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**Lab Cover Letter**

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**GRADE** (to be filled in by your TA) See your TA for detailed feedback.

An 'x' next to a subcategory means you need to improve this aspect of your work.

**Paper Subtotals (points)**

( ) **General (6)**

\_\_\_\_ Sig. figs.  
 \_\_\_\_ Units  
 \_\_\_\_ Clarity of Presentation  
 \_\_\_\_ Format

( ) **Abstract (4)**

\_\_\_\_ Quantity or principle  
 \_\_\_\_ How measurement was made  
 \_\_\_\_ Numerical Results  
 \_\_\_\_ Conclusion

( ) **Intro & Theory (9)**

\_\_\_\_ Basic principle  
 \_\_\_\_ Main equations to be used  
 \_\_\_\_ Apparatus  
 \_\_\_\_ What will be plotted  
 \_\_\_\_ Fitting parameters related

( ) **Exp. Procedures (15)**

\_\_\_\_ Description  
 \_\_\_\_ Stating and justifying uncertainties  
 \_\_\_\_ Data Record  
 \_\_\_\_ Quality of Lab Work

( ) **Analysis & Error Analysis (20)**

\_\_\_\_ Discussion  
 \_\_\_\_ Equations & Calculations  
 \_\_\_\_ Presentation inc. Graphs, Tables  
 \_\_\_\_ Results Reported & Reasonable  
 \_\_\_\_ Underlined items addressed

( ) **Discussion & Conclusions (6)**

\_\_\_\_ Numerical comparison of results  
 \_\_\_\_ Logical conclusions  
 \_\_\_\_ Discussion of pos. errors  
 \_\_\_\_ Suggestions to reduce errors

( ) **Paper Total (60 points)**

**(30 points for CME or EPF)**

( ) **Notebook (10 points)**

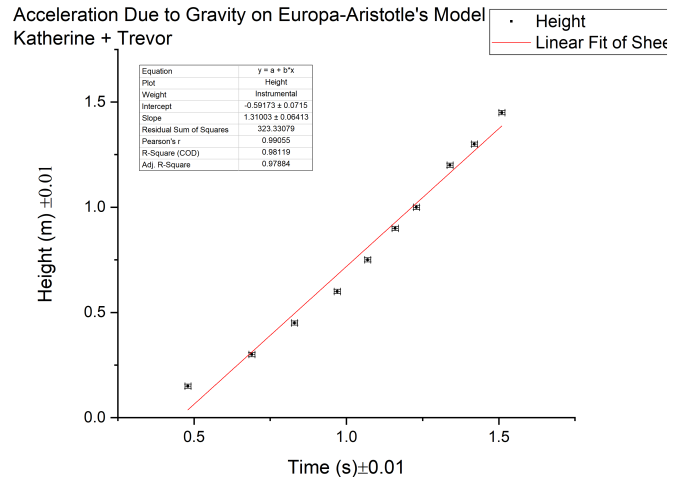
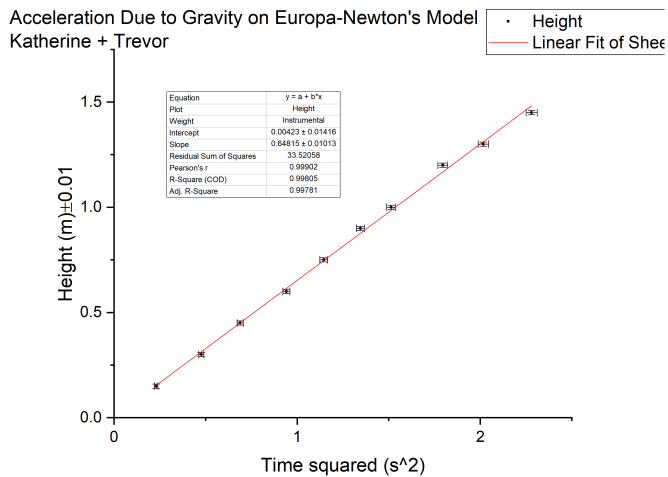
\_\_\_\_ Format (*proper style, following directions*)  
 \_\_\_\_ Apparatus (*brief description of equipment, including sketches*)  
 \_\_\_\_ Data (*including computer file names and manually recorded data*)  
 \_\_\_\_ Experimental Technique (*describing your procedures; stating & justifying uncerts.*)  
 \_\_\_\_ Analysis (*results and errors*)

( ) **Worksheet(s)/Fill-in-the-Blank-Report (30 points) if applicable**

( ) **Adjustments** – late submissions, improper procedures, etc. – or bonus points for exceptional work.

( ) **Total Grade**

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$a_N$  and  $\delta_{aN}$  are shown on the graph

Newton's model is significantly closer to modeling the data than Aristotle's model. As you can see in the variance in the slope, Newton's has around 6x less variance and roughly one order of magnitude higher correlation ( $r$ ). The data points on Newton's graph stay significantly closer to the fit line whilst Aristotle's model has a consistent and predictable deviation from the line of best fit. I would report a value of  $0.65 \pm 0.001 \frac{m}{s^2}$  to my supervisor.

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	Weight (g) Tennis Ball	Length (cm) String	Diameter (cm) Tennis Ball	Length (m) Total	Period (s) 10 swings	Period (s) 1 swing	<del>g (m/s<sup>2</sup>)</del>	Weight (N)
1	58	65.5	6.31	0.68655	16.18	1.618	<del>10.35321</del>	0.55
2	58	65.7	6.35	0.68875	16.33	1.633	<del>10.19645</del>	0.53
3	58	65.8	6.40	0.69000	16.10	1.610	<del>10.50890</del>	0.54
4	58	65.9	6.41	0.69105	16.24	1.624	<del>10.34421</del>	0.54
5	58	65.7	6.21	0.68805	16.29	1.629	<del>10.28617</del>	0.55
6	58	66.1	6.30	0.6925	15.88	1.588	<del>10.84123</del>	0.55
7	57	66.0	6.21	0.69105	16.07	1.607	<del>10.56422</del>	0.53
8	57	66.3	6.26	0.69430	16.02	1.602	<del>10.60026</del>	0.52
9	57	66.2	6.18	0.69290	15.94	1.594	<del>10.76598</del>	0.51
10	58	66.2	6.28	0.69340	16.02	1.602	<del>10.66642</del>	0.52
mean	57.7	65.94	6.291	0.69085	16.107	1.6107		0.534
SD	0.48305	0.26331	0.07923	0.00251	0.14999	0.01499		0.0143
SE	0.15275	0.08327	0.02505	$7.9913 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.0474	0.00474		0.00452



$$g = 4\pi^2 \frac{l}{T^2}$$

$$g \approx 10.51277 \text{ m/s}^2 \approx \boxed{g = 10.5 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

$$\delta g = \sqrt{\delta g_l^2 + \delta g_T^2}$$

$$\delta g \approx 0.06304531 \approx \boxed{\delta g = 0.1 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

$$\delta g_l = \frac{4\pi^2}{T^2} \delta l$$

$$\delta g_l \approx 0.01209649$$

$$\delta g_T = -8\pi^2 \frac{l}{T^3} \delta T$$

$$\delta g_T \approx \text{~~0.06187395~~ } 0.06187395$$

$$\text{Result: } g = \boxed{10.5 \pm 0.1 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

## Procedure:

### - Measure

- Mass of Tennis Ball
- Weight of Tennis Ball w/ scale
- Length of string from Ball to end w/ meter stick
- Diameter of Ball w/ calipers
- Period of 10 swings w/ stopwatch

### - Setup

- Attach a string to a Tennis Ball w/ a loop on the other end.
- Suspend the tennis ball by the string such that the tennis ball is only touching the string

Our measurement only had one decimal place as we had to estimate that due to the stick being obstructed by the ball

### - Analysis

- Derive the length from the tip of the string to the center of the ball from the length & diameter measurements

- Measure Period by deviating the tennis ball from equilibrium by less than  $5^\circ$  off the vertical.

- Calculate  $g$  from the formula of

$$g = 4\pi^2 \frac{l}{T^2} \text{ \& the means of measurements}$$

- Derive  $\delta g$  from  $\delta T$  and  $\delta l$

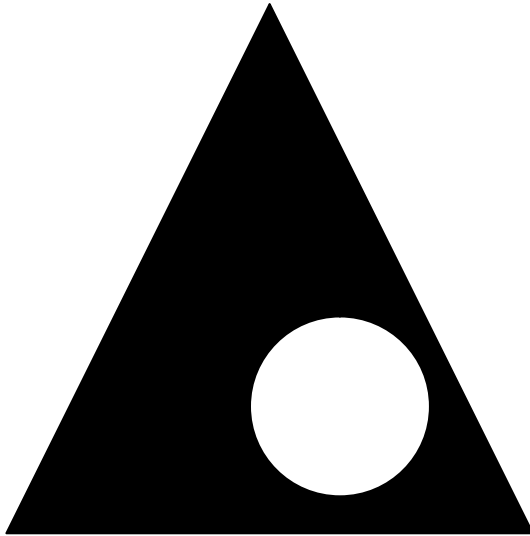
- Derive the time of one period from the measurement of 10.

- Find the mean, SE, SD of all measurements

## UNC LAB: Error Analysis and Propagation Exercise

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This exercise is designed to help you understand error analysis and error propagation. You need to determine the area of the shaded region in the figure above; that is, the area of a triangle minus the area of a circle. If the triangle has a height,  $h$ , and width,  $w$ , and the circle has diameter  $d$ , then the shaded area is given by the formula  $A = hw/2 - \pi d^2/4$ .

Every measurement has an associated uncertainty. The uncertainties can be labeled with the symbol,  $\delta$ , which indicates a small change in the associated quantity. The uncertainties of  $h$ ,  $w$ , and  $d$  are given by  $\delta_h$ ,  $\delta_w$ , and  $\delta_d$  respectively.

Use a metric ruler to measure  $h$ ,  $w$ , and  $d$ , estimate the uncertainties  $\delta_h$ ,  $\delta_w$ , and  $\delta_d$  in your measurements of each quantity and enter these values below, in cm. For your convenience, copy these values onto the other side of this page.

$\frac{69.3}{h} \pm \frac{0.1}{\delta_h}$  cm       $\frac{69.2}{w} \pm \frac{0.1}{\delta_w}$  cm       $\frac{23.3}{d} \pm \frac{0.1}{\delta_d}$  cm

(measured w/ calipers)

Now calculate  $A = hw/2 - \pi d^2/4 = 1.97 \times 10^3$  cm<sup>2</sup>      1971.395191

To estimate the uncertainty in  $A$ ,  $\delta_A$ , we need to propagate each individual contribution to the uncertainty ( $\delta_h$ ,  $\delta_w$ , and  $\delta_d$ ) through the equation for  $A$  to find out how much each contributes to the uncertainty in  $A$  (these terms are labeled as  $\delta_{Ah}$ ,  $\delta_{Aw}$ , and  $\delta_{Ad}$ ) and then add these contributions in quadrature  $\delta_A = (\delta_{Ah}^2 + \delta_{Aw}^2 + \delta_{Ad}^2)^{1/2}$ .

The first step is to determine  $\delta_{Ah}$ ,  $\delta_{Aw}$ , and  $\delta_{Ad}$ . This may be done by one of two methods. In the computational method, you calculate the change in  $A$  caused by substituting for each term, such as  $h$ , the value plus its estimated uncertainty, such as  $h + \delta_h$  (or  $h - \delta_h$ ). The derivative method has you calculate terms such as  $\delta_{Ah}$  using the idea that any small change in  $A$  due to a small change in  $h$  is given by the derivative of  $A$  with respect to  $h$ , treating all the other terms such as  $w$  and  $d$  as constants. This is properly called a *partial derivative* and uses the symbol  $\partial$  as in  $\frac{\partial A}{\partial h}$  rather than  $\frac{dA}{dh}$ . Once you know how  $A$  changes as a function of  $h$ , you can simply multiply this by the estimated uncertainty in  $h$ ,  $\delta_h$ , to find  $\delta_{Ah} = |\partial A / \partial h| \delta_h$ .

Now, for some practice in error propagation, fill in each of the blanks on the other side of this page.

$$69.3 \overset{h}{\pm} 0.1$$

$$69.2 \overset{w}{\pm} 0.1$$

$$23.3 \overset{d}{\pm} 0.1$$

### COMPUTATIONAL METHOD

$$\delta_{Ah} = |(hw/2 - \pi d^2/4) - ((h + \delta_h)w/2 - \pi d^2/4)| = \{ \text{this simplifies to } \delta_h w/2 \} = \frac{3.46 \text{ cm}^2}{(\text{units})}$$

$$\delta_{Aw} = |(hw/2 - \pi d^2/4) - (h(w + \delta_w)/2 - \pi d^2/4)| = 3.465 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\delta_{Ad} = |(hw/2 - \pi d^2/4) - (hw/2 - \pi (d + \delta_d)^2/4)| = 3.668 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\delta_A = (\delta_{Ah}^2 + \delta_{Aw}^2 + \delta_{Ad}^2)^{1/2} = 6.216 \text{ cm}^2$$

You should quote your value for A in the form  $A \pm \delta_A$  (units):  $1971 \pm 6 \text{ cm}^2$   
 ( $\delta_A$  is normally given with one or at most two significant figures while the most significant figure in the value of A should be determined from  $\delta_A$ , as in  $A = 3.65 \pm 0.03 \text{ cm}^2$ . See Appendix V, Section D.)

### DERIVATIVE METHOD

(Optional for P115 students)

$$\delta_{Ah} = \left| \frac{\partial A}{\partial h} \right| \delta_h = \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial h} \left( \frac{hw}{2} - \frac{\pi d^2}{4} \right) \right| \delta_h = \frac{\delta_h w}{2} = \frac{3.46 \text{ cm}^2}{(\text{units})}$$

$$\delta_{Aw} = \left| \frac{\partial A}{\partial w} \right| \delta_w = \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \left( \frac{hw}{2} - \frac{\pi d^2}{4} \right) \right| \delta_w = \frac{h \delta_w}{2} = 3.465 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\delta_{Ad} = \left| \frac{\partial A}{\partial d} \right| \delta_d = \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial d} \left( \frac{hw}{2} - \frac{\pi d^2}{4} \right) \right| \delta_d = \frac{\pi d \delta_d}{2} = 3.660 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\delta_A = \sqrt{\delta_{Ah}^2 + \delta_{Aw}^2 + \delta_{Ad}^2} = 6.113 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$A = 1971 \pm 6 \text{ cm}^2$$

You should find that the computational and derivative methods give similar results.

**GRADE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (out of 10 points)

**GRADED BY** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (TA's initials)