

Describe a method for finding the magnetic susceptibility of a small specimen (liquid) of a paramagnetic substance by Quinck's method.

Measurement of magnetic susceptibility by Quinck's method:

When a paramagnetic substance is placed in a non-uniform magnetic field, it tends to move upwards towards the region of greater field intensity. It is subjected to a net force. A measurement of this force enables us to determine the susceptibility of the substance.

Let  $F$  Newton be the force acting on the substance which moves through a distance  $\Delta x$ , then work done by the force =  $F \cdot \Delta x$  ----- (1)

and is equal to the change in P.E resulting from the displacement

Suppose, that the substance is first outside the field. Let a point where the field intensity is  $H$ .  $\mu_0$  the permeability constant, then the energy per unit volume of the medium =  $\frac{1}{2} \mu_0 H^2$

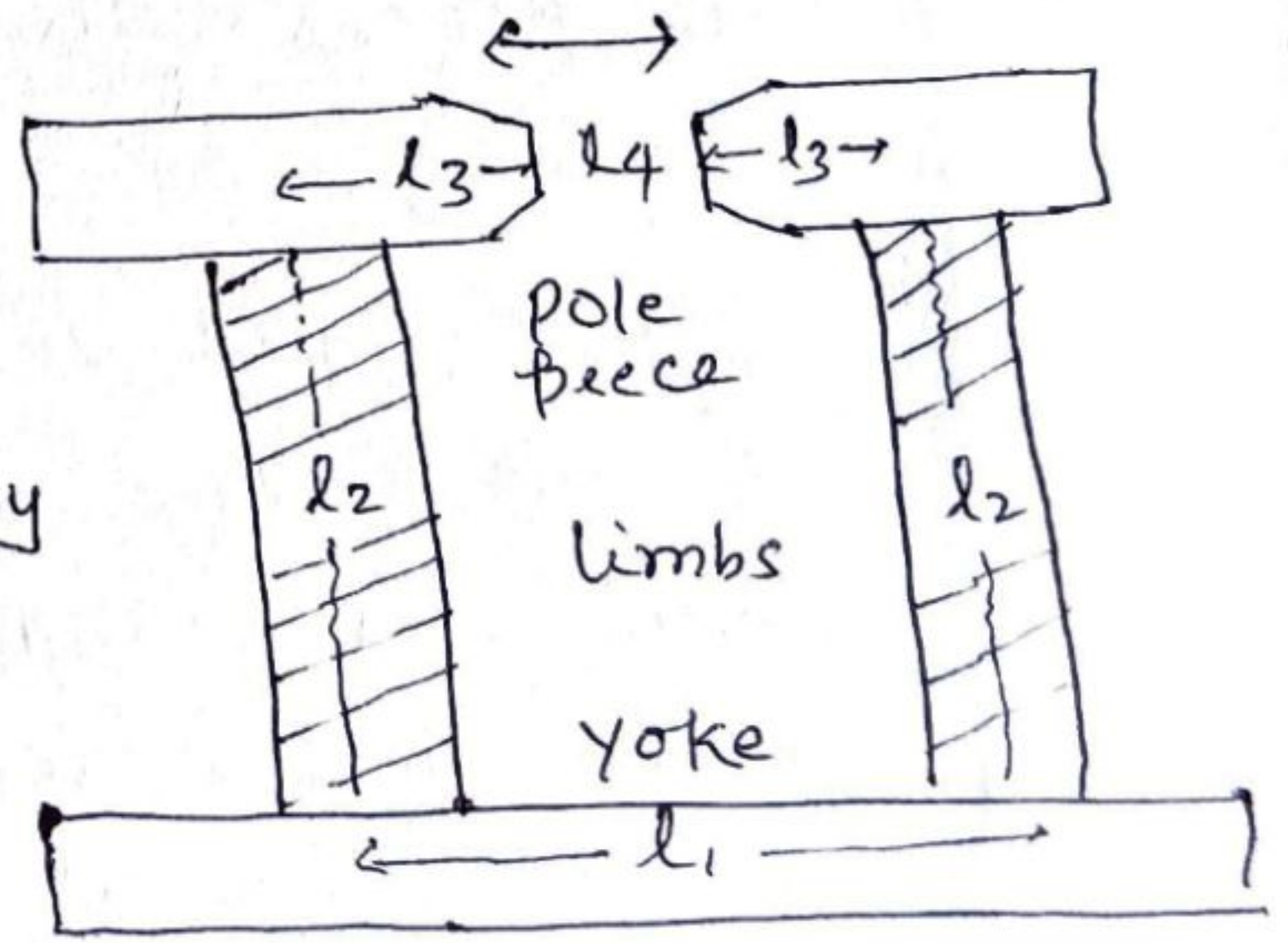
Energy density  $U = \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0} \quad \because B = \mu_0 H$

$\therefore U = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 H^2$

Magnetic circuit of an electromagnet:

The electromagnet consists of a yoke, the limbs, the pole pieces and the air gap as shown in figure

Let  $l_1$  be the effective length and  $A_1$  the area of cross-section of the yoke,  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  be the permeability of its material.



The resultant of the yoke is given by  $\frac{l_1}{\mu_1 A_1}$

Similarly, the reluctance of each limb, it is given as  $\frac{l_2}{\mu_2 A_2}$ . That is each pole-piece is given by  $\frac{l_3}{\mu_3 A_3}$  and that of air gap is given by  $\frac{l_4}{\mu_0 A_4}$

The total reluctance of the magnetic circuit =  $\frac{l_1}{\mu_1 A_1} + \frac{l_2}{\mu_2 A_2} + \frac{l_3}{\mu_3 A_3} + \frac{l_4}{\mu_0 A_4}$

We know that, the volume  $V$ , into which the substance is to be placed contains an amount of energy =  $\frac{1}{2} \mu_0 H^2 V$  joule

but when the substance is in position, the energy  
=  $\frac{1}{2} \mu H^2 V$  joule, Here  $\mu$  = permeability of substance

$\therefore$  The energy resulting from the introduction of the substance into the field =  $\frac{1}{2} (\mu - \mu_0) H^2 V$  joule

when the substance moves through a distance  $\delta x$  to a place where the value of  $H^2 = (H^2 + \frac{dH^2}{dx} \delta x)$ , the energy  
 $\frac{1}{2} (\mu - \mu_0) (H^2 + \frac{dH^2}{dx} \delta x) V$  joule

Hence change in Energy =  $\frac{1}{2} (\mu - \mu_0) (\frac{dH^2}{dx} \delta x) V$  joule ----- ①

But  $\mu = \mu_0 + \mu_0 \chi_m$

In terms of susceptibility, change in energy  
=  $\frac{1}{2} \mu_0 \chi_m (\frac{dH^2}{dx} \delta x) V$  joule ----- ②

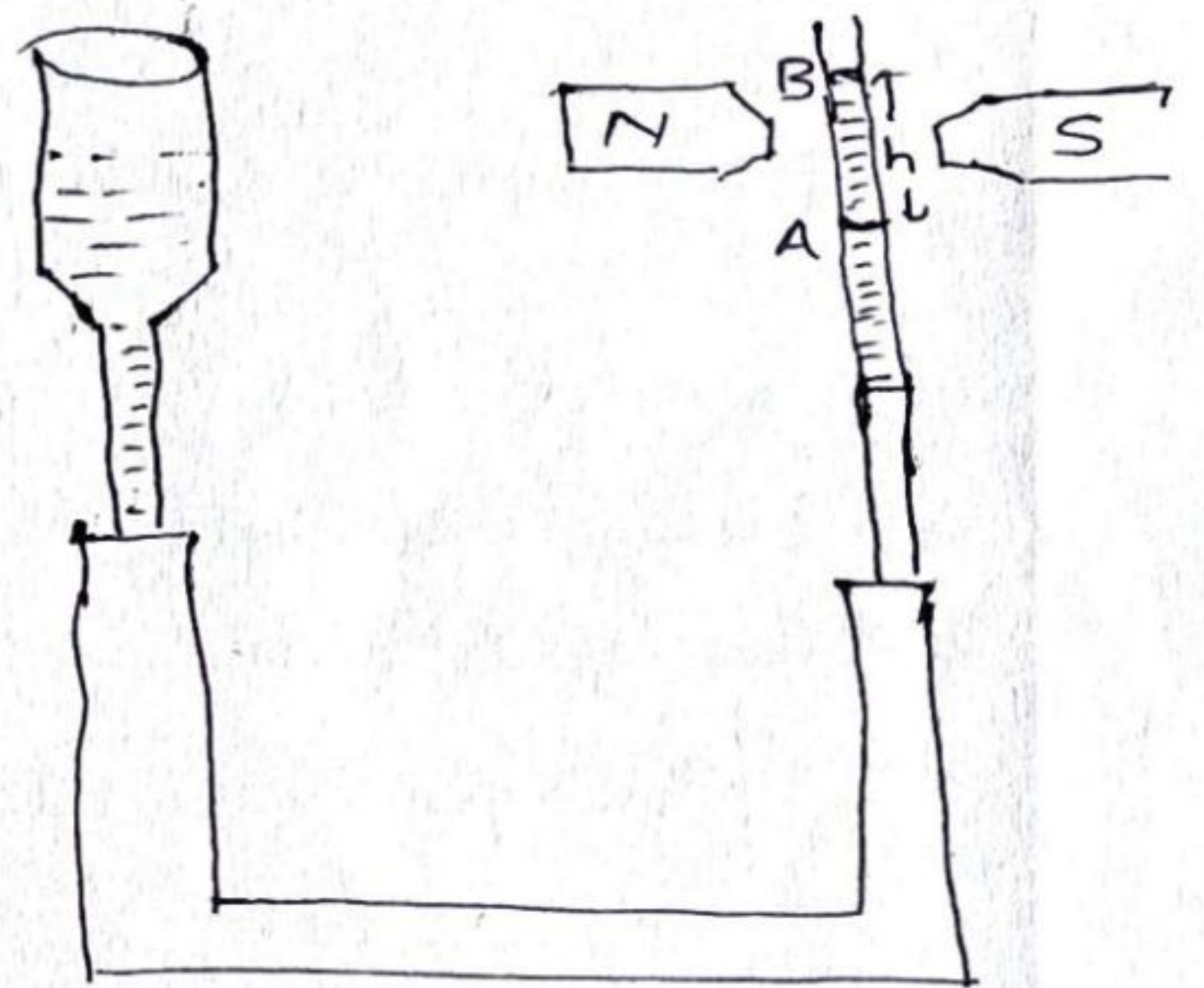
Equating eq<sup>n</sup> ① & ② we get

$F = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 \chi_m \frac{dH^2}{dx} V$  newton ----- ③

Method:-

The experimental

arrangement is shown in figure. The given specimen paramagnetic solution is placed in a U-tube consisting of a wide and a narrow limb. The wide limb is placed outside the field, and



the narrow limb is inside of magnetic field provided by an electromagnet with wedge shaped pole pieces. The field varies rapidly along the vertical direction due to the wedging of the pole pieces. The force on the specimen is vertical.

Let A be position of liquid level before the magnetic field is generated. The position is noted by a micrometer microscope. The electromagnet is now switched on. The level of paramagnetic liquid in the narrow limb rises to B. The new position of the level is also noted by the micrometer microscope. Thus the height  $AB = h$  is obtained. This is the height of the liquid column supported by the forces arising from the magnetic field.

Let 'a' be the area of cross section of the narrow limb,  $\rho$  be the density of the liquid and 'g' be the accel<sup>n</sup> due to gravity. Then  $h\rho a g$  is the vertical force on the liquid arising from the magnetic field.

Now O (let) be the section where the field is

negligible and  $x$  be the vertical co-ordinate of  $O$ . The force of an element of  $dx$  on the liquid at  $O$  by the eq<sup>n</sup> (iii) will be

$$dF = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 \chi_m \frac{dH^2}{dx} V = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 \chi_m \frac{dH^2}{dx} (a \cdot dx)$$

Therefore, the force on the entire liquid above  $O$  is given

$$F = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 \chi_m a \int_0^{H_1} \frac{dH^2}{dx} \cdot dx$$

where  $H_1$  is the field intensity at the upper level of the liquid, i.e. at  $B$ . Thus

$$F = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 \chi_m a H_1^2$$

The force  $F$  on the liquid due to the magnetic field has been shown above and is equal to  $h\rho ga$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 \chi_m a H_1^2 = h\rho ga$$

$$\therefore \chi_m = \frac{2h\rho g}{\mu_0 H_1^2}$$

Here 'h' has already determined.  $H_1$  is measured by the fluxmeter, hence knowing the density  $\rho$  of the given liquid, the susceptibility  $\chi_m$  can be evaluated.