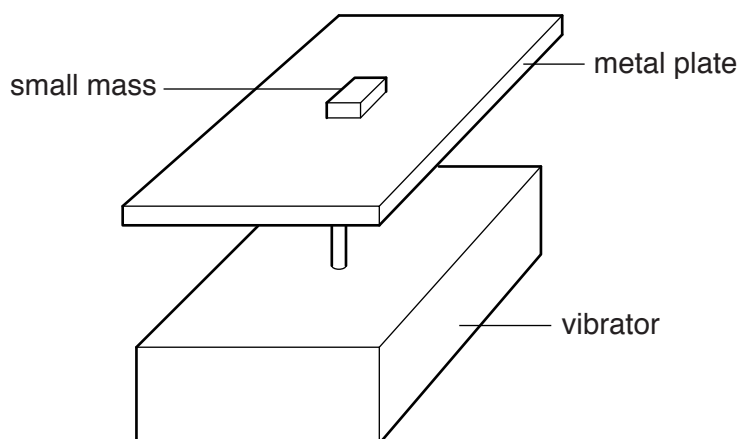




- 1 A student is investigating simple harmonic motion using an electric vibrator. A plate is attached to the top of the electric vibrator. A small mass is placed on the metal plate as shown in Fig. 1.1.



**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.

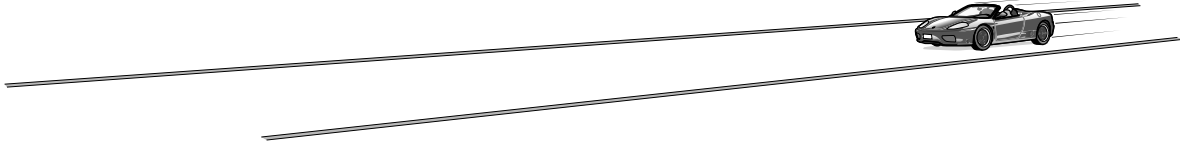


Fig. 2.1

The performance  $P$  of the vehicle is the distance travelled per unit volume of fuel, measured in kilometres per litre ( $\text{km l}^{-1}$ ). 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	$20.5 \pm 0.5$		
61	$16.0 \pm 0.5$		
71	$13.0 \pm 0.5$		
80	$11.0 \pm 0.5$		
90	$9.5 \pm 0.5$		
99	$8.0 \pm 0.5$		

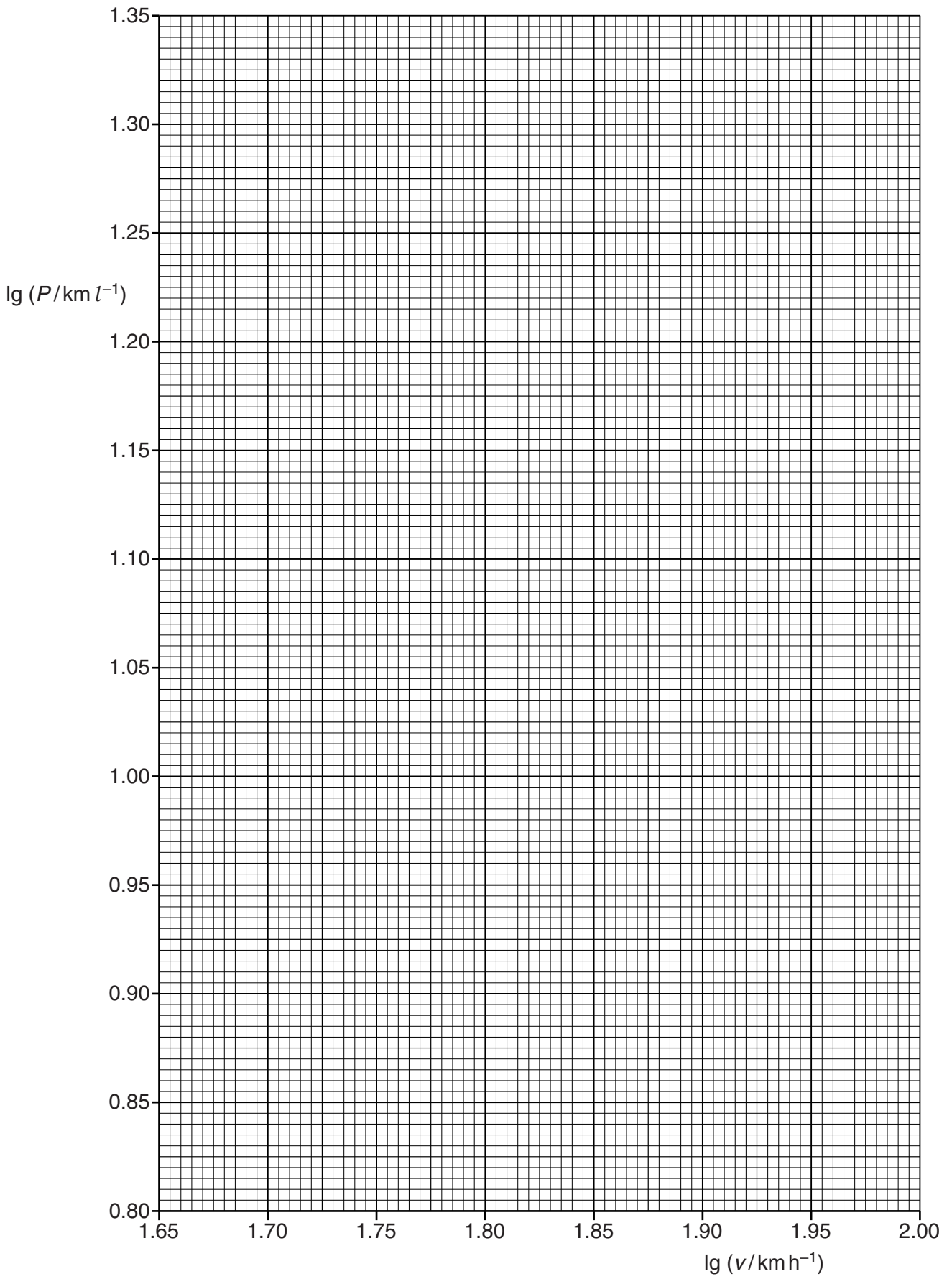

**Fig. 2.2**

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  $\lg (P/\text{km l}^{-1})$ .

[3]

- (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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