



Moment of Inertia– Prelab Quiz

Answer these questions after reading the “Moment of Inertia” assignment. Submit your answers via Blackboard as either a MS Word (.docx) or MS Excel spreadsheet file (.xlsx). Be sure to show all of your work so that partial credit can be given.

1. **[3 points]** Two expressions for the moment of inertia I are given in the assignment.

Equation 2.10:

$$I = C (mr^2), \quad (2.10)$$

and Equation 2.15:

$$I = \frac{2mr^2}{v^2} \left(gh - \frac{1}{2} v^2 \right). \quad (2.15)$$

Equate these two expressions and obtain an expression for the dimensionless quantity C .

- What observable quantities remain when the equation is written this way?
 - What might be the benefit of writing the equation this way?
2. **[3 points]** The goal is to measure the quantity C from the parameters of a model that is fit to your data (measured values of h and v).

Describe a plot that can be used to visualize your data. Explicitly show how the parameter C can be found from the fit parameters of your model.

3. **[4 points]** Using your expression above, calculate the uncertainty associated with the moment of inertia coefficient: δC .