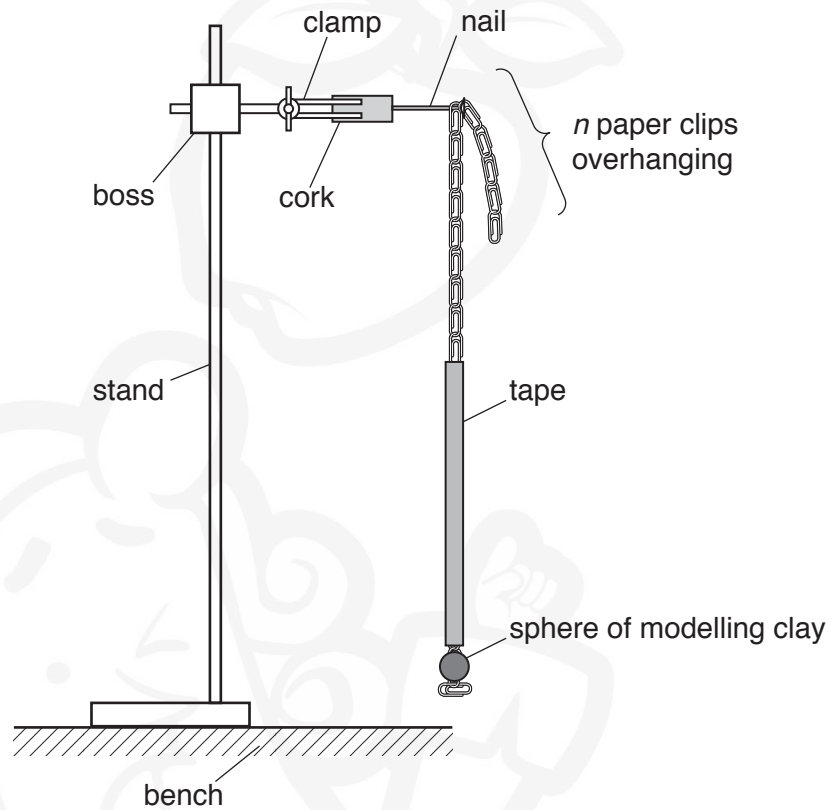




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- 1** In this experiment, you will investigate the motion of a pendulum consisting of a chain of paper clips and a sphere of modelling clay.

- (a)** • Set up the apparatus as shown in Fig. 1.1.



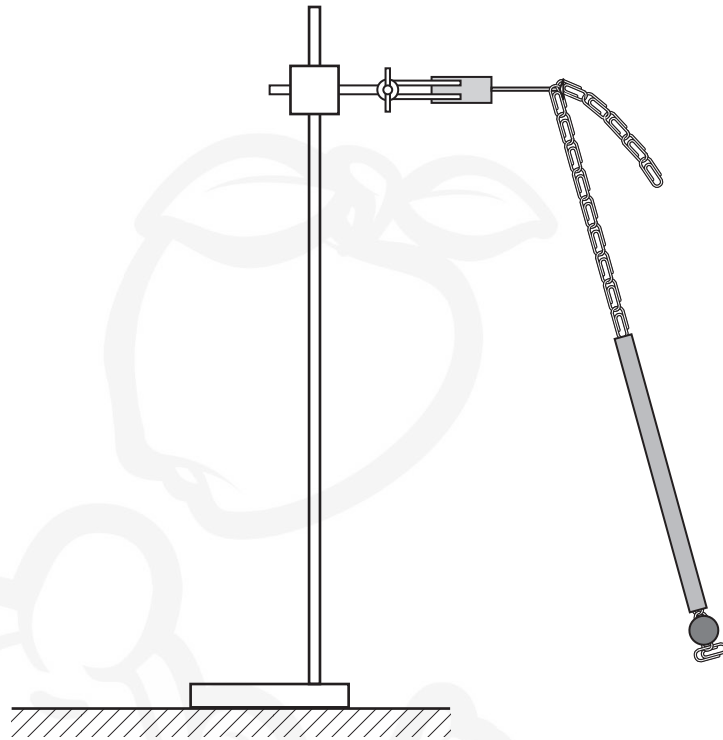
**Fig. 1.1**

- Suspend the chain of paper clips from the nail by one of the clips with  $n$  clips overhanging.
- Count and record  $n$ .

$n = \dots\dots\dots$

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- Pull the sphere to the side through a short distance, as shown in Fig. 1.2.



**Fig. 1.2**

- Release the sphere. The sphere will oscillate.
- Determine the period  $T$  of these oscillations.

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

- (b) Vary  $n$  by placing the nail through different clips in the chain. Measure and record  $n$  and  $T$ . Repeat until you have six sets of values.

Record your results in a table. Include values of  $T^2$  in your table.

[10]

- (c) (i) Plot a graph of  $T^2$  on the  $y$ -axis against  $n$  on the  $x$ -axis.

[3]

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

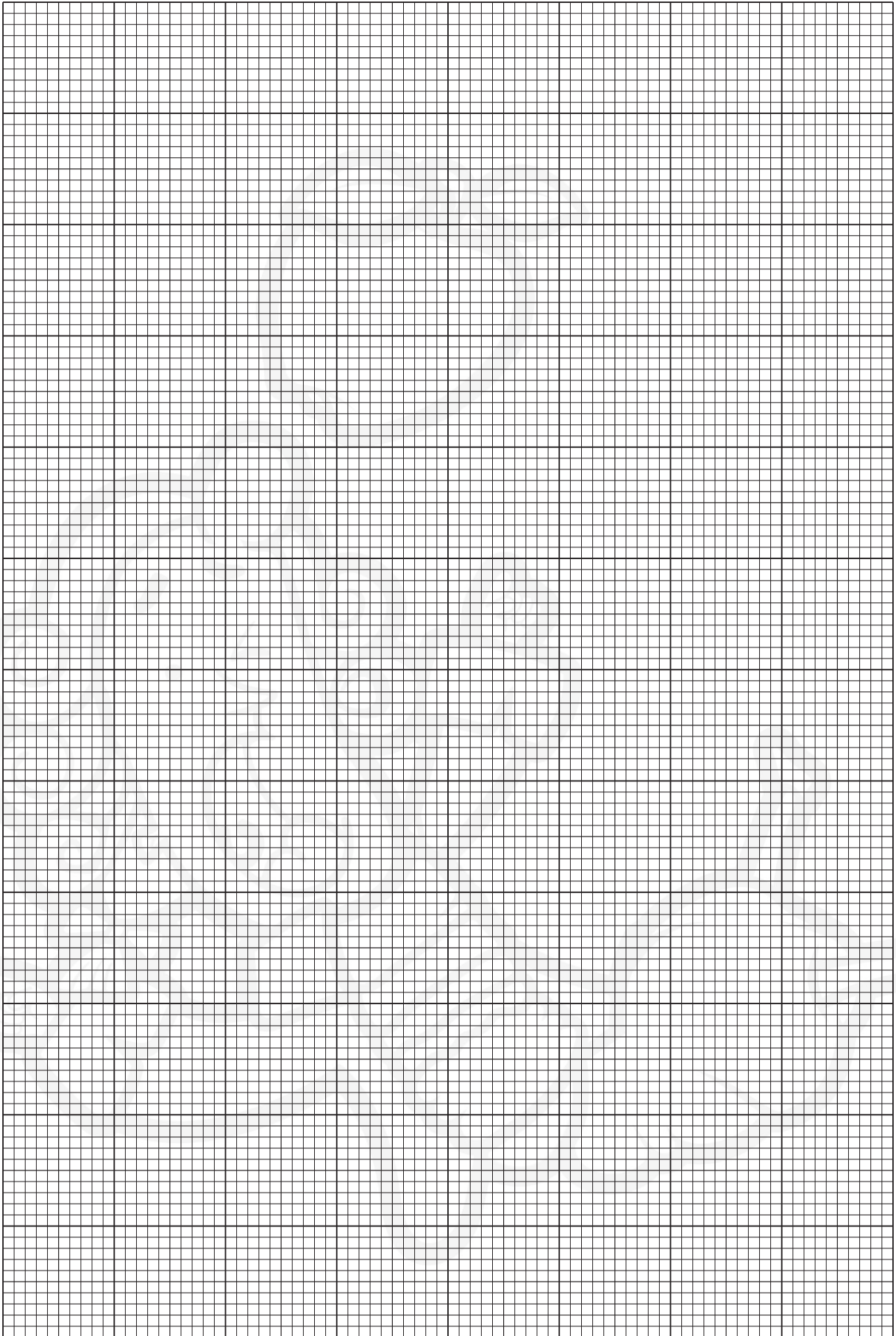
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- (iii) Determine the gradient and  $y$ -intercept of this line.

gradient = .....

$y$ -intercept = .....

[2]



- (d) It is suggested that the quantities  $T$  and  $n$  are related by the equation

$$T^2 = Pn + Q$$

where  $P$  and  $Q$  are constants.

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

$P =$  .....

$Q =$  .....

[2]

- (e) Theory suggests that  $P$  is proportional to the length of a paper clip and that  $Q$  is proportional to the total length of the chain.

The experiment is repeated using a chain consisting of 30 paper clips of the same length as those used in your experiment.

For this experiment, draw a second line on the graph to show the expected results.  
Label this line W.

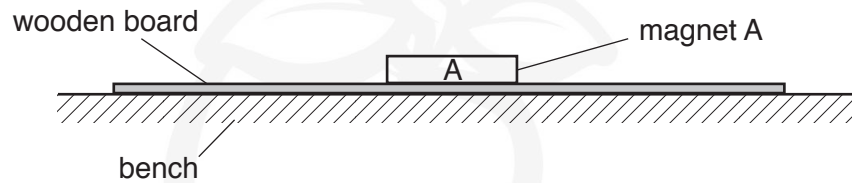
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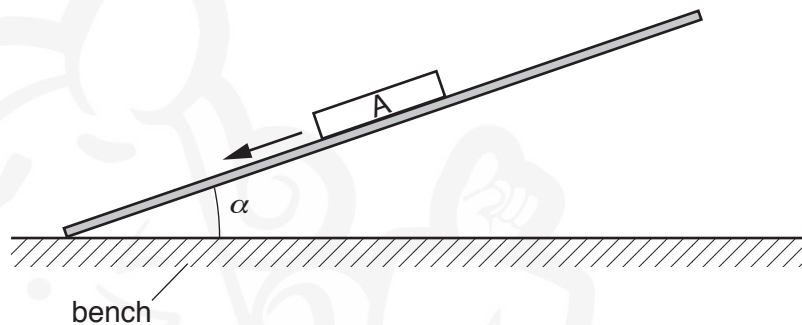
- 2** In this experiment, you will investigate how the force of attraction between two bar magnets depends on their separation.

- (a) (i)** • Place magnet A on the wooden board as shown in Fig. 2.1.



**Fig. 2.1**

- Raise the end of the board until the magnet just starts to move down the board, as shown in Fig. 2.2.



**Fig. 2.2**

- The angle between the bench and the board when the magnet just starts to move is  $\alpha$ .

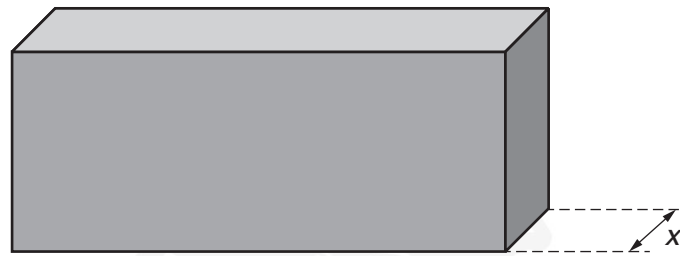
Measure and record  $\alpha$ .

$\alpha = \dots\dots\dots^\circ$  [2]

- (ii)** Estimate the percentage uncertainty in your value of  $\alpha$ .

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

- (b) You have been provided with a small block of wood as shown in Fig. 2.3.



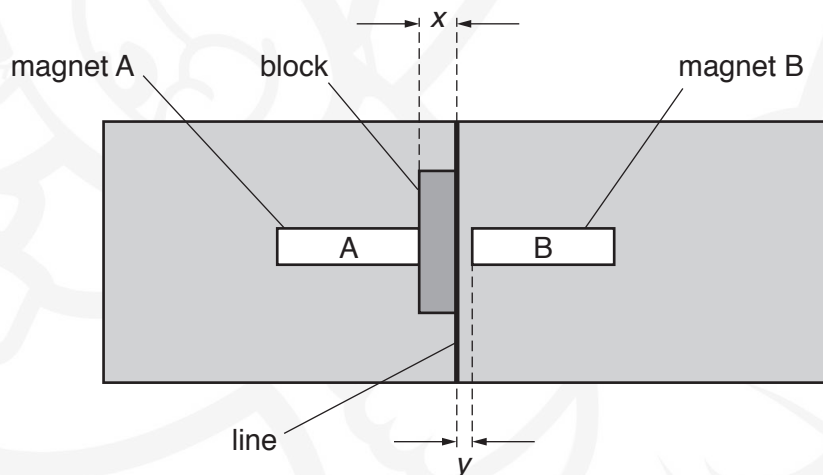
**Fig. 2.3**

The smallest dimension of the block is  $x$ .

Measure and record  $x$ .

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

- (c)
- Use some of the adhesive putty to secure the block to the board on the line as shown in Fig. 2.4.
  - Use some of the adhesive putty to secure magnet B to the board at a distance  $y$  from the block, where  $y$  is approximately 5 mm.
  - Place magnet A on the board as shown in Fig. 2.4 so that the magnets are attracting each other.



**Fig. 2.4**



- Raise the end of the board until magnet A starts to move down the board.
- The angle at which A just starts to move is  $\beta$ , as shown in Fig. 2.5. If A does not move down the board for any angle of the board, gradually increase  $y$  until it does move.

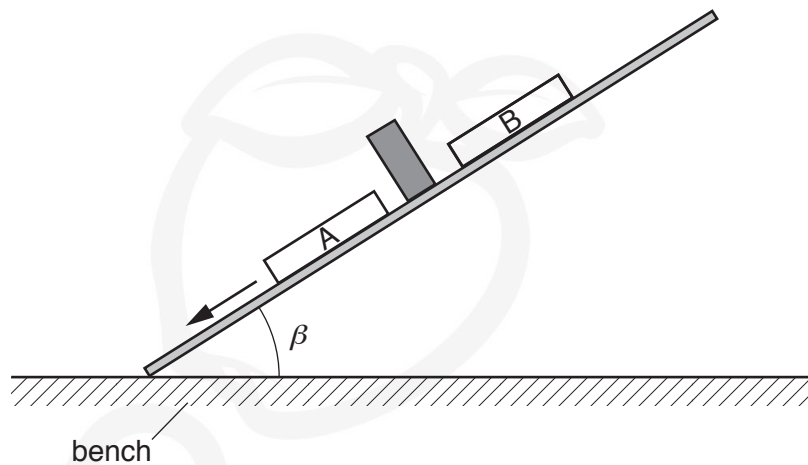


Fig. 2.5

- Measure and record  $\beta$ .

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

- (d) (i) • Measure and record  $y$ .

$y = \dots\dots\dots$

- Calculate  $(x + y)^2$ .

$(x + y)^2 = \dots\dots\dots$  [1]

- (ii) Justify the number of significant figures that you have given for your value of  $(x + y)^2$ .

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 .....  
 ..... [1]

- (e)
- Remove the block from the board.
  - Measure and record the dimension of the block shown in Fig. 2.6.



Fig. 2.6

$x =$  .....

- Calculate  $(x + y)^2$  using your value of  $y$  in (d)(i).

$(x + y)^2 =$  .....

- Place and secure the block on the board as shown in Fig. 2.7.  
**Do not move B.**

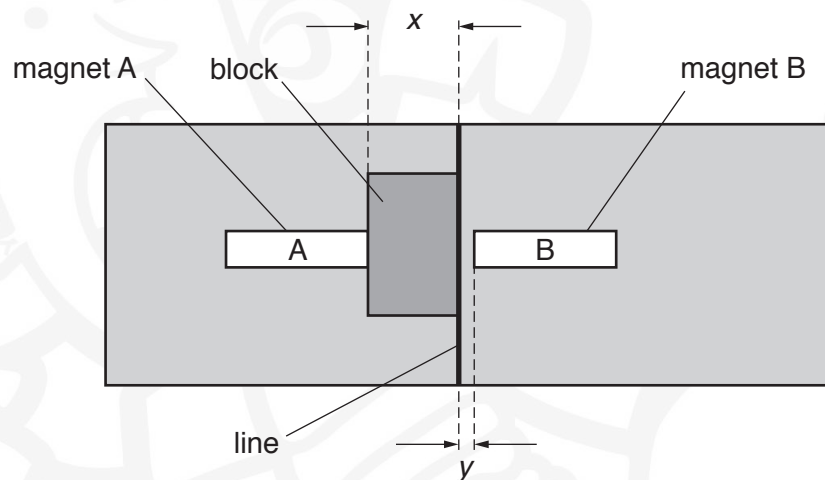


Fig. 2.7

- Determine  $\beta$ .

$\beta =$  ..... °  
[3]

- (f) It is suggested that the relationship between  $\beta$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  is

$$(\sin \beta - \sin \alpha) = \frac{k}{(x + y)^2}$$

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]

(g) (i) Describe four sources of uncertainty or limitations of the procedure for this experiment.

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  2. ....  
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  3. ....  
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  4. ....  
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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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  2. ....  
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  3. ....  
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  4. ....  
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