

- 3 A student has been asked to determine the linear acceleration of a toy car as it moves down a slope. He sets up the apparatus as shown in Fig. 3.1.

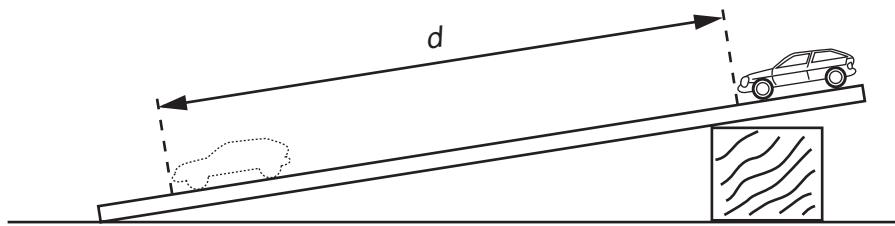


Fig. 3.1

The time t to move from rest through a distance d is found for different values of d . A graph of d (y-axis) is plotted against t^2 (x-axis) as shown in Fig. 3.2.

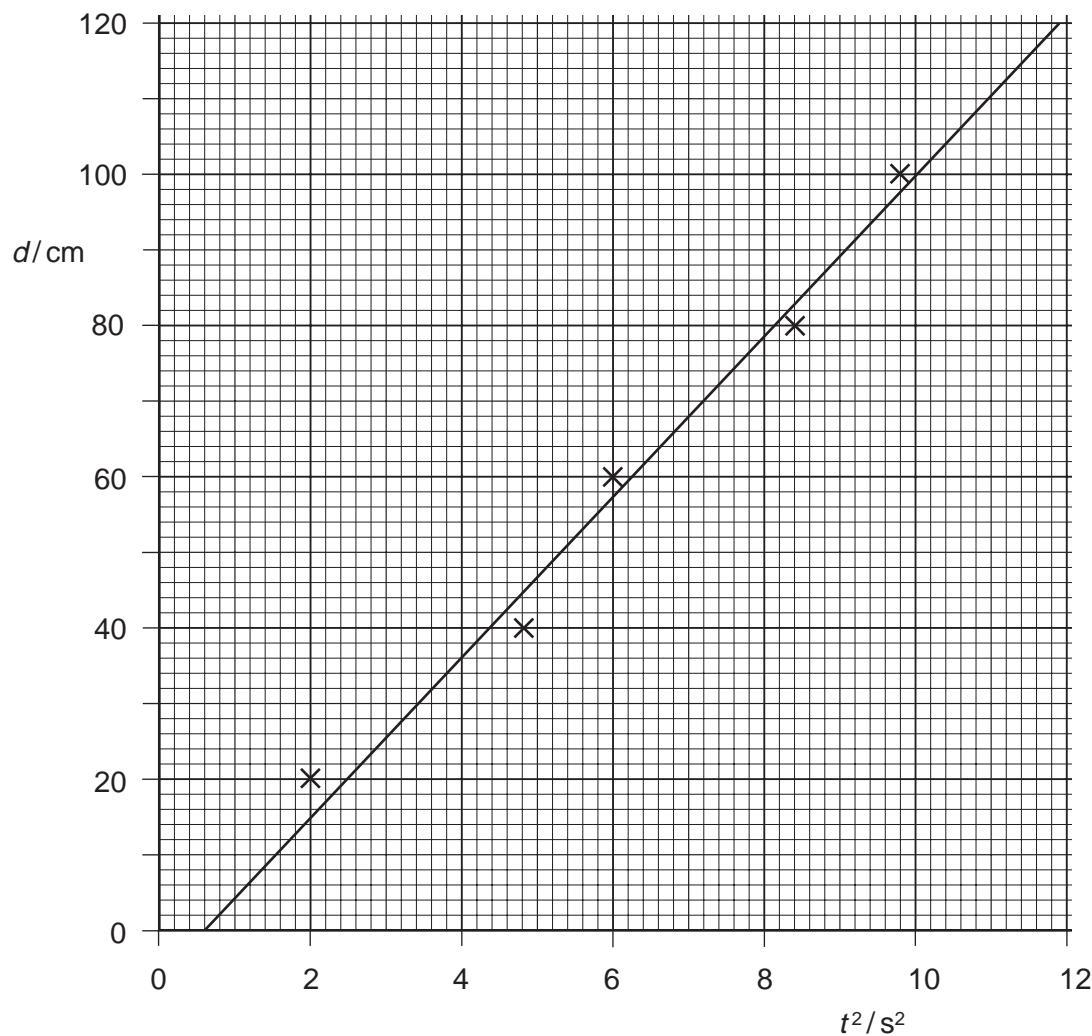


Fig. 3.2

- (a) Theory suggests that the graph is a straight line through the origin.
Name the feature on Fig. 3.2 that indicates the presence of

(i) random error,

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(ii) systematic error.

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[2]

- (b) (i) Determine the gradient of the line of the graph in Fig. 3.2.

gradient = [2]

- (ii) Use your answer to (i) to calculate the acceleration of the toy down the slope.
Explain your working.

acceleration = m s^{-2} [3]