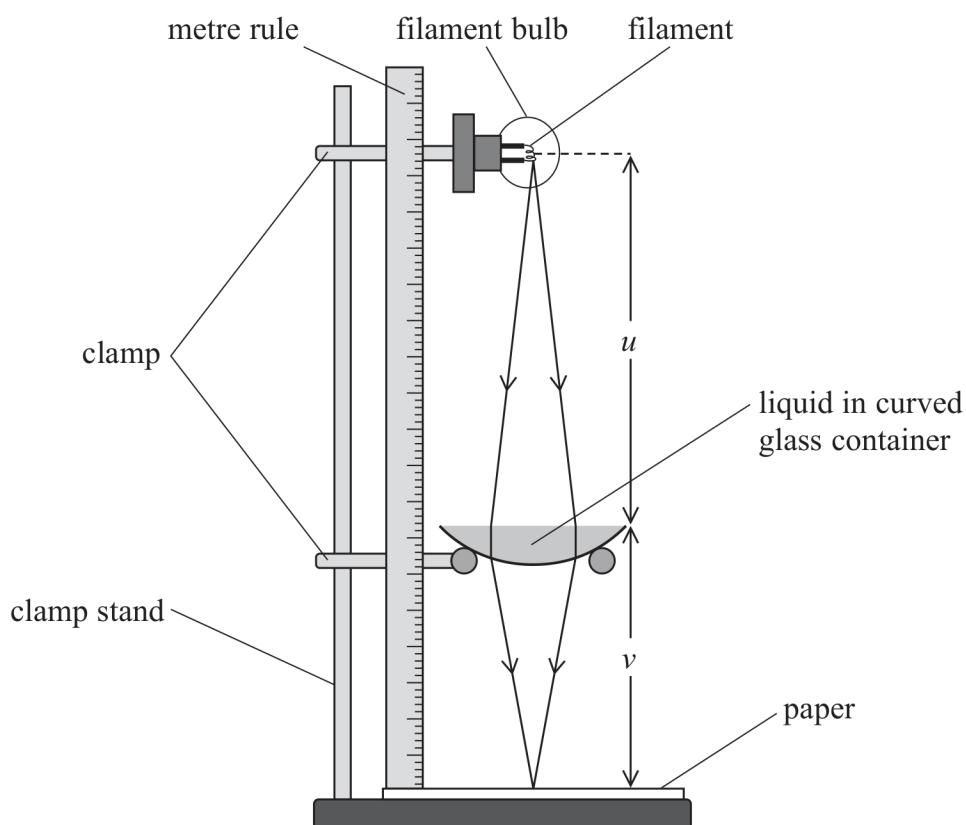


3 A student investigated the refractive index of a liquid.

He placed the liquid into a curved glass container so that the liquid acted as a converging lens.

Light from a filament bulb was transmitted through the lens, as shown.



The student adjusted the position of the filament bulb until a clear image of the filament was formed on the paper.

The student calculated the power  $P$  of the lens using the distance  $u$  between the container and the filament, and the distance  $v$  between the container and the paper.

(a) (i) Describe a method to measure  $u$  and  $v$ .

(3)

(ii) Identify a possible source of uncertainty in the measurement of  $u$ , and how it can be dealt with.

(2)



- (b) The student repeated the experiment for different values of  $v$  and recorded his results in a table.

$u/\text{m}$	$v/\text{m}$	$P/\text{D}$
0.832	0.325	4.28
0.724	0.342	4.31
0.615	0.374	

- (i) For a lens,  $P$  can be calculated using

$$P = \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v}$$

Calculate the value missing from the table.

(2)

$$P = \dots\dots\dots \text{D}$$

- (ii) When surrounded by air, the power of a lens this shape can be calculated using the equation

$$P = \frac{n_{\text{lens}} - n_{\text{air}}}{n_{\text{air}}} \left( \frac{1}{r} \right)$$

where  $r$  is the radius of the curve that forms the lens

$n_{\text{air}}$  is the refractive index of air

$n_{\text{lens}}$  is the refractive index of the liquid.

Determine the value of  $n_{\text{lens}}$  when  $r = 0.070 \text{ m}$ .

(3)

$$n_{\text{lens}} = \dots\dots\dots$$

(Total for Question 3 = 10 marks)