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

(a) • Assemble the circuit as shown in Fig. 1.1.

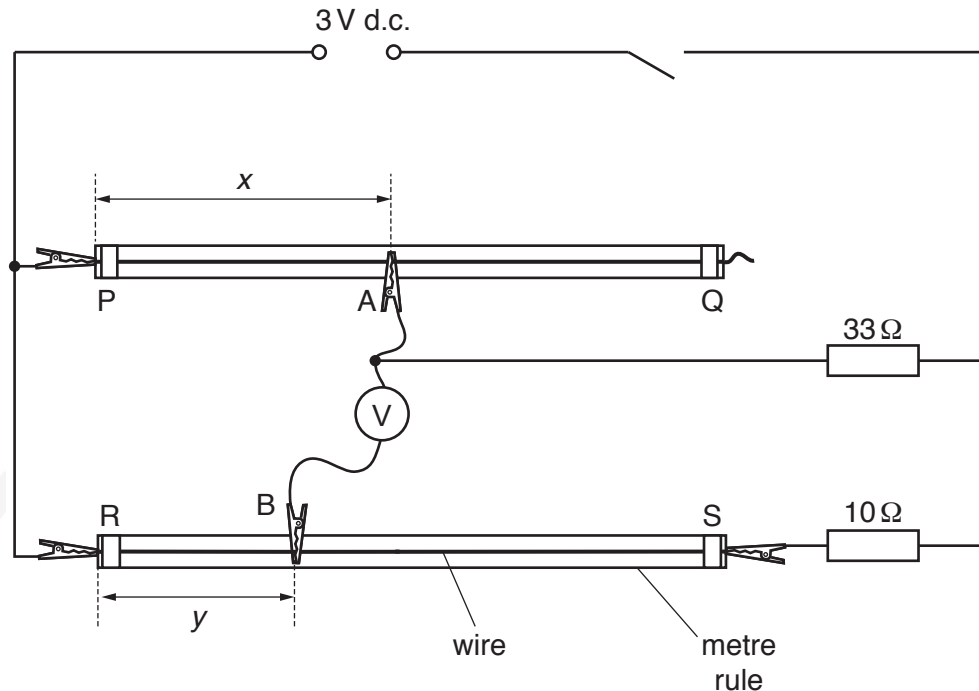


Fig. 1.1

- A and B are crocodile clips. PQ and RS are wires.  
Connect A near the midpoint of PQ.
- Measure and record the length  $x$  of wire between P and A.

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

- (b) • Connect B to RS.
- Close the switch.
  - Adjust the position of B until the voltmeter reading is as close as possible to zero.
  - Measure and record the length  $y$  of wire between R and B.

$y = \dots\dots\dots$  cm

- Open the switch.

[1]

- (c) Change  $x$  and repeat (b) until you have six sets of values of  $x$  and  $y$ . Record your results in a table.

Include values of  $\frac{1}{x}$  and  $\frac{1}{y}$  in your table.

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- (d) (i) Plot a graph of  $\frac{1}{y}$  on the  $y$ -axis against  $\frac{1}{x}$  on the  $x$ -axis.

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

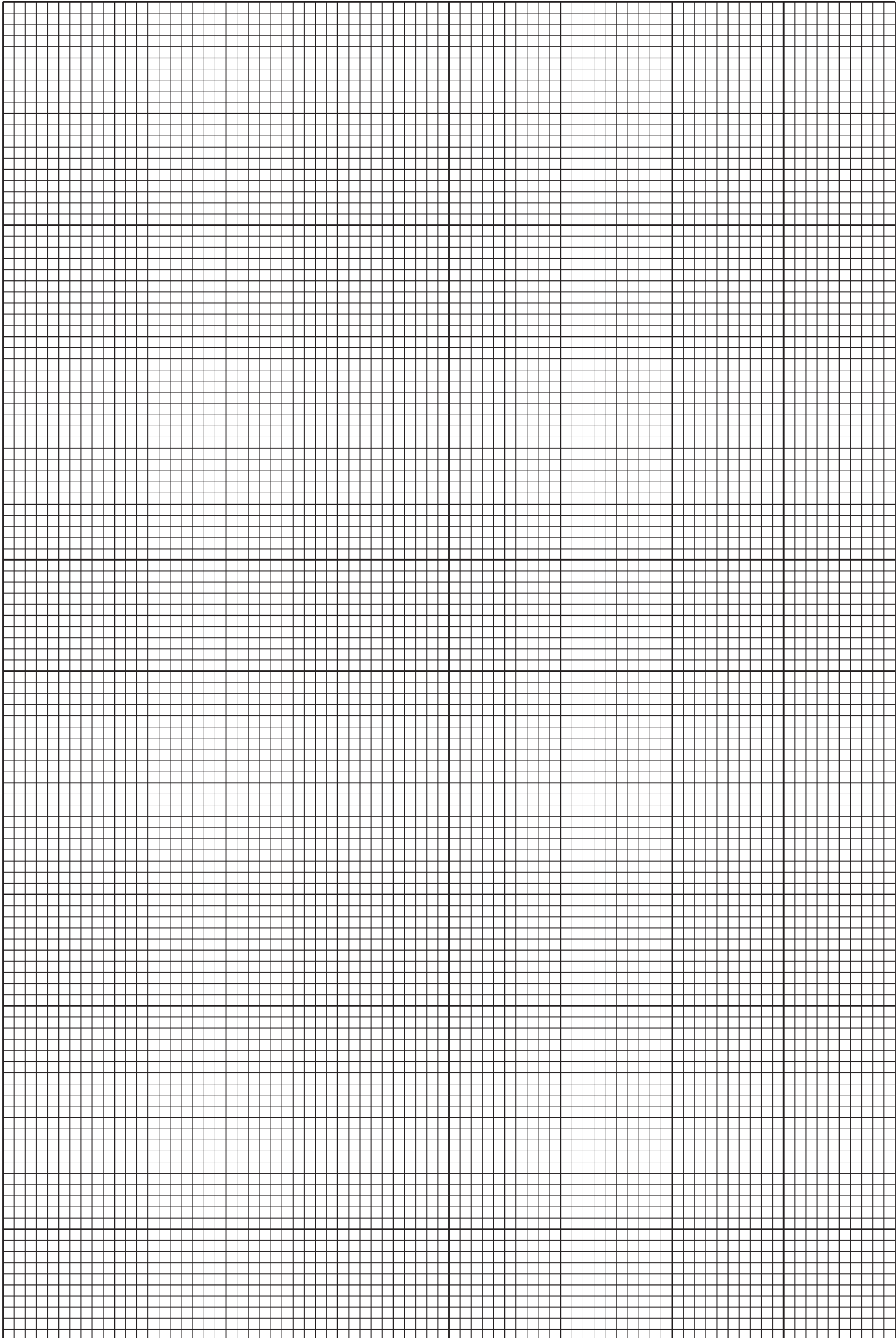
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- (iii) Determine the gradient and  $y$ -intercept of this line.

gradient = .....

$y$ -intercept = .....

[2]



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

$$\frac{1}{y} = \frac{a}{x} + b$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants.

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

$a =$  .....

$b =$  .....

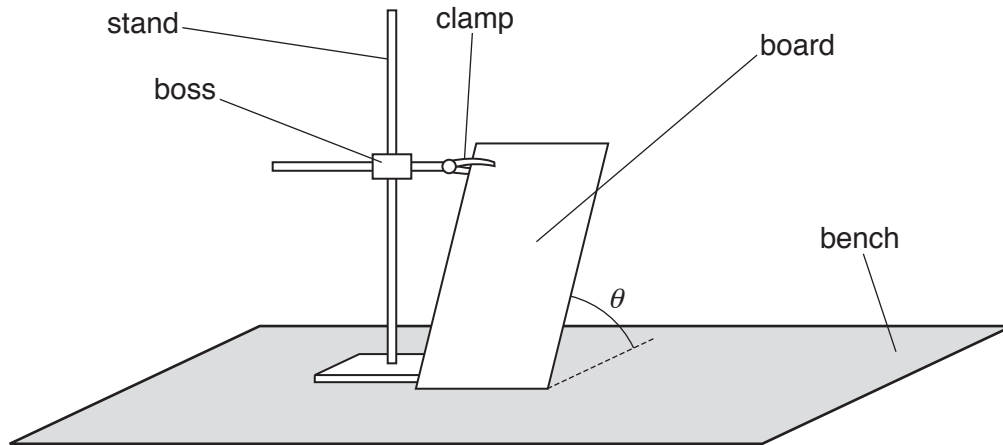
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**You may not need to use all of the materials provided.**

**2** In this experiment, you will investigate the friction between an inclined board and a wooden block.

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



**Fig. 2.1**

- Adjust the apparatus until the angle  $\theta$  between the board and the bench has a value between  $32^\circ$  and  $38^\circ$ .
- Measure and record  $\theta$ .

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

- (b)
- Attach the newton meter to the wooden block using the string loop.
  - Place the block on the board, with the label of the block at the top.
  - Pull the newton meter and block up the board at a constant speed. Keep the string loop parallel to the board, as shown in Fig. 2.2.

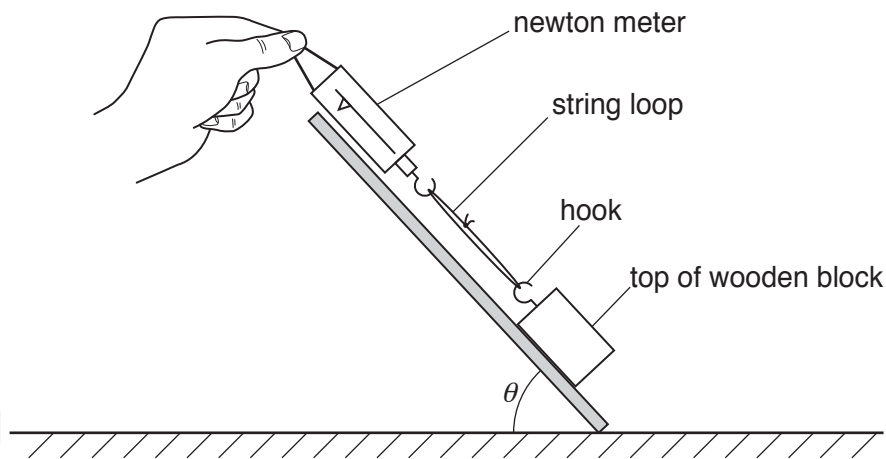


Fig. 2.2

- Record the force  $F$  when the block is travelling at a constant speed.

$F =$  ..... [2]

- (c) Estimate the percentage uncertainty in your value of  $F$ .

percentage uncertainty = ..... [1]

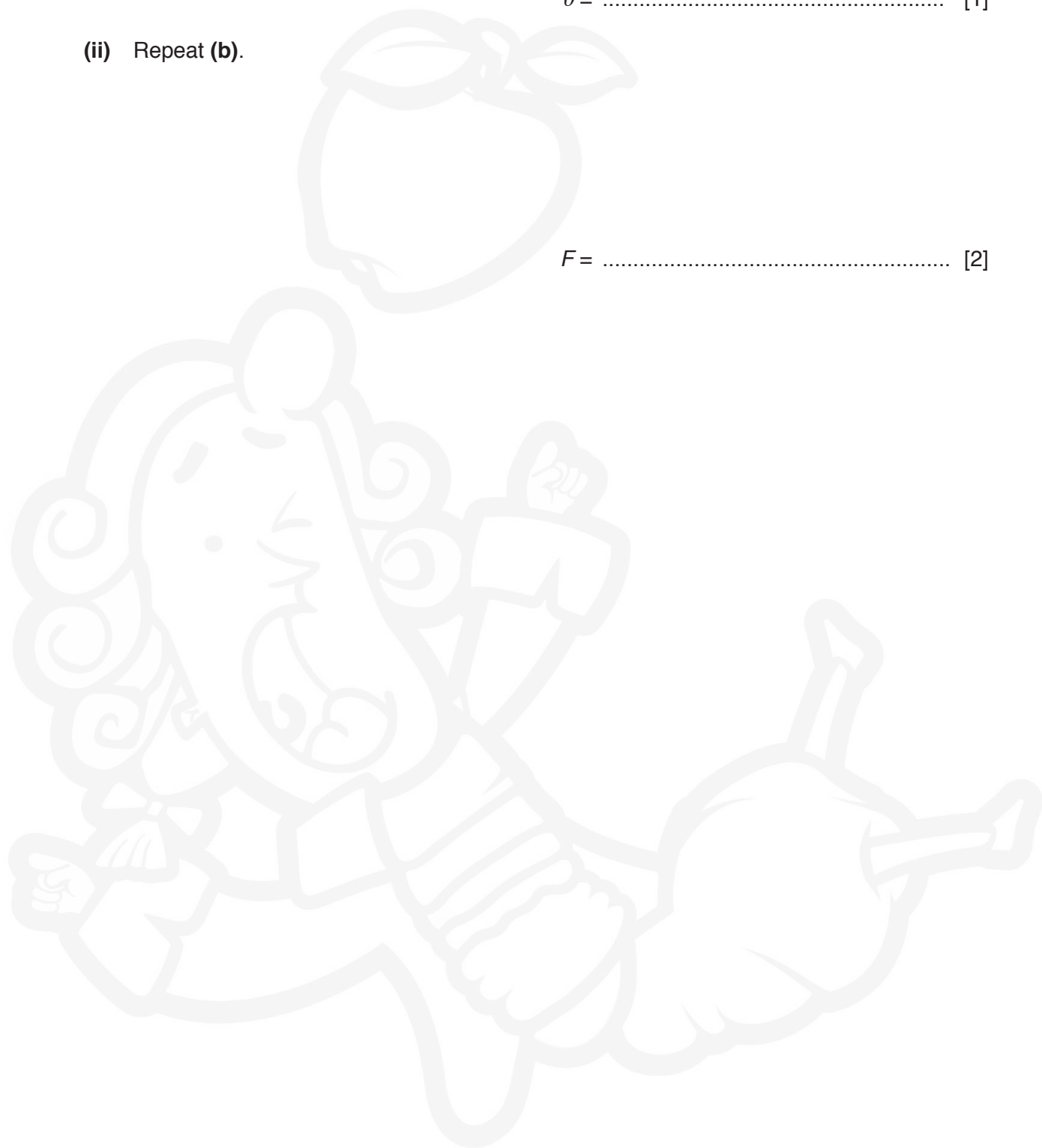


- (d) (i) • Adjust the board so that  $\theta$  is between  $12^\circ$  and  $18^\circ$ .
- Measure and record  $\theta$ .

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

- (ii) Repeat (b).

$F = \dots\dots\dots$  [2]



- (e) Using the newton meter, measure and record the weight  $W$  of the block and hook.

$W =$  ..... [1]

- (f) It is suggested that the relationship between  $F$ ,  $W$  and  $\theta$  is

$$\frac{F}{W} = \sin \theta + \mu \cos \theta$$

where  $\mu$  is a constant.

- (i) Using your data, calculate two values of  $\mu$ .

first value of  $\mu =$  .....

second value of  $\mu =$  ..... [1]

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

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..... [1]

- (g) Using your second value of  $\mu$ , calculate the value of  $F$  when  $\theta = 65^\circ$ .  
Give your answer to an appropriate number of significant figures.

$F =$  ..... [2]

(h) (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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