

- 4 A student takes measurements to determine a value for the acceleration of free fall. Some of the apparatus used is illustrated in Fig. 4.1.

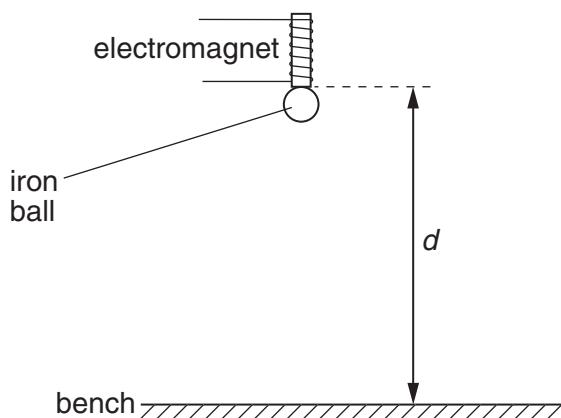


Fig. 4.1

The student measures the vertical distance d between the base of the electromagnet and the bench. The time t for an iron ball to fall from the electromagnet to the bench is also measured.

Corresponding values of t^2 and d are shown in Fig. 4.2.

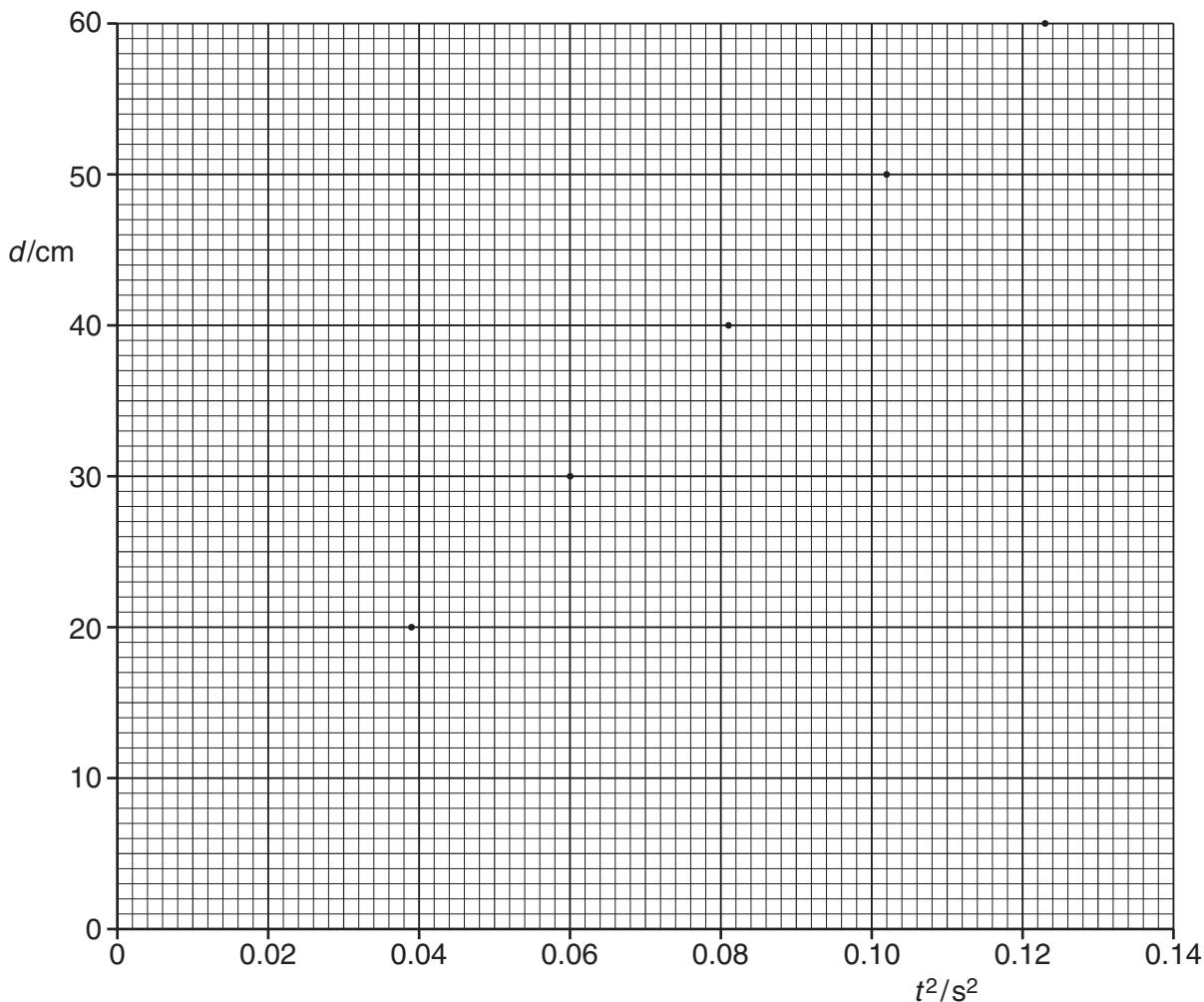


Fig. 4.2

- (a) On Fig. 4.2, draw the line of best fit for the points.

- (b) State and explain why there is a non-zero intercept on the graph of Fig. 4.2.

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- (c) Determine the student's value for

- (i) the diameter of the ball,

diameter = cm [1]

- (ii) the acceleration of free fall.

acceleration = ms^{-2} [3]