

- 7 A magnet is suspended vertically from a fixed point by means of a spring, as shown in Fig. 7.1.

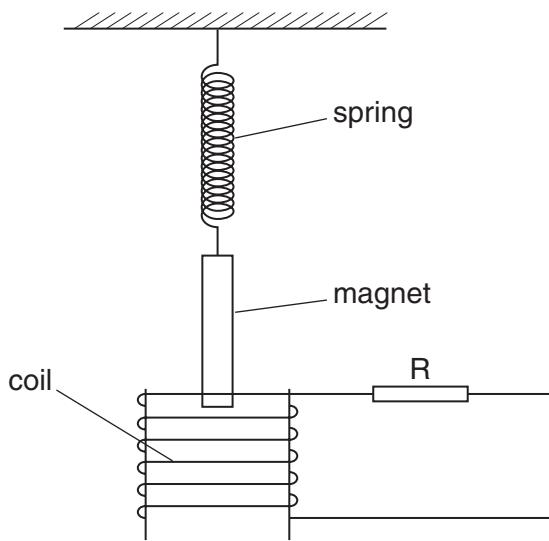


Fig. 7.1

One end of the magnet hangs inside a coil of wire. The coil is connected in series with a resistor R .

- (a) The magnet is displaced vertically a small distance D and then released. Fig. 7.2 shows the variation with time t of the vertical displacement d of the magnet from its equilibrium position.

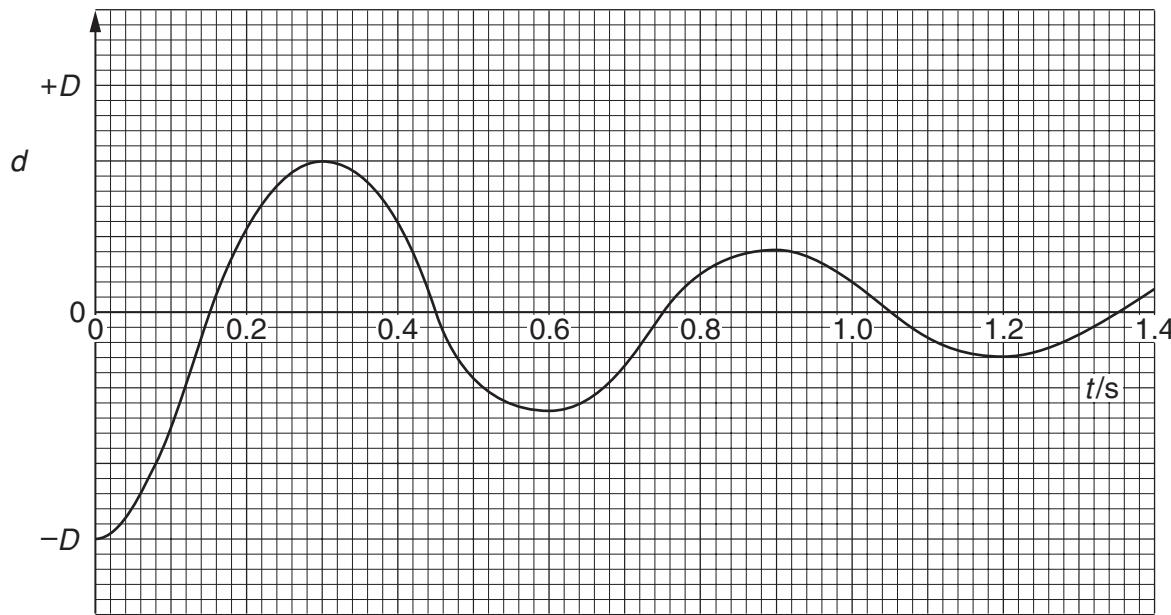


Fig. 7.2

- (i) State and explain, by reference to electromagnetic induction, the nature of the oscillations of the magnet.

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- (ii) Calculate the angular frequency ω_0 of the oscillations.

$$\omega_0 = \dots \text{ rad s}^{-1} \quad [2]$$

- (b) The resistance of the resistor R is increased.

The magnet is again displaced a vertical distance D and released.

On Fig. 7.2, sketch the variation with time t of the displacement d of the magnet. [2]

- (c) The resistor R in Fig. 7.1 is replaced by a variable-frequency signal generator of constant r.m.s. output voltage.

The angular frequency ω of the generator is gradually increased from about $0.7\omega_0$ to about $1.3\omega_0$, where ω_0 is the angular frequency calculated in (a)(ii).

- (i) On the axes of Fig. 7.3, sketch a graph to show the variation with ω of the amplitude A of the oscillations of the magnet. [2]

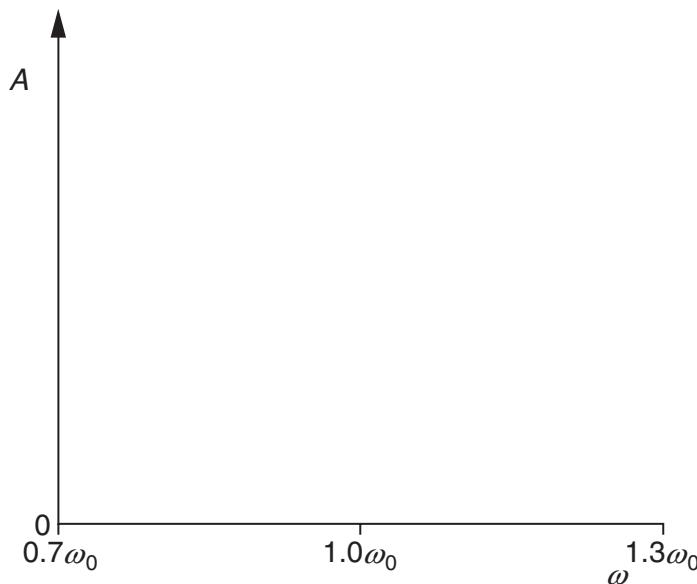


Fig. 7.3

- (ii) State the name of the phenomenon illustrated in the graph of Fig. 7.3.

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- (iii) Briefly describe one situation where the phenomenon named in (ii) is useful and one situation where it should be avoided.

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