

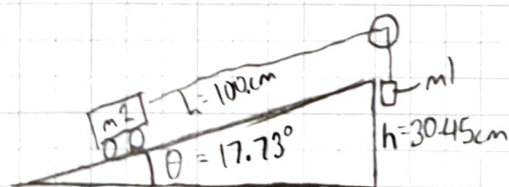
Trial	height (cm)	$m_2$ (g)	$m_1$ (g)	$m_{max}$ (g)	$m_{min}$ (g)
1	30.45	489.	180.	159.	150.
2		489.	180.	158.	150.
3		491.	180.	158.	151.
4		489.	180.	158.	150.
5		476.	180.	158.	151.
6		490.	180.	158.	151.
7		490.	180.	158.	151.
8		489.	180.	158.	151.
9		491.	180.	158.	150.
10		491.	180.	158.	151.
Mean	30.45	489.	180.	158.1	150.6
SD	-	4.48	0.		
SE	0.01	1	0.	0.1	0.2

Balanced:  $\sin\theta m_2 = m_1$



$148.75 \approx 149g$

a  $m_1$  of 149g should balance the cart at an incline



$\theta = \arcsin(\frac{h}{L})$



$\theta = 17.7281^\circ$

$h = 100.00 \pm 0.01 \text{ cm}$

$\theta = 30.45 \pm 0.01 \text{ cm}$

$\delta\theta = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{L} \cdot \delta h\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-h}{L^2} \cdot \delta L\right)^2} = 0.0001^\circ$

$m_b = \frac{m_{max} + m_{min}}{2} = 154.35 \approx 154$

$\delta m_b = \frac{m_{max} - m_{min}}{2} = 3.75 \approx 4$



$m_b = 154 \pm 4g$

$\delta \sin\theta = \frac{\partial \sin\theta}{\partial \theta} \cdot \delta\theta = \cos\theta \delta\theta$



0.0001

$\theta = 17.7281 \pm 0.0001^\circ$

$\sin\theta = \frac{0.3045 \pm 0.0001}{1}$

$$a = \frac{g(m_1 - m_2 \sin \theta)}{m_1 + m_2} = \boxed{0.382 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

$\frac{m_b}{m_2}$   
↑  
 $m = m_c = m_b + 26$

$$= \frac{g(m_1 - m_2(\frac{m_b}{m_2}))}{m_1 + m_2} = \frac{g(26)}{m_1 + m_2} = 0.3815 \text{ m/s}^2 = \frac{26g}{m_1 + m_2 + 26}$$

$$\delta a = \sqrt{\left(\frac{g(26\delta m_1)}{(m_b + m_2 + 26)^2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{g(26\delta m_2)}{(m_b + m_2 + 26)^2}\right)^2} = 0.0032 \text{ m/s}^2$$

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$$\boxed{a = 0.382 \pm 0.003 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

Experimental accel.

From  $a$ : 0.2895

$$\delta a = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}} = 0.0079$$

$$a = 0.290 \pm 0.008 \text{ m/s}^2$$

From  $v$ :

$$a = 0.287 \pm 0.002 \text{ m/s}^2$$

↗ Values agree.

~~From  $\dots$ :~~

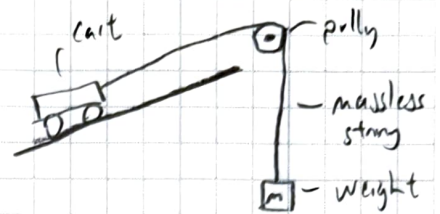
Origin:

$$\text{Slope: } 0.388 \pm 0.003 \text{ m/s}^2 = a_{\text{exp}}$$

$$a_{\text{pred}} = 0.382 \pm 0.003 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Our data and predicted values line up and their error ranges touch.

## Procedure



- Measure mass of cart, calc mean & uncertainty
- predict value of weight given mass of cart & slope that will put the system in equilibrium
- ~~add~~ add weight to the weight until the cart does not move, then remove weight until right before it begins moving. Record this weight as  $m_{min}$
- repeat the previous step, but with adding instead of removing weight. Record as  $m_{max}$
- ~~calculate expected accelerations from~~
- average  $m_{min}$  &  $m_{max}$  to roughly find the equilibrium weight.
- approximate the acceleration with newton's laws if you added ~~roughly~~ 25g of weight.
- add 25g of weight and measure the acceleration
- compare accelerations.