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## **PHYSICS**

**9702/35**

Paper 3 Advanced Practical Skills 1

**May/June 2024**

**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 motion of a loaded metre rule.

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

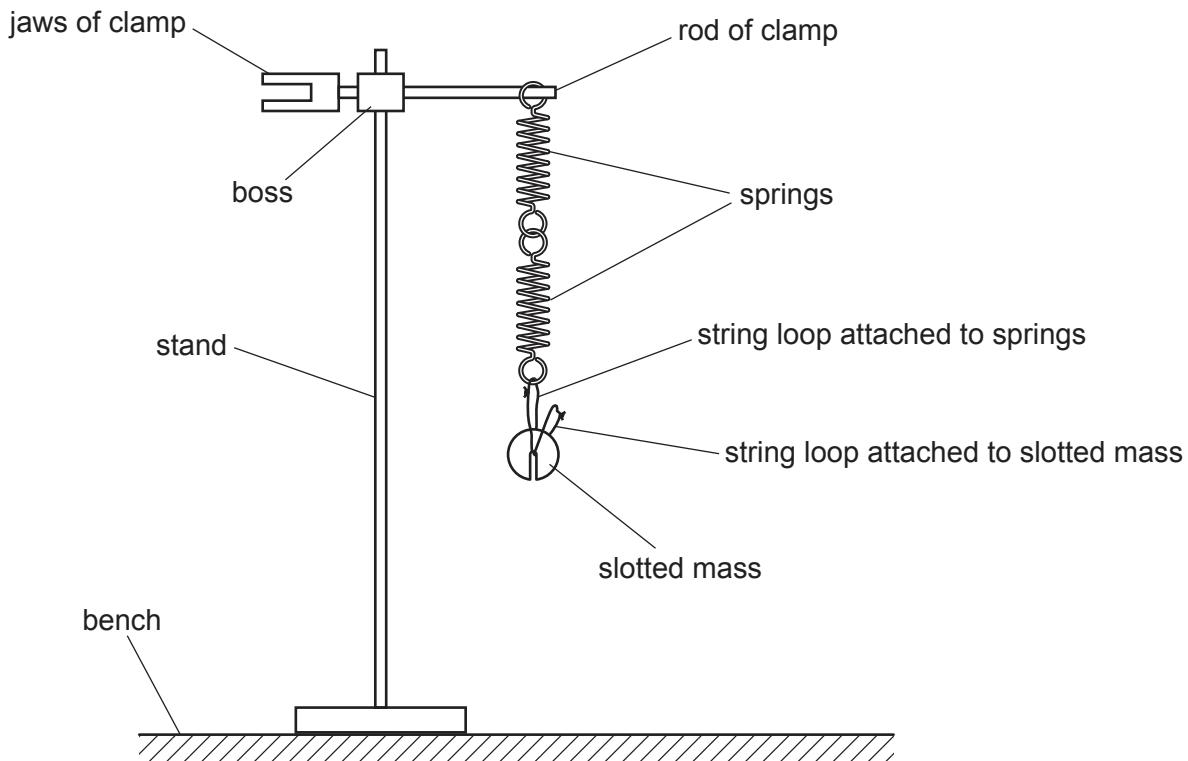


Fig. 1.1

- Place the slotted mass in the string loop attached to the springs.
- Pull the slotted mass downwards through a small distance.
- Release the mass. The mass will oscillate.
- Determine the period  $T_0$  of the oscillations of the mass.

$$T_0 = \dots$$

- Remove the slotted mass from the string loop attached to the springs.

[2]

(b) • Set up the apparatus as shown in Fig. 1.2.

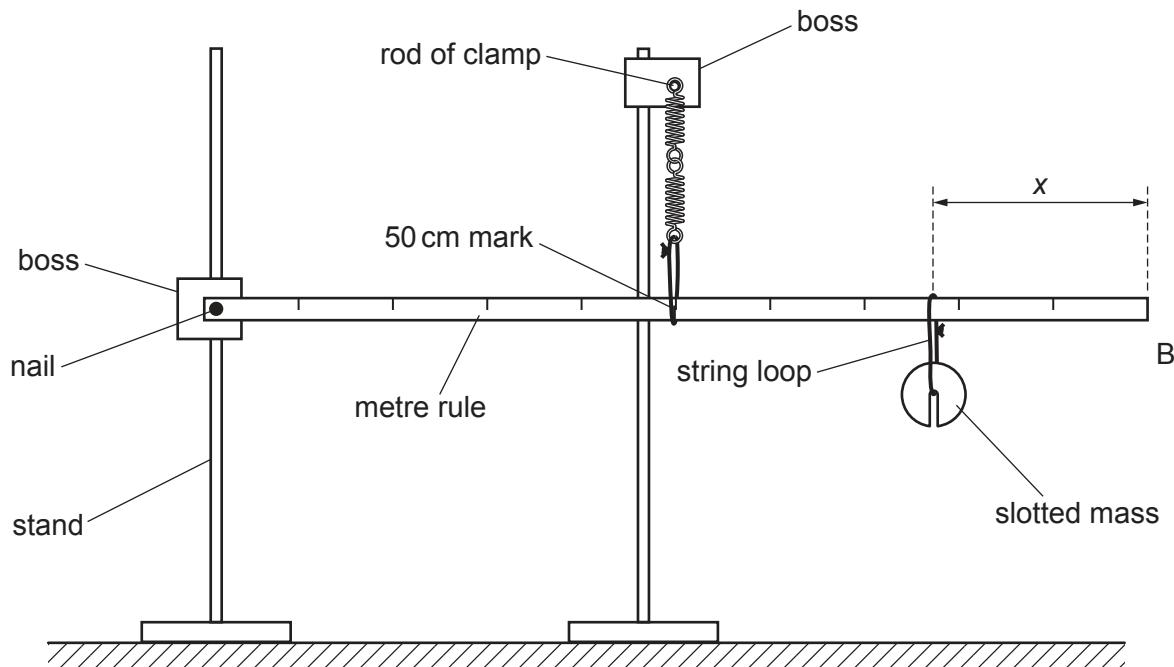


Fig. 1.2

- Position the string loop attached to the springs at the 50 cm mark on the rule. **This string loop must remain in this position throughout the experiment.**
- The distance between the string loop supporting the slotted mass and the end B of the rule is  $x$ .

Position the mass so that  $x$  is approximately 20 cm.

- Adjust the apparatus so that the rule is parallel to the bench and the springs are vertical.
- Record  $x$ .

$$x = \dots$$

- Pull B downwards through a small distance.
- Release B. The rule will oscillate.
- Determine the period  $T$  of the oscillations of the rule.

$$T = \dots$$

[1]

(c) Change  $x$  by moving the mass along the rule. For each value of  $x$ , adjust the apparatus so that the rule is parallel to the bench and the springs are vertical, then determine  $T$ .

Repeat until you have six sets of values of  $x$  and  $T$  with  $x$  in the range  $10\text{ cm} \leq x \leq 40\text{ cm}$ .

Record your results in a table. Include values of  $(T - T_0)^2$  in your table.

[9]

(d) (i) Plot a graph of  $(T - T_0)^2$  on the  $y$ -axis against  $x$  on the  $x$ -axis. [3]

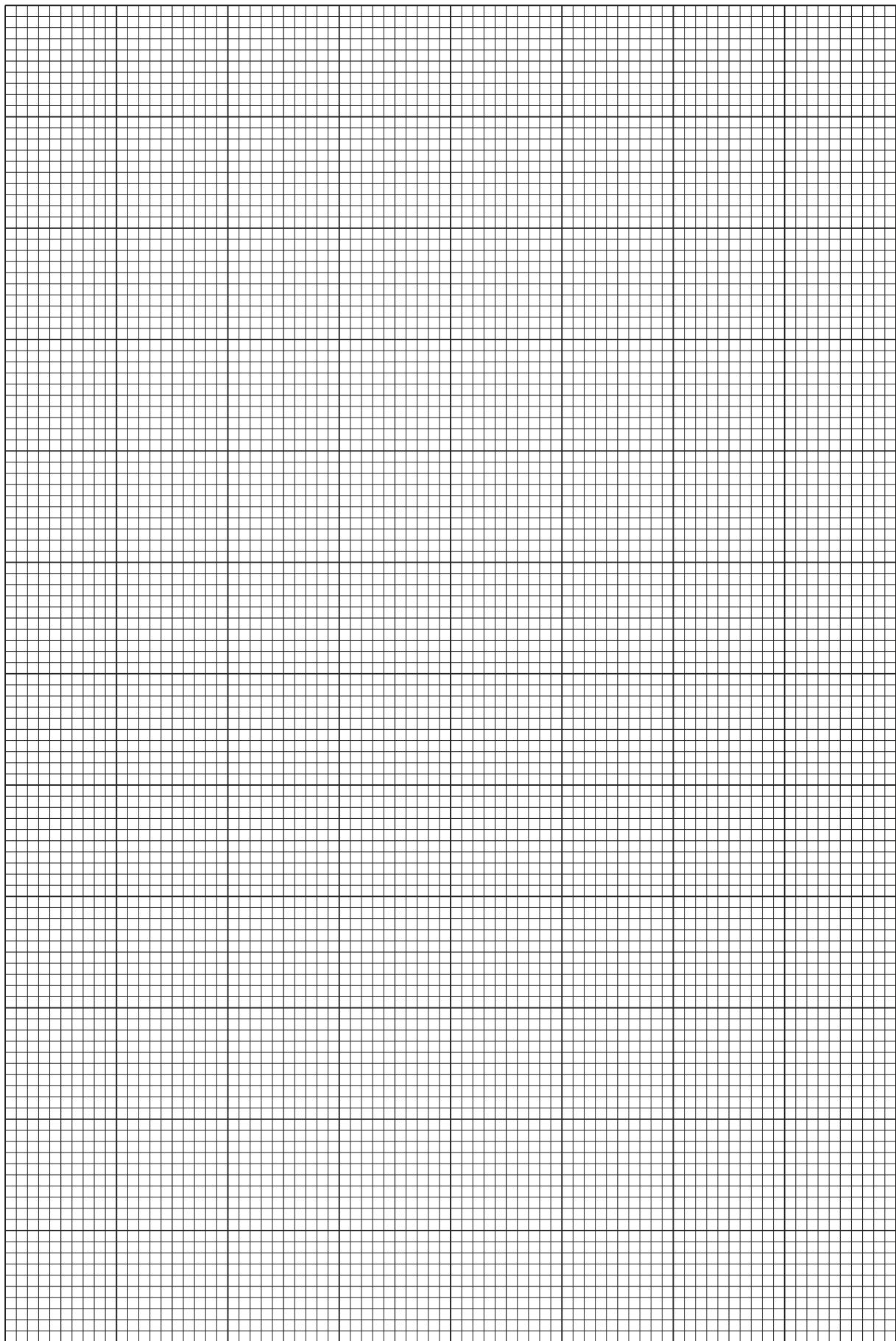
(ii) Draw the straight line of best fit. [1]

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

gradient = .....

$y$ -intercept = .....

[2]



(e) It is suggested that the quantities  $T$ ,  $T_0$  and  $x$  are related by the equation

$$(T - T_0)^2 = -Px + Q$$

where  $P$  and  $Q$  are constants.

Using your answers in (d)(iii), determine the values of  $P$  and  $Q$ .  
Give appropriate units.

$$P = \dots$$

$$Q = \dots$$

[2]

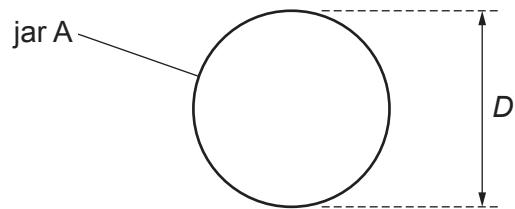
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**2** In this experiment, you will investigate the optical properties of glass jars.

You have been provided with two glass jars A and B, each containing water. Each jar has a lid.

**(a)** The diameter of jar A is  $D$ , as shown in Fig. 2.1.



**Fig. 2.1**

Measure and record  $D$ .

$D = \dots \dots \dots$  [1]

(b) (i) • Hold the nail next to jar A, as shown in Fig. 2.2.

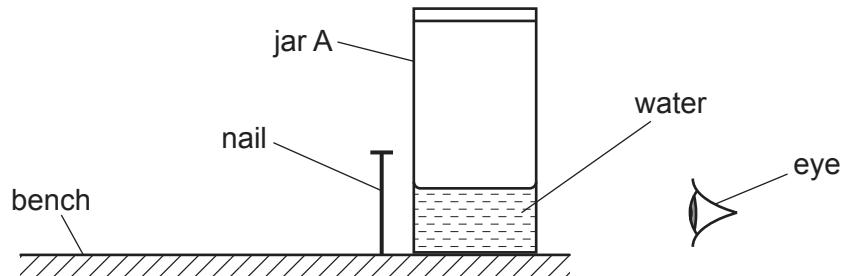


Fig. 2.2

- Close one eye and look at the nail **through the water**.

The bottom of the nail seen through the water will appear to be wider than the top of the nail, as shown in Fig. 2.3.

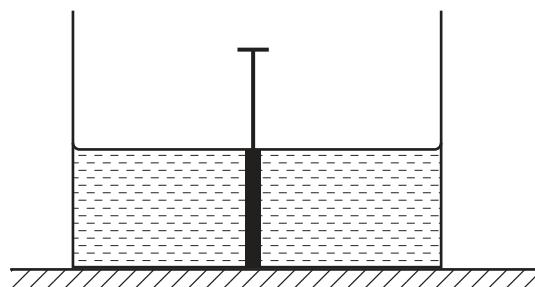


Fig. 2.3

- Move the nail away from the jar. The bottom of the nail will appear to become wider until it suddenly disappears. Hold the nail at this point.
- The distance between the nail and jar A is  $y$ , as shown in Fig. 2.4.

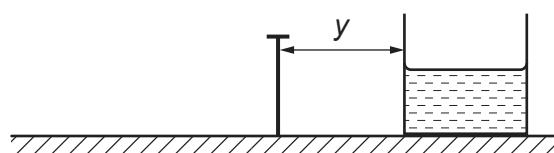


Fig. 2.4

Measure and record  $y$ .

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

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

percentage uncertainty = ..... % [1]

(iii) The radius  $r$  of jar A is given by

$$r = \frac{D}{2}.$$

Calculate  $(r + y)$ .

$(r + y) =$  ..... [1]

(c) Repeat (a), (b)(i) and (b)(iii) using jar B.

$D =$  .....

$y =$  .....

$(r + y) =$  .....  
[3]

(d) It is suggested that the relationship between  $r$  and  $y$  is

$$\frac{(r + y)}{r} = k$$

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]

(e) It is suggested that the percentage uncertainty in the values of  $k$  is 20%.

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

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(f) • View the nail through the lens as shown in Fig. 2.5.

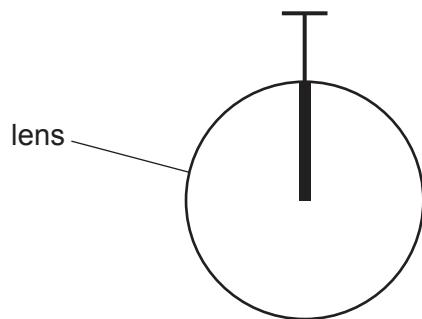


Fig. 2.5

- Increase the distance between the nail and the lens until the bottom of the nail seen through the lens disappears.
- Measure and record the distance  $y$  between the nail and the surface of the lens.

$$y = \dots$$

- Use your second value of  $k$  to determine a value of  $r$  for the lens. Give an appropriate unit.

$$r = \dots$$

[1]

(g) (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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