

# Circular Motion

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Circular Motion

The circular motion refers to the motion of an object that moves along a circular path. In circular motion, an object moves with a constant speed around a fixed point or axis without changing its distance from the center.

## 1.2 Aim of the Experiment

To find the relationship between  $t$ (Time) and  $v$ (Linear Velocity) when there exists a angular acceleration( $\alpha$ )

## 1.3 Apparatuses

1. laptop
2. <https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulations/legacy/rotation>

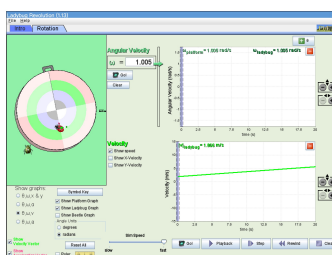
# 2 Data Collection

## 2.1 Procedure

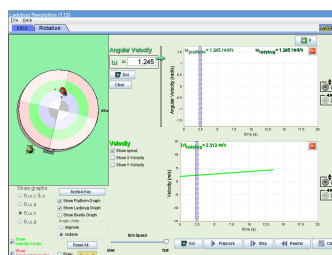
Simulate with the software.

All the data are recorded in the raw data table.

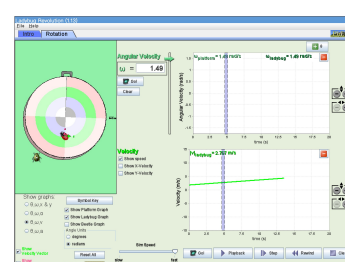
## 2.2 Screenshots



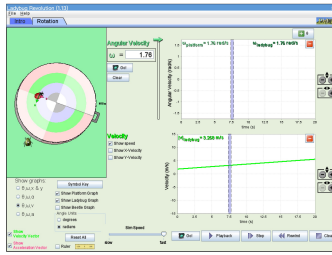
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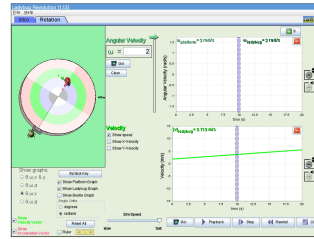
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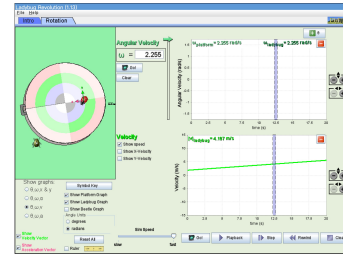
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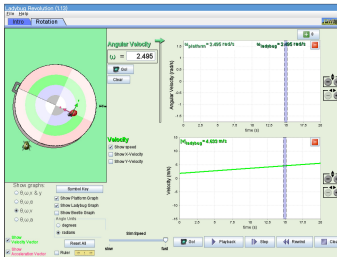
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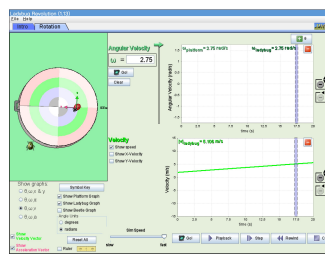
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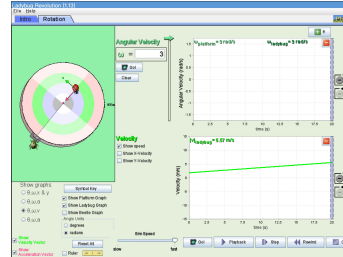
(f) 12.5s



(g) 15.0s



(h) 17.5s



(i) 20.0s

## 2.3 Raw Data Table

time(s)	$\alpha(m s^{-2})$	$v(m s^{-1})$
0	0.1	1.866
2.50	0.1	2.312
5.00	0.1	2.767
7.50	0.1	3.268
10.0	0.1	3.713
12.5	0.1	4.187
15.0	0.1	4.633
17.5	0.1	5.106
20.0	0.1	5.57

Table 1: Raw Data Table

## 3 Data Processing

Entering all the data into the data table, I drew a best-fit line with a slope of  $0.1860 \pm 0.002 m s^{-2}$

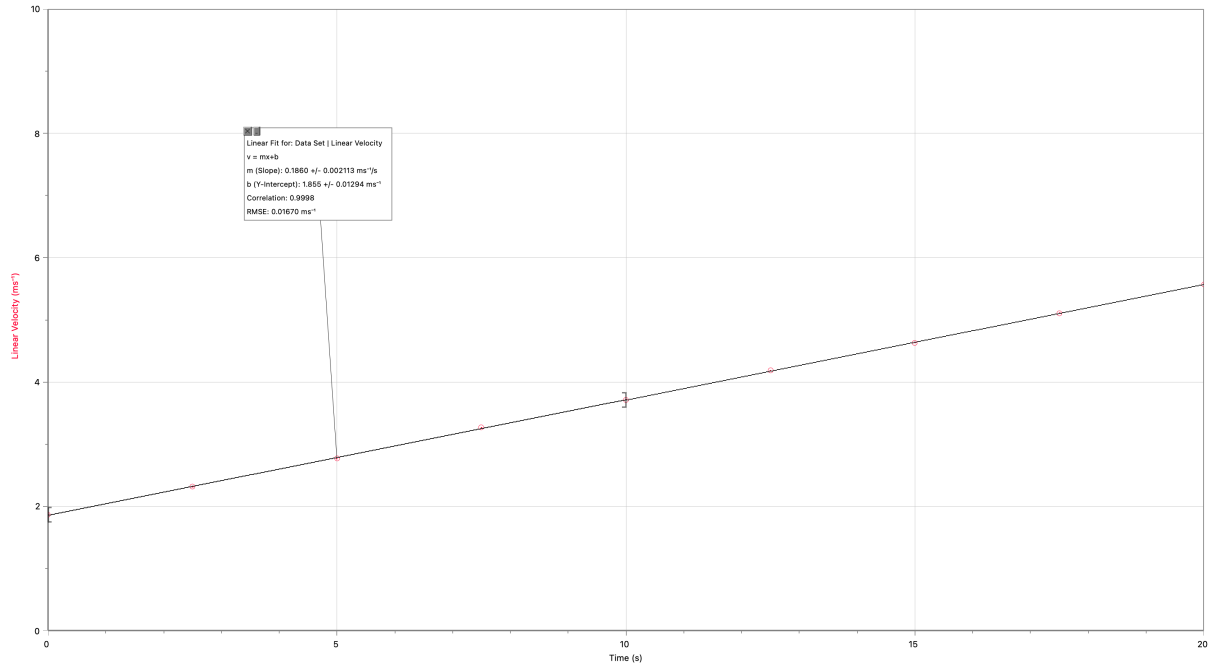


Figure 1: Relation Between  $t$  and  $v$

## 4 Conclusion

When an angular acceleration of  $0.1 \text{ rad s}^{-2}$  is present, the correlation between linear velocity( $v$ ) and time( $t$ ) is

$$v = 0.186t$$

The Y-intercept of correlation is dismissed because the initial velocity for rotation was set to be  $0.100 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ .

We can also deduce the numerical value through formulas. Given that  $v = r\omega$  and  $\alpha = \frac{\Delta\omega}{\Delta t}$ , we can know that  $a = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} = r \frac{\Delta\omega}{\Delta t}$ . The radius of the rotation is about  $1.86 \text{ m}$ , so the linear acceleration is supposed to be  $0.186 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ .

## 5 Evaluation

This investigation is on simulation software, thus there's no uncertainty and very precise.  
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