Pendulum Lab Report Guidelines

Pre-Lab

1. Recall the difference between independent, dependent, and control variables.

2. Brainstorm a list of factors that might affect the period of a pendulum.

3. Identify each of the following (there may be more than one).

Dependent Variables	Control Variables
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Lab Report

All of the your answers from here on should go in the word document.

Purpose: Write one sentence explaining what you are trying to figure out in this lab. Make sure your purpose includes all of your independent and dependent variables

Hypotheses: Predict what the relationship will be between each of your independent variables and your dependent variable (*i.e. directly proportional, inversely proportional, unrelated*). Make sure to explain why you think each of these relationships will hold.

Example: mass and period will be (choose one: directly proportional, inversely proportional, unrelated).

Procedure: Make a brief list of the steps you follow in the lab.

- Make a list of all three experiments that you will perform.
- Explain how, specifically, you will be measuring the dependent variable.
- Explain how many values of each independent variable there will be.

Data: Show all data tables for each of your experiments.

- Be sure that each data table has a descriptive title.
- Be sure that each data table lists the variables you are holding constant and their values
- Make sure all units are labeled. (It is OK to label the units in the table headings instead of in each individual cell
- You'll probably have a total of three data tables in your report (one for each independent variable)
- Each data table should have 5 different rows (one for each value of the independent variable)

Also include a Desmos graph for each variable

- 1. Go to www.desmos.com/calculator to graph your data.
- 2. Make a separate graph for each experiment.
- 3. Graph your independent variable on the x-axis and dependent variable on the y-axis
- 4. Use the "wrench icon" to give your graph axis labels.
- 5. Make sure to zoom your graph in such a way that your data fills the page and that you can see zero on each axis.
- 6. Copy the share link (top image to the right).
- 7. Also, click "Export image." Right click the graph and then click "Copy image" (bottom image to the right). Paste into your data table.



Results: All you need are three sentences for this section: one for each experiment. Your results should describe the relationship between each of your independent variables and your dependent variable (*i.e.* directly proportional, inversely proportional, unrelated).

Example: Mass and period were unrelated.

Conclusion and Discussion: Answer the following questions in paragraph form.

- What was the purpose of the lab?
- How did you go about accomplishing the purpose?
- What did you find (i.e. what affected the period of the pendulum and how did it affect it)?
- What errors came up in this lab and how could you correct them in the future?