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

(a) You have been provided with a metre rule with a string attached to it.

- Set up the apparatus as shown in Fig. 1.1.

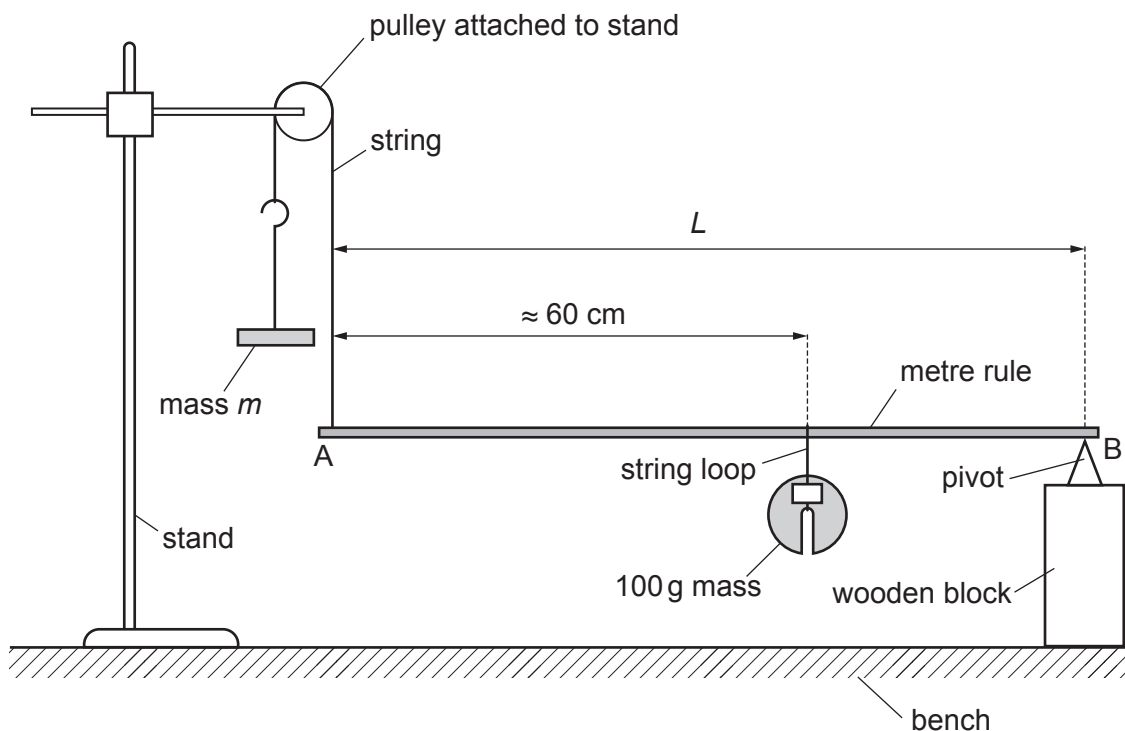


Fig. 1.1

- Add masses to the mass hanger so that mass m is 80 g.
- Adjust the pivot so that it is 5 mm from end B of the rule. The distance between the string at end A and the pivot is L .
- Measure and record L .

$L = \dots\dots\dots$

- Adjust the string loop supporting the 100 g mass so that it is approximately 60 cm from end A.
- Hold the rule at end A so that the rule is approximately horizontal.

- Adjust the position of the string loop to find the position where end A is just about to move **upwards** when the rule is released. The distance between the string at end A and the string loop is y_1 as shown in Fig. 1.2.

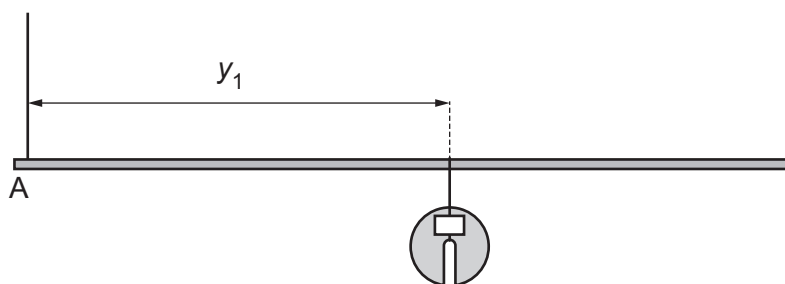


Fig. 1.2

- Measure and record y_1 .

$y_1 =$

- Adjust the position of the string loop to find the position where end A is just about to move **downwards** when the rule is released. The distance between the string at end A and the string loop is y_2 .
- Measure and record y_2 .

$y_2 =$

- Calculate y where

$$y = \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}.$$

$y =$

[3]

- (b) Increase m . Measure the new values of y_1 and y_2 .

Repeat until you have five sets of values of m , y_1 and y_2 .

Record your results in a table. Include values of y in your table.

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- (c) (i) Plot a graph of y on the y -axis against m on the x -axis.

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- (ii) Draw the straight line of best fit.

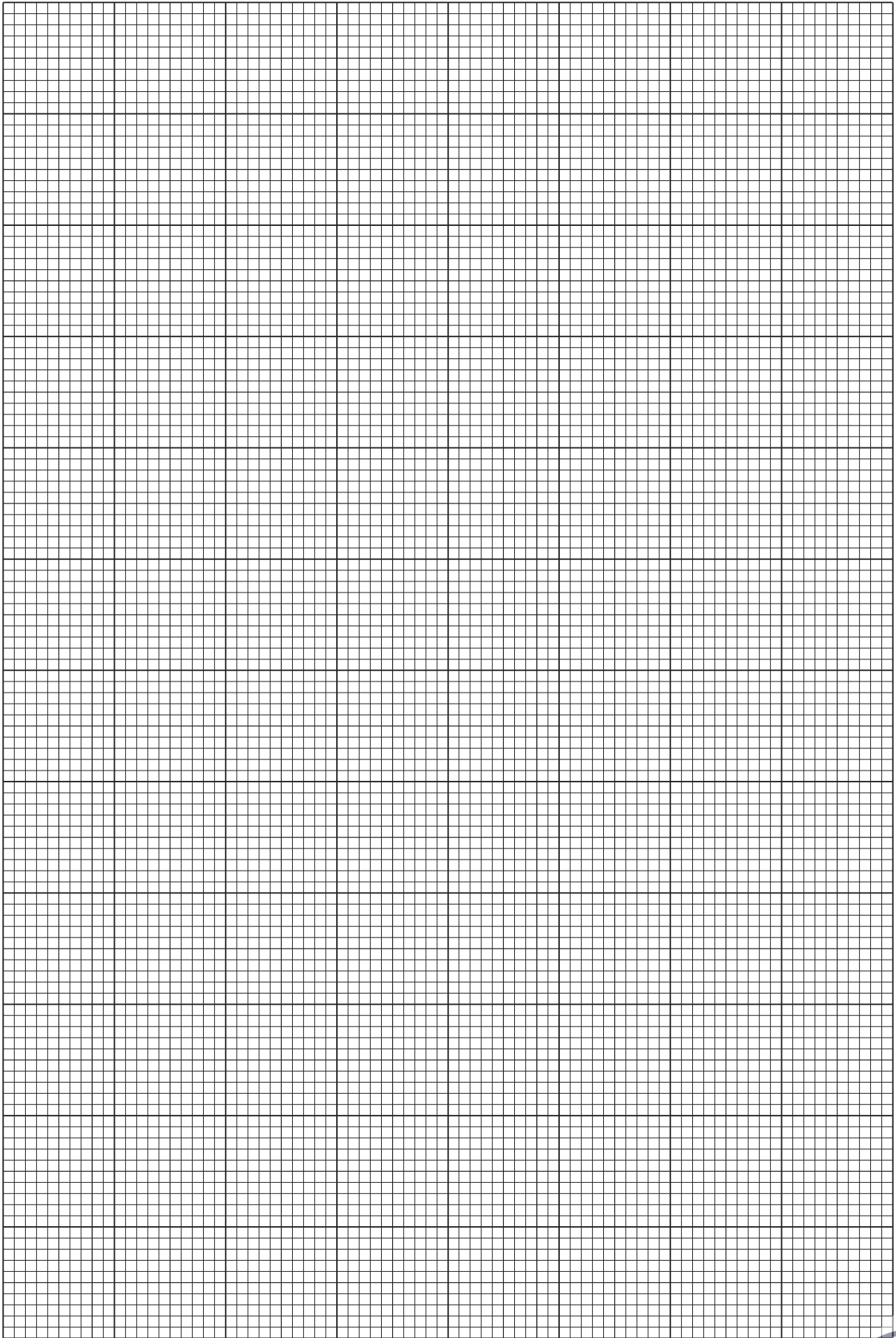
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- (iii) Determine the gradient and y -intercept of this line.

gradient =

y -intercept =

[2]



- (d) It is suggested that the quantities y and m are related by the equation

$$y = Am + B$$

where A and B are constants.

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

$$A = \dots\dots\dots$$

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

- (e) Theory suggests that

$$B = L - \frac{RA}{2}$$

where R is the mass of the metre rule.

Determine a value for R .
Give your answer to three significant figures.

$$R = \dots\dots\dots [1]$$

[Total: 20]

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2 In this experiment, you will investigate the result of a collision between two cylinders.

- (a) • The wooden cylinder labelled A has diameter D .

Measure and record D .

$D =$

- The wooden cylinder labelled B has diameter d .

Measure and record d .

$d =$ [2]

- (b) (i) You have been provided with a wooden strip with a line drawn on one face.

- Use the stand, boss and clamp to set up the wooden strip in the position shown in Fig. 2.1. The end near the line should touch the bench and the other end should be approximately 5 cm above the bench.

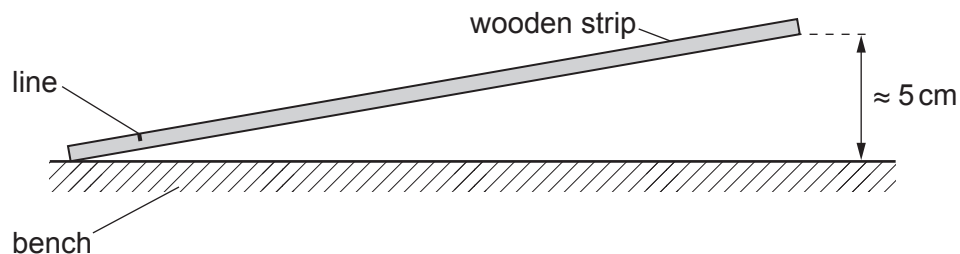


Fig. 2.1

- Place cylinder B approximately 30 cm from the end of the strip.

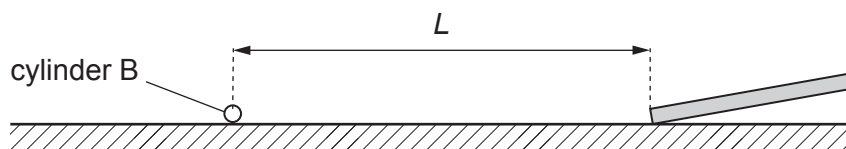


Fig. 2.2

- The distance between the end of the strip and B is L , as shown in Fig. 2.2.

Measure and record L .

$L =$ [1]

- (ii) • Place cylinder A on the line on the strip as shown in Fig. 2.3.

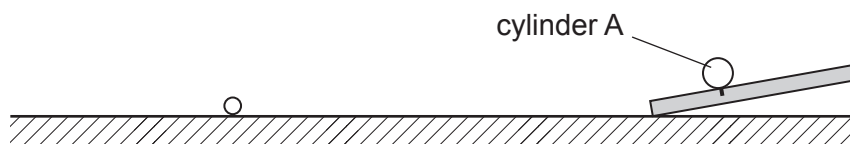


Fig. 2.3

- Release A.
- A will roll down the strip and along the bench until it collides with B.

B will roll and then come to rest as shown in Fig. 2.4.

The distance between B and the end of the strip is l , as shown in Fig. 2.4.



Fig. 2.4

Measure and record l .

$l =$ [2]

- (iii) Estimate the percentage uncertainty in your value of l . Show your working.

percentage uncertainty = [1]

- (iv) Calculate $(l - L)^2$.

$(l - L)^2 =$ [1]

- (c) • Measure and record the diameter D of cylinder C.

$$D = \dots\dots\dots$$

- Using cylinder C instead of cylinder A on the wooden strip, repeat **(b)(i)**, **(b)(ii)** and **(b)(iv)**.

$$L = \dots\dots\dots$$

$$l = \dots\dots\dots$$

$$(l - L)^2 = \dots\dots\dots$$

[3]

(d) It is suggested that the relationship between l , L , D and d is

$$(l - L)^2 = k(D - d)^3$$

where k is a constant.

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

first value of k =

second value of k =

[1]

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

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 [1]

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

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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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