

21. Gravitational acceleration,  $g$ , at the surface of the earth can be formulated as

$$g = G \frac{M}{r^2} \text{ where } G = 6.673 \times 10^{-11} \text{ N.m}^2/\text{kg}^2, M = 5.98 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg and } r = \text{the}$$

distance from the Earth's surface to its centre. If the gravity,  $g$ , at the mean sea level ( $R = 6371 \text{ km}$ ) is  $9.83 \text{ m/s}^2$  and the gravity value depends on elevation,  $h$ , gravity value decreases with increasing elevation as per the formula \_\_\_\_\_ .

(Note:  $1 \text{ cm/s}^2 = 1 \text{ gal}$ ). Write the calculation procedure. (2 points)

22. The mathematical formula for seismic refraction in 2-layer systems shows that the travel time of seismic waves,  $t$ , is dependant on its propagation distance,  $x$ .

$$t = \frac{2h_1 (V_2^2 - V_1^2)^{1/2}}{V_2 V_1} + \frac{x}{V_2}$$

where  $t$  is the travel time of seismic waves (second)

$h_1$  is the thickness of 1<sup>st</sup> layer

$x$  is the distance of seismic wave

propagation

$V_1$  is the seismic velocity in 1<sup>st</sup> layer

$V_2$  is the seismic velocity in 2<sup>nd</sup> layer

The seismic velocity of layers,  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ , and the thickness of layer,  $h$ , are constant. The seismic refraction

data are given in Table 1. Determine the seismic velocity of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>

layers,  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ , respectively (2 points)

- Write the calculation procedure. (2 points)
- Calculate  $h_1$  (1 point)

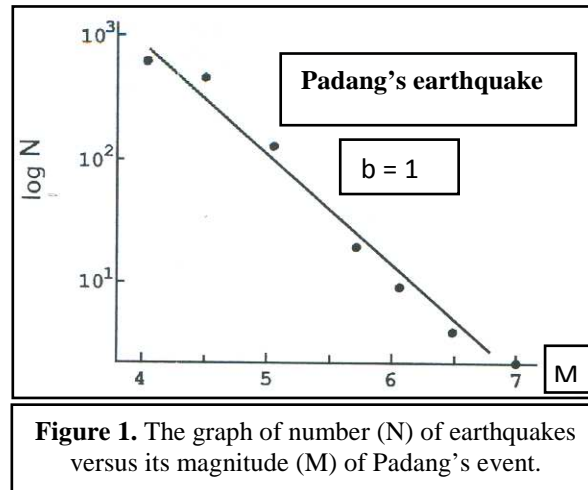
**Table 1.** Seismic Refraction Data

$x$ (m)	$t$ (ms)
2	4
4	10
6	12
8	19
10	24
12	27
14	30
16	31
18	32
20	34
22	36
24	39

23. The number of earthquake events ( $N$ ) and their magnitude ( $M$ ) are related as follows:

$$\log N = a - b M$$

The graph associated with the above equation is shown in Figure 1 for such an earthquake which occurred at Padang, West Sumatra. The parameter  $a$  is a constant representing the number of earthquakes which have magnitude higher than 1 on the

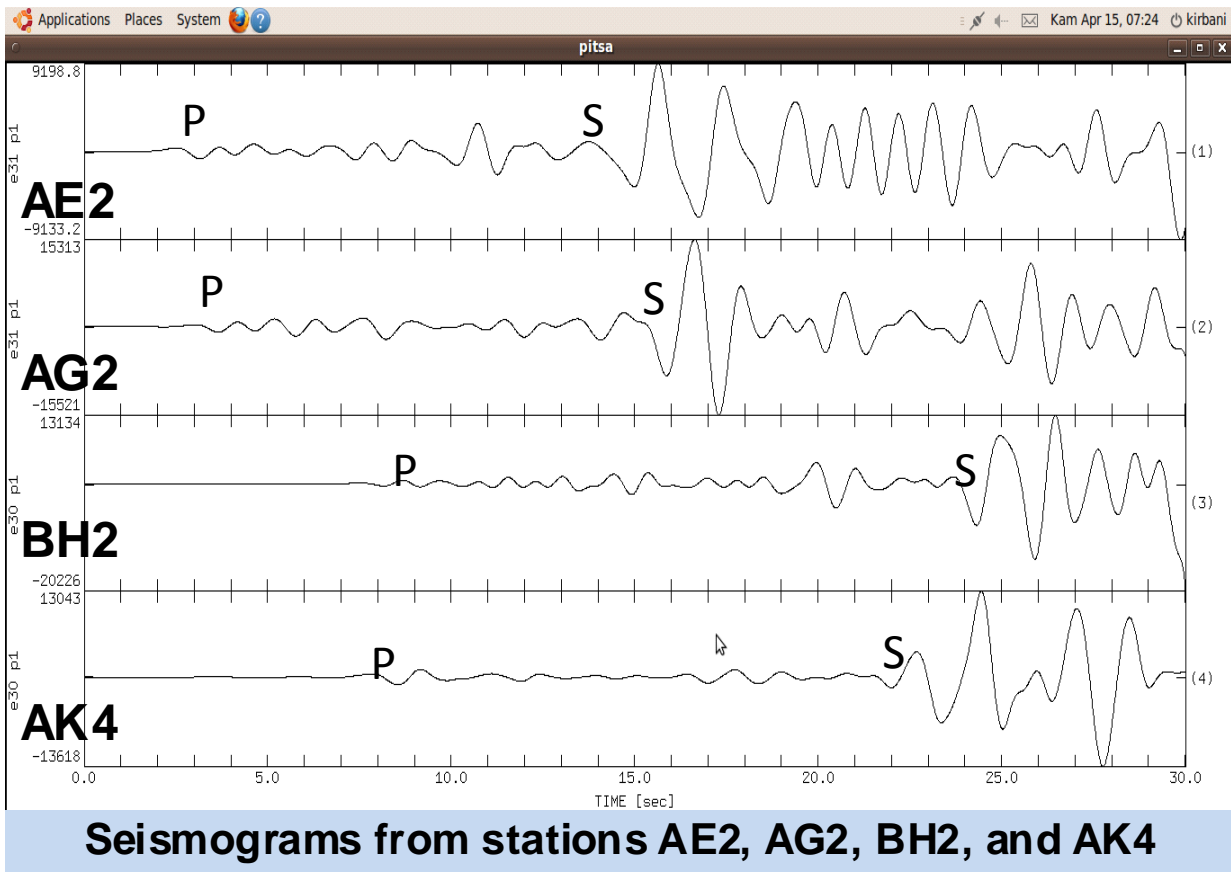


Richter scale. Similarly,  $b$  is a value that represents the ratio of the number of small to big earthquakes. If the value of  $b$  is 1, determine the ratio of the number of earthquakes (with magnitude 5) to the number of earthquakes (with magnitude 7) on the Richter scale (2 points).

24. An earthquake was recorded at four seismic stations in Central Java, Indonesia. Figure 2 shows the locations of the seismic stations: AE2 (7.7 S; 109.5 E), AG2 (7.6 S; 110.0 E), BH2 (7.5 S; 110.4 E), and AK4 (8.2 S; 110.9 E). Figure 3 displays the seismograms recorded at the seismic stations. If the average longitudinal (P) wave velocity,  $V_p$ , is 6.4 km/s and the average transversal (S) wave velocity,  $V_s$ , is 3.7 km/s, determine the epicenter of the earthquake. Write the calculation procedure and draw your graphical solution in Figure 2. (1 degree = 111 km). (5 points)



**Figure 2.** Location of the seismic stations AE2, AG2, BH2, and AK4 which recorded the earthquake.



**Figure 3.** Seismograms of the earthquake recorded at seismic stations AE2, AG2, BH2, and AK4.