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

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

- (a)**
- Set up the apparatus as shown in Fig. 1.1.
 - Attach the beaker to the block of wood using modelling clay.
 - The distance between the centre of each 150 g mass and the nearest end of the rule is x .

Adjust the apparatus so that the value of x is approximately 20 cm and the rule is balanced on the beaker, as shown in Fig. 1.1.

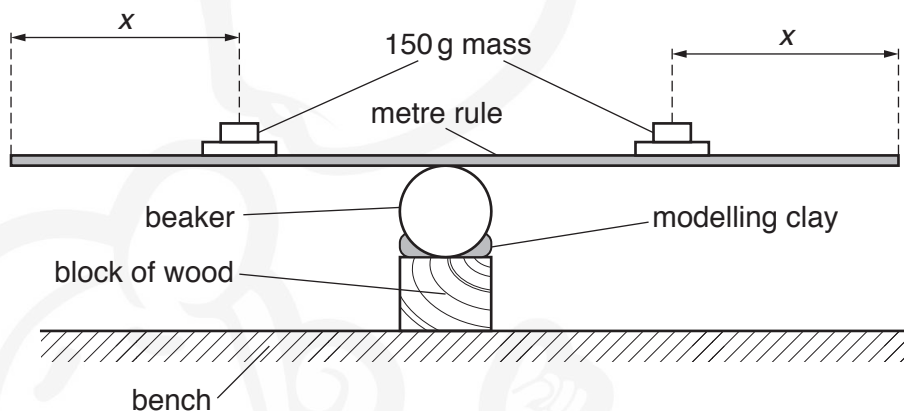


Fig. 1.1

- Record x .

$x =$ [1]

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

$T =$ [2]

- (c) **Reduce** x by changing the positions of the 150 g masses on the rule. Measure and record x and T . Repeat until you have five sets of values.

Record your results in a table.

- (d) (i) Plot a graph of T on the y -axis against x on the x -axis.
- (ii) Draw the straight line of best fit.
- (iii) Determine the gradient and y -intercept of this line.

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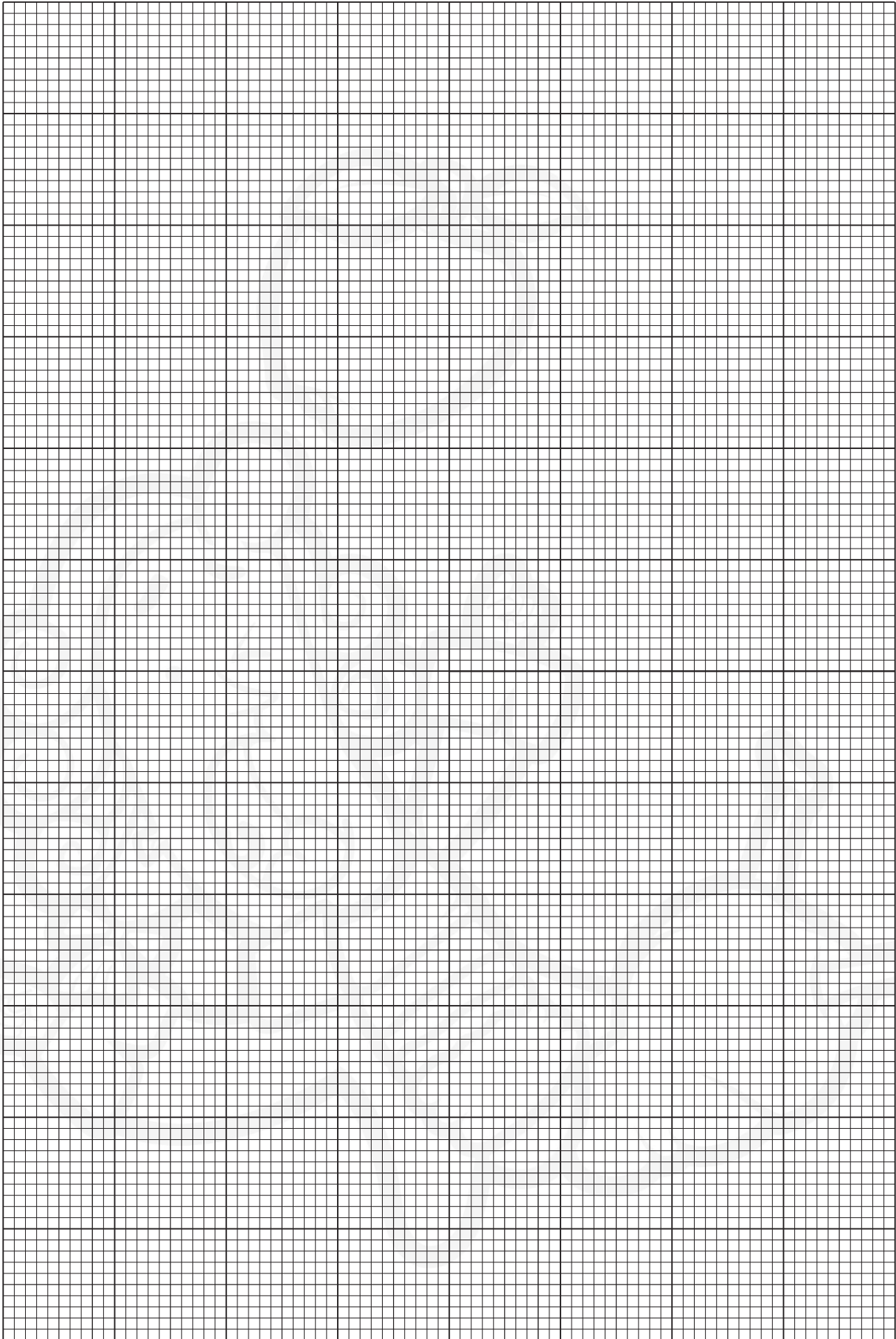
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[1]

gradient =

y -intercept =

[2]



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

$$T = Px + Q$$

where P and Q are constants.

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

$$P = \dots\dots\dots$$

$$Q = \dots\dots\dots$$

[2]

- (f) For one particular value of x , the value of T is the same as when there are no masses on the rule.

- Remove the masses from the rule.
- Balance the rule on the beaker and repeat (b).

$$T = \dots\dots\dots$$

- Use your value of T and answers in (e) to calculate this value of x .
Give your answer to three significant figures.

$$x = \dots\dots\dots [2]$$

[Total: 20]

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2 In this experiment, you will investigate the path of a bouncing ball.

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

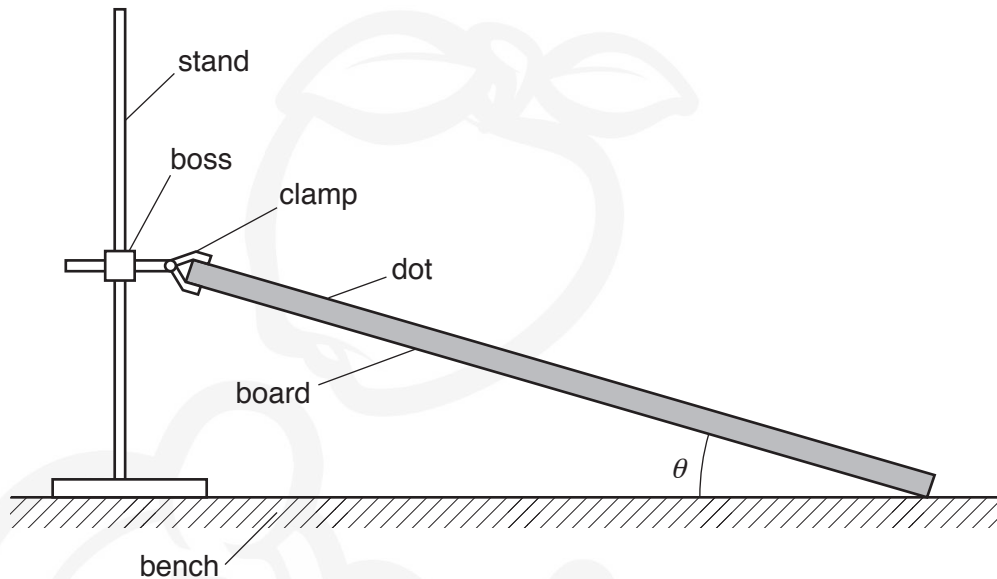


Fig. 2.1

- Support the board using the clamp.
- The dot on the board should be facing upwards and be close to the top end of the board.

The angle θ between the board and the bench should be approximately 25° .

Measure and record θ .

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

(ii) Calculate $(\sin 2\theta)(\cos 2\theta)$.

$(\sin 2\theta)(\cos 2\theta) = \dots\dots\dots$ [1]

(iii) Justify the number of significant figures that you have given for your value of $(\sin 2\theta)(\cos 2\theta)$.

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- (b) • Use the G-clamp to support the card vertically, as shown in Fig. 2.2.

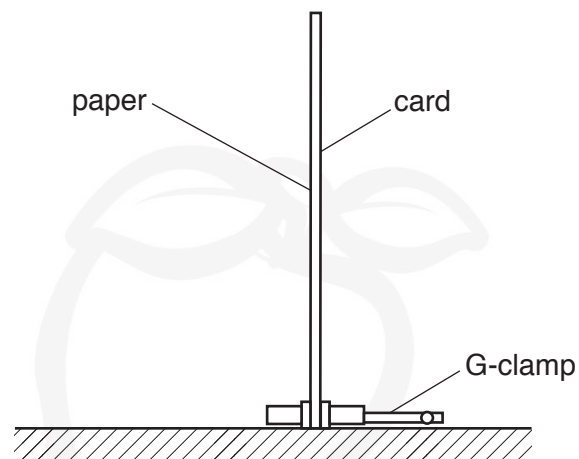


Fig. 2.2

- Position the card at the lower edge of the board, as shown in Fig. 2.3.

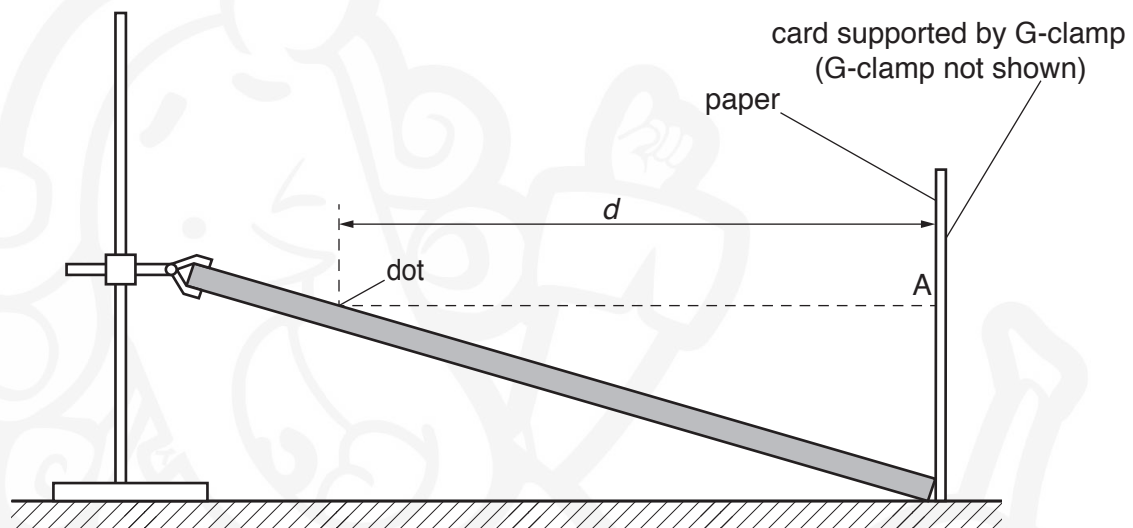
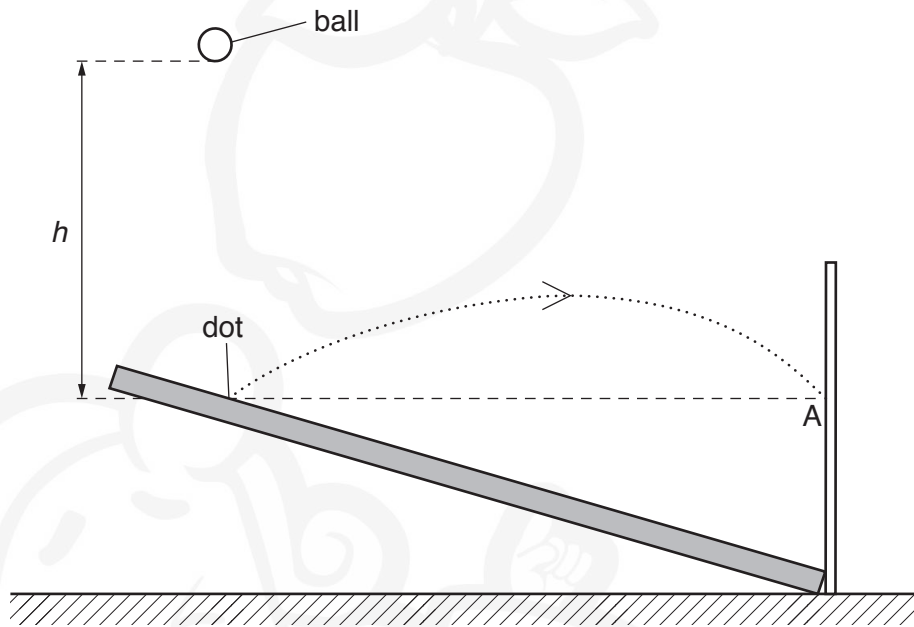


Fig. 2.3

- Draw a horizontal line on the paper at the same height above the bench as the dot. Label this line A.
- The horizontal distance between the line A and the dot is d .
Measure and record d .

$d =$ [2]

- (c) (i)
- Hold the ball vertically above the dot on the board, as shown in Fig. 2.4.
 - Release the ball so that it bounces from the board and strikes the card.
 - Continue releasing the ball from different heights until the ball strikes the line A.
 - The height of the ball above the dot is h .

**Fig. 2.4**

Measure and record h .

$h =$ [1]

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

percentage uncertainty = [1]

- (d) • Adjust the apparatus so that θ is approximately 15° .

Measure and record θ and repeat (a)(ii).

$$\theta = \dots\dots\dots^\circ$$

$$(\sin 2\theta)(\cos 2\theta) = \dots\dots\dots$$

- Repeat (b), labelling your second line B.

$$d = \dots\dots\dots$$

- Repeat (c)(i) using line B.

$$h = \dots\dots\dots [3]$$

- (e) It is suggested that the relationship between h , d and θ is

$$h = \frac{kd}{(\sin 2\theta)(\cos 2\theta)}$$

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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- [4]

[Total: 20]

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