

- 4 A student sets up the apparatus illustrated in Fig. 4.1 in order to investigate the oscillations of a 100 g metal cube suspended on a string.

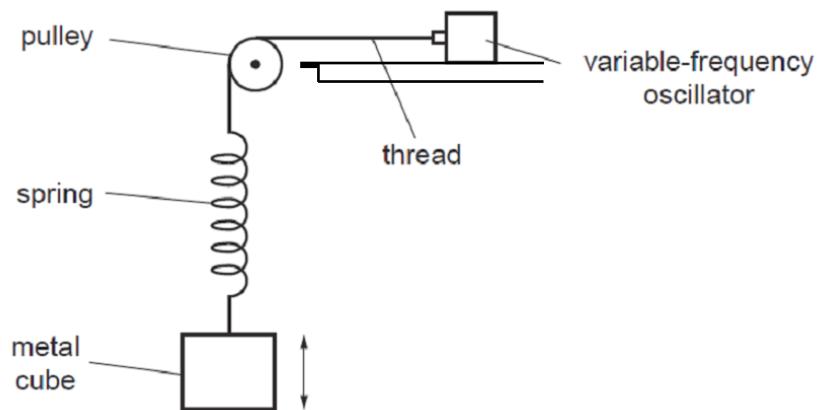


Fig. 4.1

Before switching on the variable-frequency oscillator, the metal cube was displaced by pulling it downwards and made to oscillate freely. A graph of its velocity against displacement is shown in Fig. 4.2.

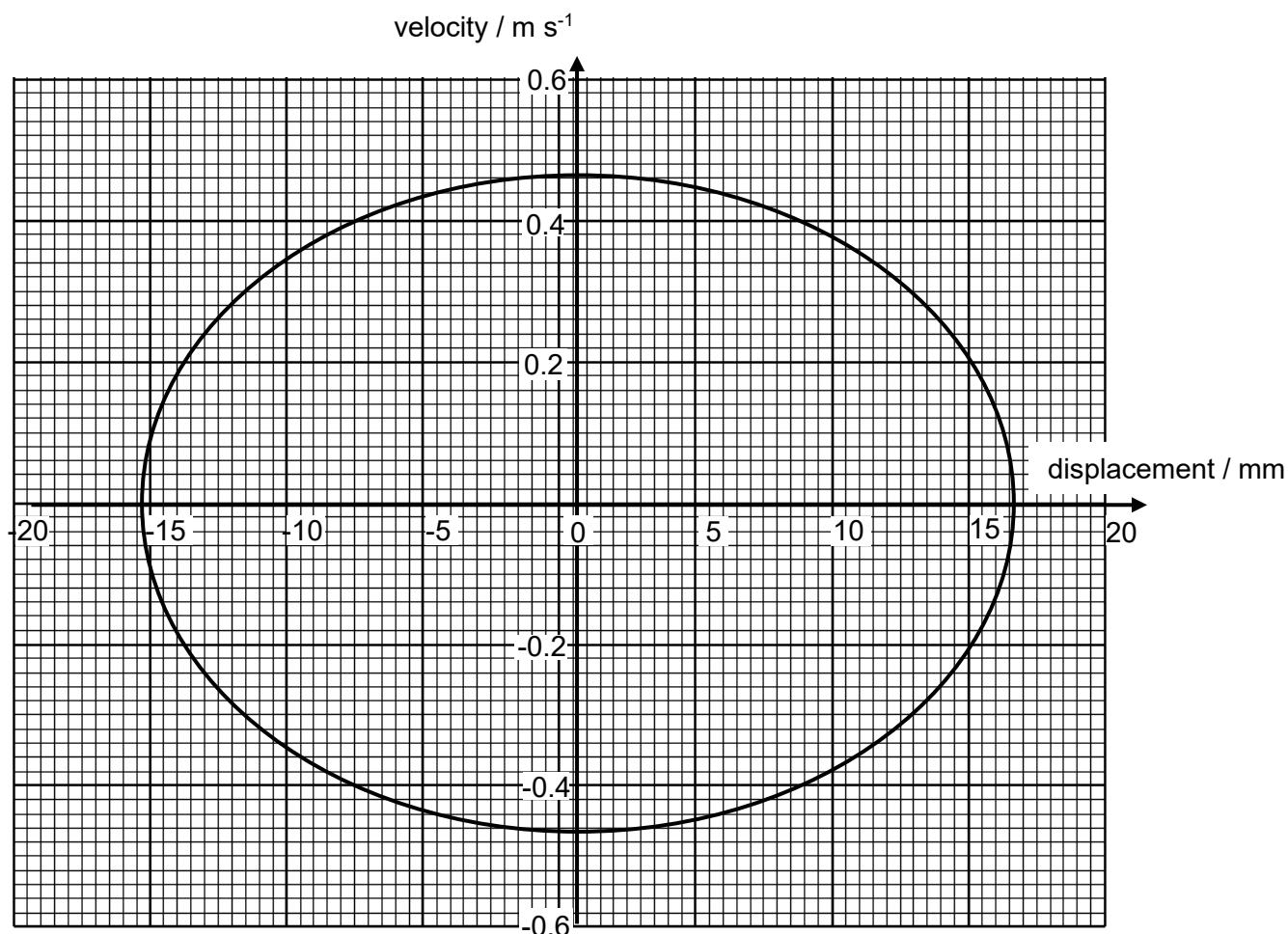


Fig. 4.2

- (a) Using Fig. 4.2, show that the natural frequency of the metal cube is 4.6 Hz.

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- (b) Hence, or otherwise, determine the maximum resultant force acting on the metal cube.

maximum resultant force = N [2]

- (c) The variable-frequency oscillator is now switched on so that the metal cube can undergo forced oscillation.

- (i) State what is meant by *forced oscillation*.

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- (ii) On Fig. 4.3, sketch the variation with frequency of the amplitude of the oscillations of the metal cube between 2 Hz to 8 Hz.

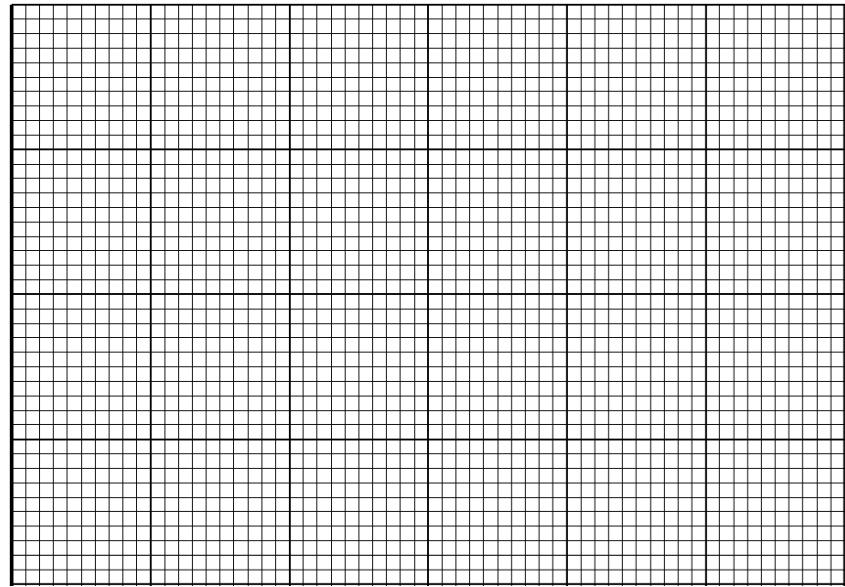


Fig. 4.3

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