

- 2 (a) State, by reference to simple harmonic motion, what is meant by *angular frequency*.

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- (b) A thin metal strip is clamped at one end so that it is horizontal. A load of mass M is attached to its free end. The load causes a displacement s of the end of the strip, as shown in Fig. 2.1.

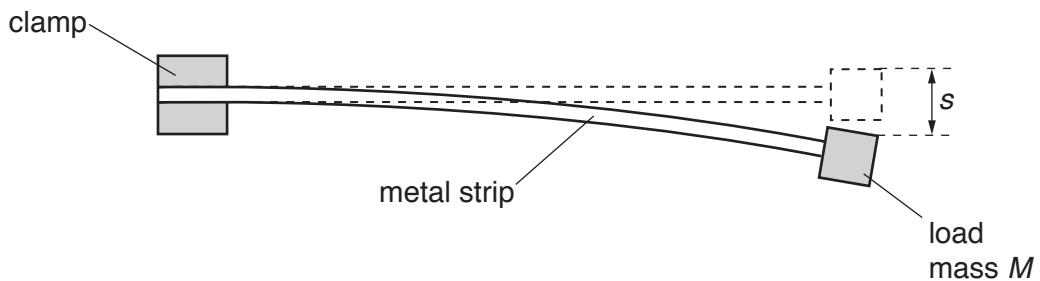


Fig. 2.1

The load is displaced vertically and then released. The load oscillates.

The variation with the acceleration a of the displacement s of the load is shown in Fig. 2.2.

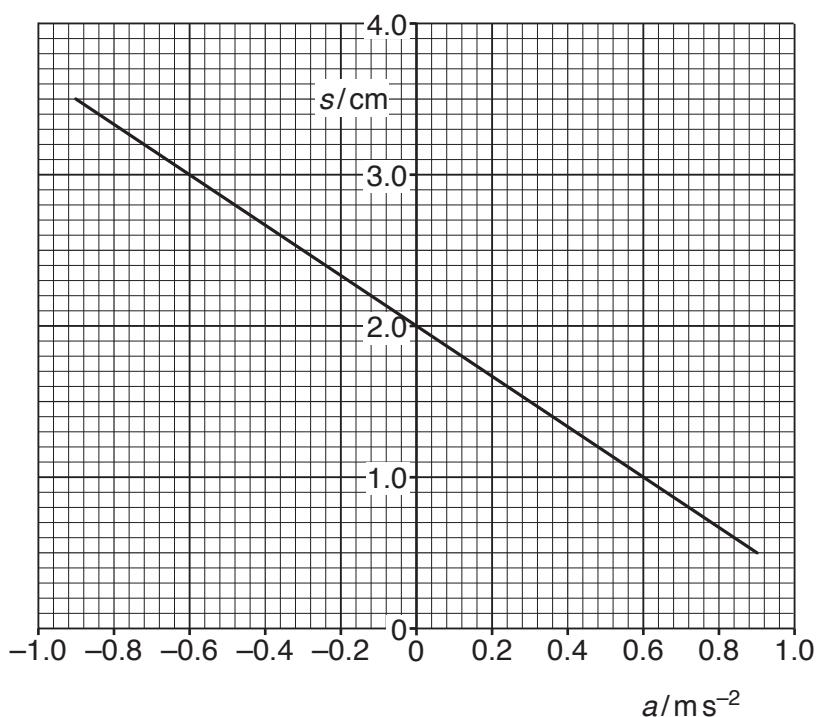


Fig. 2.2

(i) Use Fig. 2.2 to determine

- the displacement of the load before it is made to oscillate,

displacement = cm

- the amplitude of the oscillations of the load.

amplitude = cm
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(ii) Show that the load is undergoing simple harmonic motion.

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(iii) Calculate the frequency of oscillation of the load.

frequency = Hz [3]

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