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## **PHYSICS**

**9702/35**

Paper 3 Advanced Practical Skills 1

**October/November 2023**

**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 determine the resistivity of a metal.

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

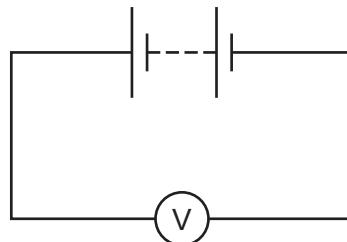


Fig. 1.1

- The voltmeter reading is  $E$ .

Record  $E$ .

$$E = \dots \text{ V}$$

- Set up the circuit shown in Fig. 1.2.

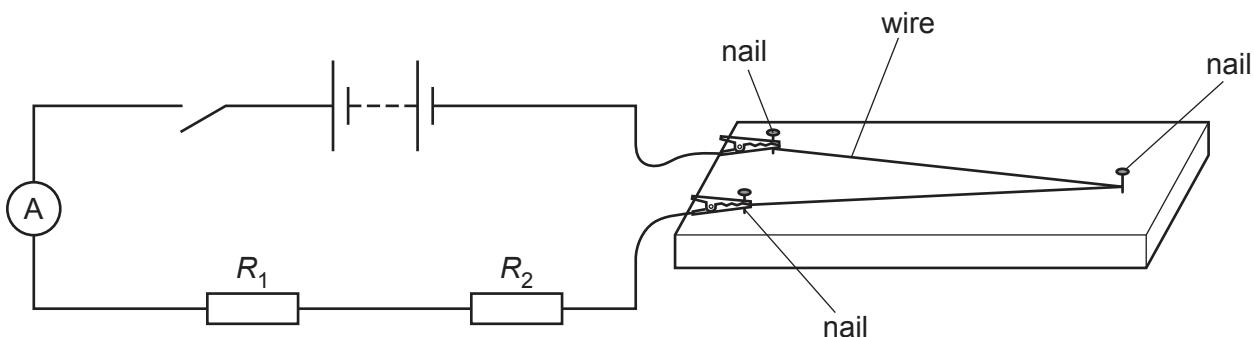


Fig. 1.2 (not to scale)

- You have been provided with several resistors, each with a different value of resistance.

Select resistors and connect them so that  $R_1 = 33\Omega$  and  $R_2 = 56\Omega$ .

- Record  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ .

$$R_1 = \dots$$

$$R_2 = \dots$$

- Calculate  $(R_1 + R_2)$ .

$$(R_1 + R_2) = \dots$$

- Close the switch.
- The ammeter reading is  $I$ .

Record  $I$ .

$$I = \dots \text{ mA}$$

- Open the switch.

[1]

(b) Change the values of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  to provide six different values of  $(R_1 + R_2)$ .

For each arrangement, record values of  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $I$  in a table. Include values of  $(R_1 + R_2)$  and  $\frac{1}{I}$  in your table.

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(c) (i) Plot a graph of  $\frac{1}{I}$  on the  $y$ -axis against  $(R_1 + R_2)$  on the  $x$ -axis. [3]

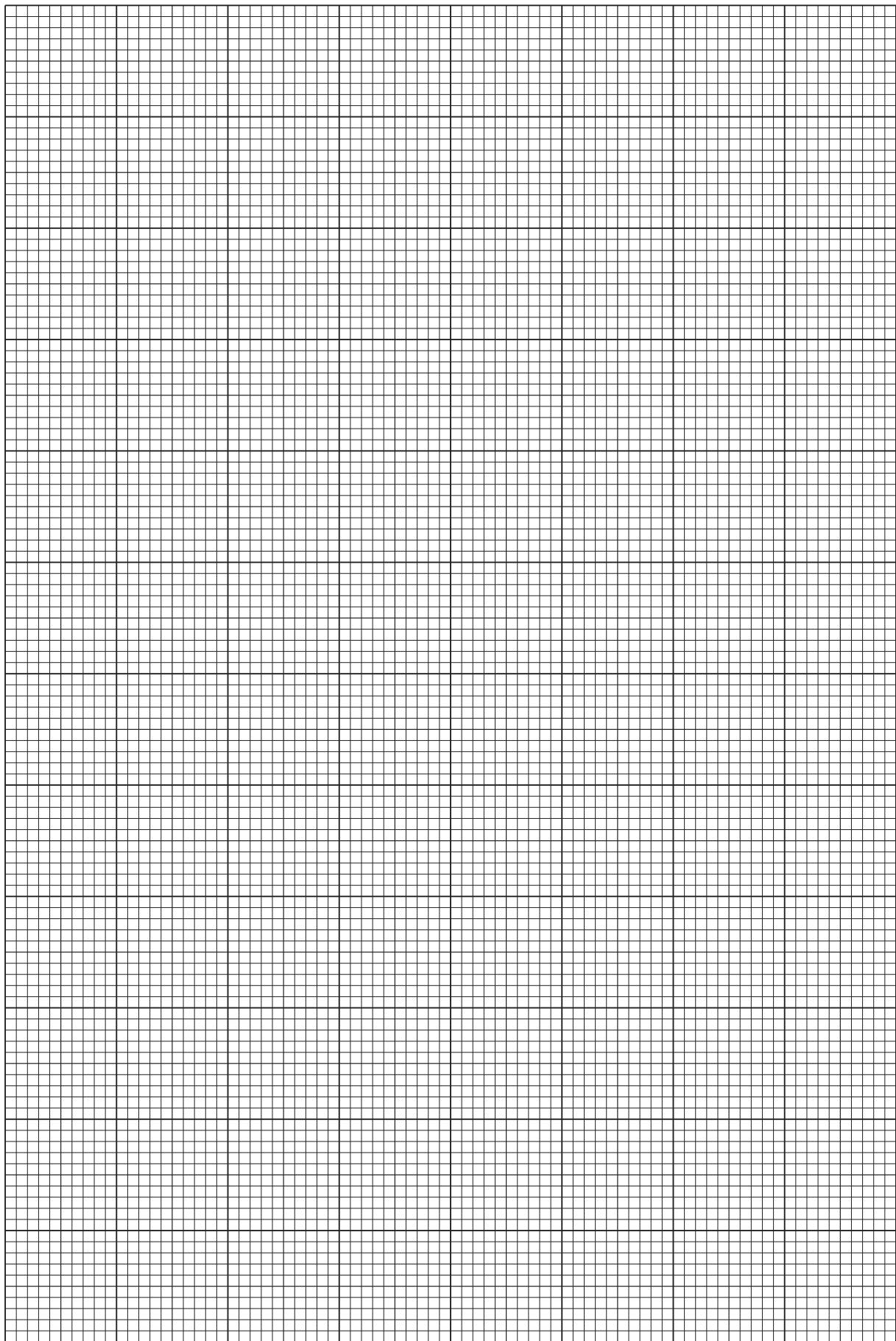
(ii) Draw the straight line of best fit. [1]

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

gradient = .....

$y$ -intercept = .....

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(d) It is suggested that the quantities  $I$ ,  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are related by the equation

$$\frac{1}{I} = F(R_1 + R_2) + G$$

where  $F$  and  $G$  are constants.

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

$$F = \dots$$

$$G = \dots$$

[2]

(e) (i) Use the micrometer to measure the diameter  $d$  of the wire.

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

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

$$G = \frac{4\rho L}{\pi d^2 E}$$

where  $L$  is 0.560 m and  $\rho$  is the resistivity of the metal of the wire.

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

$$\rho = \dots \Omega \text{m} \quad [1]$$

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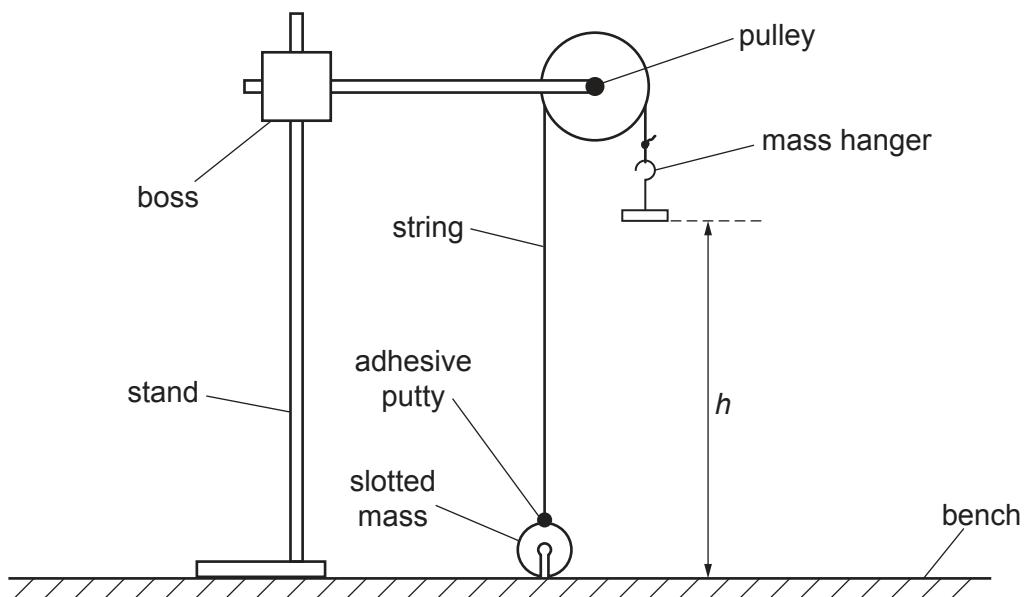
2 In this experiment, you will investigate the movement of a mass hanger.

(a) You are provided with a number of paper clips.

Use the top-pan balance to determine the mass  $m$  of **one** paper clip.

*m* = ..... g [1]

(b) (i) • Set up the apparatus as shown in Fig. 2.1.



**Fig. 2.1** (not to scale)

- Lower the slotted mass until it just touches the bench.
- The distance between the bottom of the mass hanger and the bench is  $h$ , as shown in Fig. 2.1.

Measure and record  $h$ .

*h* = ..... cm [1]

(ii) • Add just enough paper clips to the mass hanger so that it falls smoothly to the bench without stopping.

• Record the total number  $N$  of paper clips on the mass hanger.

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

(iii) • Adjust the position of the slotted mass so that it is just touching the bench again.

• Release the slotted mass and measure the time  $t$  for the mass hanger and  $N$  paper clips to fall to the bench.

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

(iv) Estimate the percentage uncertainty in your value of  $t$ . Show your working.

$$\text{percentage uncertainty} = \dots \% \quad [1]$$

(v) The acceleration  $a$  of the mass hanger is given by the relationship

$$a = \frac{2h}{t^2}$$

Calculate  $a$ .

$$a = \dots \text{ cm s}^{-2} \quad [1]$$

(vi) Justify the number of significant figures that you have given for your value of  $a$ .

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(c) • Add two more paper clips to the mass hanger.  
 • Record the total number  $N$  of paper clips on the mass hanger.

$$N = \dots$$

• Repeat (b)(iii) and (b)(v).

$$t = \dots$$

$$a = \dots \text{ cm s}^{-2}$$

[2]

(d) It is suggested that the relationship between  $a$ ,  $m$  and  $N$  is

$$\frac{k}{a} = 1 + \frac{2Z}{Nm}$$

where  $Z$  is the mass of the slotted mass and has the value 10.0 g, and  $k$  is a constant.

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

$$\text{first value of } k = \dots$$

$$\text{second value of } k = \dots$$

[1]

(e) It is suggested that the percentage uncertainty in the values of  $k$  is 25%.

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

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(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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(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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