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**PHYSICS**

**9702/35**

Paper 3 Advanced Practical Skills 1

**October/November 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 metre rule.
- (a) • Set up the apparatus as shown in Fig. 1.1, with the scales on the metre rules facing upwards.

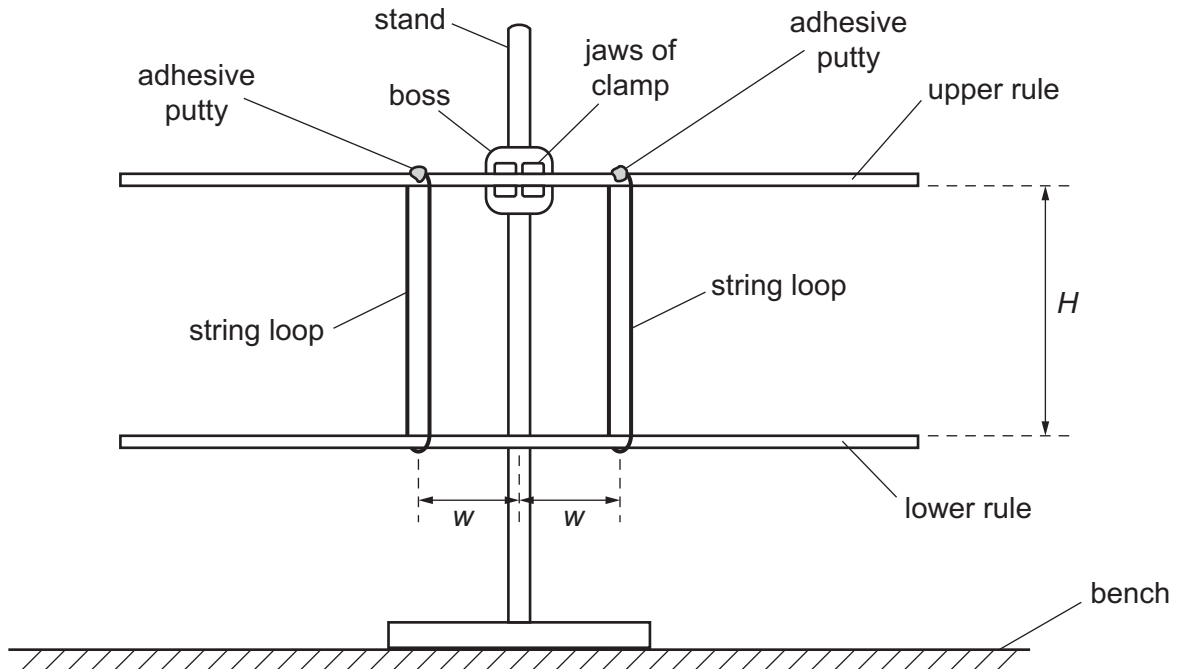


Fig. 1.1

- Adjust the clamp so that the upper rule is parallel to the bench.
- Adjust the positions of the string loops so that each loop is approximately 40 cm from the nearest ends of the two rules.
- The vertical distance between the two rules is  $H$ .

Measure and record  $H$ .

$H = \dots\dots\dots$  [1]

- (b) For both rules, the distance between the 50 cm mark and each string loop is  $w$ , as shown in Fig. 1.1.

Adjust the positions of the string loops until the distances  $w$  are equal and approximately 10 cm.

- Measure and record  $w$ .

$w = \dots\dots\dots$  cm

- Gently rotate the lower rule and release it. The lower rule will oscillate as shown in Fig. 1.2.

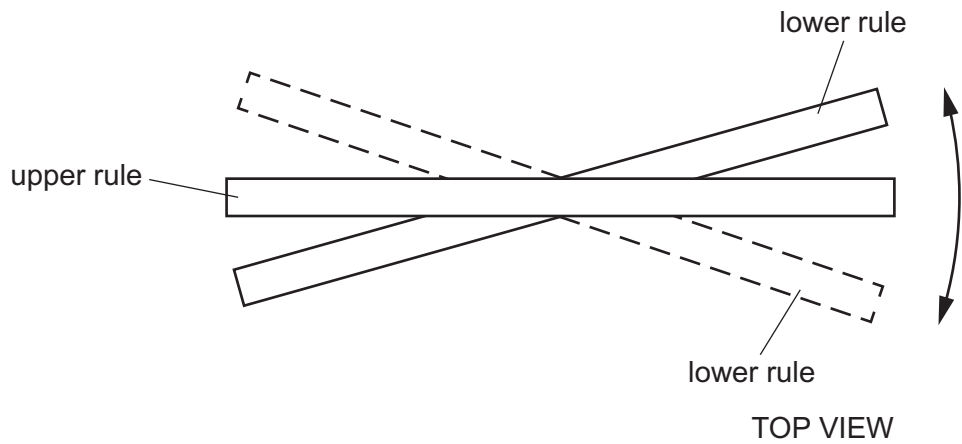


Fig. 1.2

- Take measurements to determine the period  $T$  of the oscillations.

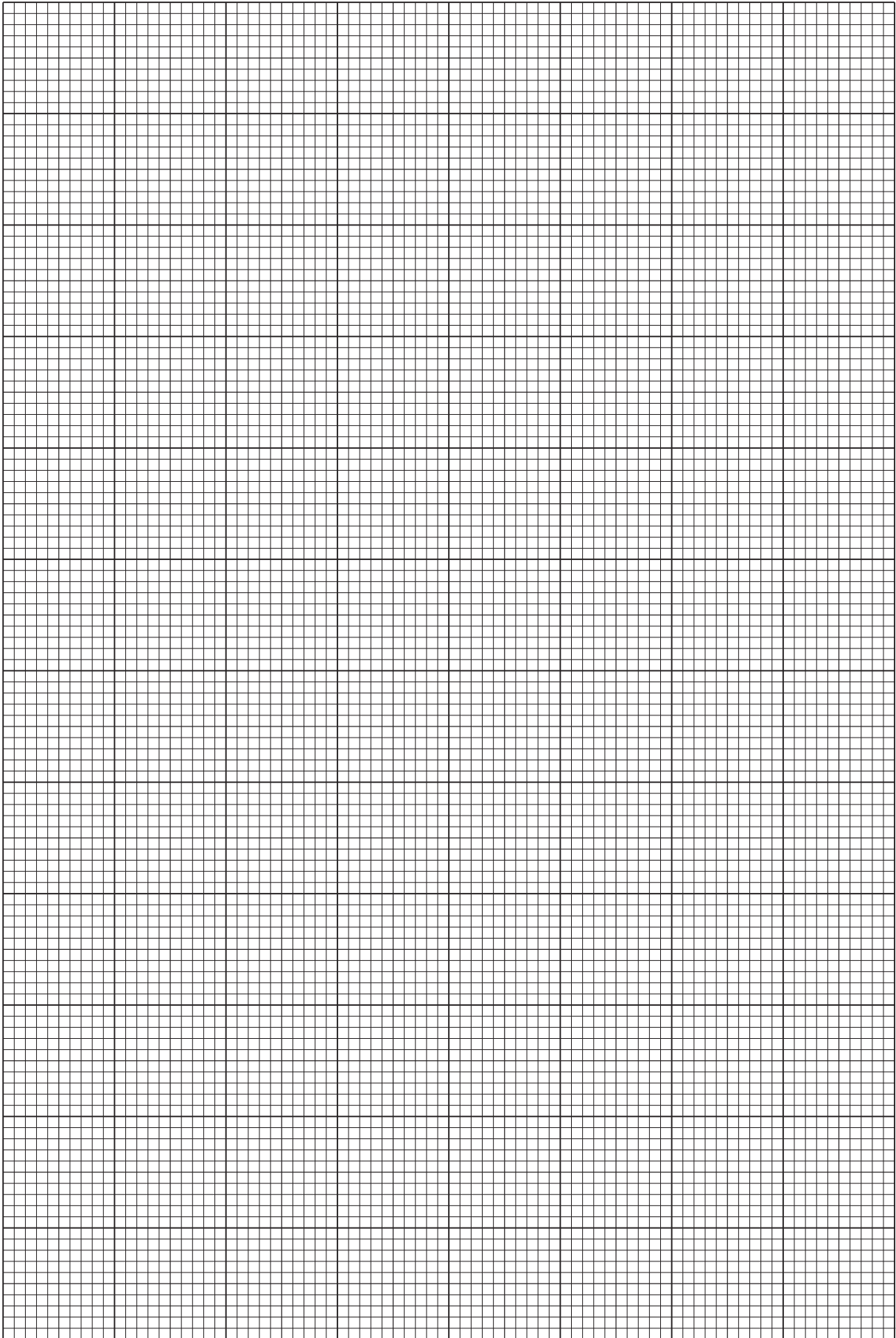
$T = \dots\dots\dots$  s  
[2]

(c) Vary  $w$  in the range  $5.0\text{ cm} \leq w \leq 20.0\text{ cm}$  and determine six sets of readings of  $w$  and  $T$ .

Record your results in a table. Include values of  $\frac{1}{w}$  in your table.

- (d) (i) Plot a graph of  $T$  on the  $y$ -axis against  $\frac{1}{w}$  on the  $x$ -axis. [9]
- (ii) Draw the straight line of best fit. [3]
- (iii) Determine the gradient of this line. [1]

gradient = ..... [1]



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

$$T = \frac{B}{w}$$

where  $B$  is a constant.

Using your answer to **(d)(iii)**, determine a value for  $B$ .

Give an appropriate unit.

$$B = \dots\dots\dots [2]$$

- (ii) It is suggested that  $B$  is given by the equation

$$B^2 = \frac{3\pi^2 H^3}{g}$$

where  $g$  is the acceleration of free fall.

Using your answers to **(a)** and **(e)(i)**, determine a value for  $g$ .

$$g = \dots\dots\dots \text{ms}^{-2} [1]$$

[Total: 20]

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2 In this experiment, you will determine the weight of a metre rule.

- (a) (i)
- Attach the spring to the clamp.
  - Suspend the mass hanger from the spring as shown in Fig. 2.1.

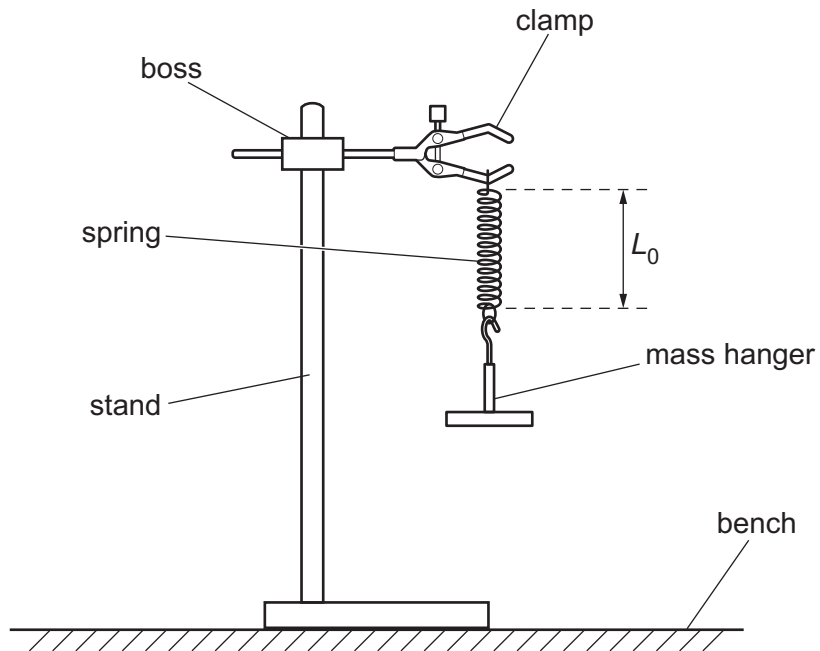


Fig. 2.1

- The length of the coiled section of the spring is  $L_0$ .  
Measure and record  $L_0$ .

$L_0 = \dots\dots\dots$  cm [1]

- (ii) Estimate the percentage uncertainty in your value of  $L_0$ . Show your working.

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

- (b) (i) • Add an additional mass of 0.100 kg to the mass hanger.
- The new length of the coiled section of the spring is  $L_1$ .
- Measure and record  $L_1$ .

$$L_1 = \dots\dots\dots \text{ cm}$$

- Remove the 0.100 kg mass.

[1]

- (ii) Calculate  $(L_1 - L_0)$ .

$$(L_1 - L_0) = \dots\dots\dots \text{ cm [1]}$$

- (iii) The spring constant  $k$  is given by the equation

$$k = \frac{F}{(L_1 - L_0)}$$

where  $F$  is 0.981 N.

Calculate  $k$ .

$$k = \dots\dots\dots [1]$$

- (iv) Justify the number of significant figures that you have given for your value of  $k$ .

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- (c) (i) • Set up the apparatus as shown in Fig. 2.2.

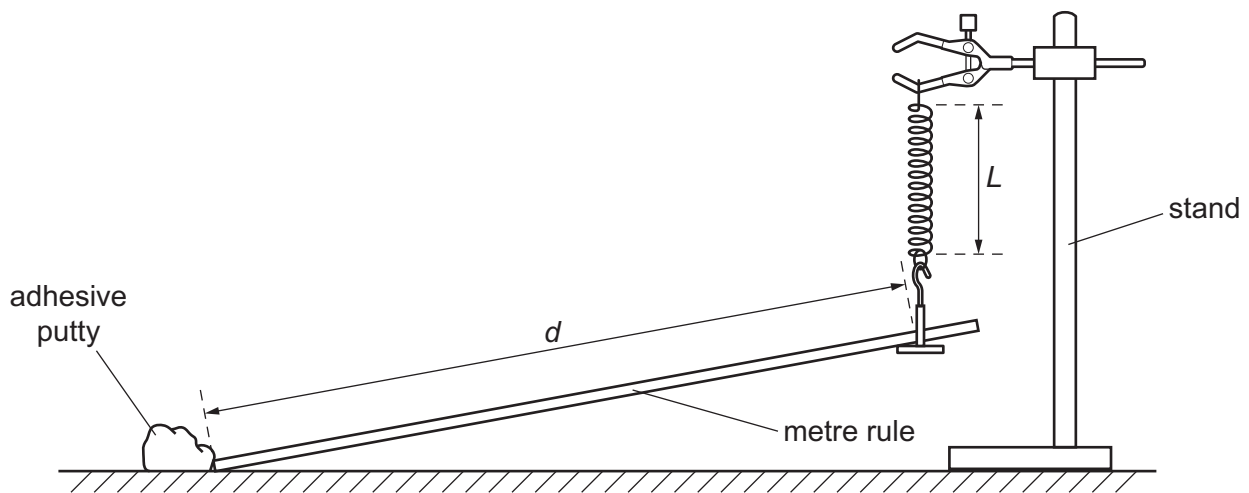


Fig. 2.2

- Support the rule on the mass hanger. You may need to use some of the adhesive putty to stop the rule from slipping off the mass hanger.
- The distance between the lower end of the rule and the mass hanger is  $d$ , as shown in Fig. 2.2. The length of the coiled section of the spring is  $L$ .

Adjust the apparatus so that  $d$  is approximately 90 cm and the spring is vertical.

- Measure and record  $d$  and  $L$ .

$d =$  ..... cm

$L =$  ..... cm

- Using your answer to (a)(i), calculate  $(L - L_0)$ .

$(L - L_0) =$  ..... cm  
[1]

- (ii) Repeat (c)(i) with a distance  $d$  of approximately 60 cm.

$d =$  ..... cm

$L =$  ..... cm

$(L - L_0) =$  ..... cm  
[2]

(d) It is suggested that the relationship between  $(L - L_0)$  and  $d$  is

$$C = d(L - L_0)$$

where  $C$  is a constant.

(i) Using your data, calculate two values of  $C$ .

first value of  $C = \dots\dots\dots$

second value of  $C = \dots\dots\dots$

[1]

(ii) Explain whether your results support the suggested relationship.

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 ..... [1]

(e) The constant  $C$  is given by

$$C = \frac{Wd_0}{2k}$$

where  $d_0$  is the length and  $W$  is the weight of the metre rule.

Use your second value of  $C$  to determine  $W$ .

$W = \dots\dots\dots$  [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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