

Falling sphere viscometer

- The principle is based on Hopper viscometer.
⇒ The apparatus consist of glass tube position vertically.
⇒ A constant temperature jacket with continuous water circulation, arranged around the glass tube.
⇒ The test liquid is placed inside the glass chamber.
⇒ A glass or steel ball is dropped into the liquid and allowed to reach equilibrium with the temperature of the outer jacket.
⇒ The time taken for the ball to fall between 2 points which accurately measured.
⇒ The measure is repeated several time to obtain concurrent result.
⇒ The viscosity of non-Newtonian liquid can be expressed as,

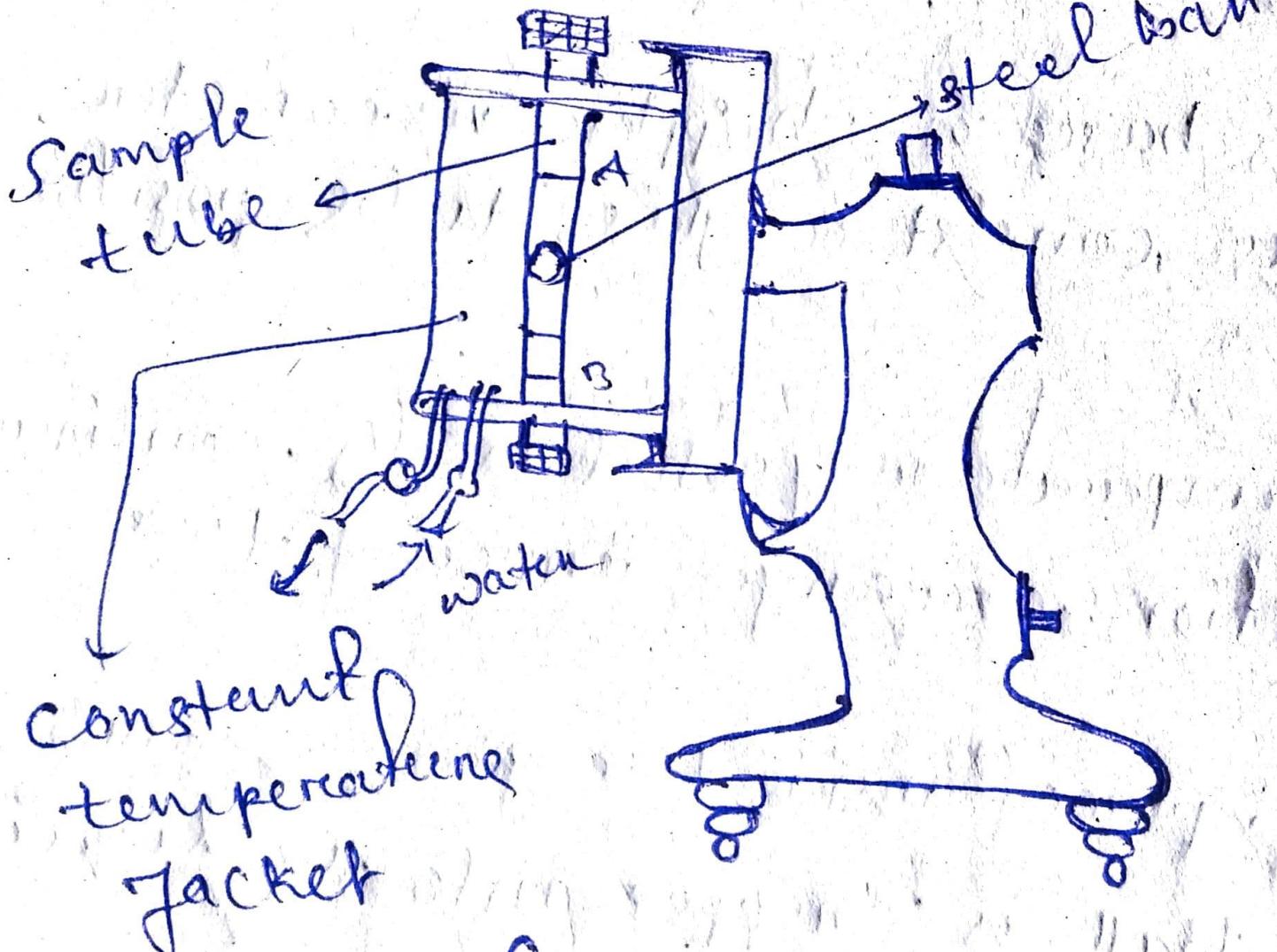
$$\eta_i = t \cdot (s_b - s_f) B$$

where, t = time taken for the ball to fall betⁿ 2 points

s_b = specific gravity of the ball

s_f = specific gravity of the test liquid

(B = constant for a particular ball)



(Hoeppler: falling sphere viscometry)

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