

2 In this experiment, you will investigate the elastic properties of rubber cord.

- (a) (i) You are provided with a wire with a clip and two slotted masses attached, as shown in Fig. 2.1.

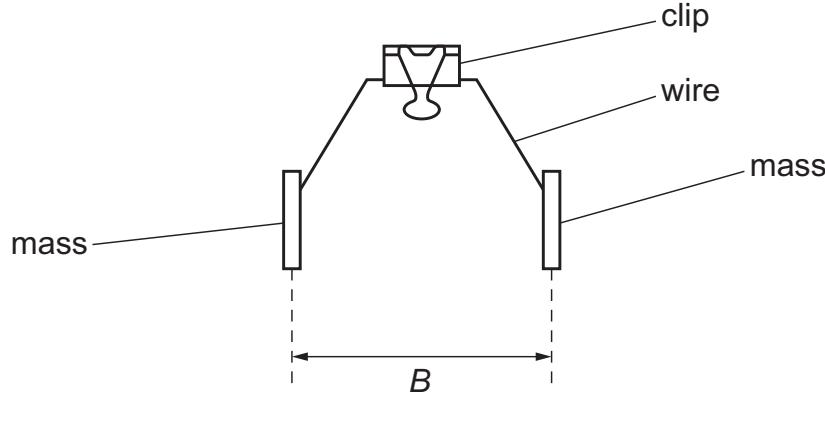


Fig. 2.1

The distance between the centres of the two slotted masses is  $B$ , as shown in Fig. 2.1.

Measure and record  $B$ .

$B = \dots\dots\dots$  [1]

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

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

- (b) (i) • You are provided with two lengths of rubber cord. Select the **longer** cord.  
 • The diameter of the cord is  $d$ .  
 Measure and record  $d$ .

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

- (ii) • Suspend the clip, wire and masses using the **longer** cord secured in the two clips, as shown in Fig. 2.2.

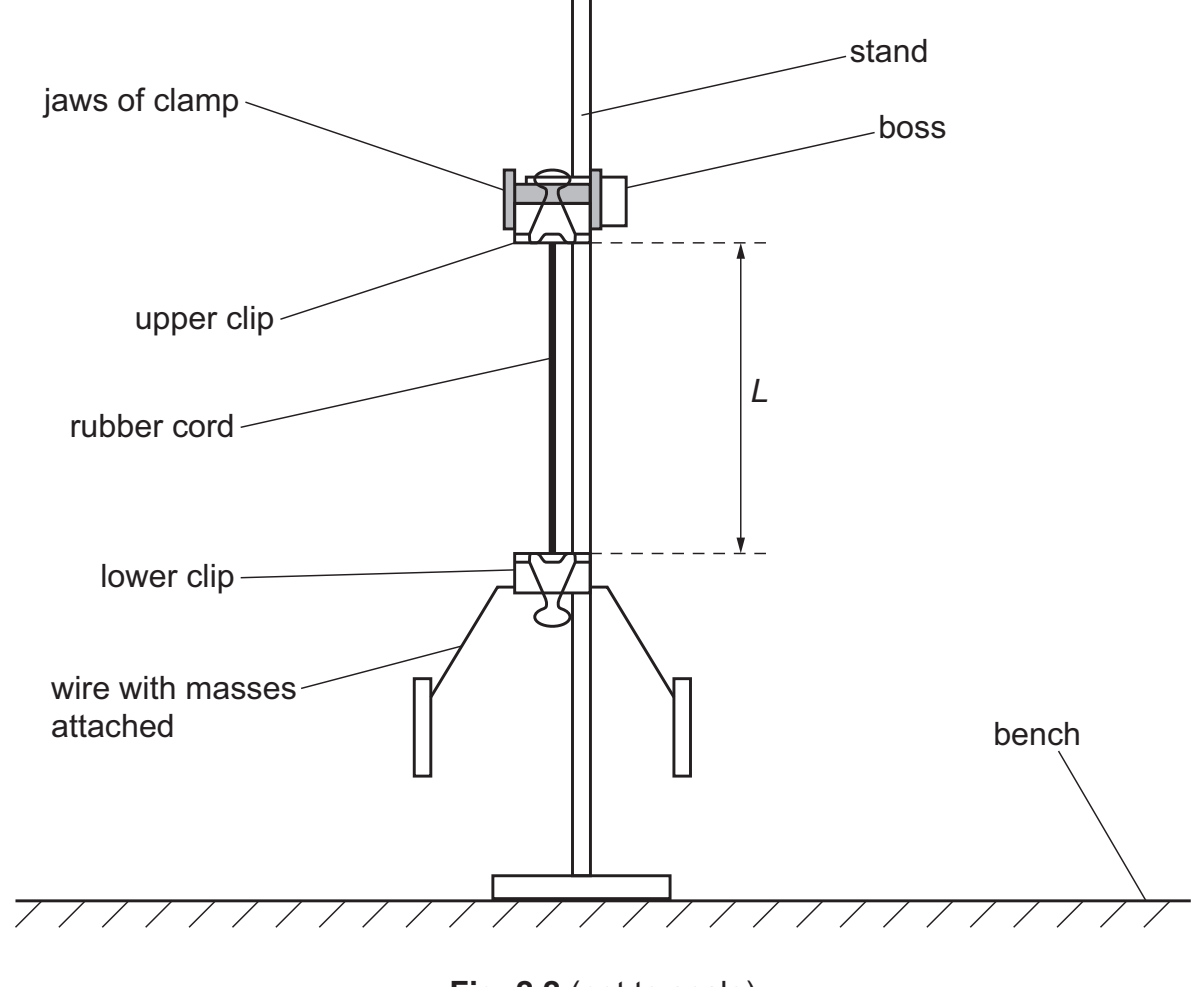


Fig. 2.2 (not to scale)

- The length of cord between the two clips is  $L$ , as shown in Fig. 2.2.  
 Measure and record  $L$ .

$L = \dots\dots\dots$  [1]

- (iii) • Keeping the cord vertical, rotate the lower clip through approximately  $180^\circ$  and release the clip. The clip will rotate with a small number of oscillations.  
 • Take measurements to determine the period  $T$  of these oscillations.

$T = \dots\dots\dots$  s [2]

- (c) Using the **shorter** length of rubber cord, repeat (b).

$d = \dots\dots\dots$

$L = \dots\dots\dots$

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

- (d) It is suggested that the relationship between  $T$ ,  $B$ ,  $L$  and  $d$  is

$$T^2 = \frac{B^2 L}{k d^4}$$

where  $k$  is a constant.

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

first value of  $k = \dots\dots\dots$

second value of  $k = \dots\dots\dots$  [4]

- (ii) Justify the number of significant figures that you have given for your values of  $k$ .

.....  
 .....  
 ..... [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).

.....  
 .....  
 ..... [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.

1 .....

.....

2 .....

.....

3 .....

.....

4 .....

..... [4]

- (ii) Describe **four** improvements that could be made to this experiment. You may suggest the use of other apparatus or different procedures.

1 .....

.....

2 .....

.....

3 .....

..... [4]