

# Constant Accelerated Rotation

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## Introduction

Rotational movement: the rotational movement of rigid bodies can be described analogously to linear displacement. In this analogy the displacement  $s = x$  corresponds to the angle  $\phi$ , the speed  $v = \dot{x}$  corresponds to the angular speed  $\omega = \dot{\phi}$ , the acceleration  $a = \dot{v}$  corresponds to the angular acceleration  $\dot{\omega}$ , the force  $F$  corresponds to the torque  $M$ , the ~~for~~ mass  $m$  corresponds to the moment of inertia  $I$ , and the momentum  $p$  corresponds to the angular momentum  $L$ .

That means the equation of movement is

$$M = I \cdot \dot{\omega} \quad ; \quad M = \dot{L}$$

Torque and angular momentum can also be described by their corresponding quantities of displacements acting over a lever arm.

$$\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$$

$$\vec{M} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$$

In any closed system, torque is preserved

$$L = \text{const} \quad (\Leftrightarrow) \quad M = 0$$

The angular momentum accounts for how the mass is distributed in respect to the axis of rotation:

$$I = \int_V r^2 dm$$

For a cylinder, rotating around its axis of symmetry, the angular momentum is

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_V r^2 dm = \int_V r^2 \cdot \rho \cdot dV \\ &= \int_0^a r^3 \cdot \rho \cdot dr \cdot h \cdot 2\pi = \frac{1}{4} a^4 \rho \cdot h \cdot 2\pi = \frac{1}{2} m a^2, \end{aligned}$$

a being the cylinder's radius

If the body is not rotating around its axis of symmetry, Steiner's law can be applied to simplify the calculation

$$I = I_s + m a^2, \quad I_s \text{ being the angular momentum in respect to the axis of symmetry and } a \text{ being the distance to that axis}$$

This can be explained as follows:

The rotation is split up in two parts. One part is the rotation of the entire body (as a point mass) around the axis of rotation, that's the  $m a^2$  part, the other is the rotation of the body around its own axis of symmetry.

With all this, the solution to the equation of movement can be given as

$$\phi(t) = \frac{1}{2I} \omega^2 t^2 + \dot{\phi}_0 t + \phi_0$$

## Assignments

Examination of constant accelerated rotation

- measurement of distance - time - dependency
- measurement of torque - time - dependency
- measurement of friction

for different angular momenta (with and without additional masses)

- 1) Qualitative and quantitative examination of the law of movements. Measurement of time in dependency of angle (constant torque) and in dependency of torque (constant angle). Determination of angular momenta (with and without additional masses) and comparison with the theoretic values (Steiner's law)
- 2) Discussion of friction in different models (dependency of friction forces and friction torques of the parameters of movement) from the experimental data



# Experiment

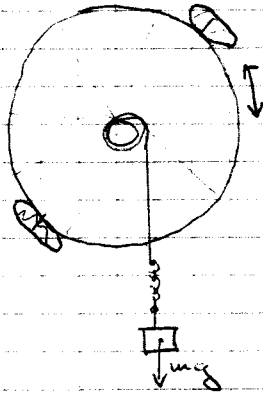
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End

Devices:



Handclack (1/10s)

set of weights

mass of spring  $(10 \pm 1 \text{ g})$

geometry: Diameter wheel  $63,5 \pm 0,5 \text{ cm}$

Diameter axis  $3,5 \pm 0,2 \text{ cm}$

Diameter ext. weights  $5,5 \pm 0,5 \text{ cm}$

On Assignment 1:

$M = \text{const}$       $m = (89 \pm 1) \text{ g}$

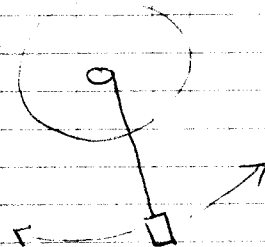
~~mass~~ mass of weight and spring  $(99 \pm 1) \text{ g}$

$\phi/2\pi$	$t$	left-rotation ↷
1	$7,7 \pm 0,5 \text{ s}$	error of $\pm ?$
2	$11,5 \pm 0,5 \text{ s}$	- reaction time
3	13,1	- precision of $\phi$
4	15,3	
5	17,1	
6	/	

not enough data

error:

(in general)



$$m = 89 \text{ g}$$

$\phi/2\pi$	$t$
1	6,7 s
2	9,8
3	<del>11,4</del> 12,9
4	14,7
5	16,0
6	17,9
7	19,5

right-rotation  $\odot$

$$m = 89 \text{ g} \quad \ominus$$

$\phi/2\pi$	$t$
1	7,5
2	10,3
3	12,9
4	15,0
5	17,0
6	18,6
7	20,2

with additional weights

mass of weight and spring :  $249 \pm 1g$

additional weights  $1010 \pm 1g$  each

$\phi/2\pi$	$t$	↷	$\phi/2\pi$	$t$	↻
1	8,5		1	10,4	
2	17,5		2	13,6	
3	15,43		3	12,5	
4	18,0		4	18,9	
5	20,1		5	21,8	
6	23,0		6	23,4	
7	24,2		7	25,7	

$\phi = \text{const} = 3$  ↷

$m$	$t$		$m$	$t$
100 g	13,2		100 g	12,5
249 g	7,9		249 g	7,8
527 g	5,4		527 g	5,4
735 g	4,5 4,9		735 g	4,5
997 g	4,0		997 g	4,0

weights include spring

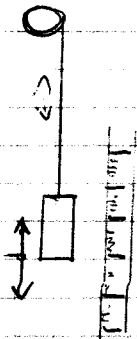
all weights  $\pm 1g$

with additional weights 1010g each

$$\phi = 5$$

m	t		m	t	
100 g	32,3	↻	100 g	(39,5)	↻
249 g	21,7		249 g	21,2	
527 g	14,3		527 g	14,8	
735 g	12,2		735 g	12,2	
997 g	10,3		997 g	10,5	

on Assignment 2:



$x_0$  = initial position

$x_1$  = position after down-up

$x_0$	$x_1$	m	ext. mass
70	51,5	249 g	1010 g each <del>all values 30 cm</del>
30	23,5	249 g	"
70	57,5	527 g	"
30	24,5	527 g	"
20	51,5	249 g	0
30	24,5	249 g	"
70	51,0	527 g	"
30	24,5	527 g	"

if any  
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on Assignment 2:

~~Zero position 24333 + 1~~

experiment repeated

~~Start position 100 ± 1~~

$x_0$	$x_1$	$m$	$\phi \pm 0,2r$	ext. mass
100	<del>86</del> 86	249	$10 - 0,9r$	10.10
99	85	249	$9 + \frac{3}{4}$	10.10
93	84	527	$10 + 0,6r$	10.10
93	84	527	$10 + 0,6r$	10.10
74	65	249	$6 + 0,6r$	10.10
74	65	249	$6 + 0,7r$	10.10
69,5	63	527	$6\frac{1}{2} - 0,9r$	10.10
69	64	527	$6\frac{1}{2} - 0,2r$	10.10
99	76	249	$9\frac{1}{4}$	0
<del>99</del> 98,5	78	249	$9\frac{1}{4} - 0,2r$	0
95	81	527	$10 - 0,8r$	0
93	80	527	$9\frac{3}{4} + 0,1r$	0
74,5	63	249	$6 - 0,2r$	0
74	61	249	$5\frac{3}{4} + 0,1r$	0
73	65,5	527	$6\frac{1}{2} - 0,6r$	0
72	64,5	527	$6\frac{1}{4} + 0,2r$	0

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## Analysis

### Assignment 1:

The first measurement, with a fixed mass and variable angles, allows to determine the moment of inertia. Neglecting friction, we know that the total moment of inertia is

$I_T = I_0 + I_w$ ,  $I_0$  being the moment of inertia of the wheel without additional weights and  $I_w$  being the moment of inertia of the additional weights.

Since we do not know all details about the wheel, we will only make a comparison of the experimental and the theoretical value of  $I_w$ .

In theory, we should find that

$$\begin{aligned} I_w &= 2m \left( \frac{1}{2} r^2 + a^2 \right) \quad (\text{following Steiner's law}) \\ &= 2 (1,010 \pm 0,001) \text{ kg} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2} (0,0275 \pm 0,0025)^2 \text{ m}^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (0,3175 \pm 0,0025)^2 \text{ m}^2 \right) \\ &= (0,204 \pm 0,015) \text{ kg}^2 \text{ m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

For the experimental value, we can use

$$\tau = 2I\phi \cdot \frac{1}{t^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow I = \frac{F_g \cdot d}{2} \cdot \frac{t^2}{\phi}$$

The plot gives the inverse ratio,  $\frac{\phi}{t^2}$ .

In the first plot, with fixed mass 81g,

$$\frac{\phi}{t^2} = (0,1100 \pm 0,0038) \text{ s}^{-2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow I_0 &= \frac{1}{2} (0,0153 \pm 0,0009) \text{ Nm} \cdot \frac{1}{(0,1100 \pm 0,0038) \text{ s}^{-2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (0,139 \pm 0,010) \text{ Nm s}^2 = (0,070 \pm 0,005) \text{ Nm s}^2 \end{aligned}$$

In the second plot, with fixed mass 249 g,

$$\frac{\phi}{t^2} = (0,0784 \pm 0,0154) \text{ s}^{-2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow I_1 &= \frac{1}{2}(0,0427 \pm 0,0003) \text{ Nm} \cdot \frac{1}{(0,0784 \pm 0,0154) \text{ s}^{-2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(0,545 \pm 0,108) \text{ Nms}^2 = (0,273 \pm 0,054) \text{ Nms}^2 \end{aligned}$$

We now get  $I_w$  as

$$I_w = I_1 - I_0 = \frac{1}{2}(0,406 \pm 0,109) \text{ Nms}^2 = (0,203 \pm 0,055) \text{ Nms}^2$$

The second measurement, with a fixed angle and variable masses (i.e. torques) also allows us to look at the friction. We can use the law

$$M = M_r + 2\phi \cdot \frac{I}{t^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow m_{\text{get}} \cdot g \cdot d = m_r \cdot g \cdot d + 2\phi \cdot \frac{I_0 + I_w}{t^2} \cdot \frac{1}{g \cdot d}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow m \cdot t^2 = m_r \cdot t^2 + \underbrace{\frac{2\phi(I_0 + I_w)}{g \cdot d}}_{\text{const.} := C}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (m - m_r) t^2 = C$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{m - m_r}{1/t^2} = C \quad \Leftrightarrow m = C \cdot \frac{1}{t^2} + m_r$$

Thus, the plot's slope gives us  $C$

In the first plot, with fixed angle  $6\pi$ , the slope as calculated by graphplot is

$$C = (15,852 \pm 5,873) \text{ kg s}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow I_0 &= \frac{g \cdot d \cdot C}{2\phi} = \frac{1}{2}(0,144 \pm 0,054) \text{ Nms}^2 \\ &= (0,072 \pm 0,027) \text{ Nms}^2 \end{aligned}$$

In the second plot, with fixed angle  $10\pi$ , we have

$$C = (106,09 \pm 11,90) \text{ kg s}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow I_1 = \frac{g \cdot d \cdot C}{2\phi} = \frac{1}{2} (0,580 \pm 0,073) \text{ Nm s}^2 \\ = (0,290 \pm 0,037) \text{ Nm s}^2$$

From these two values, we get

$$I_w = I_1 - I_0 = \frac{1}{2} (0,436 \pm 0,091) \text{ Nm s}^2 = (0,218 \pm 0,046) \text{ Nm s}^2$$

$M_r$  from the plot indicates the friction

$$M_r = m_r \cdot g \cdot d$$

In the first plot,  $m_r$  is calculated as

$$m_r = (-0,00574 \pm 0,01556) \text{ kg}$$

$$\Rightarrow M_r = (-9,85 \pm 26,70) \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ kg } \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2}$$

$M_r$  must be greater than zero, so  $M_r$  can be anywhere between 0 and  $16,89 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ kg } \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2}$

In the second plot,  $m_r$  is

$$m_r = (0,02005 \pm 0,00705) \text{ kg}$$

$$\Rightarrow M_r = (29,50 \pm 13,32) \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ kg } \frac{\text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2}$$

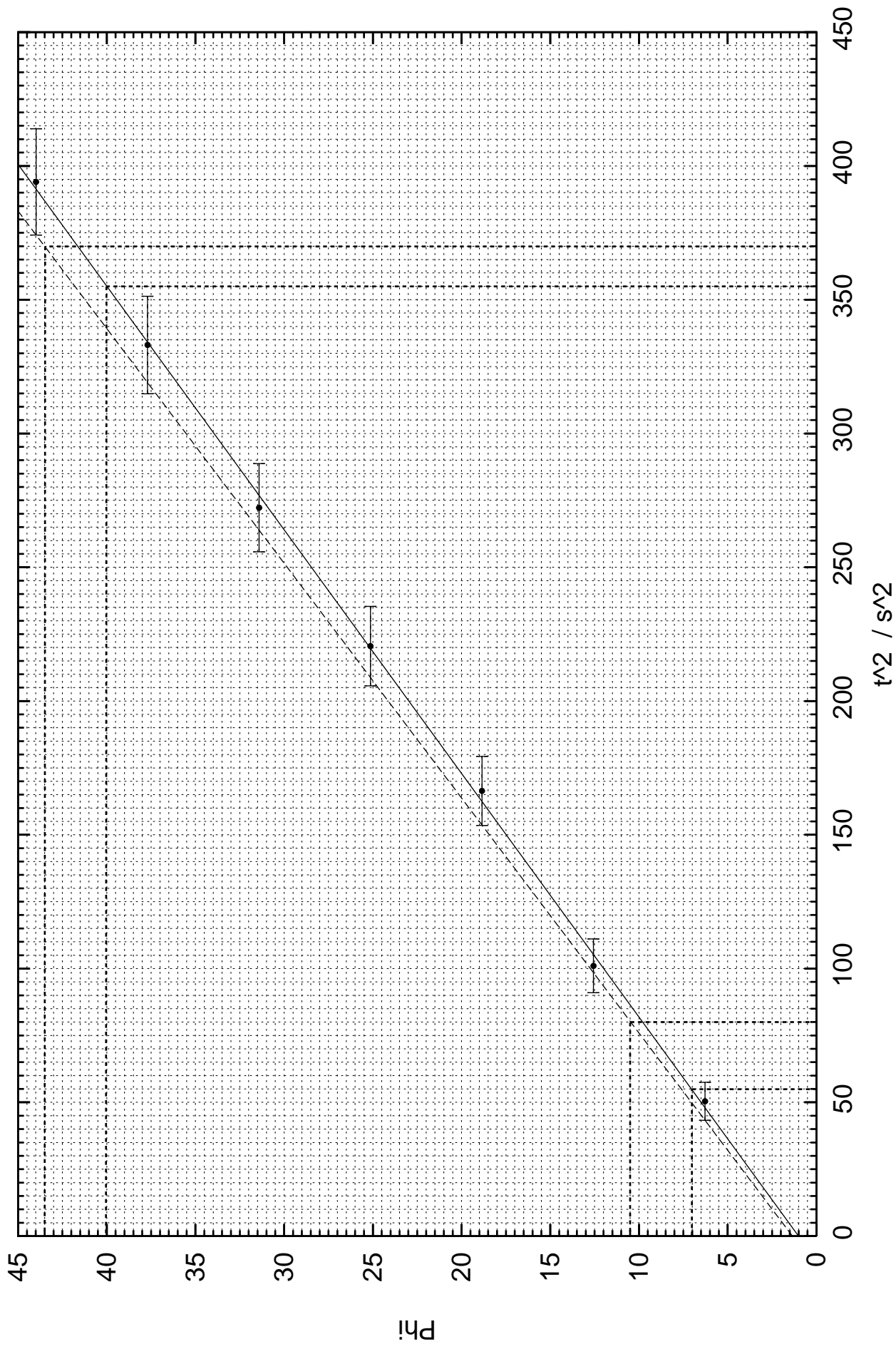
Considering the large error, these values have little meaning.

### On Assignment 1: Experiment and Plot Data

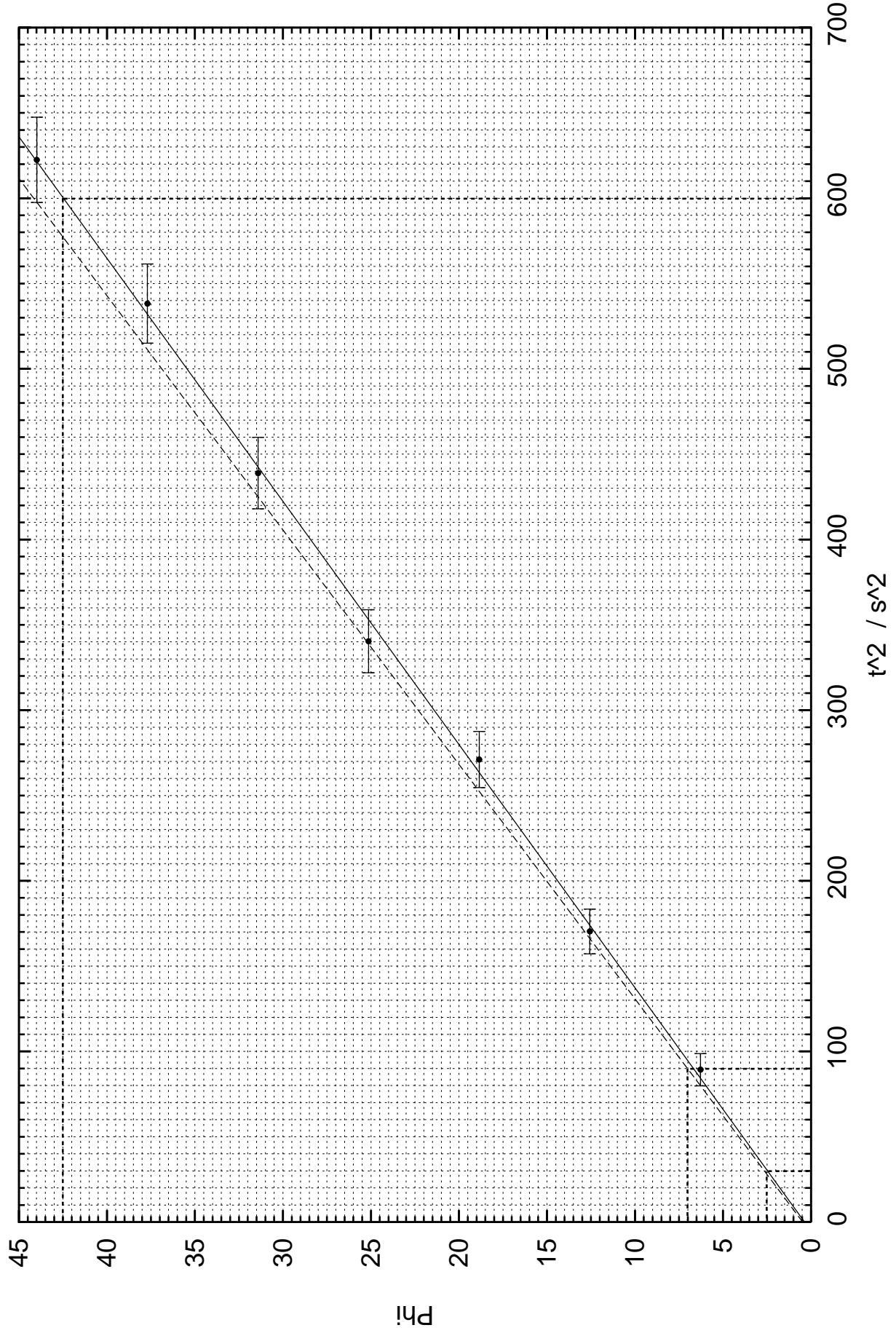
Rounds	Phi (rad)	Time		Average Time	Error	Mass	Error	Ext. Mass		Time^2	Error	Inverse	Error
		(left spinning)	(right spinning)					Ext. Mass	Error				
1	6.28	6.7	7.5	7.1	0.5	0.099	0.001			50.41	7.10	0.019837	0.002794
2	12.57	9.8	10.3	10.1	0.5	0.099	0.001			101.00	10.05	0.009901	0.000985
3	18.85	12.9	12.9	12.9	0.5	0.099	0.001			166.41	12.90	0.006009	0.000466
4	25.13	14.7	15.0	14.9	0.5	0.099	0.001			220.52	14.85	0.004535	0.000305
5	31.42	16.0	17.0	16.5	0.5	0.099	0.001			272.25	16.50	0.003673	0.000223
6	37.7	17.9	18.6	18.3	0.5	0.099	0.001			333.06	18.25	0.003002	0.000165
7	43.98	19.5	20.2	19.9	0.5	0.099	0.001			394.02	19.85	0.002538	0.000128
1	6.28	8.5	10.4	9.5	0.5	0.249	0.001	1.010	0.001	89.30	9.45	0.011198	0.001185
2	12.57	12.5	13.6	13.1	0.5	0.249	0.001	1.010	0.001	170.30	13.05	0.005872	0.000450
3	18.85	15.4	17.5	16.5	0.5	0.249	0.001	1.010	0.001	271.10	16.47	0.003689	0.000224
4	25.13	18.0	18.9	18.5	0.5	0.249	0.001	1.010	0.001	340.40	18.45	0.002938	0.000159
5	31.42	20.1	21.8	21.0	0.5	0.249	0.001	1.010	0.001	438.90	20.95	0.002278	0.000109
6	37.7	23.0	23.4	23.2	0.5	0.249	0.001	1.010	0.001	538.24	23.20	0.001858	0.000080
7	43.98	24.2	25.7	25.0	0.5	0.249	0.001	1.010	0.001	622.50	24.95	0.001606	0.000064
3	18.85	13.2	12.5	12.9	0.5	0.100	0.001			165.12	12.85	0.006056	0.000471
3	18.85	7.9	7.8	7.9	0.5	0.249	0.001			61.62	7.85	0.016228	0.002067
3	18.85	5.4	5.4	5.4	0.5	0.527	0.001			29.16	5.40	0.034294	0.006351
3	18.85	4.7	4.5	4.6	0.5	0.735	0.001			21.16	4.60	0.047259	0.010274
3	18.85	4.0	4.0	4.0	0.5	0.997	0.001			16.00	4.00	0.062500	0.015625
5	31.42	32.3	39.5	35.9	0.5	0.100	0.001	1.010	0.001	1288.81	35.90	0.000776	0.000022
5	31.42	21.7	21.2	21.5	0.5	0.249	0.001	1.010	0.001	460.10	21.45	0.002173	0.000101
5	31.42	14.3	14.8	14.6	0.5	0.527	0.001	1.010	0.001	211.70	14.55	0.004724	0.000325
5	31.42	12.2	12.2	12.2	0.5	0.735	0.001	1.010	0.001	148.84	12.20	0.006719	0.000551
5	31.42	10.3	10.5	10.4	0.5	0.997	0.001	1.010	0.001	108.16	10.40	0.009246	0.000889



On Assignment 1: Measurement With Constant Mass, No Additional Weights

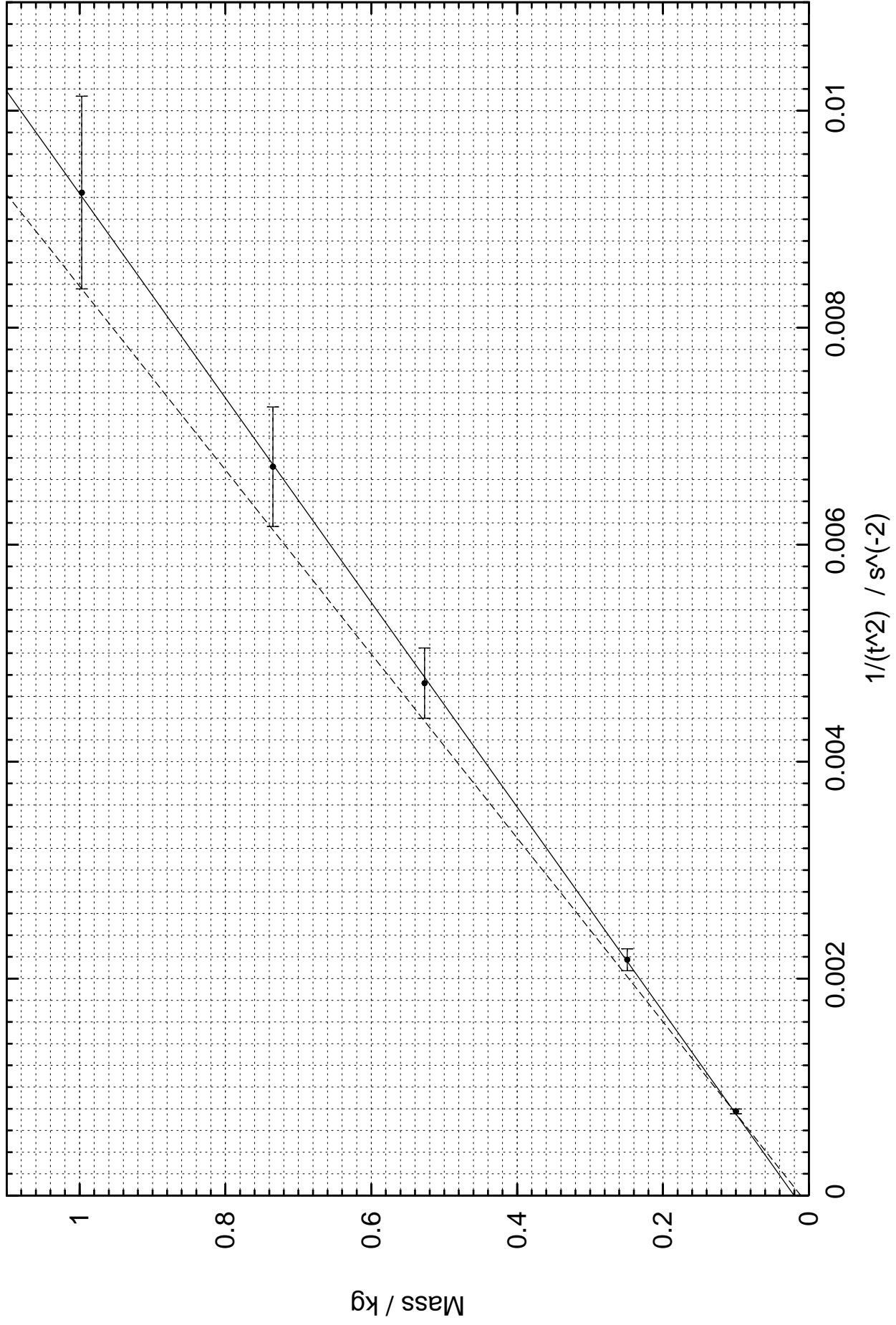


On Assignment 1: Measurement With Constant Mass, With Additional Weights

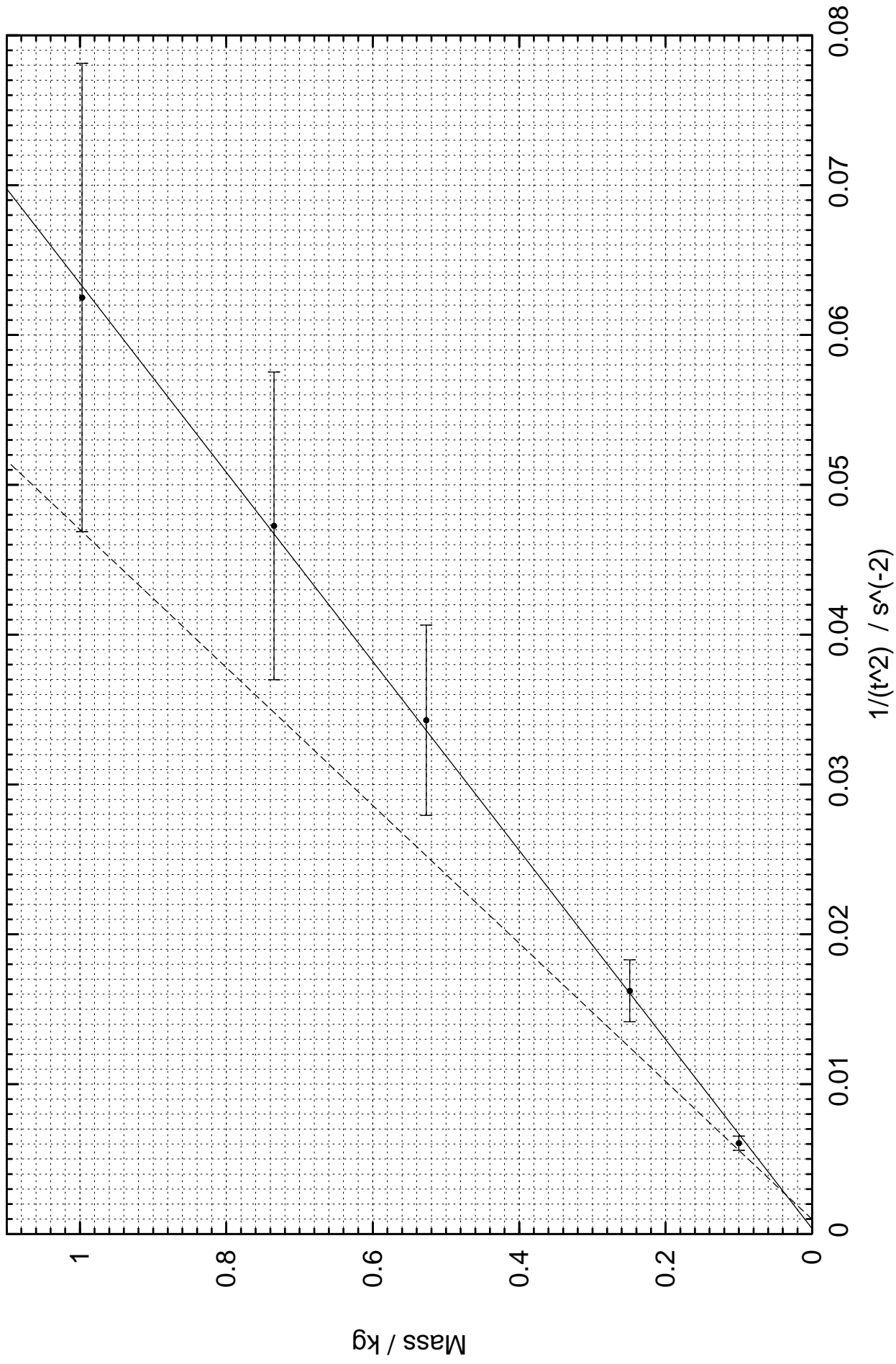




On Assignment 1: Measurement With Constant Angle, With Additional Weights



On Assignment 1: Measurement With Constant Angle, No Additional Weights



## Assignment 2

In this assignment, friction is described as a constant friction torque. It can be calculated from the loss of energy. If the mass starts at a position  $x_0$  and returns to a position  $x_1$ , then the difference of energy is

$E = m \cdot g \cdot \Delta x$ . We consider this energy to have gone into a friction torque, for which we have the equation

$$W_f = E = M_f \cdot \phi$$

Thus, we can find the friction torque from the experimental data as

~~$$M_f = m \cdot g \cdot \Delta x$$~~

$$M_f = m \cdot g \cdot \Delta x / \phi$$

The calculated values are in the table.

We can see that  $M_f$  is neither constant nor a constant percentage of the torque  $M$ . However,  $M_f$  is much larger without the external weights.

This indicates that  $M_f$  is dependent on the total angular momentum

obviously, we must include more parameters into a description of friction

## On Assignment 2: Measurement of Friction

X_0	Error	X_1	Error	Delta x (cm)	Mass (kg)	Error	Ext. Mass (kg)	Error	Full Rots (rad / 2Pi) + rad	Total Phi (rad)	Error	M (N m)	M_r (N m)	Error	N_r / M	
100	1	86	1	14	1.41	0.249	1.010	0.001	10	-0.9	61.93	0.2	0.043	0.006	0.001	0.13
99	1	85	1	14	1.41	0.249	1.010	0.001	9.75	0	61.26	0.2	0.043	0.006	0.101	0.13
93	1	84	1	9	1.41	0.527	1.010	0.001	10	0.6	63.43	0.2	0.090	0.007	0.157	0.08
93	1	84	1	9	1.41	0.527	1.010	0.001	10	0.6	63.43	0.2	0.090	0.007	0.157	0.08
74	1	65	1	9	1.41	0.249	1.010	0.001	6	0.6	38.3	0.2	0.043	0.006	0.157	0.13
74	1	65	1	9	1.41	0.249	1.010	0.001	6	0.7	38.4	0.2	0.043	0.006	0.157	0.13
69.5	1	63	1	6.5	1.41	0.527	1.010	0.001	6.5	-0.4	40.44	0.2	0.090	0.008	0.218	0.09
69	1	64	1	5	1.41	0.527	1.010	0.001	6.5	-0.2	40.64	0.2	0.090	0.006	0.283	0.07
99	1	76	1	23	1.41	0.249	0.000	0.001	9.25	0	58.12	0.2	0.043	0.010	0.062	0.23
99	1	78	1	21	1.41	0.249	0.000	0.001	9.25	-0.2	57.92	0.2	0.043	0.009	0.068	0.21
95	1	81	1	14	1.41	0.527	0.000	0.001	10	-0.8	62.03	0.2	0.090	0.012	0.101	0.13
93	1	80	1	13	1.41	0.527	0.000	0.001	9.75	0.1	61.36	0.2	0.090	0.011	0.109	0.12
74.5	1	63	1	11.5	1.41	0.249	0.000	0.001	6	-0.2	37.5	0.2	0.043	0.007	0.123	0.18
74	1	61	1	13	1.41	0.249	0.000	0.001	5	0.1	31.52	0.2	0.043	0.010	0.109	0.24
73	1	65.5	1	7.5	1.41	0.527	0.000	0.001	6.5	-0.6	40.24	0.2	0.090	0.010	0.189	0.11
72	1	64.5	1	7.5	1.41	0.527	0.000	0.001	6.35	0.2	40.1	0.2	0.090	0.010	0.189	0.11

## Conclusion

In general, the wheel followed the law of movement as expected. The experimental values of  $I_w$  are within error identical to the theoretical value. However, the errors are extremely large. With the given setup, it will be hard to get much more accurate results, as there are numerous sources of error. There is a swinging movement of the mass during certain measurements, there is a slightly uneven mass distribution on the wheel, and there is friction both from the wheel and from the air.

The attempt to analyze the friction in assignment 1 were rather unsuccessful, they merely provided an upper bound from the error interval.

In Assignment 2, we could make some meaningful measurement of friction. The results show that we cannot describe friction ~~with~~ accurately with simple models, but that we need more parameters. A source of error in this assignment was, in addition to the sources mentioned above, the loss of energy at the point of full extension.