

Lab 3

DETERMINATION THE SPEED OF A BULLET SHOT FROM A GUN USING BALLISTIC METHOD

3.1 Objectives: DETERMINATION THE SPEED
OF THE BULLET BY BALLISTIC METHOD BASED
ON THE CONSERVATION OF ENERGY AND CON-
SERVATION OF ANGULAR MOMENTUM LAWS.

2. Theory: Ballistic pendulum is the simple
method of DETERMINATING THE
SPEED OF BULLET. TO DETERMINE
IT USES MASSIVE FRAME WITH
ADDITIONAL MASS, AS PENDULUM
THE INITIAL SPEED CAN BE DETER-
MINED BY USING CONSERVATION OF
ANGULAR MOMENTUM

$L_i = m v L$ - Angular momentum BEFORE col-
lision

m - mass of BULLET (1.84g)

v - velocity

L - distance BETWEEN AXIS and LINE

$L_f = (I_p + 2M L_1^2) \omega$ - Angular momentum
after collision

I_p - ang. momentum of the frame without weight

M - mass of each additional weight

L_1 - distance from axis of rotation

$L_i = L_f$ (According to the cons. of ang. momentum law) $\Rightarrow V = \frac{(I_p + 2ML^2)\omega}{mL}$

Final Equation of angular speed;

$$\omega = \phi \left[\frac{D}{(I_p + 2ML^2)} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

ϕ - max. angle reached by frame

D - torsion module of the thread

$I_p \ddot{\phi} = -D\phi$ (Rotation of frame under the

$\phi = -\omega^2 \phi$ torque due to restoring force)

I_p - rotational inertia

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{D}{I}}$$

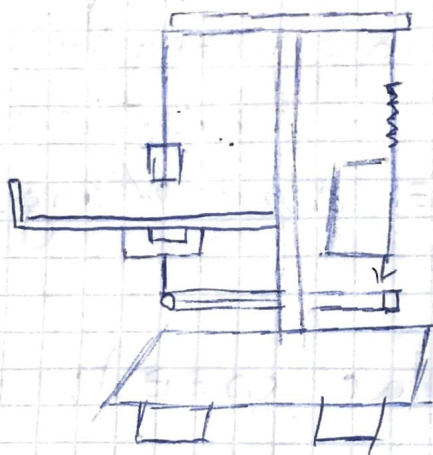
$$T_0 = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{I}{D}} \text{ (without weight)} \quad \omega = \frac{2\pi \phi_m}{T}$$

$$I_p + 2ML_1^2 = 2ML_1^2 T^2 / (T^2 - T_0^2)$$

The final formula of the speed is:

$$\omega = \frac{4\pi ML_1^2 \phi_m}{mL(T_0^2 - T_1^2)}$$

3. Equipment: Torsion pendulum



- 1- STEEL string
- 2- post
- 3- base
- 4- pilot (spring with string)
spin with spring
- 5- RELEASE DEVICE
- 6- photo DETECTOR

4. Experimented procedure: $N=10$

$$\phi_1 = 45^\circ$$

$$t = 21 \text{ sec}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{10} = \frac{21}{10} = 2,1$$

$$\phi_2 = 49^\circ$$

$$t = 17,8 \text{ sec}$$

$$T_1 = \frac{1}{10} = \frac{17,8}{10} = 1,78$$

$$\phi_3 = 47^\circ$$

$$L = 11,7 \text{ cm}$$

$$\phi_4 = 41^\circ$$

$$L_1 = 10,6 \text{ cm} / 2 = 5,3$$

$$\phi_5 = 43^\circ$$

$$M = 111,5 \text{ g}$$

$$\phi_m = \frac{45 + 43 + 47 + 41 + 43}{5} = 45^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{L}}{4}$$

$$\left(\phi_m = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^5 \phi_m}{5} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^5 \frac{\sqrt{L}}{4}}{5} \right) =$$

$$U = \frac{4 \cdot \sqrt{L} - 111,5 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot (5,3 \cdot 10^{-2})^2 \cdot 2,1 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{L}}{4}}{184 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot 11,7 \cdot 10^{-2} (2,1^2 - 1,78^2)} = 24,28 \text{ m/s}$$

5 Conclusion

in this Laboratory work; I have measured the speed of Bullet using ballistic method. We used torsion pendulum to do it. Finally I got the speed $v = 24,28$ m/s. This isn't entirely accurate answer. The real speed of Bullet is about 400 m/s. Our speed is about 15% less than the real speed. It's all because of measurement accuracy. To get more closely answer, it is recommend to use gun Chronograph. This tool measures the speed fairly accurately.