

- 10** Diagram 1 shows the apparatus a student uses to investigate the bending of a wooden strip.

Part of the wooden strip is clamped to a table.

A load is fixed to the free end of the wooden strip, causing it to bend.

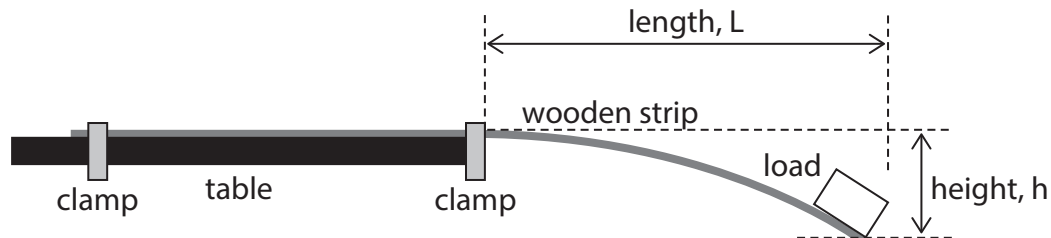


Diagram 1

The free end of the wooden strip is positioned a length, L , beyond the edge of the table, as shown in diagram 1.

The weight of the load causes the end of the wooden strip to move down through a height, h .

A student investigates how the length, L , affects the height, h .

- (a) The load has a mass of 250 g.

Calculate the weight of the load.

Use the formula

$$\text{weight} = \text{mass} \times \text{gravitational field strength, } g$$

(2)

weight = N



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(b) This is the student's method for the investigation.

- clamp the wooden strip so that $L = 20\text{ cm}$
- fix the load to the end of the wooden strip, as shown in diagram 1
- measure the height, h

The student repeats this method for different values of L .

(i) Give the independent and dependent variables in the investigation.

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independent variable

dependent variable

(ii) Give two control variables in the investigation.

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(iii) Suggest how the student could accurately measure the height, h .

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(c) The table shows the results of the investigation.

Length (L) in cm	Height (h) in cm
20	2
40	8
60	18
80	
100	53
120	71

(i) Diagram 2 shows the wooden strip when $L = 80$ cm.

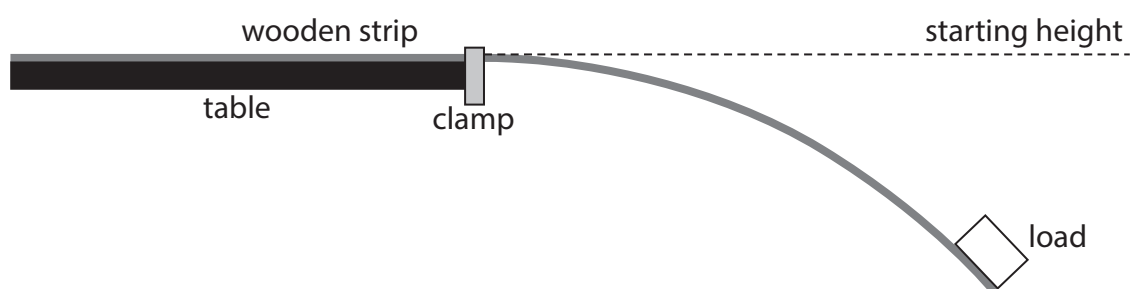


Diagram 2

Using diagram 2, determine the height, h , in the laboratory.
[1 cm on the diagram = 10 cm in the laboratory]

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height, h = cm



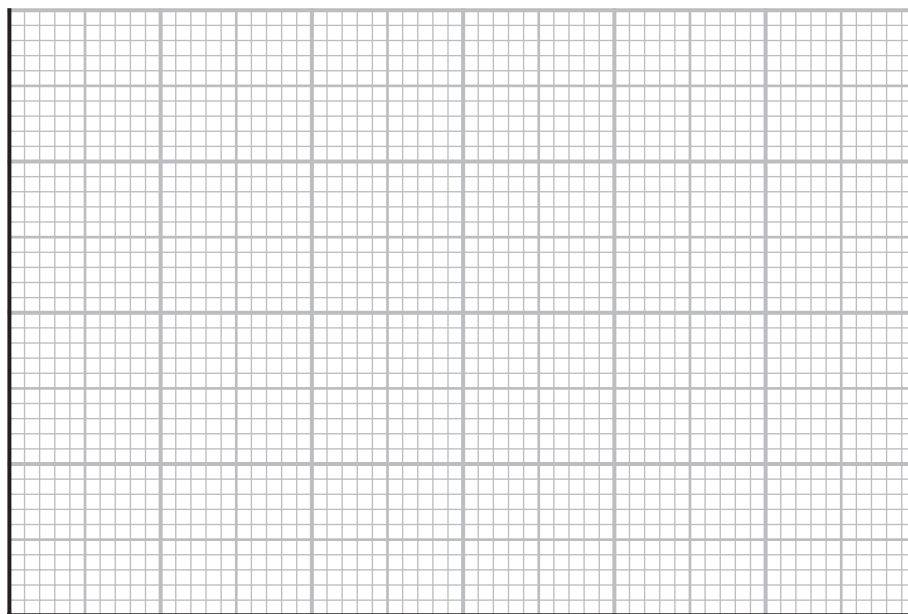
(ii) Plot a graph of the student's results.

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(iii) Draw the curve of best fit.

(1)

Height (h)
in cm



Length (L) in cm

(iv) The student concludes that h is directly proportional to L .

Evaluate the student's conclusion.

(2)

(Total for Question 10 = 15 marks)



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