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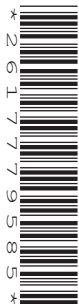
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**PHYSICS**

**9702/35**

Paper 3 Advanced Practical Skills 1

**October/November 2022**

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

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

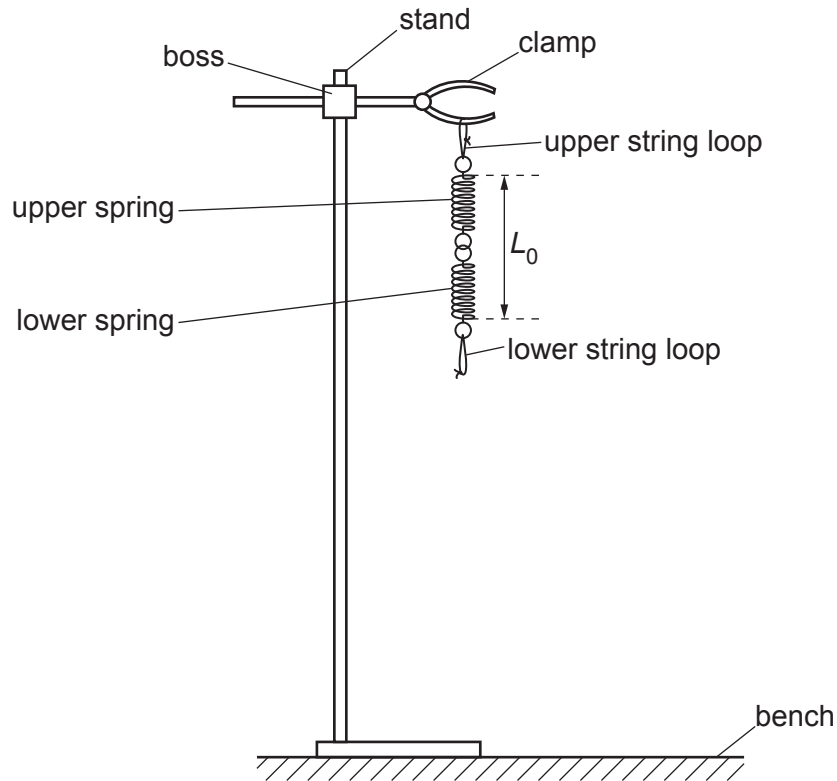


Fig. 1.1

- The length  $L_0$  of the spring combination is measured between the top coil of the upper spring and the bottom coil of the lower spring, as shown in Fig. 1.1.

Measure and record  $L_0$ .

$L_0 = \dots\dots\dots$  cm

- Use the lower string loop to suspend a total mass of 200 g, as shown in Fig. 1.2.

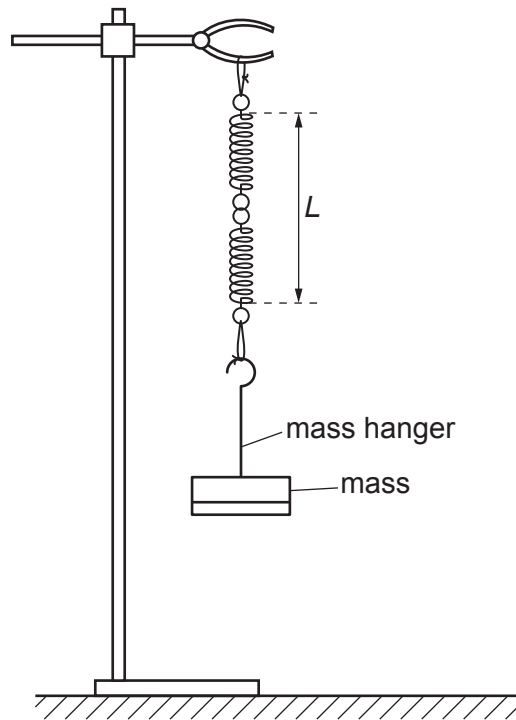


Fig. 1.2

- The new length of the spring combination is  $L$ .

Measure and record  $L$ .

$L = \dots\dots\dots$  cm

- The spring constant  $k$  of the spring combination is given by the equation

$$k = \frac{W}{(L - L_0)}$$

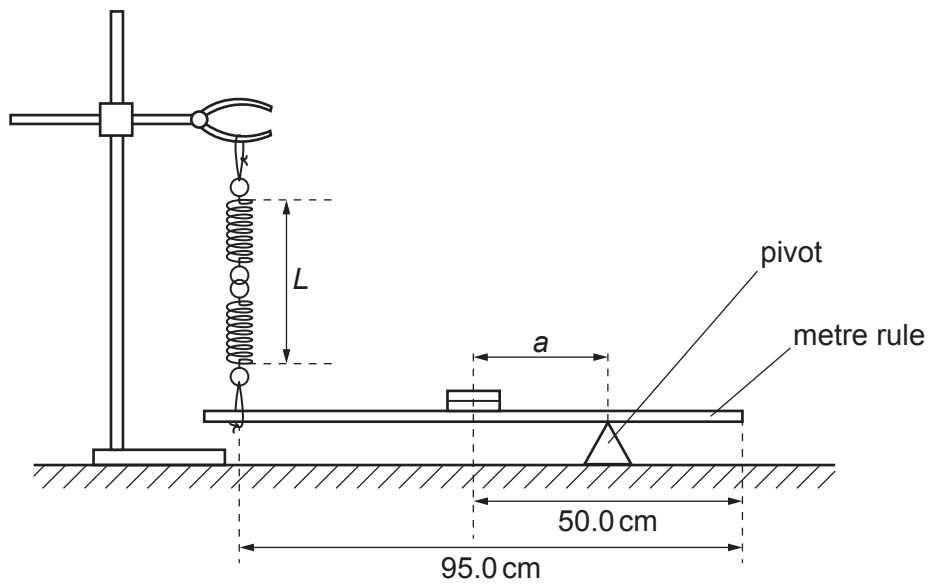
where  $W$  is 1.96 N.

Calculate  $k$ .

$k = \dots\dots\dots$  [2]



- (b) • Set up the apparatus as shown in Fig. 1.3.



**Fig. 1.3**

- Use the adhesive putty to fix two 100 g slotted masses with their centres above the 50.0 cm mark on the rule. The masses must remain at this position throughout the experiment.
- Place the lower string loop at the 5.0 cm mark on the rule.
- The distance between the pivot and the midpoint of the rule is  $a$ .

Adjust the pivot so that  $a$  is approximately 25 cm.

- Adjust the stand, boss and clamp so that the springs are vertical and the rule is horizontal.
- Measure and record  $a$  and  $L$ .

$a =$  .....

$L =$  .....

- The extension of the spring combination is given by the equation

$$e = L - L_0.$$

Calculate  $e$ .

$e =$  .....

- Change  $a$  by moving the pivot. Adjust the stand, boss and clamp so that the springs are vertical and the rule is horizontal. Measure  $a$  and  $L$ . Repeat until you have six sets of values of  $a$  and  $L$ .  
Do not include values of  $a$  less than 15.0 cm.

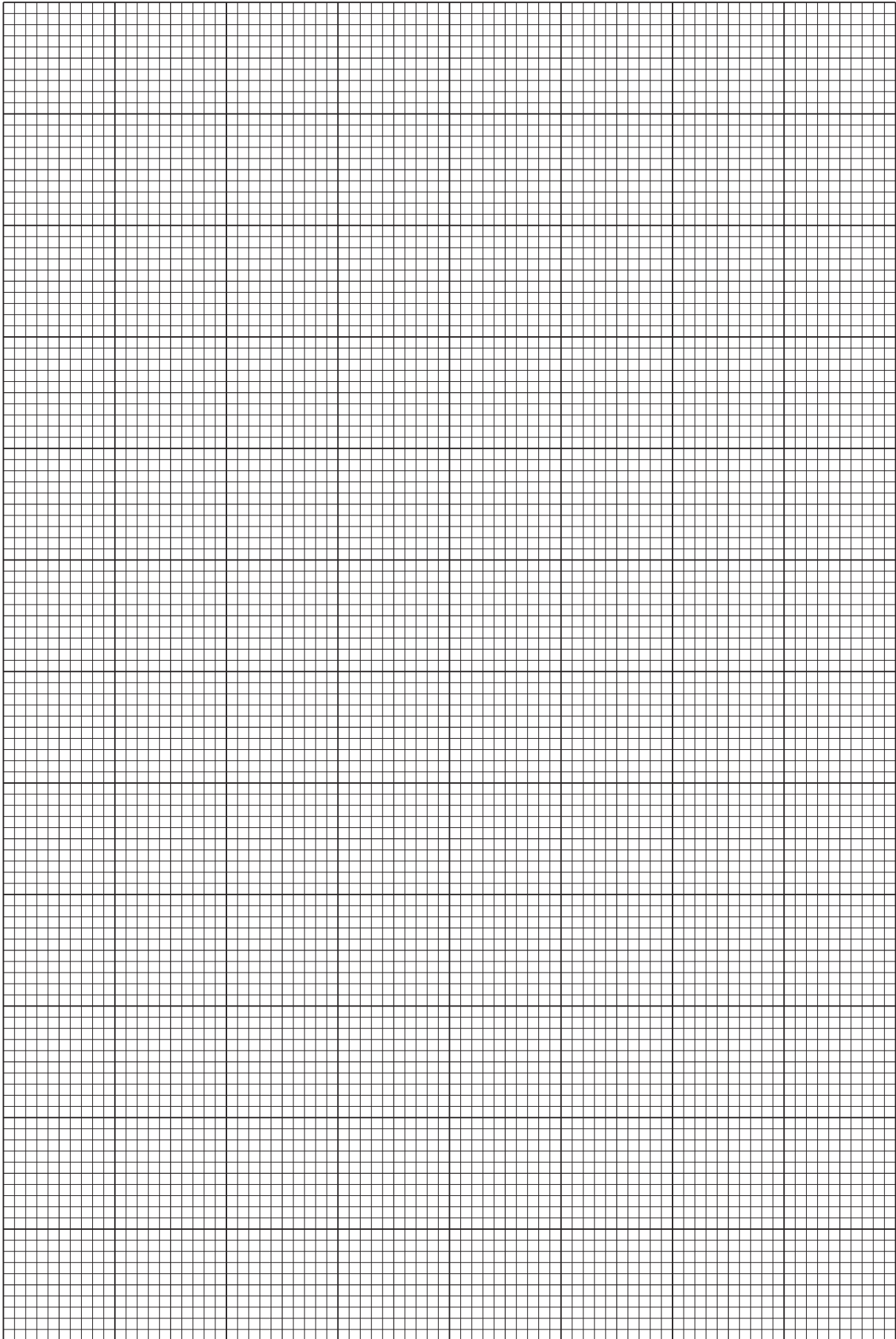
Record your results in a table. Include values of  $e$ ,  $\frac{1}{a}$  and  $\frac{1}{e}$  in your table.

- [9]
- (c) (i) Plot a graph of  $\frac{1}{e}$  on the  $y$ -axis against  $\frac{1}{a}$  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) (i) It is suggested that the quantities  $e$  and  $a$  are related by the equation

$$\frac{1}{e} = B \frac{1}{a} + C$$

where  $B$  and  $C$  are constants.

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

$B =$  .....

$C =$  .....

[2]

- (ii) Theory suggests that

$$C = \frac{k}{(R + W)}$$

where  $R$  is the weight of the rule and  $W$  is 1.96 N.

Using your answers in (a) and (d)(i), determine a value for  $R$ .

$R =$  ..... N [1]

[Total: 20]



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2 In this experiment, you will investigate the oscillations of a triangular card.

- (a)
- Determine the midpoint M of the shortest side of the triangle.
  - Draw a line from M to the opposite corner of the triangle, as shown in Fig. 2.1.

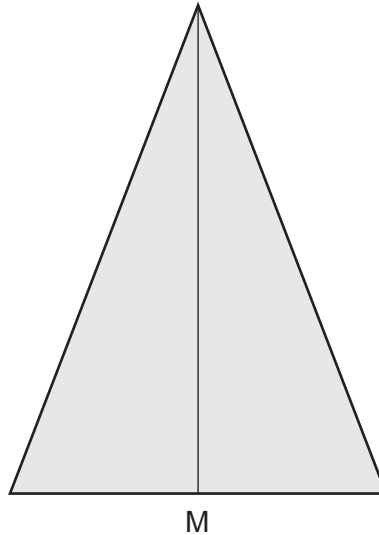


Fig. 2.1 (not to scale)

- Determine the midpoint N of one of the longer sides.
- Draw a line from N to the opposite corner of the triangle, as shown in Fig. 2.2.

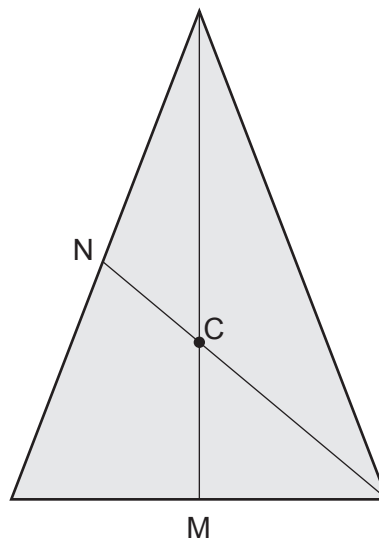


Fig. 2.2 (not to scale)

- Mark the point C where the two lines cross.
- The distance between C and M is  $d$ .

Measure and record  $d$ .

$d = \dots\dots\dots$  m [1]

- (b) (i) • On the line from M to the opposite corner, mark a point P a distance of approximately 0.06 m from C, as shown in Fig. 2.3.

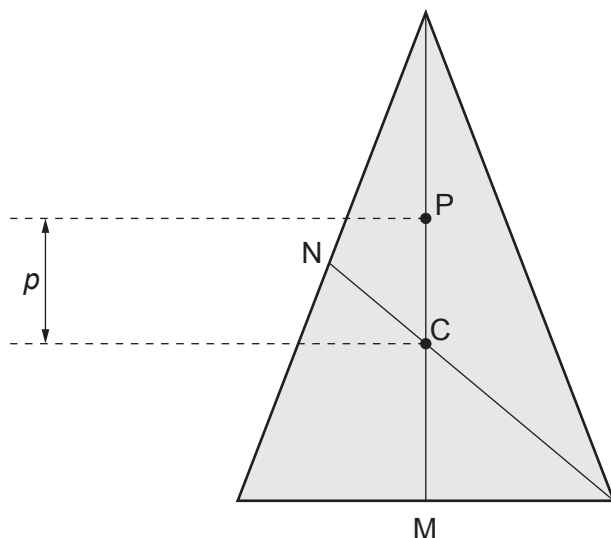


Fig. 2.3 (not to scale)

- The distance between C and P is  $p$ , as shown in Fig. 2.3.

Measure and record  $p$  in metres.

$p = \dots\dots\dots$  m

- Place the card on the cork so that P is above the cork. Use the pin to carefully pierce a small hole in the card at P.
- Set up the apparatus as shown in Fig. 2.4.

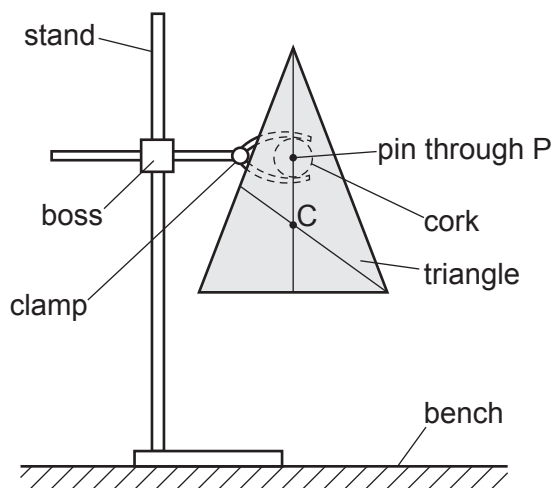


Fig. 2.4

- Displace the base of the triangle through a small distance to the side. Release it so that it oscillates as shown in Fig. 2.5.

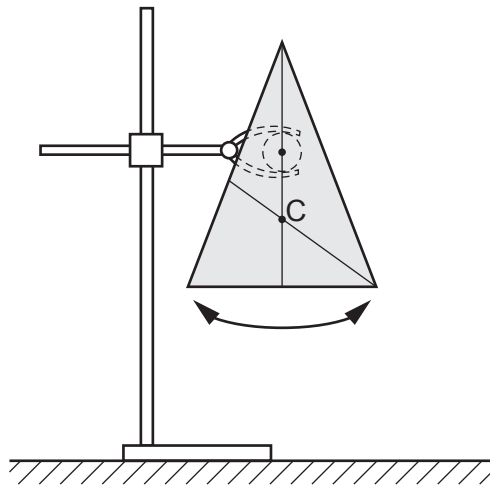


Fig. 2.5

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

$T = \dots\dots\dots$  s  
[3]

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

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

(iii) Calculate  $p^2$  and  $T^2p$ .

$p^2 = \dots\dots\dots$   
 $T^2p = \dots\dots\dots$   
 [1]

- (iv) Justify the number of significant figures that you have given for your value of  $T^2p$ .

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

- (v) Repeat (b)(i) and (b)(iii) with a distance  $p$  of approximately 0.12 m.

$p =$  ..... m

$T =$  ..... s

$p^2 =$  .....

$T^2p =$  .....

[2]

- (c) It is suggested that the relationship between  $T$  and  $p$  is

$$T^2p = qp^2 + S$$

where  $S$  has the value  $0.015 \text{ m s}^2$  and  $q$  is a constant.

Using your data, calculate two values of  $q$ .

first value of  $q =$  .....

second value of  $q =$  .....

[1]

(d) It is suggested that the percentage uncertainty in the values of  $q$  is 15%.

Using this uncertainty, explain whether your results support the relationship in (c).

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..... [1]

(e) Theory suggests that

$$q = \frac{4\pi^2}{g}$$

where  $g$  is the acceleration of free fall.

Use your second value of  $q$  to determine  $g$ .  
Give an appropriate unit.

$g =$  ..... [1]

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

For any uncertainties in measurement that you describe, you should state the quantity being measured and a reason for the uncertainty.

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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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[4]

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