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1 In this experiment, you will investigate an electrical circuit.

(a) • Set up the circuit shown in Fig. 1.1.

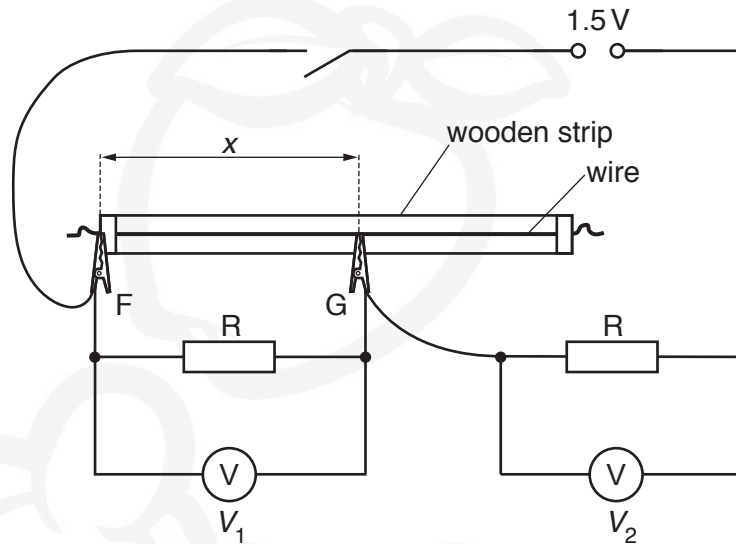


Fig. 1.1

F and G are crocodile clips.

- Place G on the wire so that the distance x between the ends of F and G is approximately 40 cm.
- Measure and record x .

$x =$

- Close the switch.
- Record the voltages V_1 and V_2 .

$V_1 =$

$V_2 =$

- Open the switch.

[2]

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- (b) Vary x until you have six sets of readings of x , V_1 and V_2 .

Record your results in a table. Include values of $(V_2 - V_1)$ and $\frac{V_1}{x}$ in your table.

[10]

- (c) (i) Plot a graph of $(V_2 - V_1)$ on the y -axis against $\frac{V_1}{x}$ on the x -axis.

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

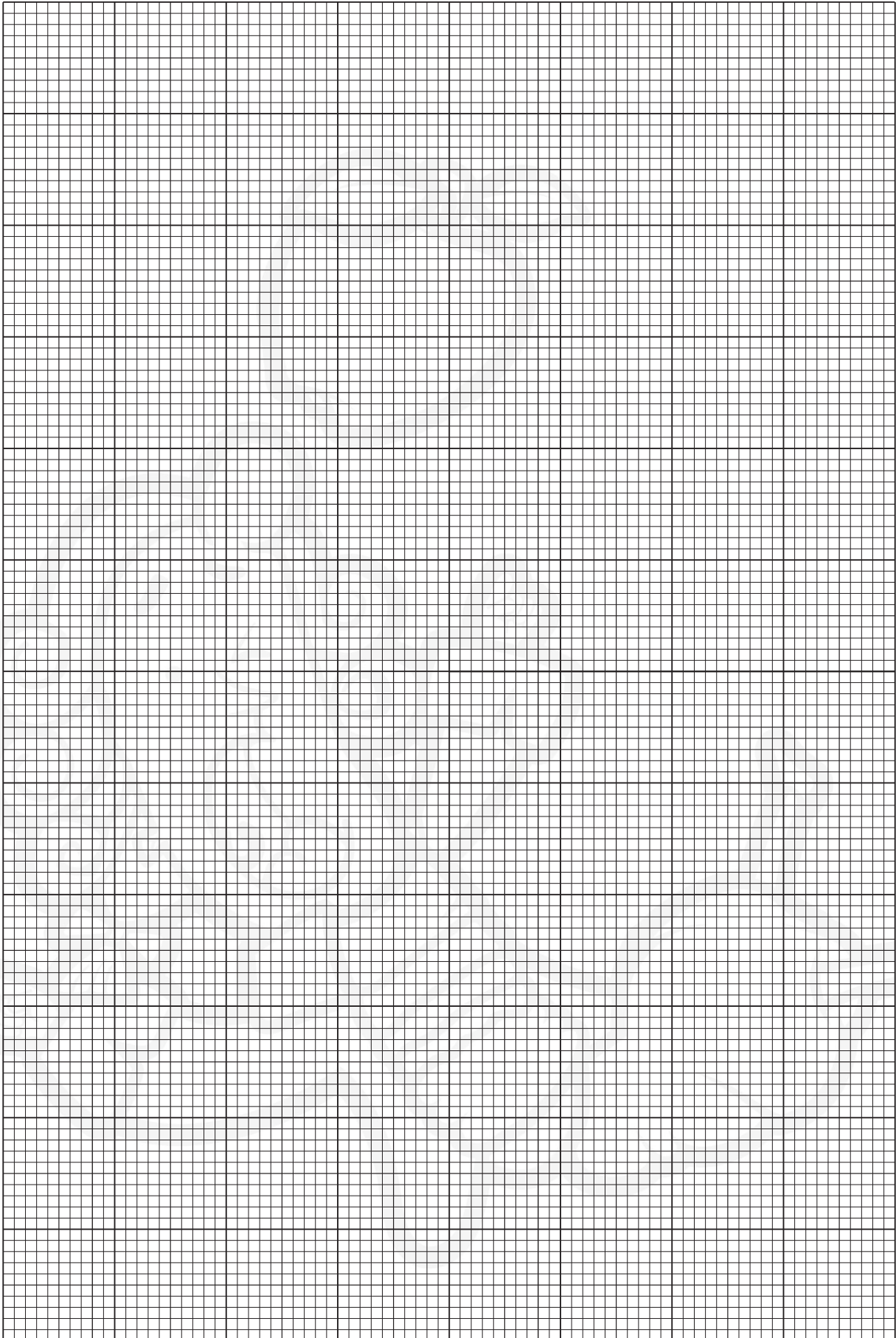
[1]

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

gradient =

y -intercept =

[2]



(d) It is suggested that the quantities V_2 , V_1 and x are related by the equation

$$(V_2 - V_1) = \frac{PV_1}{x} + Q$$

where P and Q are constants.

Using your answers in (c)(iii), determine values for P and Q .
Give appropriate units.

$P =$

$Q =$

[2]

[Total: 20]

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2 In this experiment, you will investigate the motion of an interrupted pendulum.

(a) Set up the apparatus as shown in Fig. 2.1.

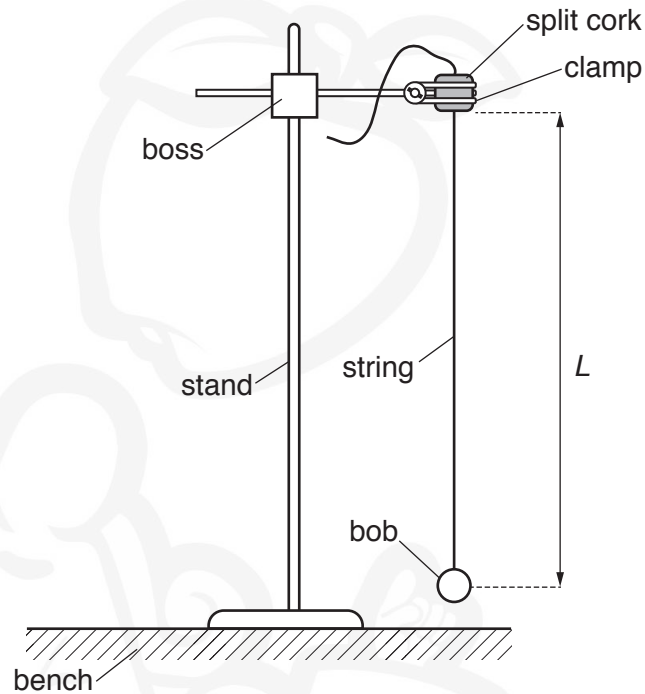


Fig. 2.1

- Adjust the string in the split cork so that the distance L between the bottom of the split cork and the centre of the bob is approximately 55 cm.
- Measure and record L .

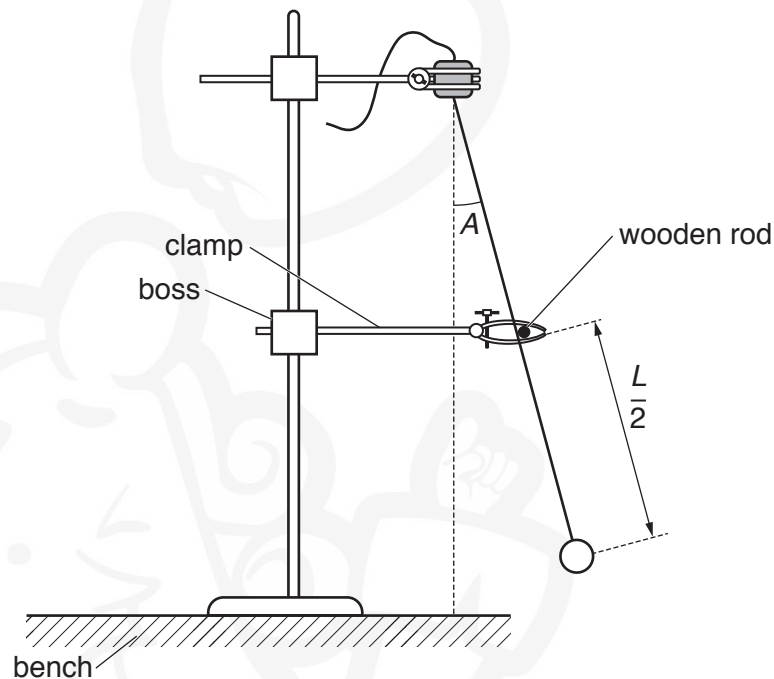
$L =$

- Calculate $\frac{L}{2}$.

$\frac{L}{2} =$

[1]

- (b) (i)
- Attach the other boss and clamp and the wooden rod to the stand as shown in Fig. 2.2.
 - Adjust the position of the wooden rod so that, when the string is touching the rod, the angle A between the vertical and the string is approximately 14° , as shown in Fig. 2.2.
 - Without changing the length of the pendulum, ensure the distance between the wooden rod and the centre of the bob is $\frac{L}{2}$.

**Fig. 2.2**

- Measure and record angle A .

$A = \dots\dots\dots$ [1]

- (ii) Estimate the percentage uncertainty in your value of A .

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

- (c) (i) • Pull the bob away from the wooden rod so that the angle between the string and the vertical is 45° , as shown in Fig. 2.3.

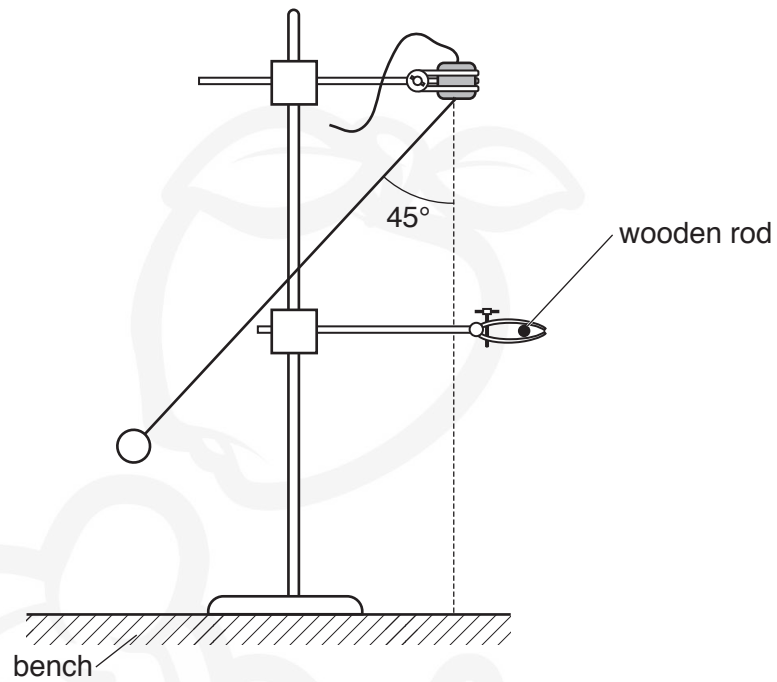


Fig. 2.3

- Release the bob. The bob will oscillate and hit the wooden rod.
- Determine the period T of these oscillations.

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

(ii) Calculate d where

$$d = \frac{\sin A}{\sin 45^\circ}.$$

$d =$ [1]

(iii) Justify the number of significant figures that you have given for your value of d .

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- (d) • Move the position of the wooden rod so that angle A is approximately 28° .
- Without changing the length of the pendulum, ensure the distance between the wooden rod and the centre of the bob is $\frac{L}{2}$.
- Measure and record angle A and repeat (c)(i) and (c)(ii).

$A =$

$T =$

$d =$
[3]

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

$$T = k(d + 1.707)$$

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) 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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