

- 1 A student is investigating simple harmonic motion using an electric vibrator. A plate is attached to the top of the electric vibrator. A small mass is placed on the metal plate as shown in Fig. 1.1.

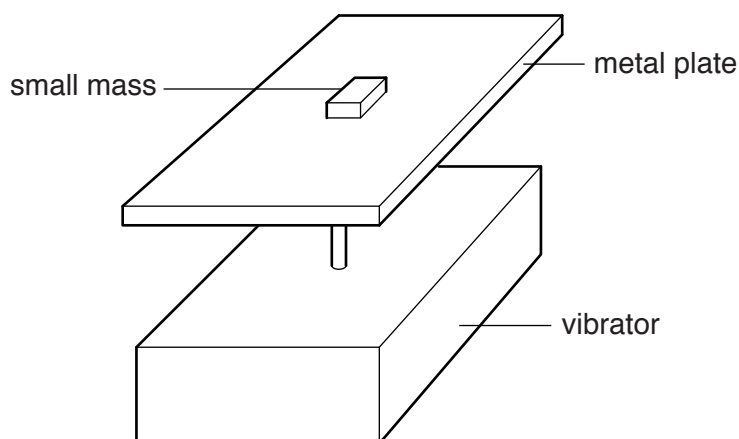


Fig. 1.1

An alternating potential difference (p.d.) is applied to the vibrator. For a given peak p.d. V , there is a maximum frequency f at which the small mass remains in contact with the plate. The contact between the small mass and plate is lost when the frequency is greater than f .

It is suggested that the relationship between f and V is

$$k = \pi^2 f^2 V$$

where k is a constant.

Design a laboratory experiment to test the relationship between f and V . Explain how your results could be used to determine a value for k . You should draw a diagram, on page 3, showing the arrangement of your equipment. In your account you should pay particular attention to

- (a) the procedure to be followed,
- (b) the measurements to be taken,
- (c) the control of variables,
- (d) the analysis of the data,
- (e) the safety precautions to be taken.

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2 A student is investigating the performance of a motor vehicle.

The vehicle is driven at a constant speed v on a test track, as shown in Fig. 2.1.

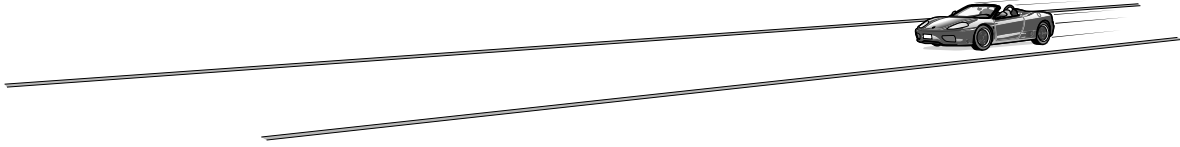


Fig. 2.1

The performance P of the vehicle is the distance travelled per unit volume of fuel, measured in kilometres per litre (km l^{-1}). This is obtained from the vehicle's computer system.

The experiment is repeated for different speeds.

It is suggested that P and v are related by the equation

$$P = kv^m$$

where k and m are constants.

(a) A graph is plotted of $\lg P$ on the y -axis against $\lg v$ on the x -axis.

Determine expressions for the gradient and y -intercept.

gradient =

y -intercept =

[1]



(b) Values of v and P are given in Fig. 2.2.

$v/\text{km h}^{-1}$	$P/\text{km l}^{-1}$	$\lg (v/\text{km h}^{-1})$	$\lg (P/\text{km l}^{-1})$
50	20.5 ± 0.5		
61	16.0 ± 0.5		
71	13.0 ± 0.5		
80	11.0 ± 0.5		
90	9.5 ± 0.5		
99	8.0 ± 0.5		

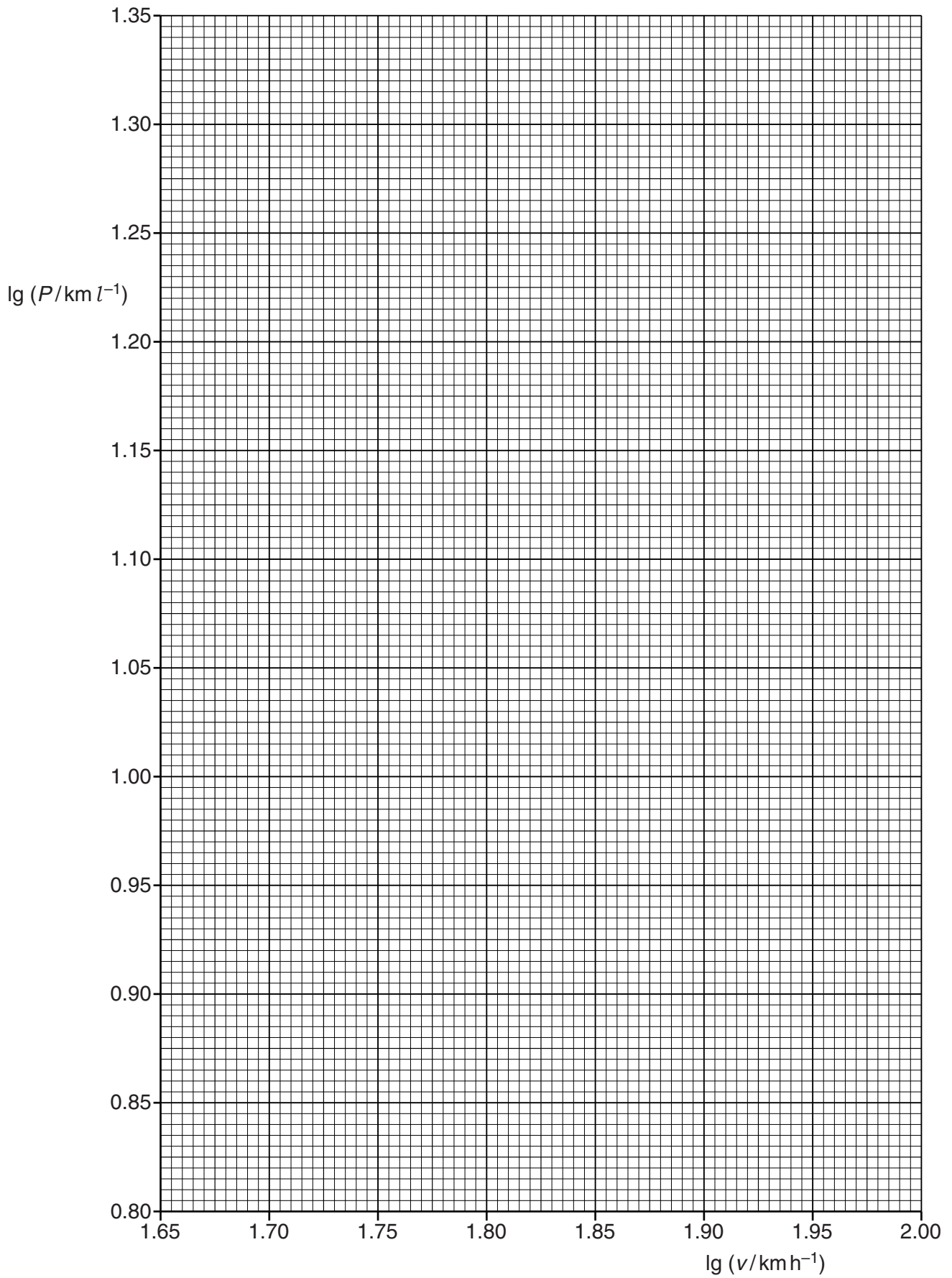
Fig. 2.2

Calculate and record values of $\lg (v/\text{km h}^{-1})$ and $\lg (P/\text{km l}^{-1})$ in Fig. 2.2.
Include the absolute uncertainties in $\lg (P/\text{km l}^{-1})$.

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- (c) (i) Plot a graph of $\lg (P/\text{km l}^{-1})$ against $\lg (v/\text{km h}^{-1})$.
Include error bars for $\lg (P/\text{km l}^{-1})$. [2]
- (ii) Draw the straight line of best fit and a worst acceptable straight line on your graph.
Both lines should be clearly labelled. [2]
- (iii) Determine the gradient of the line of best fit. Include the uncertainty in your answer.

gradient = [2]



- (iv) Determine the y -intercept of the line of best fit. Include the uncertainty in your answer.

y -intercept = [2]

- (d) (i) Using your answers to (a), (c)(iii) and (c)(iv), determine the values of k and m . You need not be concerned with the units of k and m .

k =

m =

[2]

- (ii) Determine the percentage uncertainty in k .

percentage uncertainty in k = %
[1]

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