

1 • Prelab Questions

1. Angular momentum should be conserved, as momentum is always conserved.
2. Kinetic energy should not be conserved.
3. This is an inelastic collision.

2 • Measurements

Initial Angular Speed (rad/s)	Final Angular Speed (rad/s)	Disk Mass (kg)	Ring Mass (kg)
25.36	3.67	0.12	0.47
Disk Radius (m)	Ring Inner Radius (m)	Ring Outer Radius (m)	
$4.8 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$2.75 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$3.8 \cdot 10^{-2}$	

3 • Analysis

1. $L_i = L_{i\text{disk}} + L_{i\text{ring}} = I_{\text{disk}}\omega_{i\text{disk}} + 0 \frac{\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2}{\text{s}} = 0.0035 \frac{\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2}{\text{s}}$
2. $L_f = L_{f\text{disk}} + L_{f\text{ring}} = I_{\text{disk}}\omega_{f\text{disk}} + I_{\text{ring}}\omega_{f\text{ring}} = 0.0024 \frac{\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2}{\text{s}}$
3. $KE_i = \frac{1}{2}I_{\text{disk}}\omega_{i\text{disk}}^2 + 0J = 0.044J$
4. $KE_f = \frac{1}{2}I_{\text{disk}}\omega_{f\text{disk}}^2 + \frac{1}{2}I_{\text{ring}}\omega_{f\text{ring}}^2 = 0.0044J$
5. $L_{\%conserved} = \frac{L_f}{L_i} = 67.91\%$
6. $KE_{\%lost} = 100\% - \frac{KE_f}{KE_i} = 90.18\%$
7. $J_{\text{ring}} = L_{f\text{ring}} - L_{i\text{ring}} = 0.0019 \frac{\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2}{\text{s}} - 0 \frac{\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2}{\text{s}} = 0.0019 \frac{\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2}{\text{s}}$
8. $J_{\text{disk}} = L_{f\text{disk}} - L_{i\text{disk}} = 0.00051 \frac{\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2}{\text{s}} - 0.0035 \frac{\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2}{\text{s}} = -0.0030 \frac{\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2}{\text{s}}$
9. The two impulses have similar magnitudes but opposite signs, which makes sense since the total change in momentum, which is the sum of the impulses, should be zero.