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

(a) (i) You have been provided with some masses.

Set up the apparatus as shown in Fig. 1.1.

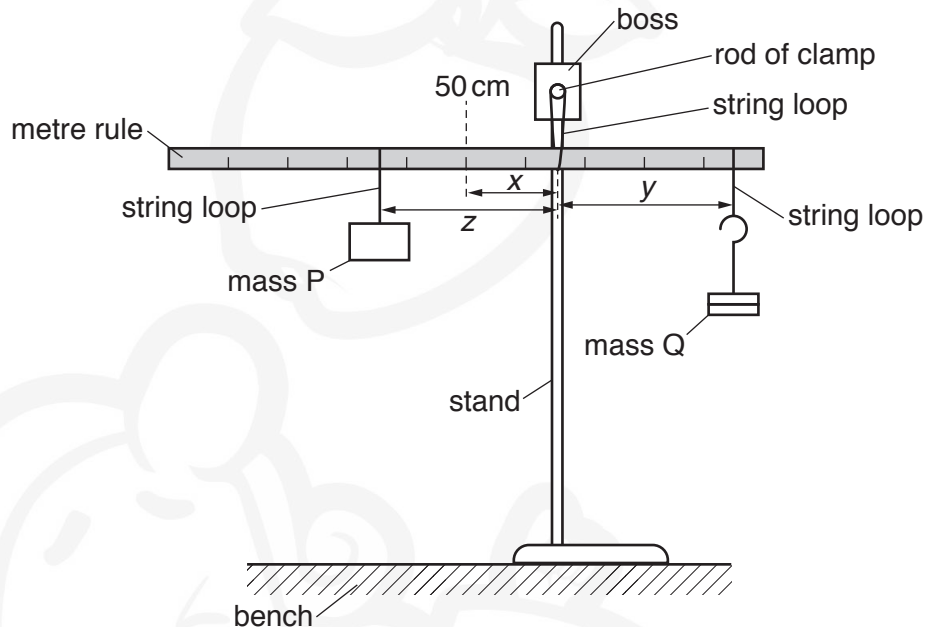


Fig. 1.1

- Mass Q should be 200 g.
- The distance between the 50 cm mark on the rule and the string loop supporting the rule is x . Adjust the position of the metre rule so that x is approximately 15 cm.
- The distance between the string loop supporting mass P and the string loop supporting the rule is z . Adjust the position of mass P so that z is approximately 30 cm.
- The distance between the string loop supporting the rule and the string loop supporting mass Q is y . Adjust the position of mass Q until the rule is balanced.
- Measure and record z .

$z = \dots\dots\dots$ [1]

(ii) • Measure and record x .

$x = \dots\dots\dots$

- Measure and record y .

$y = \dots\dots\dots$ [1]

- (b) • Write down your value of z from (a)(i).

$z =$

- **Keeping z constant**, change x and adjust y until the rule is balanced. Repeat until you have six sets of values of x and y . Record your results in a table.

You may include readings where x is measured to the left of the 50 cm mark.
In such cases x has a negative value.

- (c) (i) Plot a graph of y on the y -axis against x on the x -axis. [8]

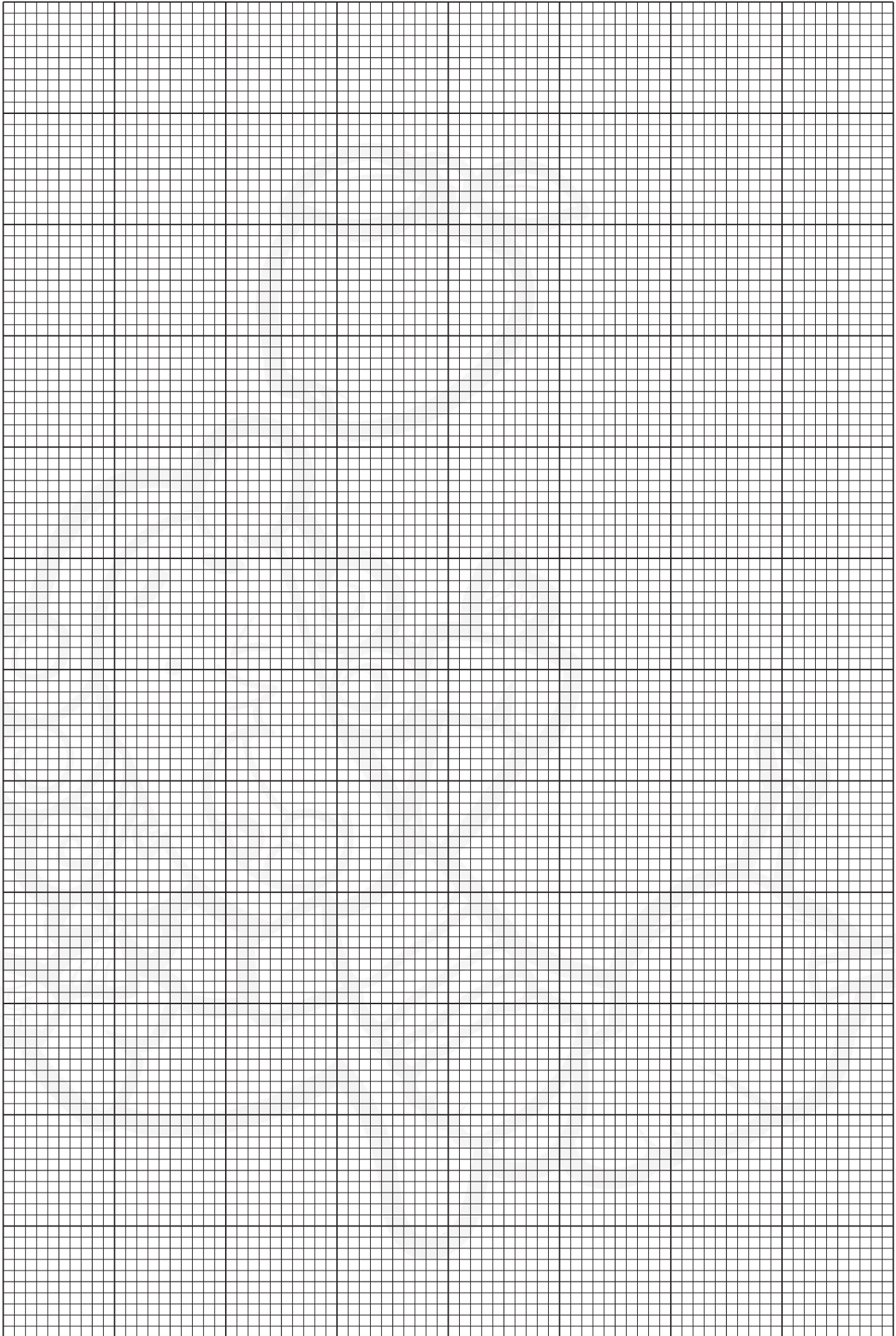
- (ii) Draw the straight line of best fit. [3]

- (iii) Determine the gradient and y -intercept of this line. [1]

gradient =

y -intercept =

[2]



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

$$y = Ax + B$$

where A and B are constants.

Using your answers in (c)(iii), determine the values of A and B .
Give appropriate units.

$$A = \dots\dots\dots$$

$$B = \dots\dots\dots [2]$$

- (e) The mass of P is p . The mass of Q is q , where $q = 0.200$ kg.

The constants A and B are related to p , q and z by

$$A = \frac{p}{q} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \frac{pz}{q}.$$

Calculate p .

$$p = \dots\dots\dots \text{ kg } [1]$$

- (f) The experiment is repeated using the same equipment but a smaller value of z .
For this experiment, draw a second line on the graph to show the expected results.
Label this line W. [1]

[Total: 20]

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2 In this experiment, you will investigate the current in a coil.

(a) (i) You have been provided with a bar magnet, masses and Blu-Tack.

- The total mass of the mass hanger and mass should be 200 g. Use the Blu-Tack to fix the bar magnet to the mass hanger, as shown in Fig. 2.1.

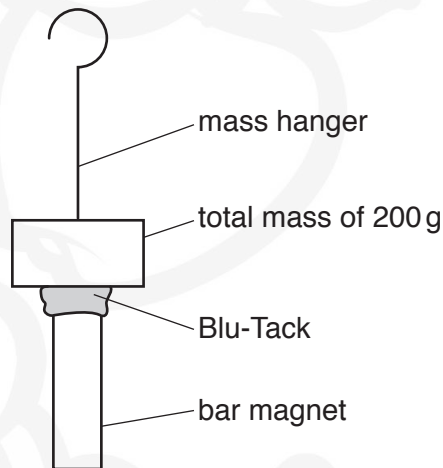


Fig. 2.1

- Set up the apparatus as shown in Fig. 2.2.

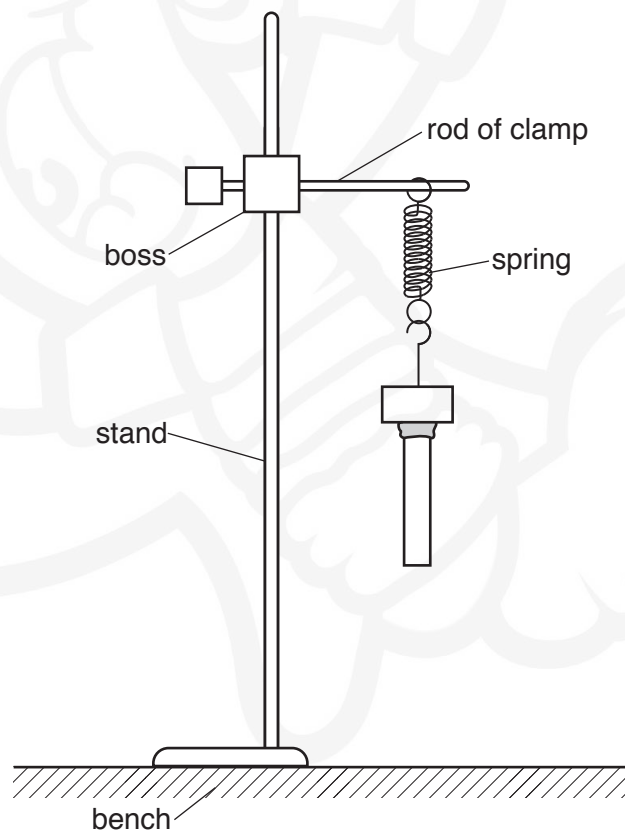


Fig. 2.2

- Pull the mass down through a short distance. Release the mass. The mass and magnet will oscillate.
- Determine the period T of these oscillations.

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

- (ii) Calculate the frequency f of the oscillations where

$$f = \frac{1}{T}.$$

$f = \dots\dots\dots$ Hz [1]

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

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- (b) (i) • Take the cardboard tube with **more** turns of wire.
- Count and record the number n of turns of wire around the tube.

$n = \dots\dots\dots$ [1]

- (ii) • Connect the ammeter to the ends of the wire around the tube and place the tube below the magnet.
- Adjust the height of the bottom of the magnet so that it is level with the top of the tube as shown in Fig. 2.3.

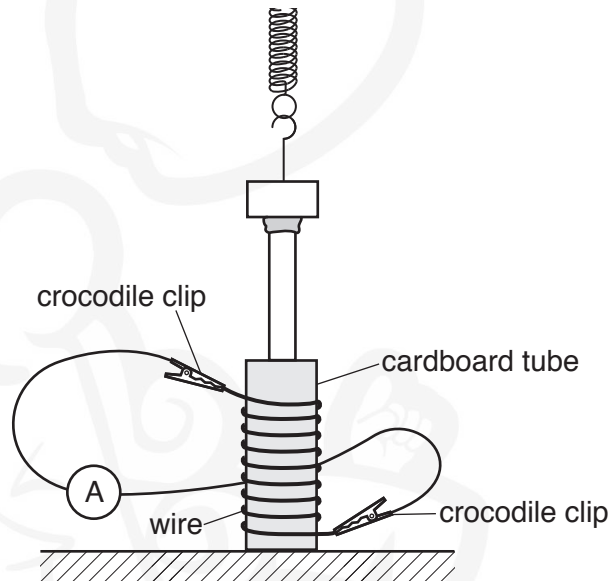


Fig. 2.3

- Pull the mass down so that it rests on the top of the tube with the magnet passing centrally through the tube. Release the mass. The mass will oscillate.
- Measure and record the maximum current I shown by the ammeter.

$I = \dots\dots\dots \mu\text{A}$ [1]

- (iii) Estimate the percentage uncertainty in your value of I .

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

- (c) (i)
- Remove the tube.
 - Increase the total mass to 500 g.
 - Take measurements to determine the period T and frequency f of the oscillations of the mass and the magnet.

$T =$

$f =$ Hz
[2]

- (ii) Keep the mass as 500 g and use the tube with **fewer** turns of wire to repeat (b)(i) and (b)(ii).

$n =$

$I =$ μA
[2]

- (d) It is suggested that the relationship between I , n and f is

$$I = knf$$

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) (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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- [4]

[Total: 20]

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