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1 In this experiment, you will investigate the oscillations of a mass.

(a) Set up the apparatus as shown in Fig. 1.1.

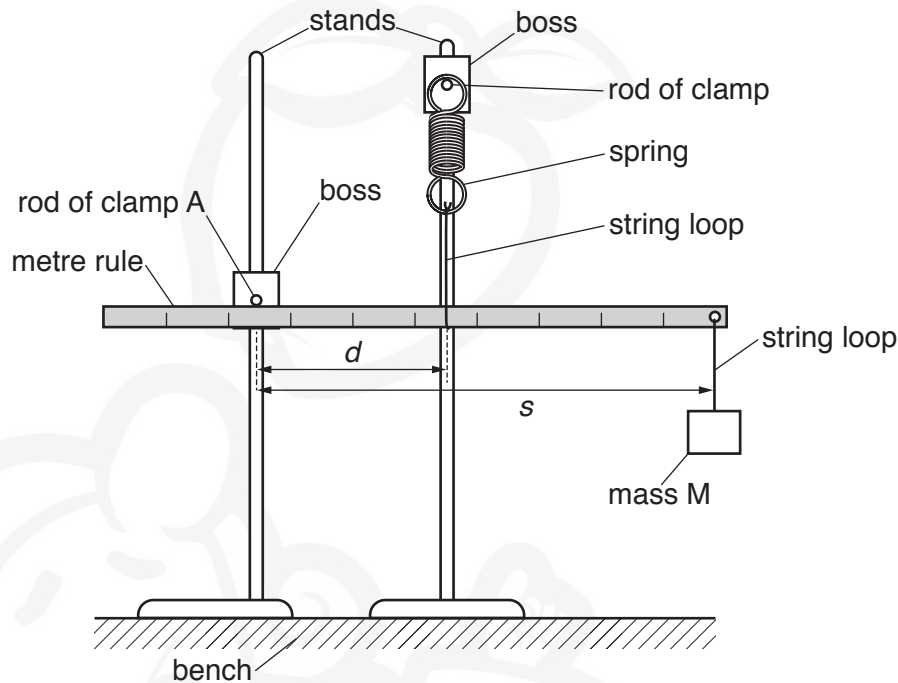


Fig. 1.1

- Hang mass M from the string loop near the end of the metre rule.
- Ensure that the metre rule is pushing up against the rod of clamp A at approximately the 24 cm mark.
- The distance between the rod of clamp A and the string attached to the spring is d . Adjust the position of the stand holding the spring so that d is approximately 30 cm.
- Adjust the height of the clamps until the rule is horizontal. Ensure that the spring is vertical.

- Measure and record d .

$d = \dots\dots\dots$

- The distance between the rod of clamp A and the string supporting M is s .

Measure and record s .

$s = \dots\dots\dots$

[1]

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- (b)
- Pull M down through a short distance.
 - Release M so that it oscillates.
 - Determine the period T of these oscillations.

 $T = \dots\dots\dots$ [1]

- (c)
- **Without moving the stands**, slide the rule horizontally through the string loop so that d remains constant but s changes.
 - Adjust the height of the clamps until the rule is horizontal. Ensure that the spring is vertical.
 - Measure and record s .

 $s = \dots\dots\dots$

- Repeat (b).

 $T = \dots\dots\dots$ [1]

- (d) Vary s and repeat (c) until you have five sets of values of s and T . You may include your previous sets of readings.

Record your results in a table. Include values of T^2 in your table.

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- (e) (i) Plot a graph of T^2 on the y -axis against s on the x -axis.

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

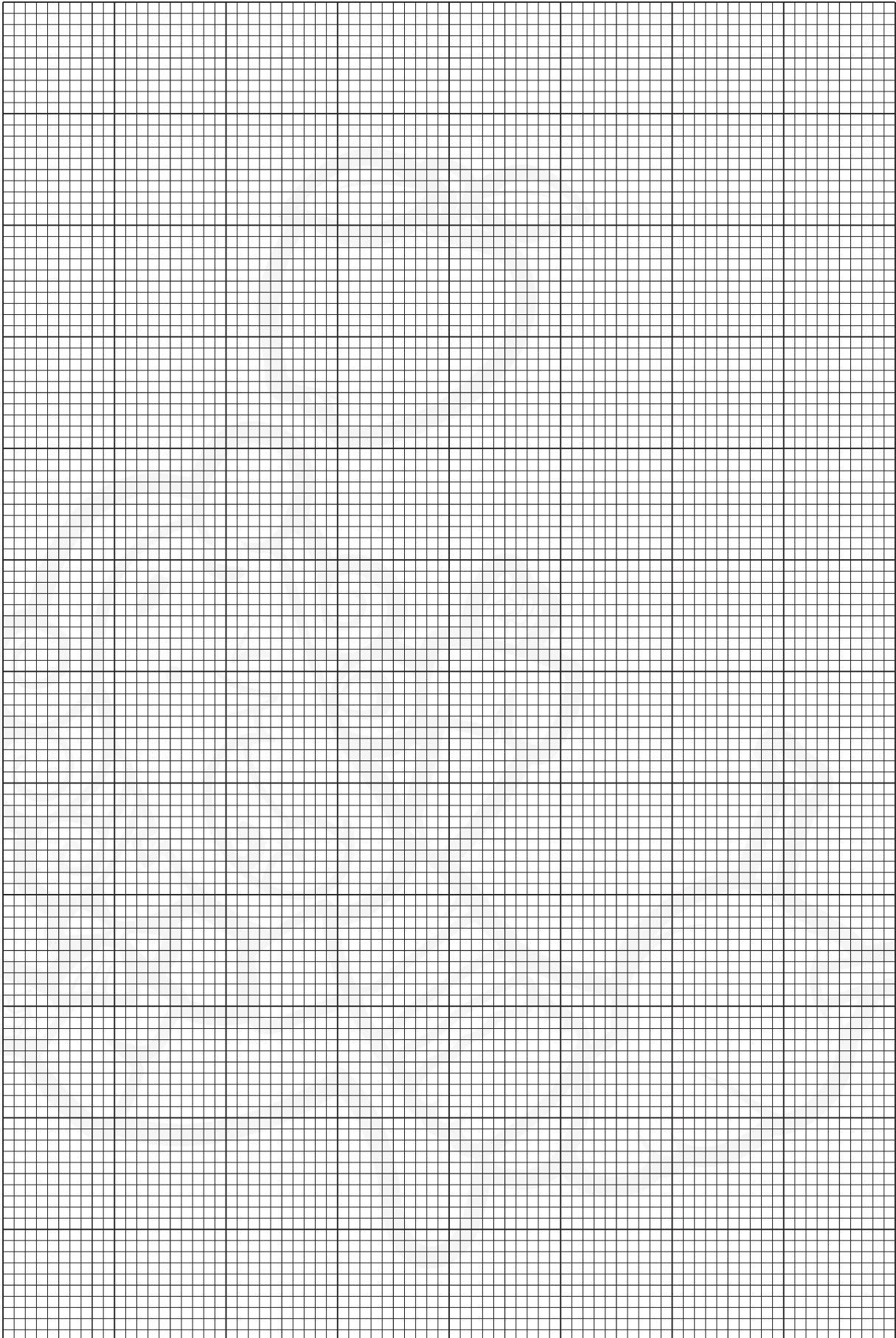
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- (iii) Determine the gradient and y -intercept of this line.

gradient =

y -intercept =

[2]



- (f) It is suggested that the quantities T and s are related by the equation

$$T^2 = Ps + Q$$

where P and Q are constants.

Using your answers in (e)(iii), determine the values of P and Q .
Give appropriate units.

$P =$

$Q =$

[2]

[Total: 20]

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

(a) You have been provided with a metal plate.

- Use tape to secure the plate at the edge of the bench as shown in Fig. 2.1.

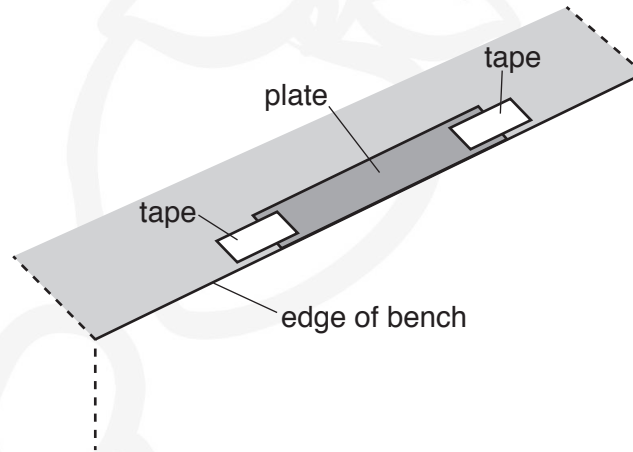


Fig. 2.1

- Use more tape to secure one of the paper strips to the bench so that it covers the plate, as shown in Fig. 2.2.

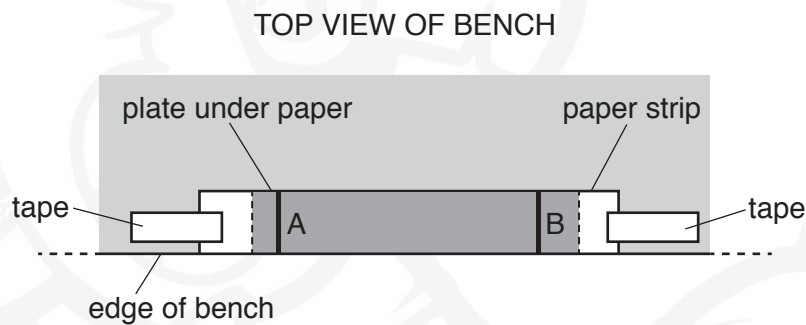


Fig. 2.2

You have been provided with a bar magnet attached to a string.

- Set up the apparatus as shown in Fig. 2.3.

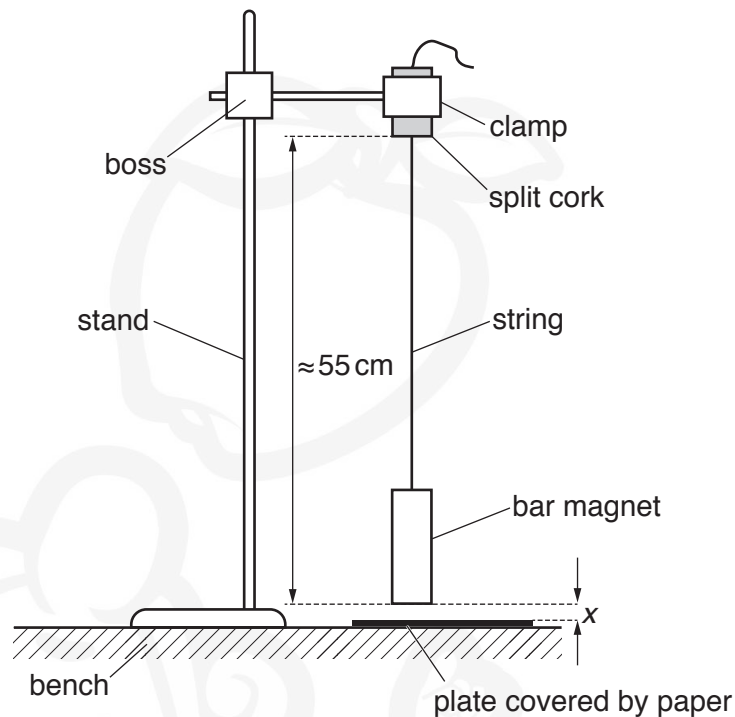


Fig. 2.3

- The distance between the bottom of the split cork and the bottom of the magnet should be approximately 55 cm.
- The distance between the bottom of the magnet and the paper strip is x . Adjust the height of the magnet so that x is approximately 3 mm.
- Measure and record x .

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

- (b) • Move the stand until the magnet hangs with one edge vertically above line A, as shown in Fig. 2.4.

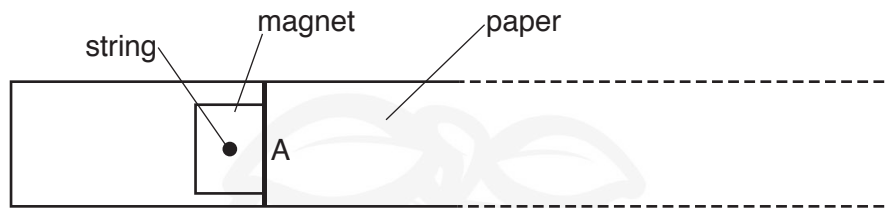


Fig. 2.4

- Pull the magnet to the right, keeping the string straight, until the same edge of the magnet is above line B, as shown in Fig. 2.5.



Fig. 2.5

- Release the magnet. The magnet will oscillate.
- Draw a line on the paper at the position of the edge of the magnet after 30 complete oscillations.
- Label this line C. The distance BC is y as shown in Fig. 2.6.

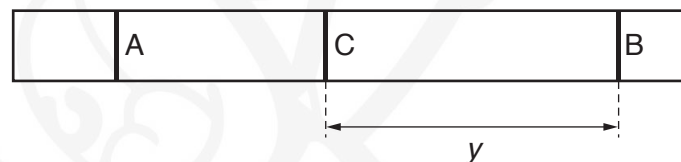


Fig. 2.6

- Measure and record y .

$y = \dots\dots\dots$ [2]

(c) Estimate the percentage uncertainty in your value of y .

percentage uncertainty = [1]

- (d) • Increase x to approximately 8 mm.
• Measure and record x .

x =

- Repeat (b).

y = [3]

(e) It is suggested that the relationship between y and x is

$$y = \frac{k}{\sqrt{x}}$$

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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- (f) (i) • Remove the plate and paper strip from the bench. Do not adjust the height of the magnet above the bench.
- Using the second strip of paper, repeat (b) without the plate.

$y =$ [1]

(ii) Using your second value of k , calculate x when y has the value given in (f)(i).

$x =$ [1]

(iii) Justify the number of significant figures that you have given for your value of x in (f)(ii).

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(g) (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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