4 A heavy metal sphere of mass 0.81 kg is suspended from a string. The sphere is undergoing small oscillations from side to side, as shown in Fig. 4.1.

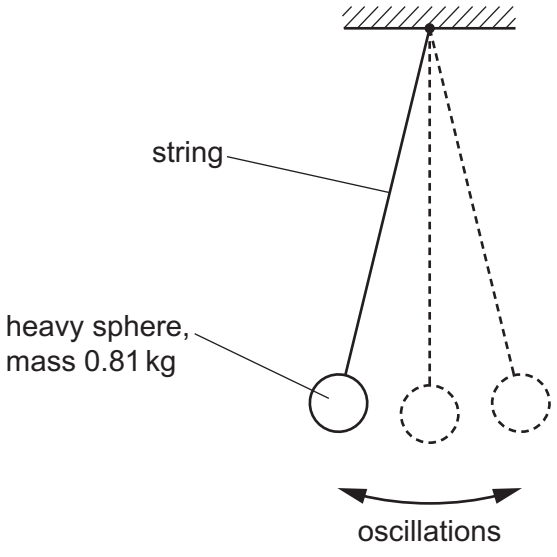

Fig. 4.1

The oscillations of the sphere may be considered to be simple harmonic with amplitude 0.036 m and period 3.0 s.

(a) State what is meant by simple harmonic motion.

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(b) Calculate:

(i) the angular frequency of the oscillations

angular frequency = ... rad s^{-1} [2]

(ii) the total energy of the oscillations.

total energy = ... J [2]

(c) The suspended sphere is now lowered into water. The sphere is given a sideways displacement of +0.036 m from its equilibrium position and is then released at time $t = 0$. The water causes the motion of the sphere to be critically damped.

On Fig. 4.2, sketch the variation of the displacement x of the sphere from its equilibrium position with t from $t = 0$ to $t = 6.0$ s.

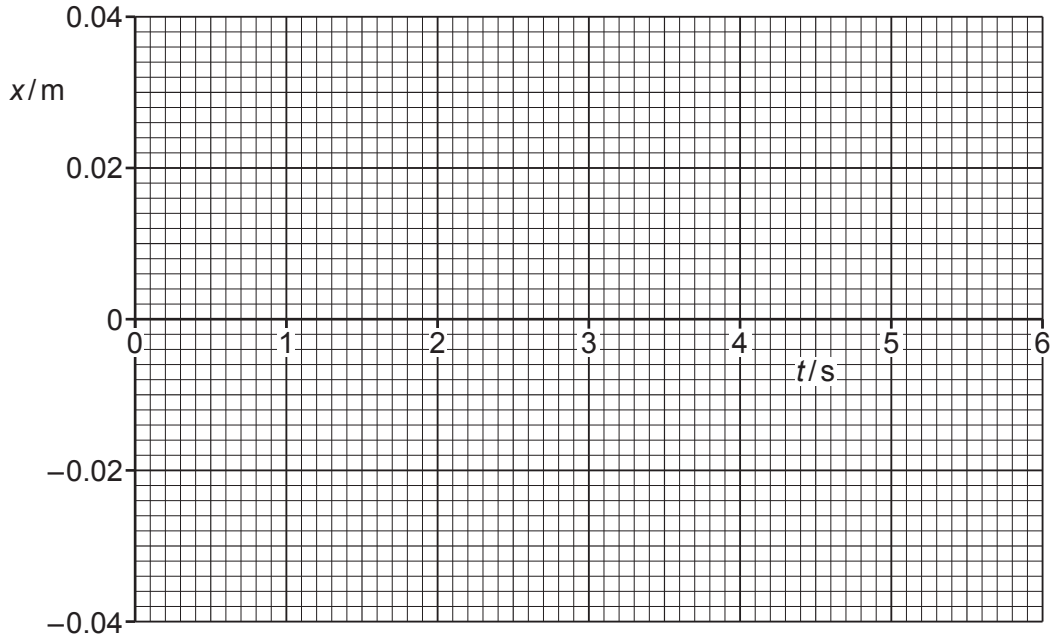

Fig. 4.2

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