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1 In this experiment, you will investigate a pendulum with a mass fixed at each end.

- (a)
- Assemble the apparatus with the nail passing through the third hole from C, as shown in Fig. 1.1.
 - Ensure that the nail is held securely in the clamp.

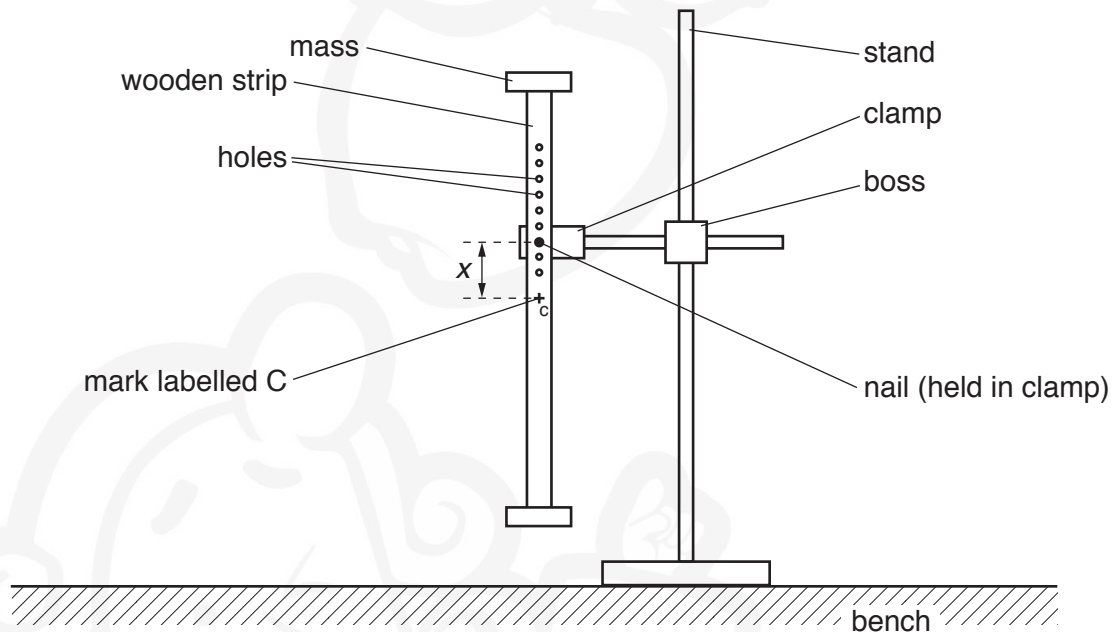


Fig. 1.1

- The distance between the nail and C is x , as shown in Fig. 1.1. Measure and record x .

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

- (b)
- Push the bottom of the strip horizontally through a distance of approximately 5 cm. Release the strip so that it oscillates.
 - Determine the period T of these oscillations.

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

- (c) Change x by positioning the nail in a different hole and repeat (b). Repeat until you have six sets of values of x and T .

Record your results in a table. Include values of $\frac{1}{x}$ and T^2 in your table.

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- (d) (i) Plot a graph of T^2 on the y -axis against $\frac{1}{x}$ on the x -axis.

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

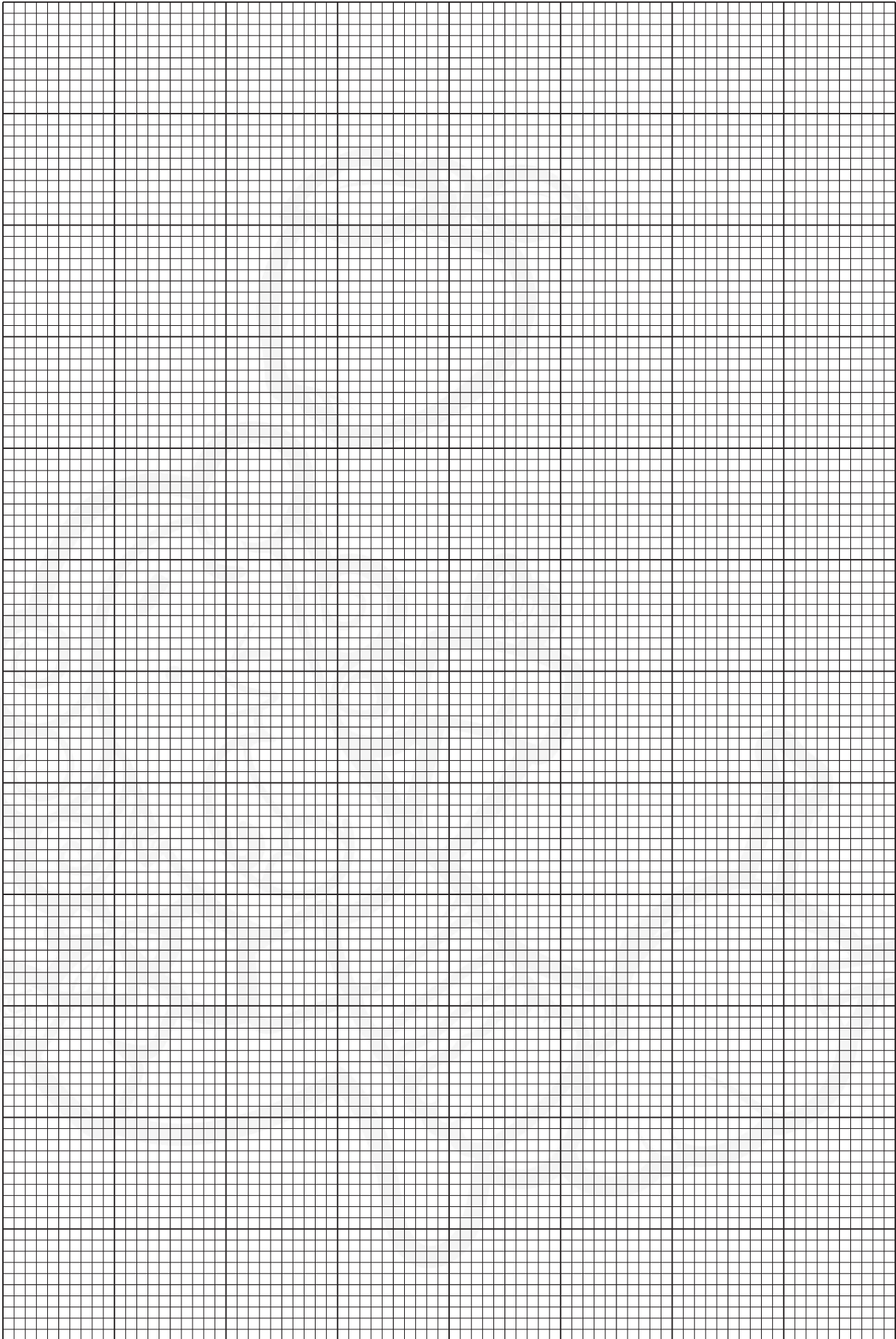
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- (iii) Determine the gradient and y -intercept of this line.

gradient =

y -intercept =

[2]



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

$$T^2 = \frac{a}{x} + b$$

where a and b are constants.

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

$a =$

$b =$

[2]

[Total: 20]

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- 2 In this experiment, you will investigate the relationship between the pressure in a balloon and its diameter.
- (a) • You are provided with two partially inflated balloons. Place the larger balloon on the bench with its neck at the side, as shown in Fig. 2.1.
- Put pieces of modelling clay around the balloon to stop it rolling, as shown in Fig. 2.1.

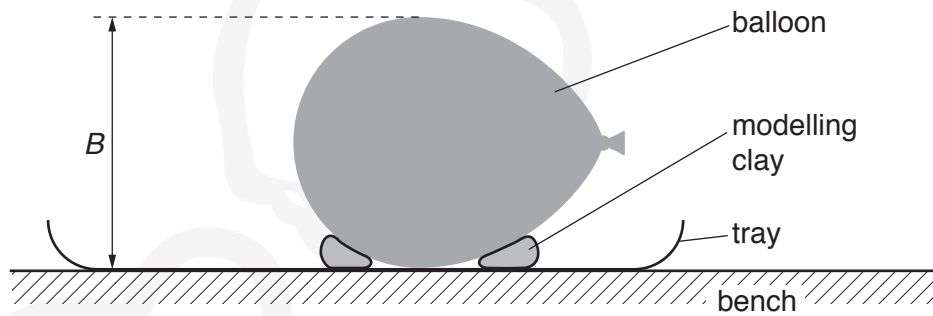


Fig. 2.1

- The diameter of the balloon is B , as shown in Fig. 2.1. Measure and record B .

$B = \dots\dots\dots$ [1]

- (b) • Wet a small area on the top of the balloon with a damp paper towel.
- Balance the transparent block on the top of the balloon, as shown viewed from above in Fig. 2.2.

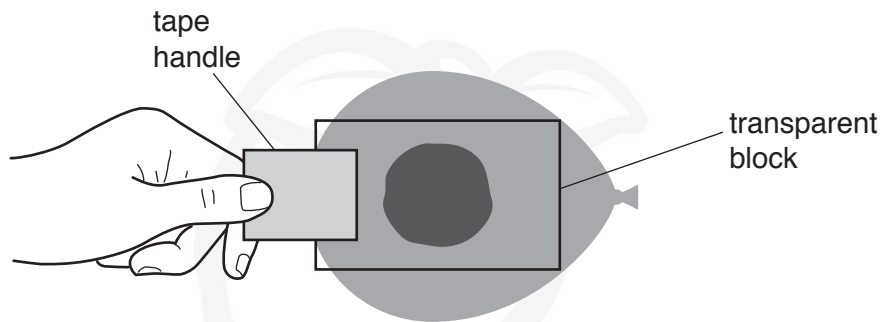


Fig. 2.2

- The contact patch will be visible, as shown in Fig. 2.3.

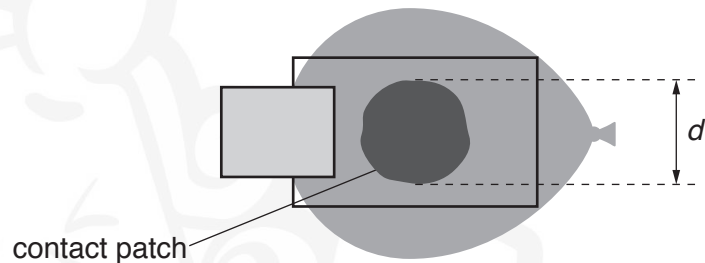


Fig. 2.3

- The diameter of the contact patch is d , as shown in Fig. 2.3. Measure and record d .

$d = \dots\dots\dots$ [2]

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

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

- (d) Calculate the pressure P in the balloon using the relationship

$$P = \frac{4mg}{\pi d^2}$$

where $g = 9.81 \text{ N kg}^{-1}$ and m is the mass of the transparent block written on the card.

$$P = \dots\dots\dots \text{Nm}^{-2} \quad [2]$$

- (e) Justify the number of significant figures you have given for your value of P .

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[1]

- (f) Repeat (a), (b) and (d) using the smaller partially inflated balloon.

$$B = \dots\dots\dots$$

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

$$P = \dots\dots\dots \text{Nm}^{-2} \quad [3]$$

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- (g) It is suggested that the relationship between B and P is

$$P = \frac{k}{B}$$

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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(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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