Measurement Techniques

Question paper 3

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1 A microphone detects a musical note of frequency *f*. The microphone is connected to a cathode-ray oscilloscope (c.r.o.). The signal from the microphone is observed on the c.r.o. as illustrated in Fig. 2.1.

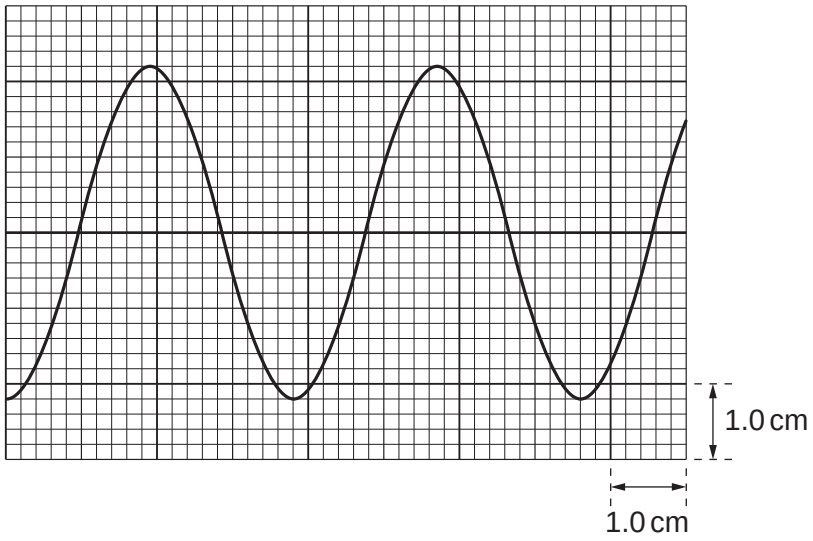

Fig. 2.1

The time-base setting of the c.r.o. is 0.50 ms cm^{-1}. The Y-plate setting is 2.5 mV cm^{-1}.

(a) Use Fig. 2.1 to determine

(i) the amplitude of the signal,

amplitude = ... mV [2]

(ii) the frequency *f*,

f = ... Hz [3]

(iii) the actual uncertainty in *f* caused by reading the scale on the c.r.o.

actual uncertainty = ... Hz [2]

(b) State *f* with its actual uncertainty.

f = ... ± ..... Hz [1]

2 A source of radio waves sends a pulse towards a reflector. The pulse returns from the reflector and is detected at the same point as the source. The emitted and reflected pulses are recorded on a cathode-ray oscilloscope (c.r.o.) as shown in Fig. 2.1.

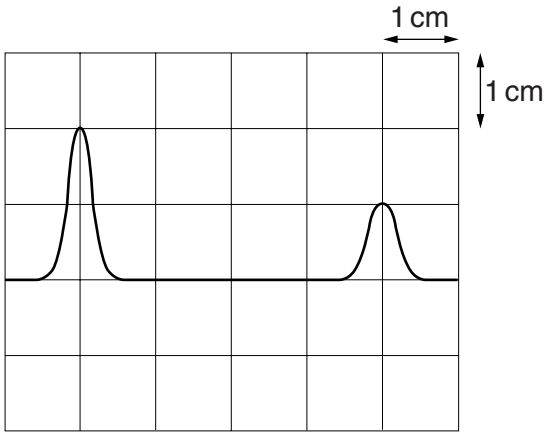

Fig. 2.1

The time-base setting is $0.20\,\mu s\,cm^{-1}$.

(a) Using Fig. 2.1, determine the distance between the source and the reflector.

distance = ... m [4]

(b) Determine the time-base setting required to produce the same separation of pulses on the c.r.o. when sound waves are used instead of radio waves.
The speed of sound is $300\,m\,s^{-1}$.

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3 **(a)** A metal wire of constant resistance is used in an electric heater.

In order not to overload the circuit for the heater, the supply voltage to the heater is reduced from 230 V to 220 V.

Determine the percentage reduction in the power output of the heater.

reduction = ... % [2]

(b) A uniform wire AB of length 100 cm is connected between the terminals of a cell of e.m.f. 1.5 V and negligible internal resistance, as shown in Fig. 6.1.

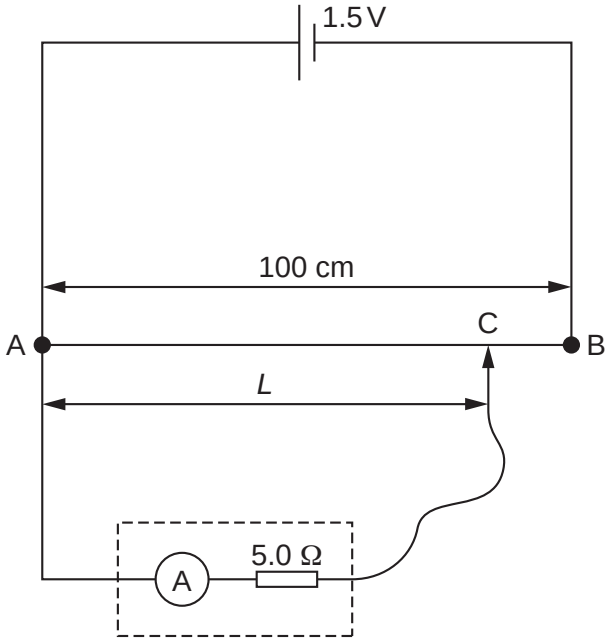

Fig. 6.1

An ammeter of internal resistance 5.0 Ω is connected to end A of the wire and to a contact C that can be moved along the wire.

Determine the reading on the ammeter for the contact C placed

(i) at A,

reading = ... A [1]

(ii) at B.

reading = ... A [1]

(c) Using the circuit in **(b)**, the ammeter reading *I* is recorded for different distances *L* of the contact C from end A of the wire. Some data points are shown on Fig. 6.2.

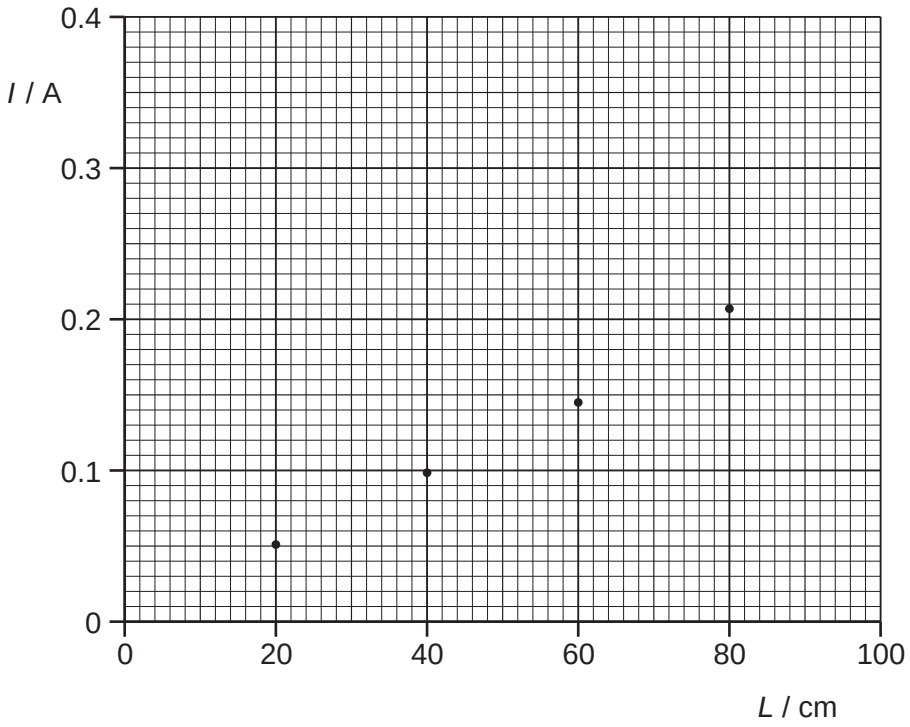

Fig. 6.2

(i) Use your answers in **(b)** to plot data points on Fig. 6.2 corresponding to the contact C placed at end A and at end B of the wire. [1]

(ii) Draw a line of best fit for all of the data points and hence determine the ammeter reading for contact C placed at the midpoint of the wire.

reading = ... A [1]

(iii) Use your answer in **(ii)** to calculate the potential difference between A and the contact C for the contact placed at the midpoint of AB.

potential difference = ... V [2]

(d) Explain why, although the contact C is at the midpoint of wire AB, the answer in **(c)(iii)** is **not** numerically equal to one half of the e.m.f. of the cell.

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4 A student investigates the speed of a trolley as it rolls down a slope, as illustrated in Fig. 2.1.

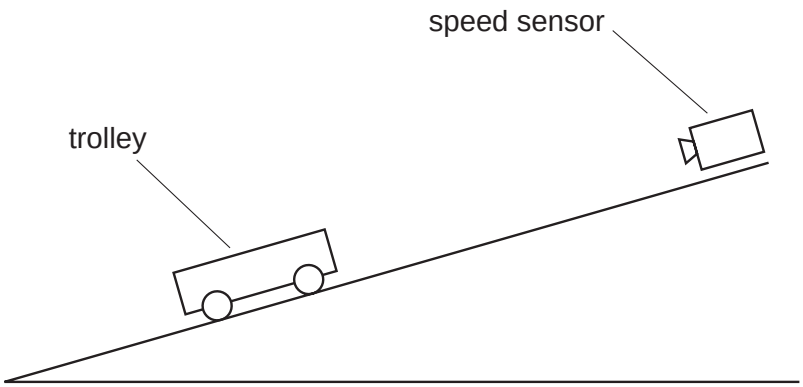

Fig. 2.1

The speed v of the trolley is measured using a speed sensor for different values of the time t that the trolley has moved from rest down the slope.

Fig. 2.2 shows the variation with t of v.

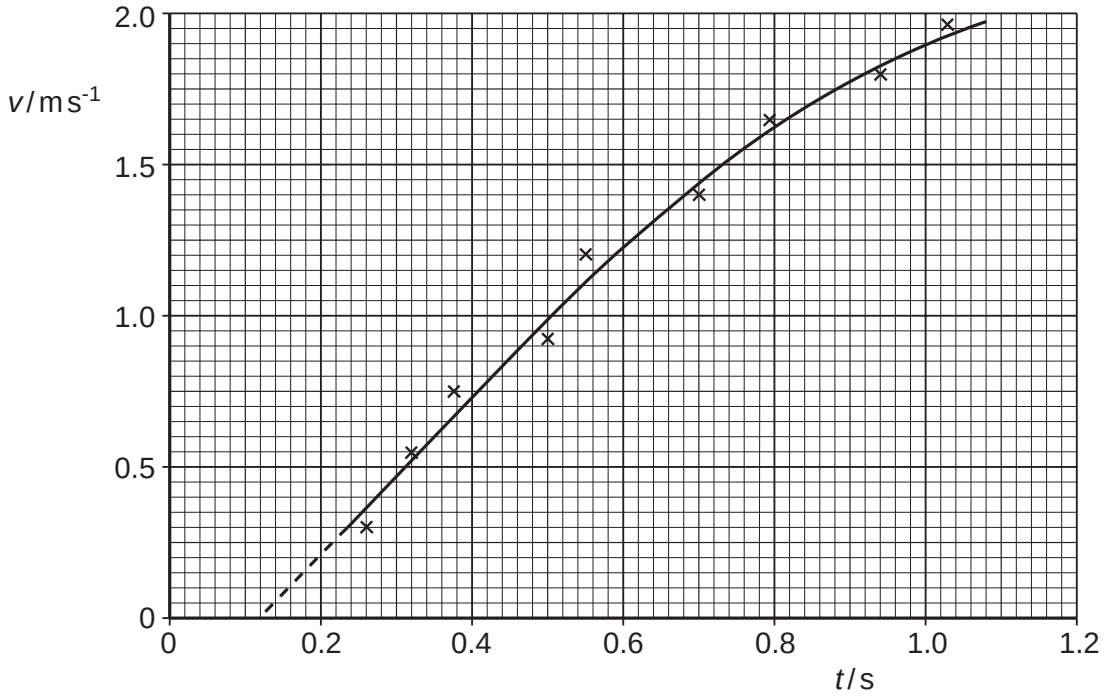

Fig. 2.2

(a) Use Fig. 2.2 to determine the acceleration of the trolley at the point on the graph where $t = 0.80$ s.

acceleration = ... $m\,s^{-2}$ [4]

(b) **(i)** State whether the acceleration is increasing or decreasing for values of t greater than 0.6 s. Justify your answer by reference to Fig. 2.2.

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(ii) Suggest an explanation for this change in acceleration.

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(c) Name the feature of Fig. 2.2 that indicates the presence of

(i) random error,

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(ii) systematic error.

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5 **(a)** An incomplete diagram for the magnetic flux pattern due to a current-carrying solenoid is illustrated in Fig. 5.1.

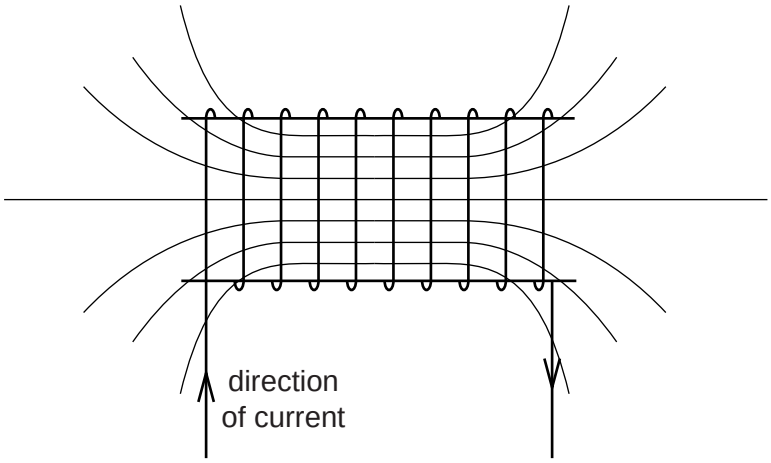

Fig. 5.1

(i) On Fig. 5.1, draw arrows on the field lines to show the direction of the magnetic field. [1]

(ii) State the feature of Fig. 5.1 that indicates that the magnetic field strength at each end of the solenoid is less than that at the centre.

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(b) A Hall probe is placed near one end of the solenoid in **(a)**, as shown in Fig. 5.2.

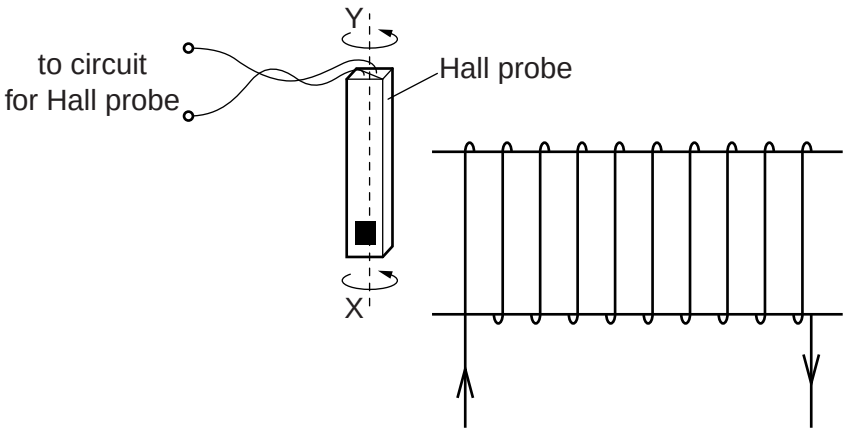

Fig. 5.2

The Hall probe is rotated about the axis XY. State and explain why the magnitude of the Hall voltage varies.

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(c) **(i)** State Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction.

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(ii) The Hall probe in **(b)** is replaced by a small coil of wire connected to a sensitive voltmeter.
State three different ways in which an e.m.f. may be induced in the coil.

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