

Experimental General Physics for Engineers I

**Laboratory Report** PHYS 192 spring 2022

Section: \_\_\_\_L06\_\_

Experiment name: **Conservation law of mechanical energy**

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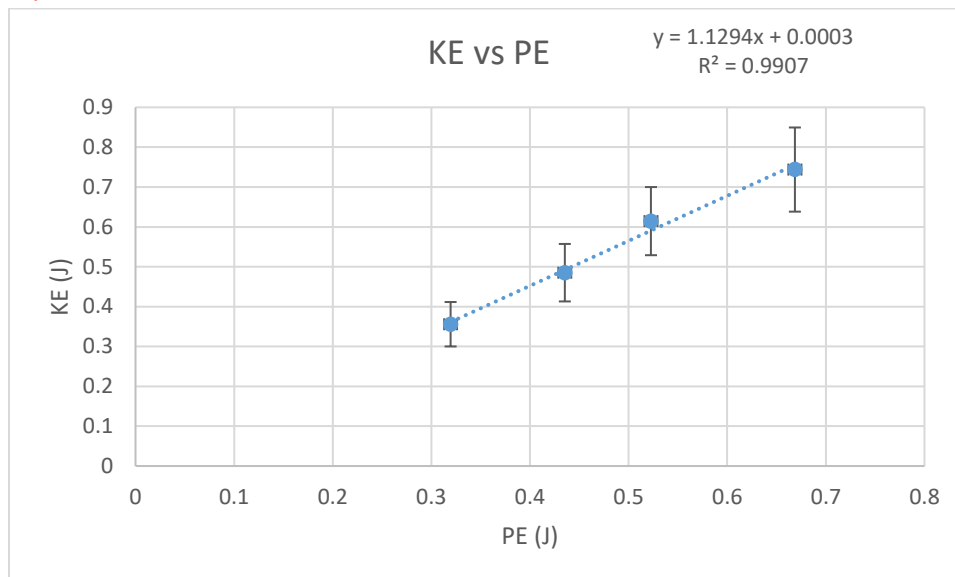
Table of results (1.25 pts)	
Graph (1.25 pts)	
Data analysis (2 pts)	
Discussion (0.5 pt)	
References	
Others	
<b>Report Grade (5 pts)</b>	

1. Table of results (Put correct units in the table, don't forget to convert to SI units to get energy in Joules)

hanged mass $m$ (Kg)	$v_1$ m/s	$v_2$ m/s	$v_3$ m/s	$v_{avg}$ m/s	$u(v_{avg})$ m/s	$PE$ J	$KE$ J	$u(EP)$ J	$u(KE)$ J
0.055	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	$\pm 0.01$	0.3557	0.3194	0.006501	0.055
0.075	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	$\pm 0.01$	0.4851	0.4352	0.006529	0.072
0.095	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	$\pm 0.01$	0.6144	0.5226	0.006565	0.085
0.115	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	$\pm 0.01$	0.7438	0.6686	0.006609	0.105

2. Graph of the kinetic energy vs. the potential energy

Plot total kinetic energy (y-axis) vs. the potential (x-axis) with error bars, best fit line, display equation of line and  $R^2$ .



3. Data analysis

#### 3.1. Parameters of the experiment

Mass of the platter:  $M = 0.991 \text{ kg} \pm 0.001 \text{ kg}$

Radius of the platter:  $R = 0.126 \pm 0.001 \text{ m}$

Radius of the pulley:  $r = 0.020 \pm 0.001 \text{ m}$

Falling height:  $h = 0.66 \pm 0.001 \text{ m}$

#### 3.2. Moment of inertia of the platter and its error

Calculate the value of the moment of inertia ( $I = \frac{1}{2} M R^2$ ) of the platter and its error (Show your calculations and give the appropriate unit)

$M = 0.991 \text{ kg} \pm 0.001 \text{ kg}$

$R = 0.126 \pm 0.001 \text{ m}$

$$I = \frac{1}{2} M R^2 = \frac{1}{2} * 0.991 * 0.126^2 = 0.0079 \text{ Kg.m}^2$$

$$U(I) = \sqrt{\left(\left(\frac{d(1/2 * MR^2)}{d(M)} * U(M)\right)^2 + \left(\frac{d(1/2 * MR^2)}{d(R)} * U(R)\right)^2\right)}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(\left(\frac{R^2}{2} * 0.001\right)^2 + (MR * 0.001)^2\right)}$$

$$= \pm 0.000125 \text{ Kg.m}^2$$

$$I = 0.0079 \pm 0.000125 \text{ Kg.m}^2$$

### 3.3. *PE* and *KE*

Show explicitly how you calculated (*PE*) and (*KE*) for the first row

$$E_{Tf} = 0 + KE = 0 + \left(\frac{1}{2} mv^2\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} I v^2/r^2\right)$$

$$E_{Ti} = PE = mgh + 0$$

For the first row

$$PE = 0.055 * 9.81 * 0.66 = 0.3557 \text{ J}$$

$$KE = \left(\frac{1}{2} * 0.055 * 0.18^2\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} * 0.0079 * 0.18^2/0.02^2\right) = 0.3194 \text{ J}$$

### 3.4. Error of *PE* and *KE*

Show explicitly how you calculated the error of (*PE*) and (*KE*) for the first row

$$U(PE) = \sqrt{\left((gh * U(m))^2 + (mh * U(g))^2 + (mg * U(h))^2\right)}$$

$$= \sqrt{(9.81 * 0.66 * 0.001)^2 + (0.055 * 0.66 * 0.01)^2 + (0.055 * 9.81 * 0.001)^2}$$

$$= \pm 0.006354 \text{ J}$$

$$U(KE) = \sqrt{\left(\left(\frac{v^2}{2} * U(m)\right)^2 + \left(\left(\frac{mv + Iv}{r^2}\right) * U(v)\right)^2 + \left(\frac{v^2}{2r^2} * U(I)\right)^2 + \left(\frac{v^2 I}{r^3} * U(r)\right)^2\right)}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(0.18^2/2 * 0.001\right)^2 + \left(\left(0.055 * 0.18 + 0.0079 * 0.18/0.02^2\right) * 0.01\right)^2 + \left(0.18^2/2 * 0.18^2 * 0.00013\right)^2 + \left(0.18^2 * 0.0079/0.02^3 * 0.001\right)^2}$$

$$= \pm 0.0557 \text{ J}$$

### 3.5. Slope and intercept of the graph and their uncertainties

Give the values for the slope, intercept of your graph and their uncertainties

$$\text{Slope} : 0.877215$$

$$\text{Intercept(J)} : 0.004246$$

$$U(\text{Slope}) : 0.060113$$

$$U(\text{Intercept}) (J) : 0.034173$$

$$\text{Error Percentage} = |1 - 0.877215/1| * 100 = 12.2785\%$$

## 4. Discussion

Discuss your results

The results agree with what was expected and satisfy the theory, with a 12.2785% error due to many sources of error. One of the reasons was due to the neglect of friction and air resistance and human error. Due to this, there are some amounts of energy which is why the potential energy is not equal to kinetic energy and thus, the slope shows slope almost equal to 1.

## 5. References