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2024

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Physics

Unit 3: Practical Skills

Booklet A

Foundation Tier



GPY31

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TIME

2 hours.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided at the top of this page.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this question paper.

Answer **all** questions.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is **30** marks.

Experiment 1 is a practical exercise worth 15 marks.

Experiment 2 is a practical exercise worth 15 marks.

Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

Follow all health and safety instructions.

You may not have access to notes, textbooks and other material to assist you.

You may use a ruler and calculator if required.

The apparatus and materials required to complete the task(s) are provided.

FOR TEACHER USE ONLY

In experiment 2 it is assumed that the candidate was given help to complete the circuit.

If this is **not** the case, please tick the box below.

No help was given

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Experiment 2	
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Experiment 1 Moments

Introduction

A force can cause an object to turn about a pivot.
The force is said to have a moment.

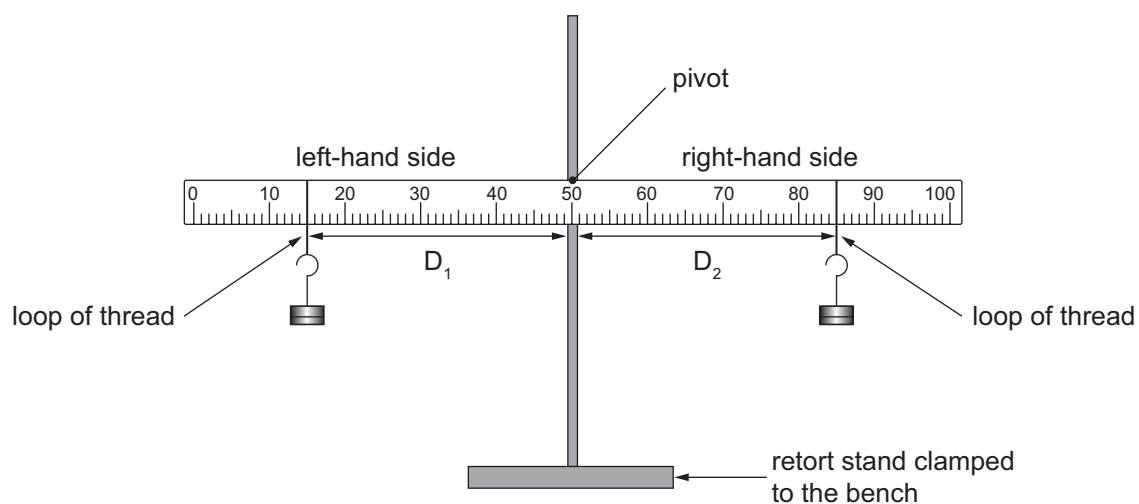
Aim

To carry out an experiment to verify the Principle of Moments.

Apparatus

The apparatus consists of a metre rule pivoted at its mid-point as shown below.

Weight carriers are attached to the metre rule using a loop of thread which allows the weight carriers to be moved along the metre rule.



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The metre rule has already been adjusted so that when no weights are attached it is horizontal (balanced).

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- (iv) Hold the metre rule so that it does not move.
Remove a **1.0 N** weight from the **left-hand side**.
Add a **0.5 N** weight, this provides a force of **2.5 N**.
Move this **2.5 N** force so it is at a distance of **30.0 cm** from the pivot.
Record this weight **W_1** and distance **D_1** from the pivot in **Table 1**.
Record the weight and distance to **one decimal place**.

Add a **1.0 N** weight to the weight carrier on the **right-hand side**, this provides a force of **3.0 N**.

Adjust the position of this **3.0 N** force so that the metre rule is again horizontal (balanced).

Record this weight $\mathbf{W}_2$ and its distance $\mathbf{D}_2$ from the pivot in **Table 1**.

Record the weight and distance to **one decimal place**. [2]

When you have recorded the weights and distances, remove all the weights from the metre rule.

Table 1

	Left-hand side		Right-hand side	
	W_1/N	D_1/cm	W_2/N	D_2/cm
(a) (i) →				
(a) (ii) →				
(a) (iii) →				
(a) (iv) →				

When you have taken all the measurements or when your teacher tells you that 30 minutes are over stop using the apparatus.

To complete the remainder of this assessment you must work alone.

Your teacher will direct you to a place in the room to do this.

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(i) In **Table 2** enter the unit of the anti-clockwise moment and the unit of the clockwise moment. [1]

(ii) Using the values of weight and distance from **Table 1**, complete **Table 2** by calculating the clockwise and the anti-clockwise moments for the values obtained in parts (a)(i) to (iv).

You may use the space below for calculations.

	Anti-clockwise Moment/	Clockwise Moment/
(a) (i) →		
(a) (ii) →		
(a) (iii) →		
(a) (iv) →		

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(c) Interpretation of your data

Your measurements verify the Principle of Moments, explain how.

[2]

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Experiment 2 Resistance of a wire

Introduction

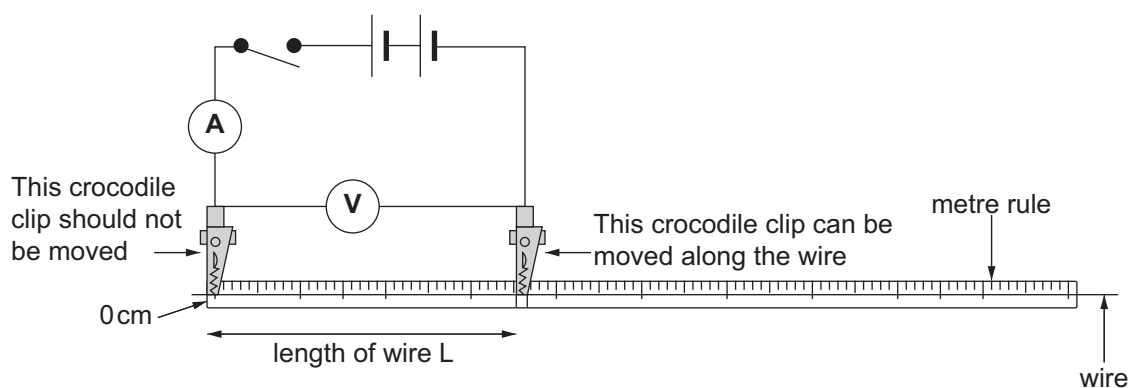
A wire has electrical resistance and the current passing through it will depend on the length of wire.

Aim

The aim of the experiment is to obtain voltage and current measurements for different lengths of a wire at **constant temperature** and use these measurements to calculate the resistance.

You will use your results to plot a graph of the resistance of the wire and its length.

The diagram below shows the circuit that you will use in this experiment.



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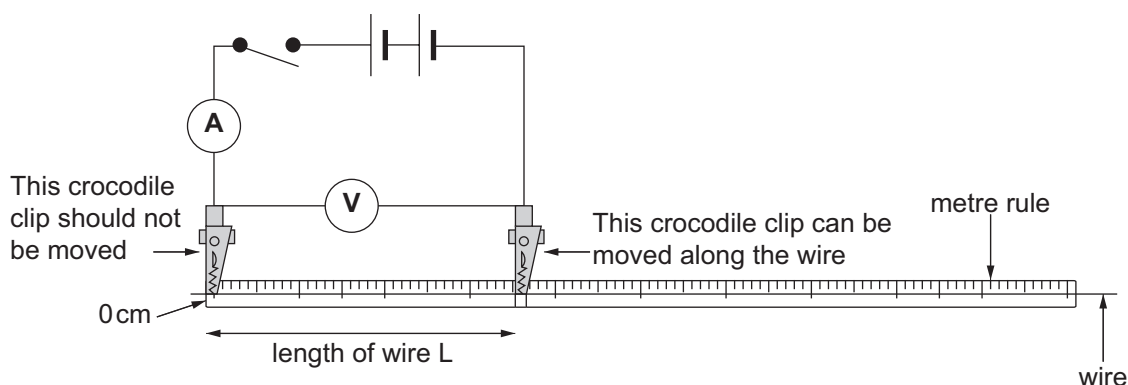
During parts (a)(i) to (a)(iii) you can carry out the practical activity individually or in a group of two or three.

(a) Procedure

- (i) Part of the circuit has already been built.
Complete the circuit by adding the ammeter and voltmeter.

**You must not adjust the power supply during the experiment.
Before proceeding you must have the circuit checked by your teacher.**

[1]



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- (ii) Complete **Table 3** on page 10 by adding the missing units to the headings of **columns 2 and 3**.

[1]

- (iii) Position the moveable crocodile clip so that a 20 cm length (L) of wire is connected into the circuit.
Close the switch and record the voltage and current readings in the table for this length.
Record your readings to **one decimal place**.
Open the switch.

Next, position the moveable crocodile clip so that a 40 cm length of wire is connected into the circuit.
Close the switch and record the voltage and current readings to **one decimal place** in the table.
Open the switch.

Repeat the procedure until you have sets of voltage and current readings for 60 cm and 80 cm lengths of wire.
Open the switch after you have recorded each voltage and current measurement.

[3]

Results

Table 3

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Length of wire L/cm	Voltage/	Current/	
20			
40			
60			
80			

When you have taken all of your measurements or when your teacher tells you that 30 minutes are over stop using the apparatus.

To complete the remainder of the assessment you must work alone.

Your teacher will direct you to a place in the room to do this.

For the remainder of Experiment 2 you must work alone.

(b) Analysis

Using your results recorded in **Table 3**, and the equation below, calculate the resistance for each length of wire.

$$\text{Resistance} = \frac{\text{Voltage}}{\text{Current}}$$

[3]

Record your values of resistance, to **one decimal place**, in **column 4** of **Table 3**.

Add a heading and unit to column 4. [1]

Use the space below for any calculations.

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A student suggested that the resistance and length of the wire should be in direct proportion.

(iii) Explain how the graph confirms this to be true.

[1]

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