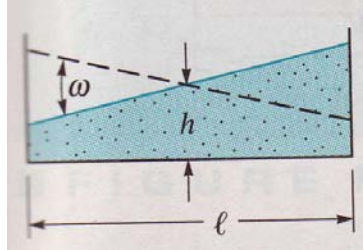


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Quiz: No. 6
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Time: 15 minutes

Water sloshes back and forth in a tank as shown in the figure. The frequency of sloshing, ω , is assumed to be function of the acceleration of gravity, g , the average depth of water, h , and the length of the tank, l . (a) Develop a suitable set of dimensionless parameters. (b) How ω would be changed if g increases to $4g$?



Solutions:

$$\omega = f(\underbrace{h, l, g}_1)$$

$$\omega = T^{-1}; \quad h = L; \quad l = L; \quad g = LT^{-2} \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 4, j = 2 \Rightarrow k = 2 \quad (1)$$

We choose h and ω as reaping variables: (1)

$$\pi_1 = \underbrace{lh^a \omega^b}_{1} = [L][L^a][T^{-b}] = L^0 T^0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 1+a=0 \Rightarrow a=-1 \\ -b=0 \Rightarrow b=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\pi_1}_{1} = \frac{l}{h}$$

$$\pi_2 = \underbrace{gh^a \omega^b}_{1} = [LT^{-2}][L^a][T^{-b}] = L^0 T^0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 1+a=0 \Rightarrow a=-1 \\ -2-b=0 \Rightarrow b=-2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\pi_2}_{1} = \frac{g}{h\omega^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{g}{h\omega^2}}_1 = F\left(\frac{l}{h}\right)$$

Since $\frac{g}{h\omega^2}$ is only function of $\frac{l}{h}$, $\frac{g}{h\omega^2}$ would be constant if only gravity is changed. Therefore increasing g to $4g$ has to increase ω to 2ω . (1)