

Simple Harmonic Motion: PIETER'S GROUP

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Experiment 1 Methodology & Data

- Linear fit $T = m^*a + b$
 - $a = 0.006 \pm 0.001$
 - b = 1.275 ± 0.004
- Small gradient **a**, confirming hypothesis of no mass dependence
- Slight upward trend due to moving centre of mass and friction





Experiment 2 Methodology

How we took the data(setup):

- Setup:
- 1.Centre Of Mass is ensured by making a round ball
- *2.Ball hanged off the table to allow for greater string lengths
- *3.Make sure to include the distance from the top of the ball to the Centre Of Mass
- Reducing uncertainty:
- 1.Record TEN oscillations and divide to get time of one oscillation
- 2.Repeat five trials at every length of the string and take AVERAGE





Experiment 2 Data

- Error bars
 - Calculated the standard deviation across the 5 trials
 - Divided the standard deviation by the $\sqrt{5}$ for error on mean
- $g = 9.70 \pm 0.09 \text{ ms}^{-2}$
- Reasons for discrepancy
 - Friction
 - Center of mass





EXPERIMENT 3 SETUP

Method 1





Data of method 2





Experiment 3 Method 1



$$f(x) = a \cdot e^{-b \cdot x} \cdot \cos(\omega x + \phi)$$
$$f(x) = a \cdot e^{-b \cdot x}$$

So the values with errors are: a= 14.57 ± 0.06 cm b= 0.0383 ± 0.0003

Indicates the trend of exponential decay.



Experiment 3 Method 2





Experiment 3 Fourier Transform

- Fourier Transform of measured data.
- Peak at F = $3.2904/2\pi$ s⁻¹
- Matches ω value from curve fit
- Width of peak determined by decay





Simulation 1

- Fourier Transform of coupled oscillators
- Expected sum of 2 Sinusoidal functions
- Transform confirms
- Confirmed 2 sinusoidal waves with similar frequencies
- Mean is the smaller frequency
- Difference is larger frequency







Simulation 2

- Steady states amplitude from ODE solver
- Changing frequency from driver/piston
- Large resonance at and around natural frequency
- Resonance peak moves down, left and becomes broader with larger damping
- Damping coefficients are in Nsm⁻¹



Thanks for listening, any questions?