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Paper 3 Advanced Practical Skills 1

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1 In this experiment, you will investigate the equilibrium of a metre rule.

(a) Using the calipers, determine the diameter of one of the masses.

diameter = cm [2]

(b) • Set up the apparatus as shown in Fig. 1.1, with the scale on the metre rule facing upwards.

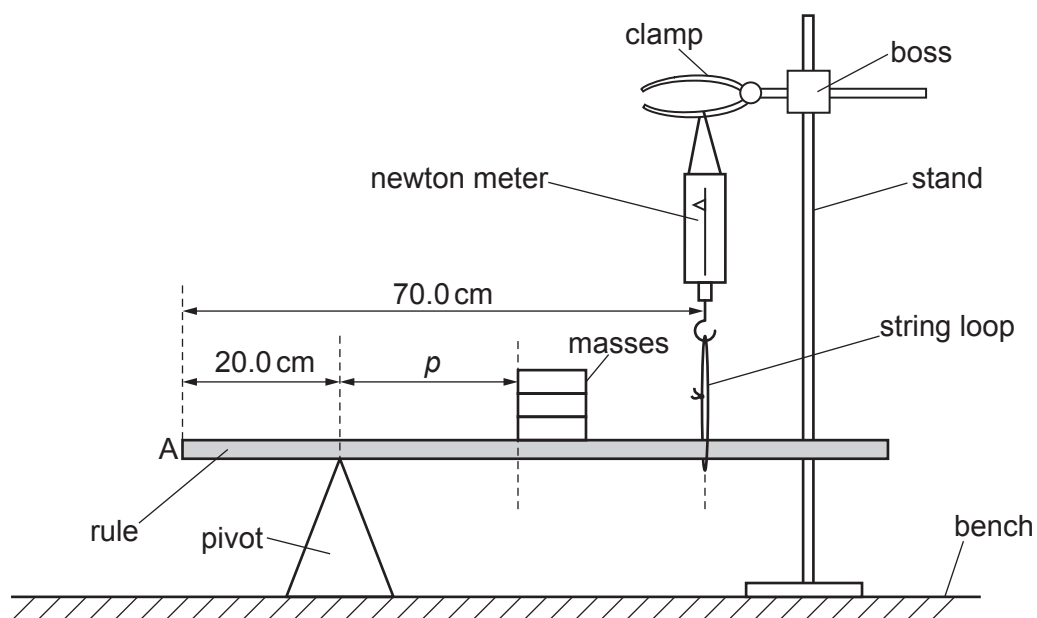


Fig. 1.1 (not to scale)

- Adjust the apparatus until the pivot is 20.0 cm from end A of the rule and the string loop is 70.0 cm from end A of the rule.
The pivot and string loop should remain at these positions throughout the experiment.
- Place the three masses with the edge of the bottom mass approximately 37 cm from end A of the rule.
- Adjust the stand until the newton meter and string are perpendicular to the bench.
- Adjust the boss and the clamp until the rule is parallel to the bench.
- The distance from the pivot to the edge of the mass is p , as shown in Fig. 1.1.

Measure and record p .

$p = \dots\dots\dots$ cm

- Measure and record the newton meter reading F .

$F = \dots\dots\dots$ N
[1]

- (c) • Using your value of diameter from (a), calculate the radius r of a mass.

$r =$ cm

- Vary p in the range $5.0\text{ cm} \leq p \leq 45.0\text{ cm}$ and determine six sets of readings of p and F . For each value of p , adjust the boss and clamp until the rule is parallel to the bench.

Record your values in a table. Include values of $(p + r)$ in your table.

[8]

- (d) (i) Plot a graph of F on the y -axis against $(p + r)$ on the x -axis.

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- (ii) Draw the straight line of best fit.

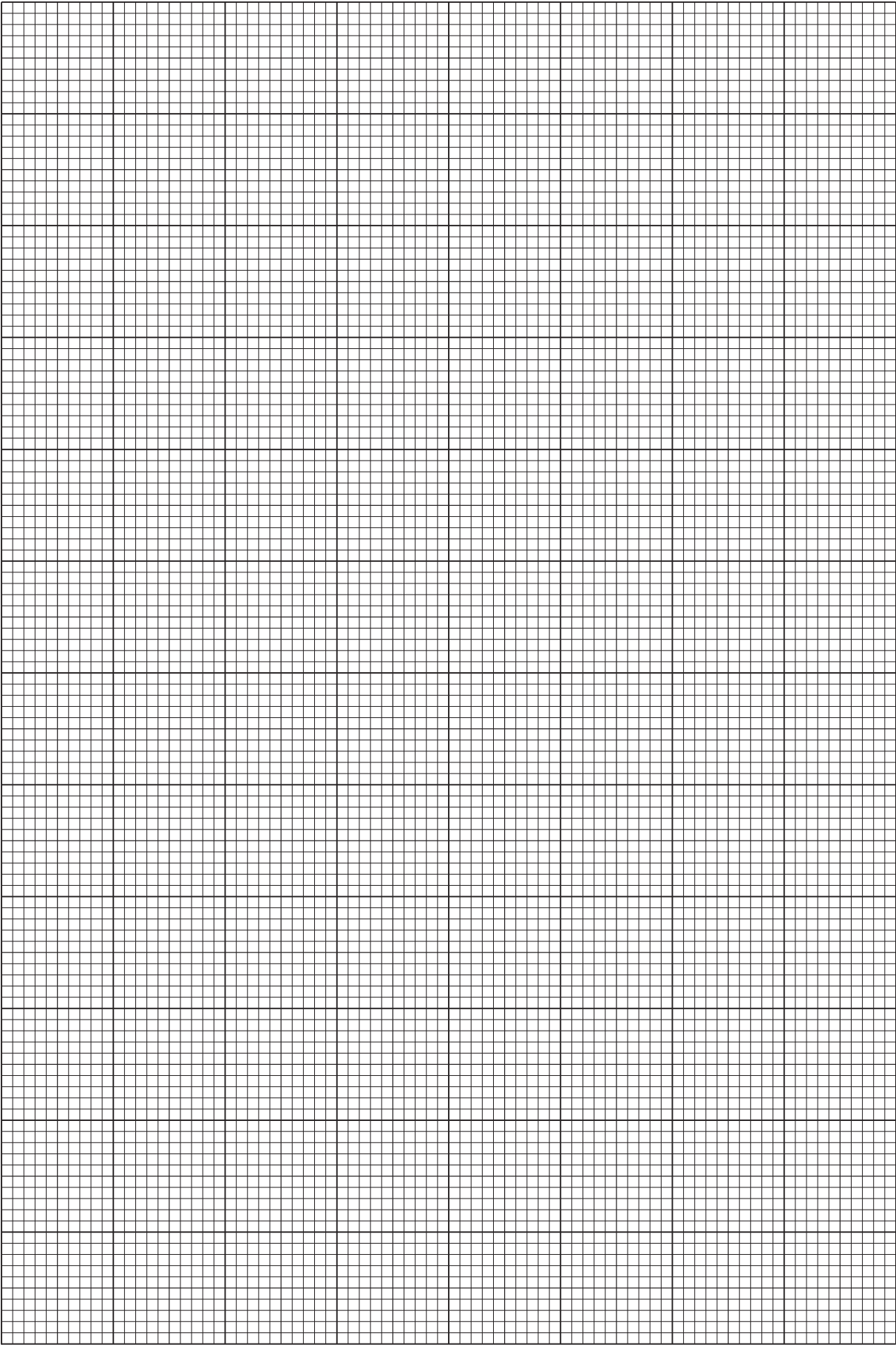
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- (iii) Determine the gradient and y -intercept of this line.

gradient =

y -intercept =

[2]



- (e) It is suggested that the quantities F and p are related by the equation

$$F = \frac{W}{Q} (p + r) + \frac{S}{Q}$$

where $W = 3.00 \text{ N}$ and Q and S are constants.

Using your answers to (d)(iii), determine values for Q and S .
Give appropriate units.

$Q =$

$S =$
[3]

[Total: 20]

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2 In this experiment, you will investigate the oscillations of a square shape.

- (a) (i) • Bend the wire to form a square shape so that the length L of each side is approximately 12 cm, as shown in Fig. 2.1.

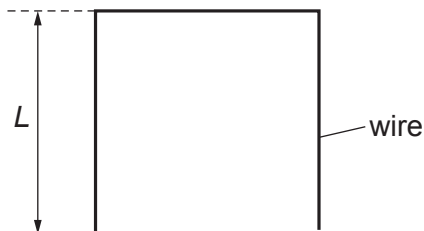


Fig. 2.1

- Use the wire cutters to remove any excess wire.
- Measure and record L .

$L = \dots\dots\dots$ cm [1]

- (ii) Estimate the percentage uncertainty in your value of L . Show your working.

percentage uncertainty = $\dots\dots\dots$ [1]

- (b) (i)
- Place the cork in the clamp and attach the clamp to the stand using the boss.
 - Hang the wire square from the pin as shown in Fig. 2.2.

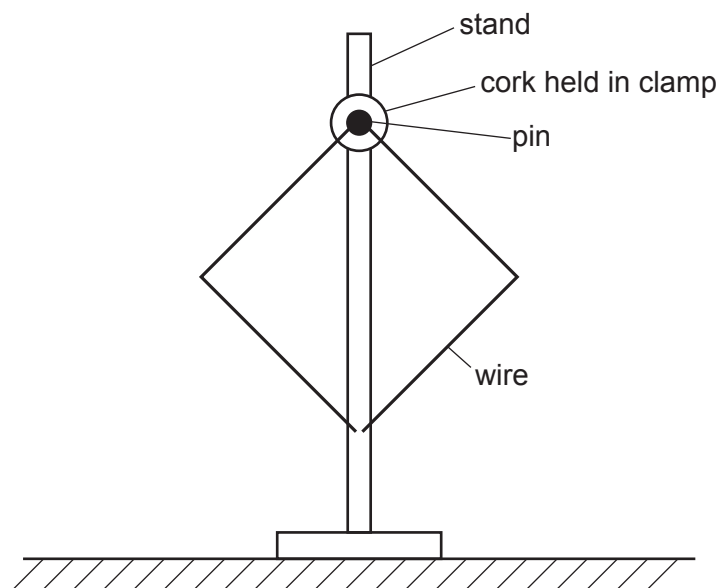


Fig. 2.2

- Gently displace the wire square and release it so that it oscillates as shown in Fig. 2.3.

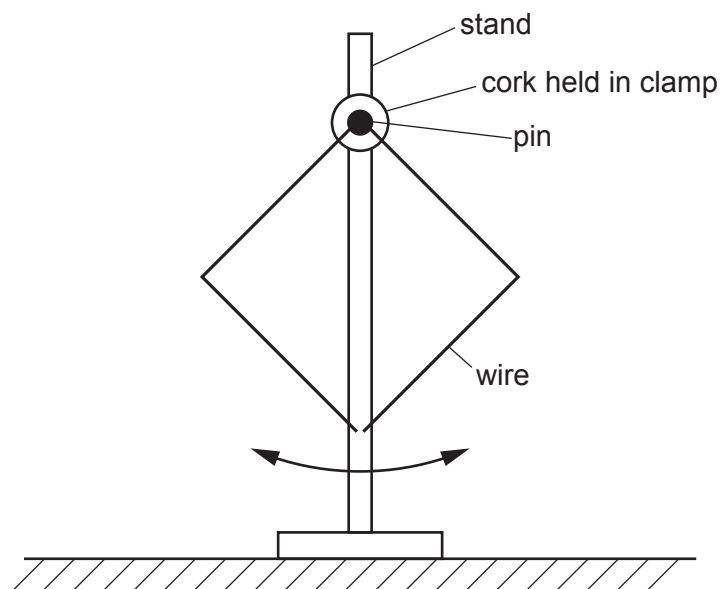


Fig. 2.3

- Determine the period T of the oscillations.

$$T = \dots\dots\dots \text{ s [3]}$$

(ii) Calculate T^2 .

$$T^2 = \dots\dots\dots \text{ s}^2 \text{ [1]}$$

(iii) Justify the number of significant figures you have given for your value of T^2 .

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 [1]

- (c)
- Remove the wire square from the pin.
 - Form a new square shape from the wire so that L is approximately 6 cm.
 - Use the wire cutters to remove the excess wire.
 - Measure and record L .

$$L = \dots\dots\dots \text{ cm}$$

- Repeat (b)(i) and (b)(ii).

$$T = \dots\dots\dots \text{ s}$$

$$T^2 = \dots\dots\dots \text{ s}^2 \text{ [2]}$$

- (d) It is suggested that the relationship between T and L is

$$T^2 = \frac{L}{k}$$

where k is a constant.

- (i) Using your data, calculate two values of k .

first value of k =

second value of k =

[1]

- (ii) Explain whether your results support the suggested relationship.

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 [1]

- (e) An approximate value for the acceleration of free fall g is given by

$$g = 46.5k.$$

Use your second value of k to calculate a value for g .

g = ms^{-2} [1]

(f) (i) Describe four sources of uncertainty or limitations of the procedure for this experiment.

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(ii) Describe four improvements that could be made to this experiment. You may suggest the use of other apparatus or different procedures.

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- 1 In this experiment, you will investigate the equilibrium of a metre rule with a chain attached.
- (a)
- Attach the boss to the stand at a height of approximately 60 cm above the bench.
 - Assemble the apparatus as shown in Fig. 1.1 with the nail held securely in the boss.
 - Attach one end of the chain of paper clips to the string loop and allow the other end of the chain to rest on the bench.
 - Attach the piece of adhesive putty to the metre rule approximately 40 cm from the nail.

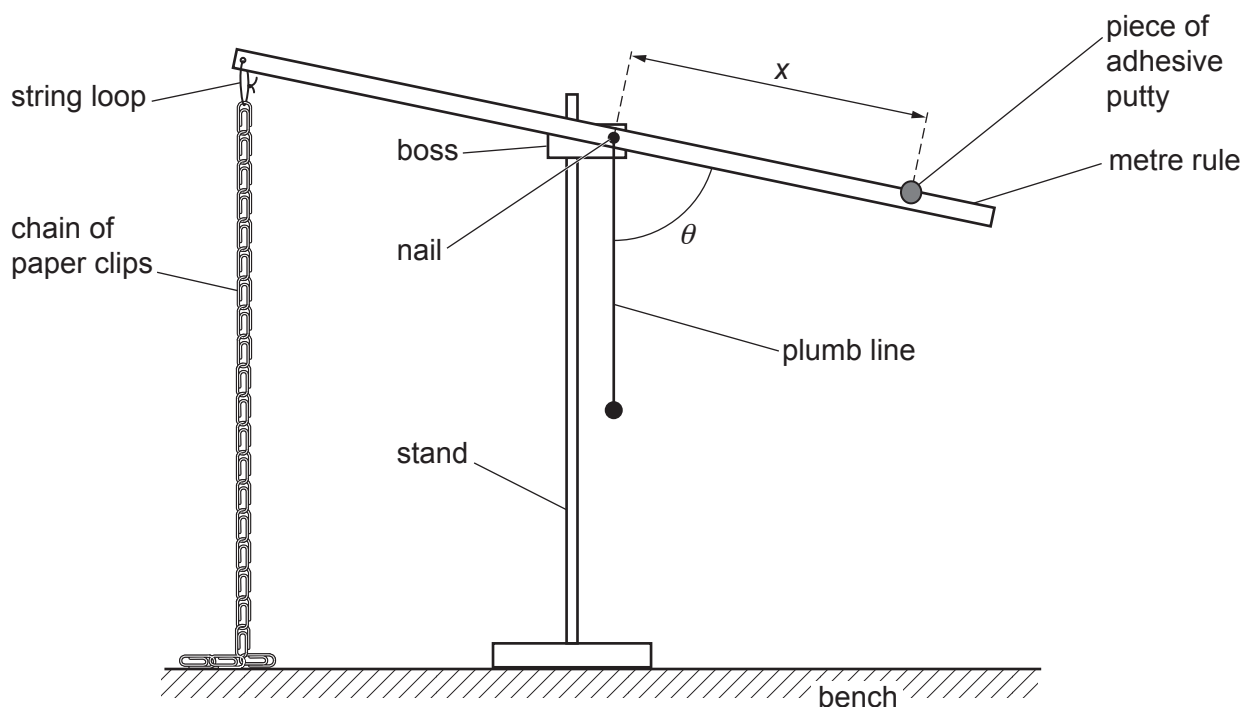


Fig. 1.1

- Measure and record the distance x between the nail and the centre of the piece of adhesive putty, as shown in Fig. 1.1.

$x = \dots\dots\dots$ cm [1]

- (b) Measure and record the angle θ between the metre rule and the plumb line, as shown in Fig. 1.1.

$\theta = \dots\dots\dots^\circ$ [1]

- (c) Vary x and measure θ until you have six sets of values of x and θ . Do not use values of x less than 15 cm.

Record your results in a table. Include values of $\cos \theta$ in your table.

[10]

- (d) (i) Plot a graph of $\cos \theta$ on the y -axis against x on the x -axis.

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- (ii) Draw the straight line of best fit.

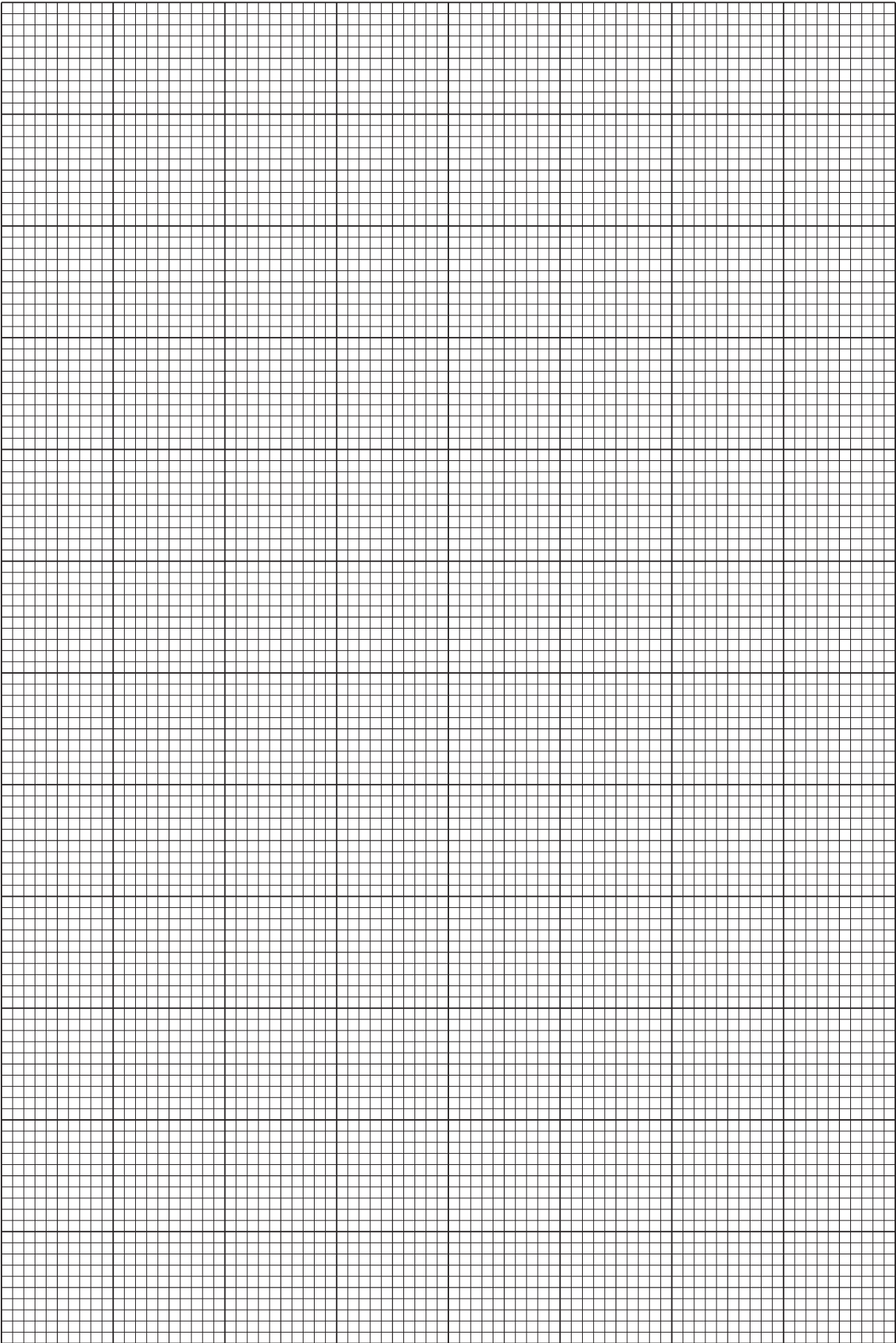
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- (iii) Determine the gradient and y -intercept of this line.

gradient =

y -intercept =

[2]



- (e) It is suggested that the quantities θ and x are related by the equation

$$\cos \theta = ax + b$$

where a and b are constants.

Use your answers in (d)(iii) to determine the values of a and b .
Give appropriate units.

$a =$

$b =$

[2]

[Total: 20]

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2 In this experiment, you will investigate the motion of a roller on an inclined surface.

(a) You are provided with a roller made from a bolt and two washers, as shown in Fig. 2.1.

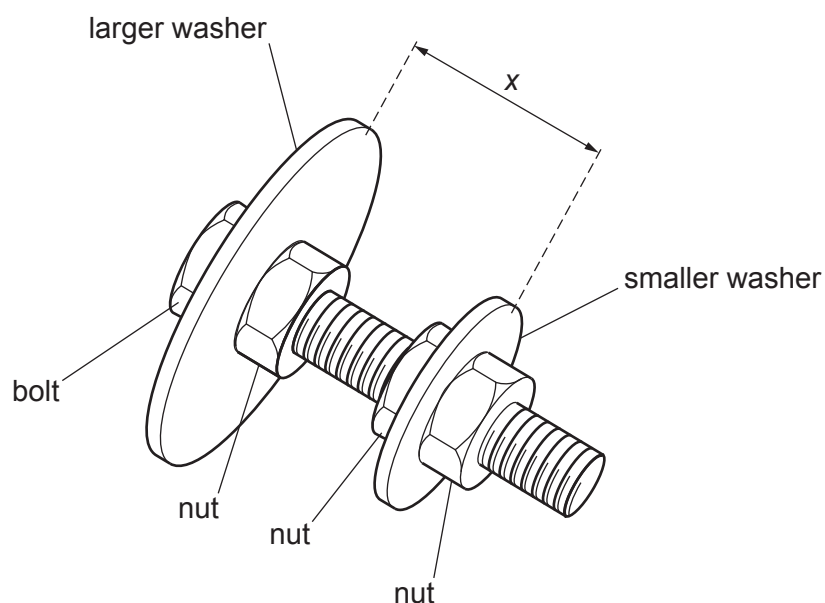


Fig. 2.1

(i) Measure and record the distance x between the two lower faces of the washers, as shown in Fig. 2.1.

$x =$ [1]

(ii) Measure and record the diameter D of the larger washer and the diameter d of the smaller washer.

$D =$

$d =$ [1]

(iii) Calculate L , where

$$L = \frac{x D}{(D - d)}.$$

$L =$ [1]

- (iv) Justify the number of significant figures you have given for your value of L .

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- (b) • Place the flat board on the bench and support the board with the wooden block so that the board is at an angle θ of approximately 10° to the bench, as shown in Fig. 2.2.

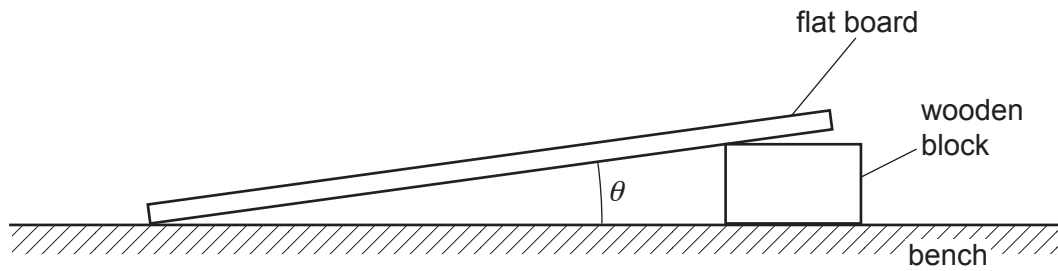


Fig. 2.2

- Measure and record θ .

$\theta =$ $^\circ$

- (i) • Place the roller on the board as shown in Fig. 2.3 and wait until it is stationary.

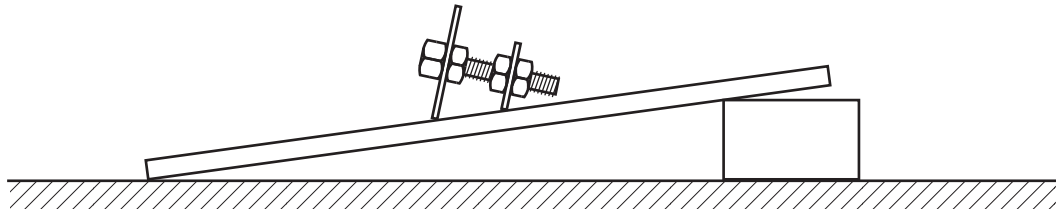


Fig. 2.3

- Push the roller to one side and release it. The roller will oscillate.
- Take measurements to find the period T of the oscillations.

$T =$ s [2]

- (ii) Estimate the percentage uncertainty in your value of T . Show your working.

percentage uncertainty = [1]

- (c)
- Use the spanners to loosen the two nuts either side of the smaller washer.
 - Move these nuts and the smaller washer along the bolt until x is as large as possible. Use the spanners to tighten the nuts.
 - Repeat **(a)(i)**, **(a)(iii)** and **(b)(i)**.

$x =$

$L =$

$T =$ s
[2]

(d) It is suggested that the relationship between T , L and x is

$$kT^2 = L - \frac{x}{2}$$

where k is a constant.

(i) Using your data, calculate two values of k .

first value of k =

second value of k = [1]

(ii) Explain whether your results in (d)(i) support the suggested relationship.

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 [1]

(e) An approximate value for the acceleration of free fall g is given by

$$g = \frac{4\pi^2 k}{\sin \theta}$$

Use your second value of k and your value of θ from (b) to determine g .

g = ms^{-2} [1]

- (f) (i) Describe four sources of uncertainty or limitations of the procedure for this experiment.

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1 In this experiment, you will investigate combinations of resistors in an electrical circuit.

Fig. 1.1 shows how resistors of resistance $68.0\,\Omega$ can be arranged to give different values of total resistance R .

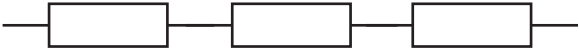
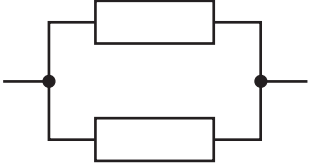
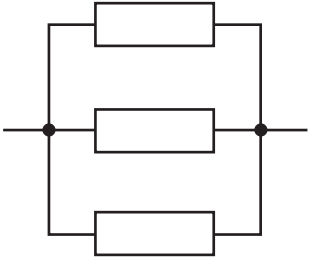
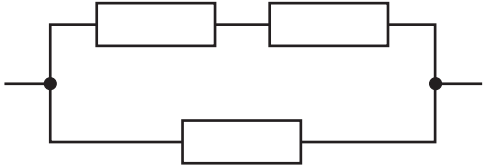
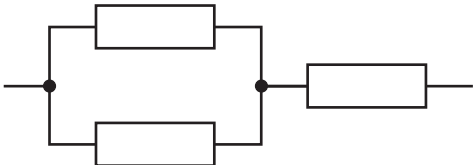
resistor arrangement	R/Ω
	68.0
	136
	204
	34.0
	22.7
	45.3
	102

Fig. 1.1

- (a) • Set up the circuit as shown in Fig. 1.2 with a resistor of resistance $68.0\,\Omega$ between F and G.

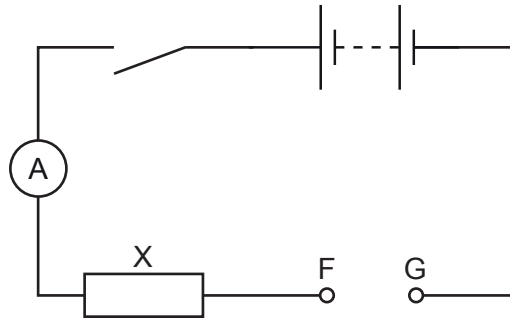


Fig. 1.2

- Record the total resistance R between F and G.

$R = \dots\dots\dots \Omega$

- Close the switch.
• Record the ammeter reading I .

$I = \dots\dots\dots$

- Open the switch.

[1]

- (b) Use six different arrangements of the $68.0\ \Omega$ resistors to provide six different total resistances between F and G.

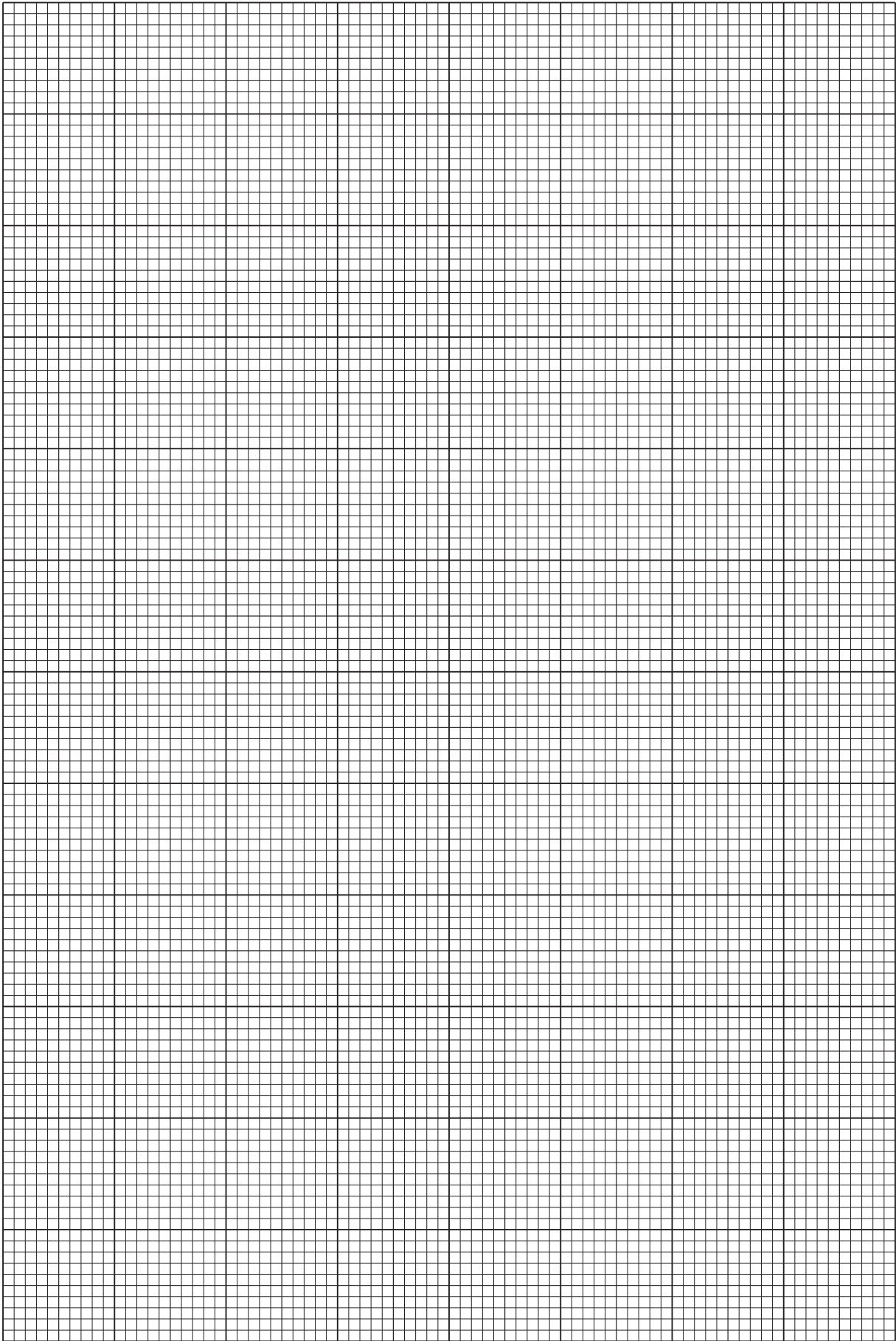
For each arrangement, record R and I in a table. Include values of $\frac{1}{I}$ in your table.

- [10]
- (c) (i) Plot a graph of $\frac{1}{I}$ on the y -axis against R on the x -axis. [3]
- (ii) Draw the straight line of best fit. [1]
- (iii) Determine the gradient and y -intercept of this line.

gradient =

y -intercept =

[2]



(d) It is suggested that the quantities I and R are related by the equation

$$\frac{1}{I} = \frac{R}{E} + \frac{X}{E}$$

where E is the electromotive force (e.m.f.) of the power supply and X is the resistance of resistor X .

Using your answers to (c)(iii), determine values for E and X .
Give appropriate units.

$E =$

$X =$

[3]

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2 In this experiment, you will investigate the equilibrium of an L-shaped card.

(a) (i) The dimensions p , q and w of the card are shown in Fig. 2.1.

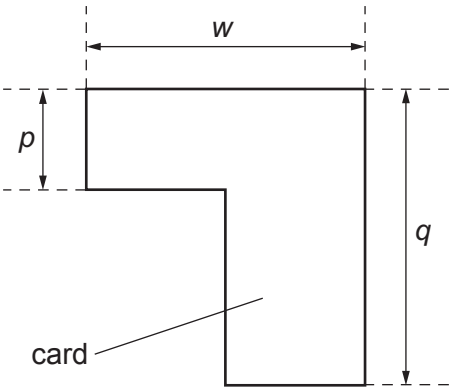


Fig. 2.1 (not to scale)

Measure and record lengths p , q and w .

$p =$ cm

$q =$ cm

$w =$ cm
[2]

(ii) Calculate $\frac{2q}{p + q}$.

$\frac{2q}{p + q} =$ [1]

- (b) (i) • Set up the apparatus as shown in Fig. 2.2.

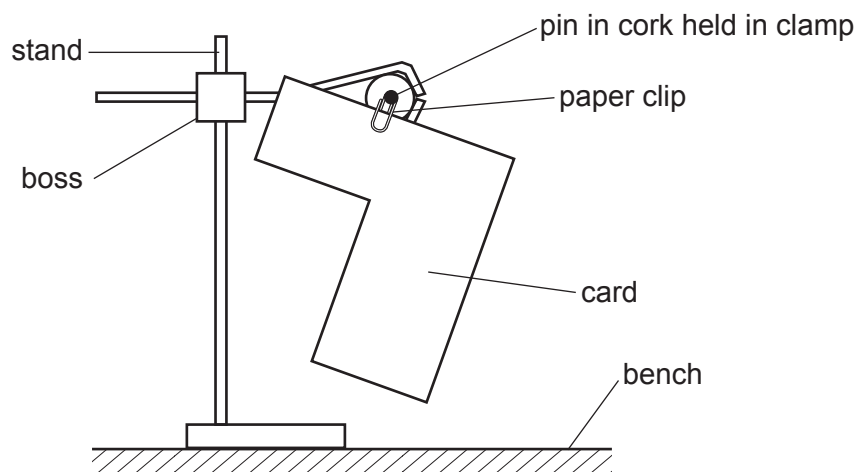


Fig. 2.2 (not to scale)

- Adjust the position of the paper clip so that the top edge of the card is horizontal, as shown in Fig. 2.3.

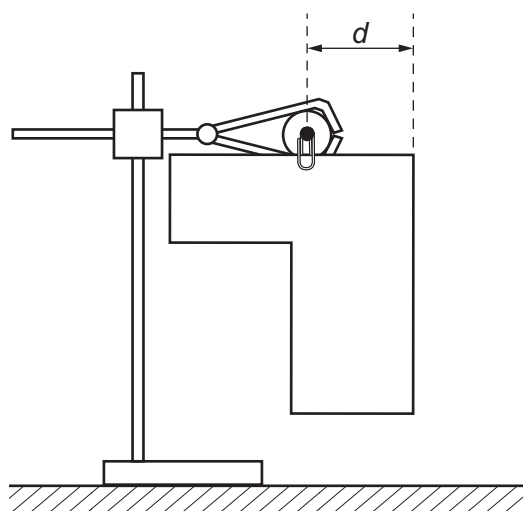


Fig. 2.3 (not to scale)

- The distance d is the distance from the centre of the paper clip to the right-hand edge of the card when the top edge of the card is horizontal.
- Measure and record d .

$d = \dots\dots\dots$ cm [1]

(ii) Estimate the percentage uncertainty in d . Show your working.

percentage uncertainty = [1]

(iii) Calculate $(w - d)$.

$(w - d) = \dots\dots\dots$ cm [1]

(c) (i) Explain how you would accurately reduce q to half of its original value.

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 [1]

- (ii)
- Remove the card from the paper clip.
 - Cut the card so that q is half of its original value.
 - Measure and record the new value of q .

$q = \dots\dots\dots$ cm

- Calculate $\frac{2q}{p + q}$.

$\frac{2q}{p + q} = \dots\dots\dots$ [1]

(iii) Repeat (b)(i) and (b)(iii).

$d = \dots\dots\dots$ cm

$(w - d) = \dots\dots\dots$ cm
 [2]

- (d) It is suggested that the relationship between d and q is

$$(w - d) = k \left[1 + \left(\frac{2q}{p + q} \right) \right]$$

where k is a constant.

- (i) Using your data, calculate two values of k .

first value of k =

second value of k = [1]

- (ii) Explain whether your results support the suggested relationship.

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- (a)
- Connect any one of the eight resistors labelled with values in the component holder.
 - Assemble the circuit shown in Fig. 1.1.

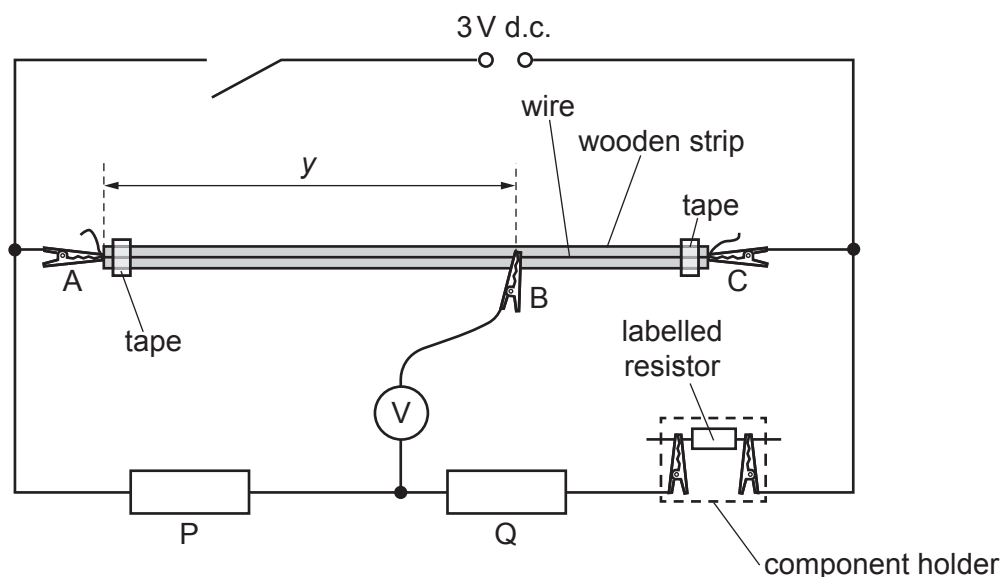


Fig. 1.1

- Record the resistance R of the labelled resistor in the component holder.

$R = \dots\dots\dots \Omega$

- Close the switch. The voltmeter reading will be non-zero.
- A, B and C are crocodile clips.

Adjust the position of B on the wire until the voltmeter reading is as close as possible to zero.

- The distance between A and B is y , as shown in Fig. 1.1.

Measure and record y .

$y = \dots\dots\dots \text{cm}$

- Open the switch.

[1]

- (b) Change the labelled resistor and determine the value of y . Repeat until you have six sets of values of R and y .

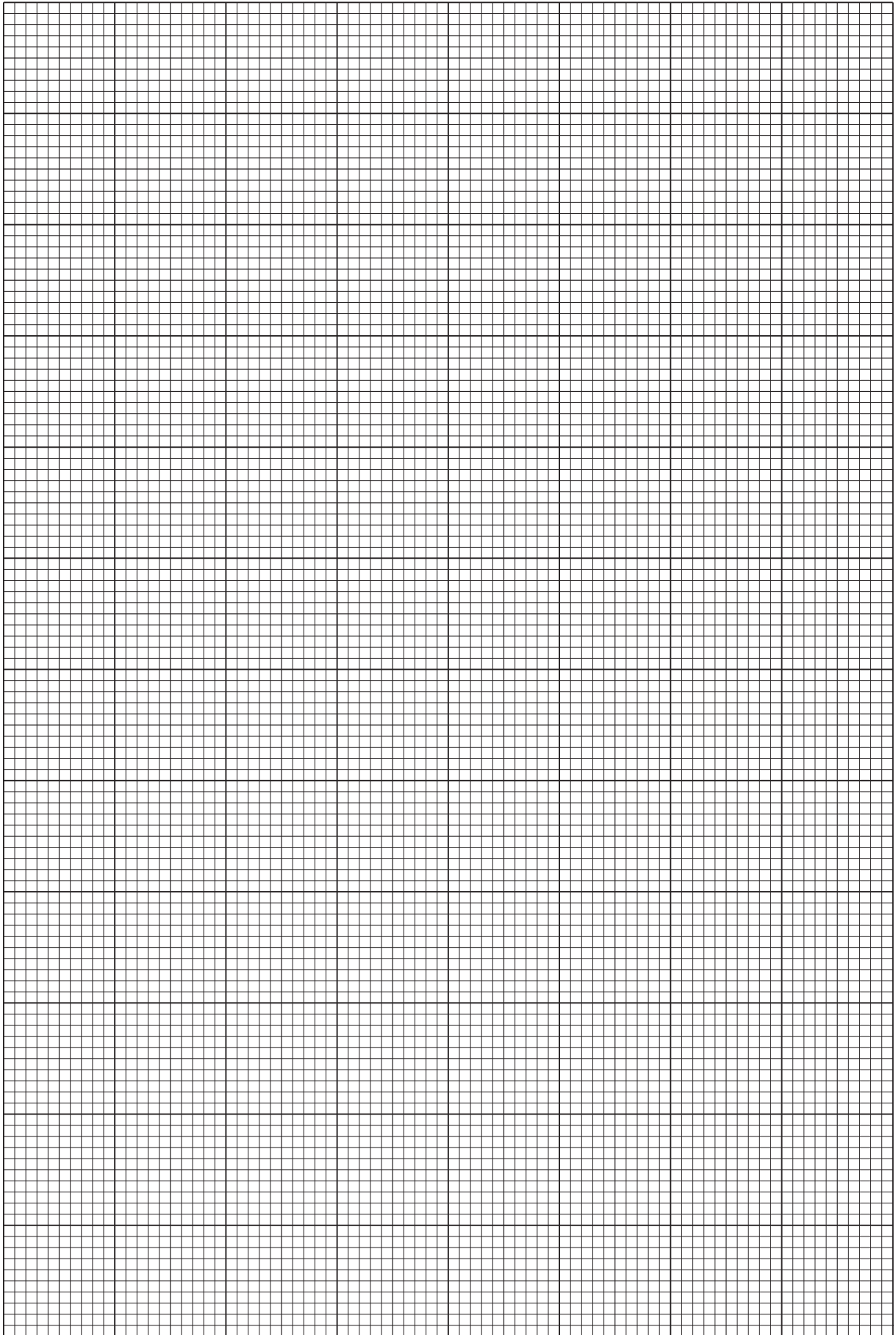
Record your results in a table. Include values of $\frac{1}{y}$ in your table.

- [9]
- (c) (i) Plot a graph of $\frac{1}{y}$ on the y -axis against R on the x -axis. [3]
- (ii) Draw the straight line of best fit. [1]
- (iii) Determine the gradient and y -intercept of this line.

gradient =

y -intercept =

[2]



(d) It is suggested that the quantities y and R are related by the equation

$$\frac{1}{y} = aR + b$$

where a and b are constants.

Use your answers in (c)(iii) to determine the values of a and b .
Give appropriate units.

$a =$

$b =$ [2]

(e) (i) Measure and record the length W of the wire between the crocodile clips A and C.

$W =$ cm [1]

(ii) The resistor P has resistance P .

Calculate the value of P using the relationship

$$a = \frac{1}{PW}.$$

$P =$ Ω [1]

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- 2** In this experiment, you will investigate an oscillating system.

You have access to a roll of strong adhesive tape. Cut off a piece of tape of approximate length 40 cm. The exact length is not important.

- (a) • You have been provided with two plastic rulers. Bend one of the rulers so that the distance L between its ends is approximately 29 cm. Use the adhesive tape to fix it in this shape, as shown in Fig. 2.1.

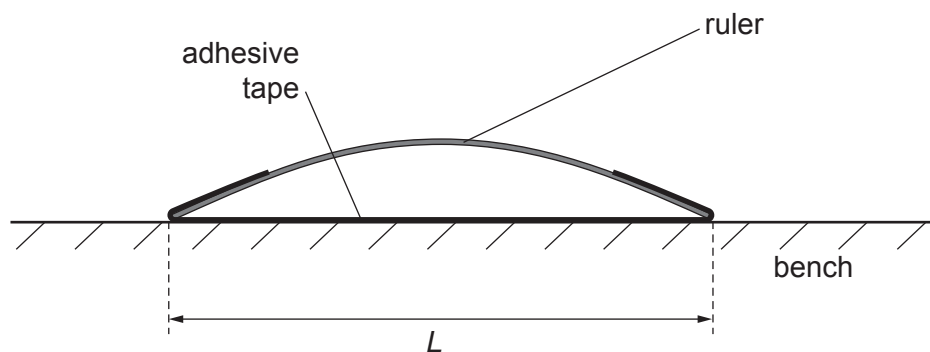


Fig. 2.1

- Measure and record the length L and the height H of the bent ruler, as shown in Fig. 2.2.

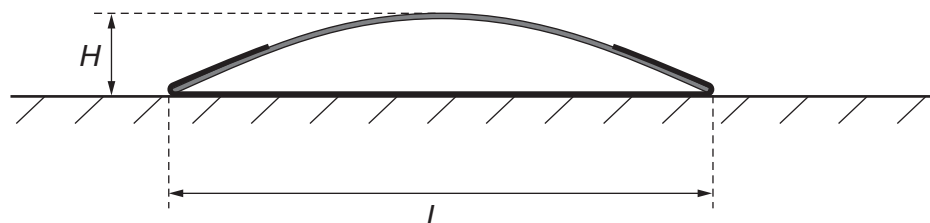


Fig. 2.2

$L =$ cm

$H =$ cm
[2]

- (b) Estimate the percentage uncertainty in your value of H . Show your working.

percentage uncertainty = [1]

- (c) • Balance the wooden strip on top of the ruler, as shown in Fig. 2.3.

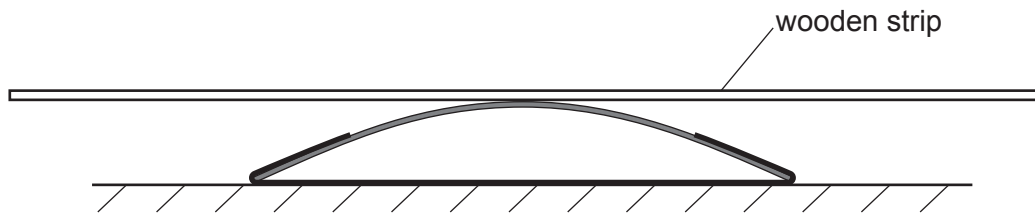


Fig. 2.3

- Push one end of the strip down a short distance and release it so that it oscillates.
- Determine the period T of the oscillations.

$T = \dots\dots\dots$ s [2]

- (d) (i) Repeat (a) using a length L of approximately 27 cm.

$L = \dots\dots\dots$ cm

$H = \dots\dots\dots$ cm
[1]

- (ii) Repeat (c).

$T = \dots\dots\dots$ s [2]

- (e) It is suggested that the relationship between T , L and H is

$$T^2 L^2 = kH$$

where k is a constant.

- (i) Using your data, calculate two values of k .

first value of k =

second value of k = [1]

- (ii) Justify the number of significant figures you have given for your values of k .

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..... [1]

- (iii) Explain whether your results in (e)(i) support the suggested relationship.

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..... [1]

- (f) The length S of the wooden strip is 91 cm.

An approximate value for the acceleration of free fall g is given by

$$3gk = \pi^4 S^2.$$

Use your second value of k to calculate g .

Give an appropriate unit.

$g = \dots\dots\dots$ [1]

(g) (i) Describe four sources of uncertainty or limitations of the procedure for this experiment.

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[4]

(ii) Describe four improvements that could be made to this experiment. You may suggest the use of other apparatus or different procedures.

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[Total: 20]