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**PHYSICS**

**9702/34**

Paper 3 Advanced Practical Skills 2

**May/June 2021**

**2 hours**

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: The materials and apparatus listed in the confidential instructions

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- You will be allowed to work with the apparatus for a maximum of 1 hour for each question.
- You should record all your observations in the spaces provided in the question paper as soon as these observations are made.
- You may use a calculator.
- You should show all your working and use appropriate units.

## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 40.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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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 chain.

- (a) (i) • Assemble the apparatus as shown in Fig. 1.1 with each nail held securely in a boss and at the same height above the bench. Position the stands so that the distance between the nails is approximately 60 cm.

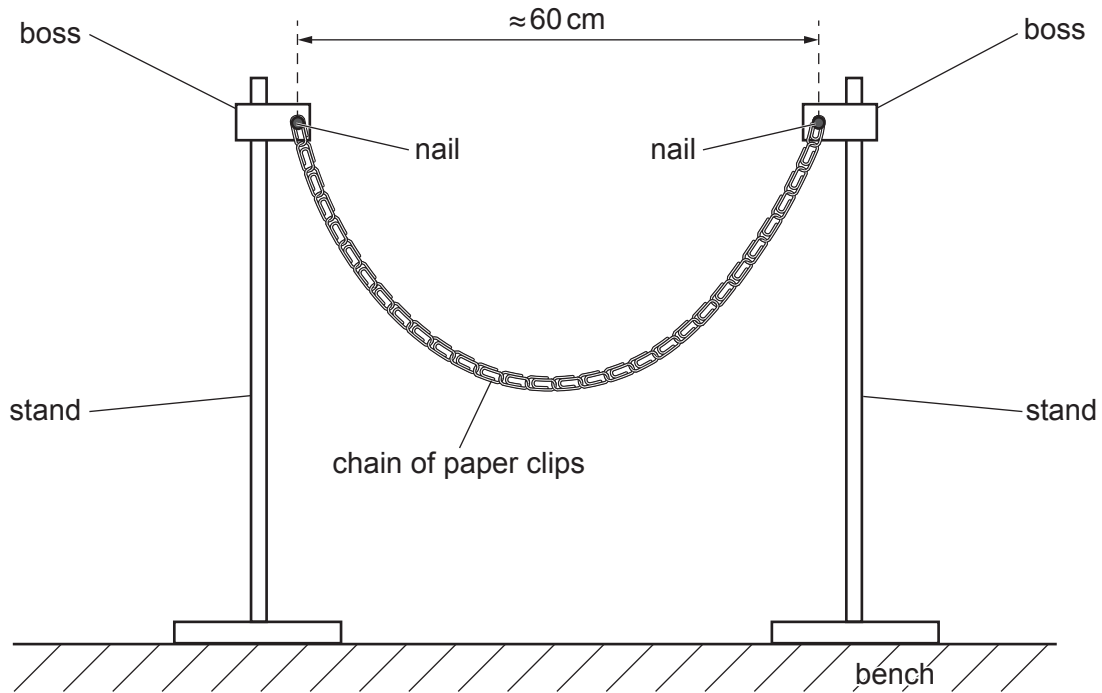


Fig. 1.1

- Rest one of the metre rules on the nails, as shown in Fig. 1.2.

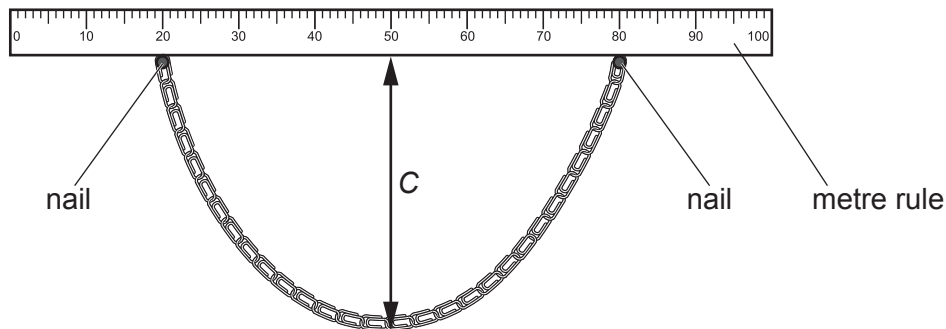


Fig. 1.2

- The vertical distance between the horizontal metre rule and the lowest part of the chain is  $C$ .

Using the other metre rule, measure and record  $C$ .

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

- (ii)
- Push the bottom of the chain a short distance away from you. Release it so that it swings towards and away from you.
  - Take measurements to determine the period  $T$  of these oscillations.

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

- (b) Repeat (a) with different distances between the stands until you have six sets of values of  $C$  and  $T$ .

All values of  $C$  must be greater than 15 cm.

Record your results in a table. Include values of  $\frac{1}{T}$  and  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{C}}$  in your table.

[9]

- (c) (i) Plot a graph of  $\frac{1}{T}$  on the  $y$ -axis against  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{C}}$  on the  $x$ -axis.

[3]

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

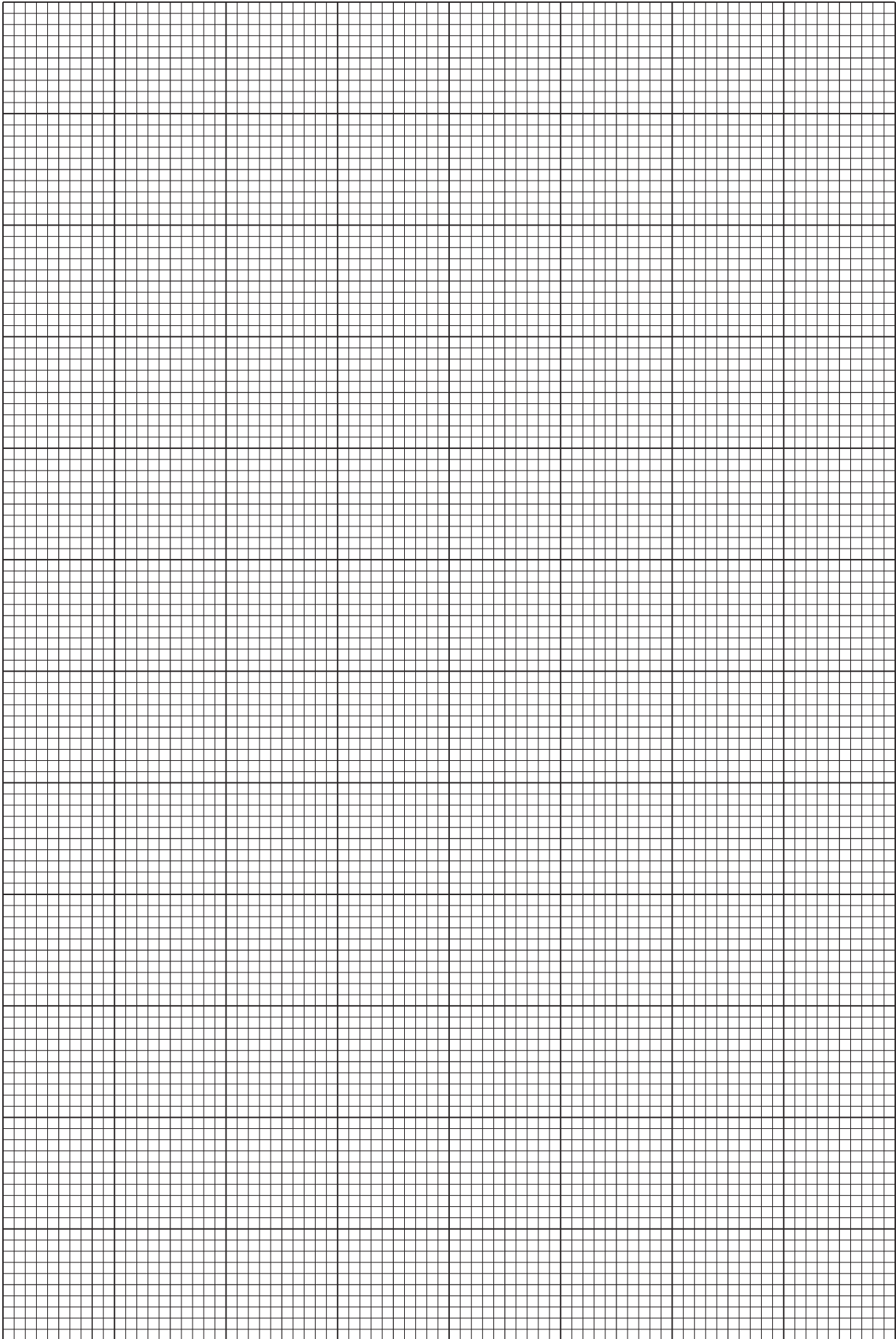
[1]

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

gradient = .....

$y$ -intercept = .....

[2]



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

$$\frac{1}{T} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{C}} + b$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants.

Use your answers in (c)(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 deformation of a foam ring.

- (a) (i) • Assemble the apparatus as shown in Fig. 2.1.  
The wooden rod should pivot freely on the nail.

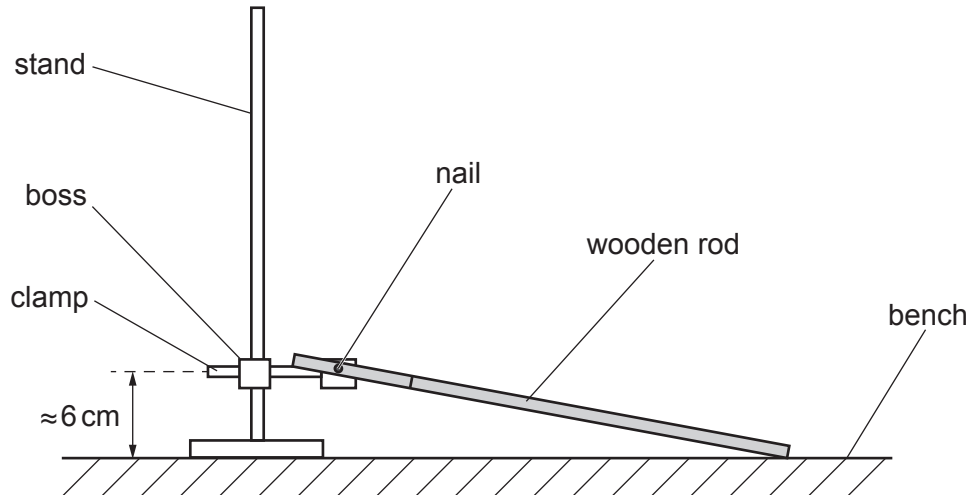


Fig. 2.1

- Take the **larger** of the two foam rings.
- Using the metre rule, measure and record the inner diameter  $D_1$  and the outer diameter  $D_2$ , as shown in Fig. 2.2.

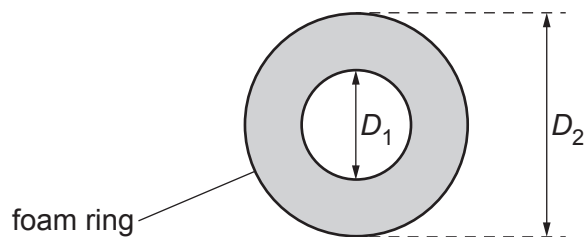


Fig. 2.2

$D_1 = \dots\dots\dots$  mm

$D_2 = \dots\dots\dots$  mm  
[2]

- (ii) Estimate the percentage uncertainty in your value of  $D_2$ . Show your working.

percentage uncertainty = ..... [1]

- (b) • Position the ring under the line on the rod and centrally on the wooden block, as shown in Fig. 2.3.

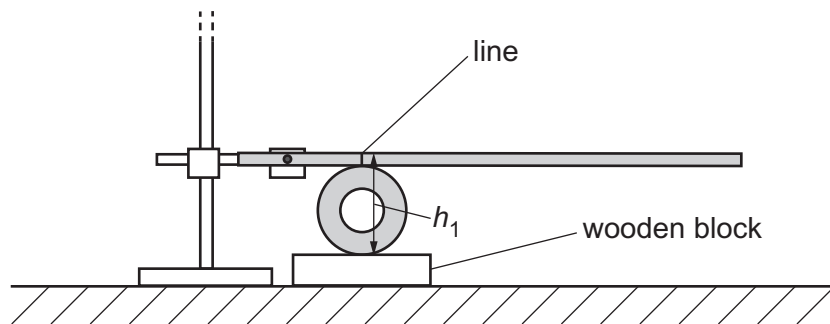


Fig. 2.3

- Adjust the height of the boss so that the rod is horizontal.
- The vertical distance, next to the ring, of the top of the rod above the block is  $h_1$ , as shown in Fig. 2.3.

Using the calipers, measure and record  $h_1$ .

$h_1 = \dots\dots\dots$  mm

- Place the slotted mass at the end of the rod, as shown in Fig. 2.4.

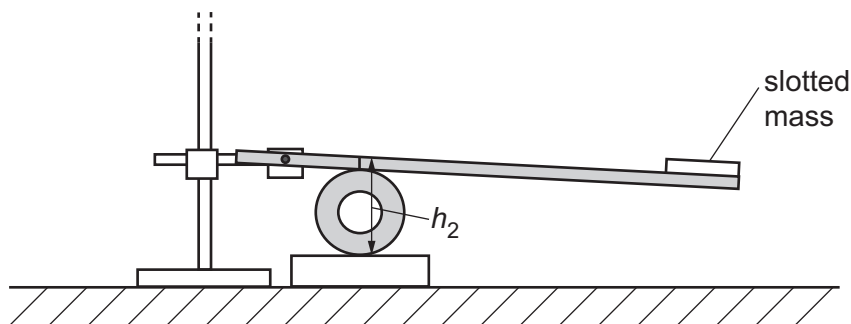


Fig. 2.4



- The vertical distance, next to the ring, of the top of the rod above the block is now  $h_2$ , as shown in Fig. 2.4.

Measure and record  $h_2$ .

$h_2 = \dots\dots\dots$  mm

- Calculate  $y$  where  $y = h_1 - h_2$ .

$y = \dots\dots\dots$  mm  
[2]

- (c) (i) The distance between the nail and the line is  $A$  and the distance between the nail and the centre of the slotted mass is  $B$ , as shown in Fig. 2.5.

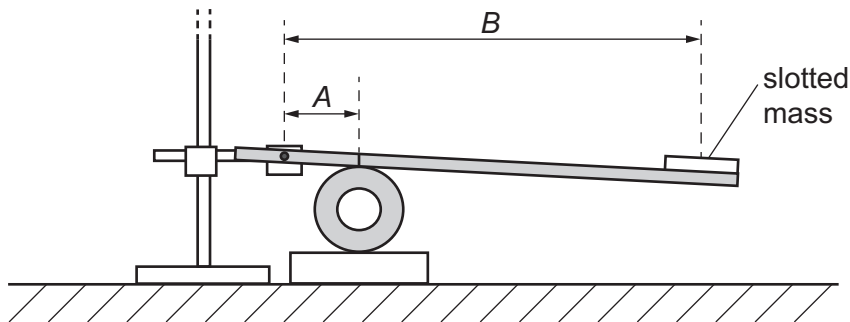


Fig. 2.5

Measure and record  $A$  and  $B$ .

$A = \dots\dots\dots$  cm

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

- (ii) Calculate the additional force  $F$  on the ring using

$$F = \frac{mgB}{A}$$

where  $g = 9.81 \text{ N kg}^{-1}$  and  $m = 0.100 \text{ kg}$ .

$F = \dots\dots\dots$  N [1]

- (iii) Justify the number of significant figures you have given for your value of  $F$ .

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 ..... [1]

- (d) • Take the **smaller** of the two foam rings.
- Using the metre rule, measure and record the inner diameter  $D_1$  and the outer diameter  $D_2$ .

$D_1 = \dots\dots\dots$  mm

$D_2 = \dots\dots\dots$  mm

- Repeat (b) using the smaller ring.

$h_1 = \dots\dots\dots$  mm

$h_2 = \dots\dots\dots$  mm

$y = \dots\dots\dots$  mm  
[2]

- (e) It is suggested that the relationship between  $D_1$ ,  $D_2$ ,  $F$  and  $y$  is

$$\frac{(D_2^2 - D_1^2)}{D_2^3} = \frac{kF}{y}$$

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]

(f) (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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- 4. ....  
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[4]

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