

Question.

How does the length of a pendulum string affect the frequency of oscillation?

Solution

The period of oscillation of a pendulum depends on its parameters as follows:

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}} \quad (l - \text{the length of a pendulum, } g - \text{acceleration due to gravity}).$$

In turn, the oscillation frequency is related to the period as $f = \frac{1}{T}$.

Thus, we have $f = \frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{g}{l}}$.

Answer: $f = \frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{g}{l}}$ or $f \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{l}}$.