



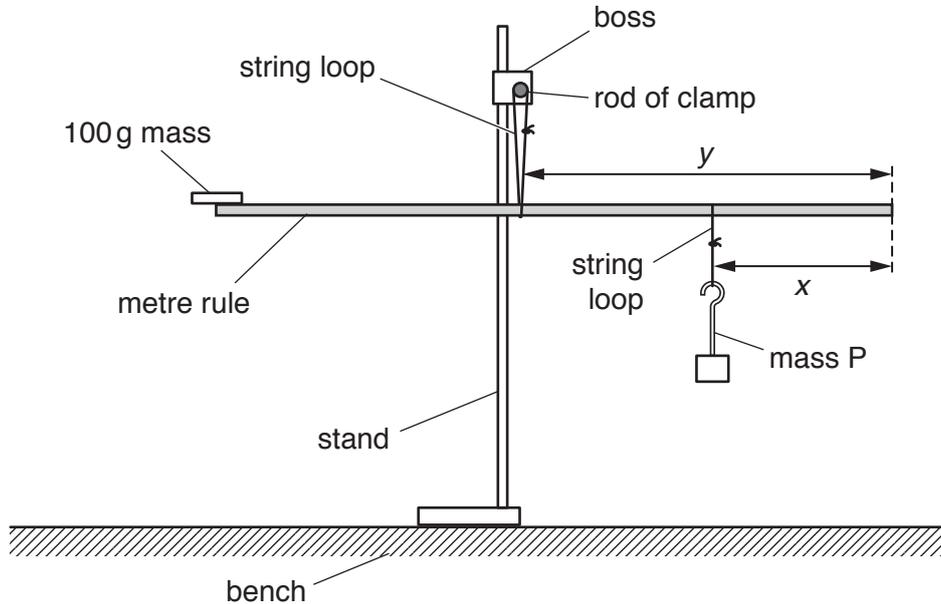


**You may not need to use all of the materials provided.**

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

**(a)** You have been provided with a metre rule with a 100g mass attached to it.

- Set up the apparatus as shown in Fig. 1.1.



**Fig. 1.1**

The distance between the end of the rule and the string loop from which mass P is suspended is  $x$ , as shown in Fig. 1.1.

The distance between the same end of the rule and the string loop suspended from the rod of the clamp is  $y$ .

- Position mass P so that  $x$  is approximately 30 cm.
- Without changing  $x$ , adjust the position of the rule until it balances.
- Measure and record  $x$  and  $y$ .

$x =$  .....

$y =$  .....

[2]

(b) Change  $x$ . Adjust the position of the rule until it balances. Measure and record  $x$  and  $y$ .

Repeat until you have six sets of values.

Record your results in a table.

[8]

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

[3]

(ii) Draw the straight line of best fit.

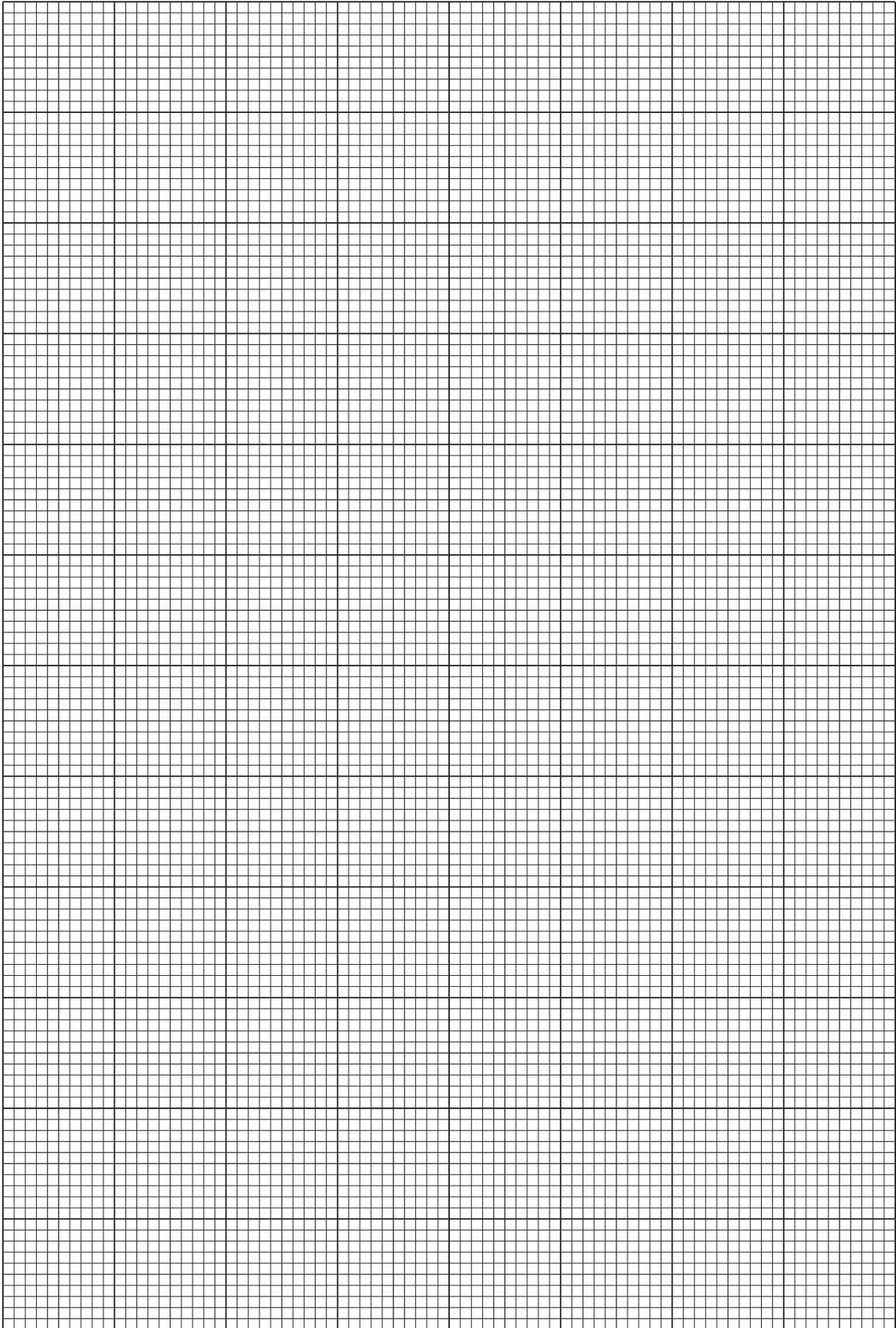
[1]

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

gradient = .....

$y$ -intercept = .....

[2]



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

$$y = Ax + B$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are constants.

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

$$A = \dots\dots\dots$$

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

[2]

(e) Theory suggests that

$$A = \frac{2M}{3M + Q}$$

where  $M$  is the mass of the metre rule and  $Q = 0.100 \text{ kg}$ .

Determine a value for  $M$ .

Give your answer to three significant figures. Include an appropriate unit.

$$M = \dots\dots\dots [2]$$

[Total: 20]



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

2 In this experiment, you will investigate the motion of a magnet connected to some springs.

(a) (i) You have been provided with two magnets A and B and three connected springs.

- Use the tape to attach magnet A to the springs as shown in Fig. 2.1.

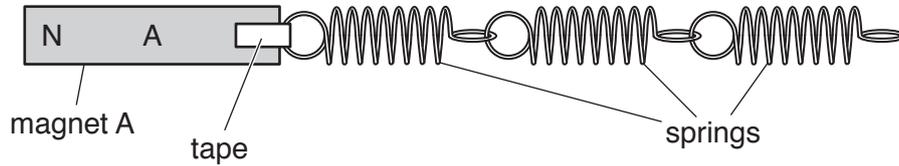


Fig. 2.1

- Set up the apparatus as shown in Fig. 2.2, with the N poles of magnets A and B facing each other.

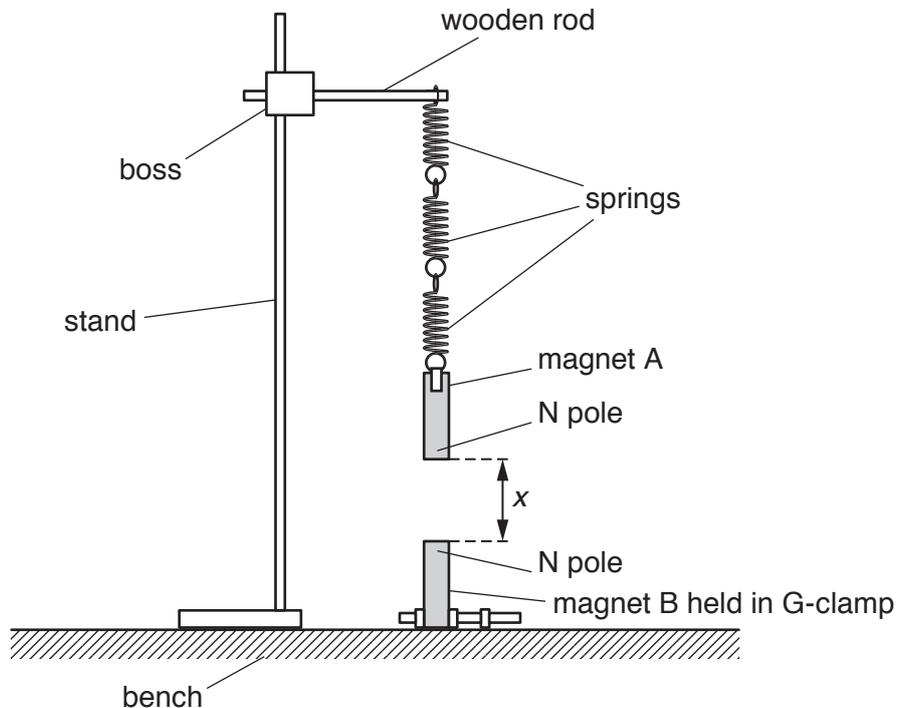


Fig. 2.2

- The distance between the magnets is  $x$ .

Adjust the height of the wooden rod until  $x$  is approximately 7 cm.

- Measure and record  $x$ .

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

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

percentage uncertainty = ..... [1]

- (b) (i)
- Pull magnet A down through a short distance.
  - Release the magnet. The magnet will oscillate.
  - Determine the period  $T_1$  of these oscillations.

$T_1 = \dots\dots\dots$  s [2]

- (ii)
- Reverse magnet B in the G-clamp so that its S pole is at the top.
  - Adjust the position of the wooden rod until  $x$  has the same value as in (a)(i).
  - Determine the period  $T_2$  of the oscillations of magnet A.

$T_2 = \dots\dots\dots$  s [1]

- (iii) Calculate  $T_2 - T_1$ .

$T_2 - T_1 = \dots\dots\dots$  s [1]

- (c)
- Reverse magnet B so that its N pole is at the top.
  - Adjust the position of the wooden rod until  $x$  is approximately 10 cm.
  - Measure and record  $x$ .

$x =$  .....

- Repeat (b) using this value of  $x$ .

$T_1 =$  ..... s

$T_2 =$  ..... s

$T_2 - T_1 =$  ..... s  
[3]

- (d) It is suggested that the relationship between  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$  and  $x$  is

$$T_2 - T_1 = \frac{k}{x^3}$$

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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..... [1]

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

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(e) (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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[Total: 20]

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