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- 1 In this experiment, you will investigate the equilibrium position of a cardboard triangle.
- (a)
- Assemble the apparatus as shown in Fig. 1.1, with the nail passing through the hole marked A and the wire hook passing through one of the remaining holes.
 - Ensure that the nail is held securely in the clamp and that the cardboard triangle can swing freely on the nail.

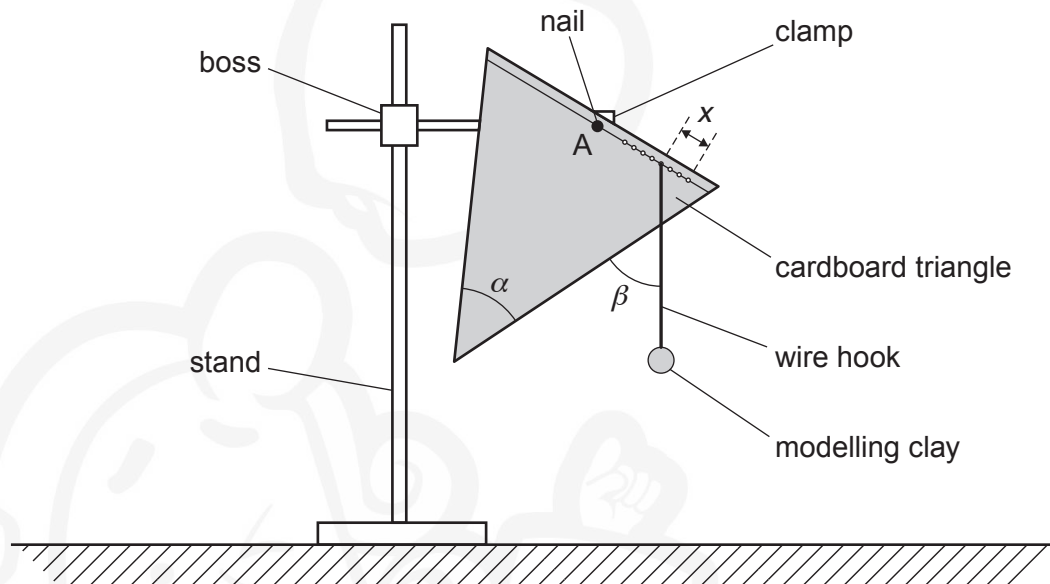


Fig. 1.1 (not to scale)

- The angle of the lower corner of the card is α , as shown in Fig. 1.1.
- Measure and record α .

$\alpha = \dots\dots\dots^\circ$

- Calculate the value of $\frac{\alpha}{2}$.

$\frac{\alpha}{2} = \dots\dots\dots^\circ$
[1]

- (b) • The angle between the wire hook and the edge of the card is β , as shown in Fig. 1.1.

Measure and record β .

$\beta = \dots\dots\dots^\circ$

- The distance between the hole with the wire hook in it and the hole furthest from A is x , as shown in Fig. 1.1.

Measure and record x .

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

- (c) Move the wire hook to another hole and repeat (b) until you have six sets of values of β and x .

Record your results in a table.

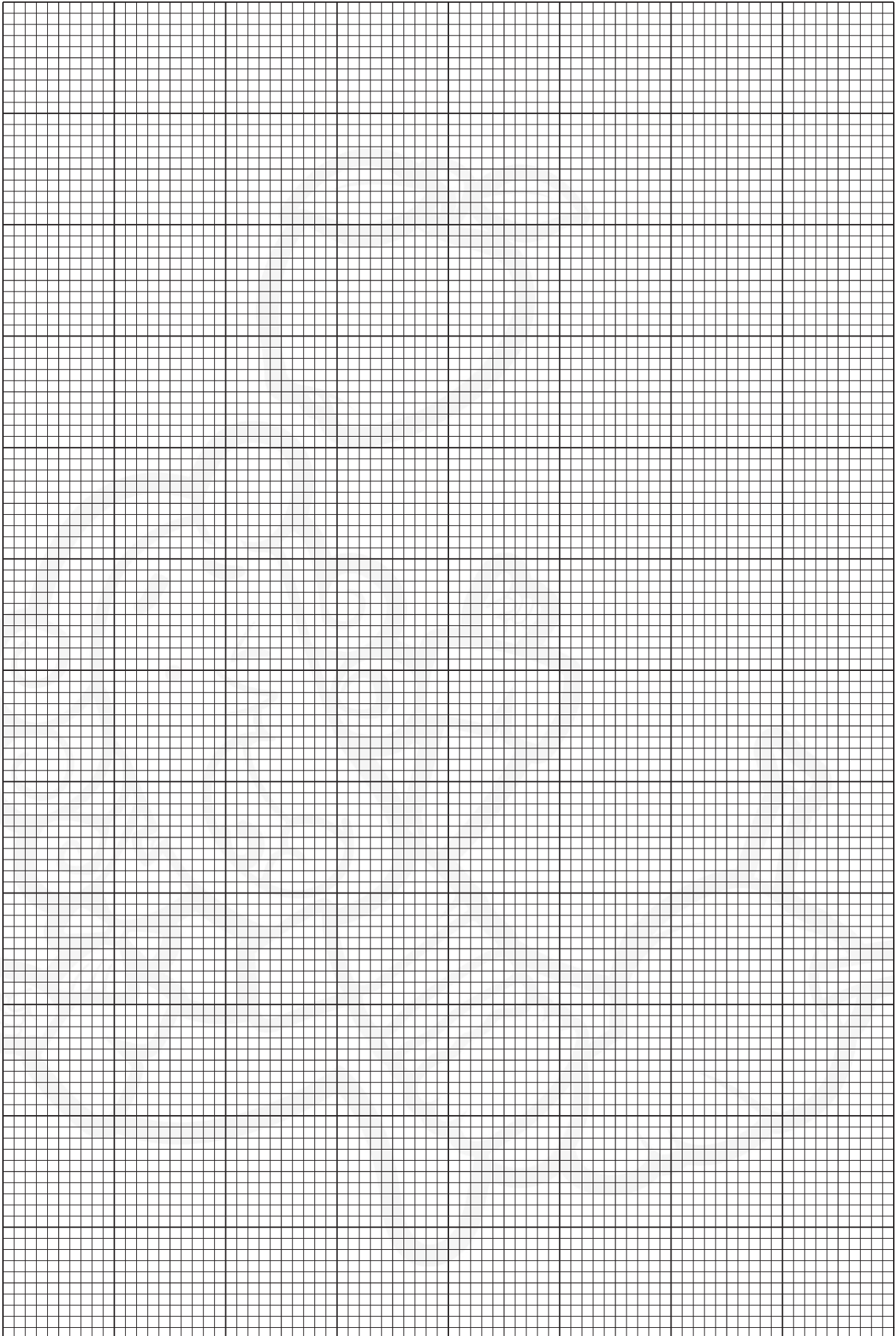
Include values of $\tan\left(\beta - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$ in your table.

- (d) (i) Plot a graph of $\tan\left(\beta - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$ on the y -axis against x on the x -axis. [10]
(ii) Draw the straight line of best fit. [3]
(iii) Determine the gradient and y -intercept of this line. [1]

gradient =

y -intercept =

[2]



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

$$\tan\left(\beta - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right) = Px + Q$$

where P and Q are constants.

Use your answers in (d)(iii) to 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 forces on an irregularly shaped object.

- (a) • Position the wooden strip on the prism so that it is balanced. Make a small mark on the side of the strip where it rests on the prism, as shown in Fig. 2.1.

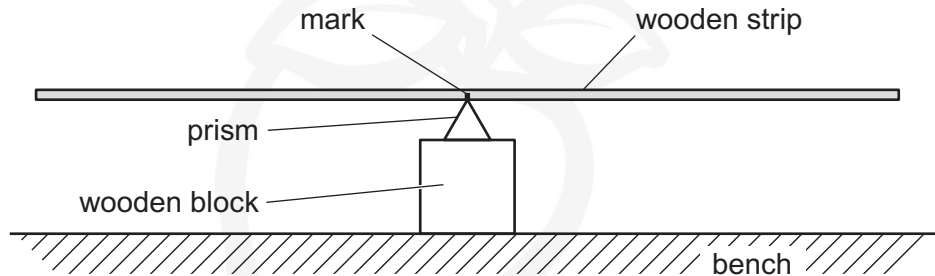


Fig. 2.1

- Place the beaker under the wooden strip.
- Hang the **larger** rock inside the beaker at a distance of 30.0 cm from the mark, then balance the strip by placing the mass on the other side of the mark, as shown in Fig. 2.2.

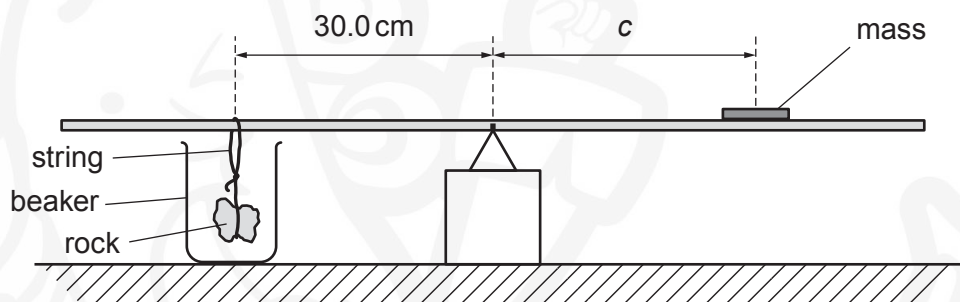


Fig. 2.2

- The distance between the centre of the mass and the mark is c .

Measure and record c .

$c = \dots\dots\dots$ [2]

- (b)
- Pour water into the beaker until the rock is completely immersed.
 - Balance the strip by moving the position of the mass, as shown in Fig. 2.3.

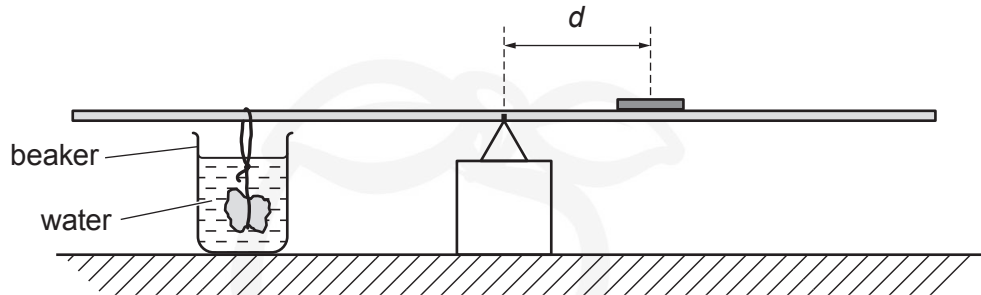


Fig. 2.3

- Ensure that the rock is completely immersed and is not touching the bottom of the beaker.
- The distance between the centre of the mass and the mark is d .

Measure and record d .

$d =$ [1]

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

percentage uncertainty = [1]

- (d)
- Carefully remove the rock from the water.
 - Pour the water from the beaker into the jug.
 - Replace the rock with the **smaller** rock, ensuring that it is 30.0 cm from the mark.
 - Balance the strip by placing the mass on the other side of the mark, as shown in Fig. 2.2.
 - Measure and record c .

$c =$

- Repeat (b).

$d =$ [3]

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

$$k(c - d) = c$$

where k is a constant.

- (i) Using your data, calculate two values of k .

first value of $k =$

second value of $k =$ [1]

- (ii) Justify the number of significant figures that you have given for your values of k .

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- (iii) Explain whether your results in (e)(i) support the suggested relationship.

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- (f) The value of k is related to the densities of water and of the rock by

$$k = \frac{\text{density of the rock}}{\text{density of water}} .$$

The density of water is 1000 kg m^{-3} . Calculate the density of the larger rock.

density of the larger rock = [2]

(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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