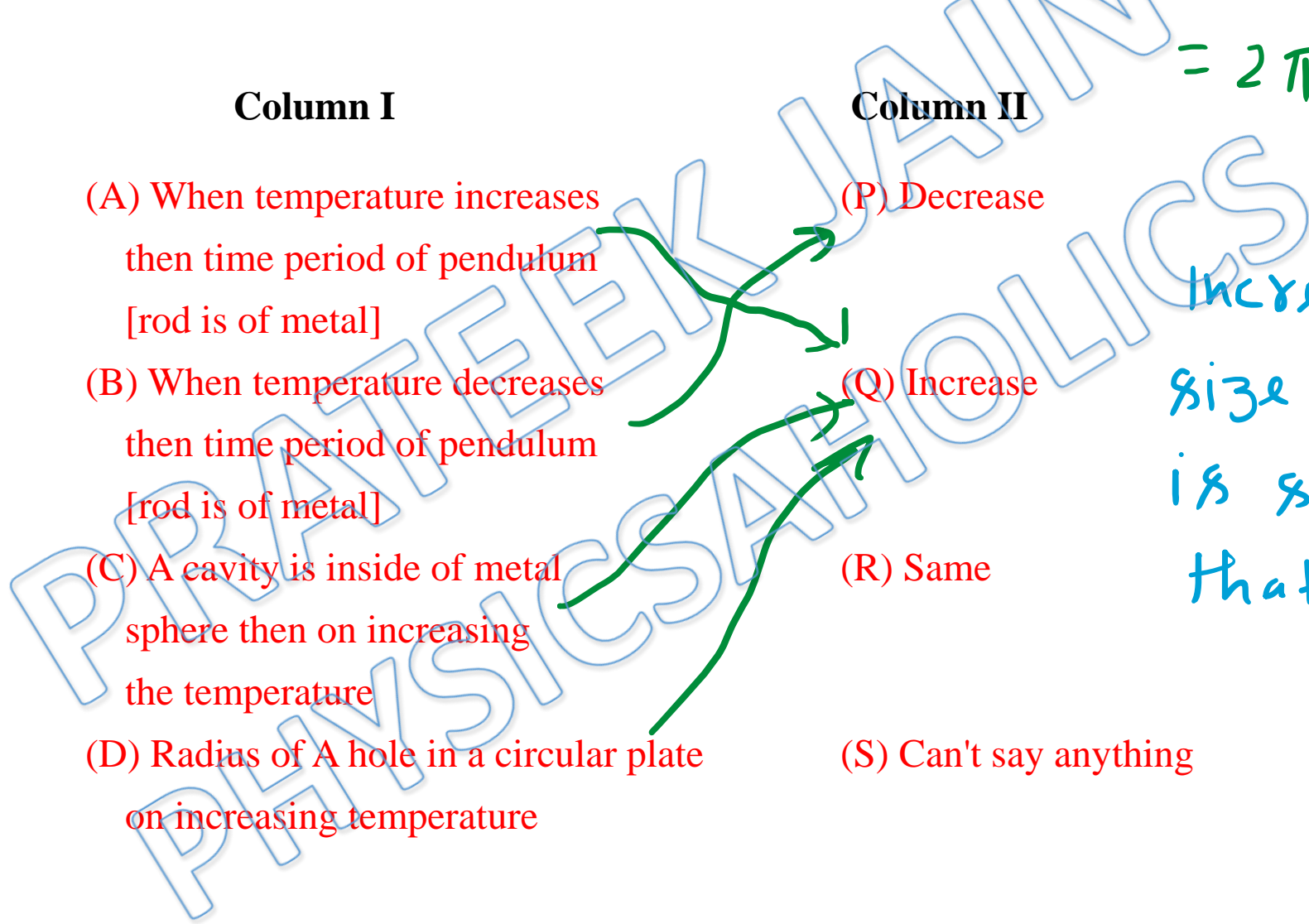
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Column II

- (P) Decrease
- (Q) Increase
- (R) Same
- (S) Can't say anything

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$
$$= 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l_0(1 + \alpha \Delta T)}{g}}$$

Increment in size of cavity is similar to that of material.



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