

Problem 1:

How might your measurement be affected by the mass of the string!?

REQUIREMENT: Now, you must treat the metal ball as a point mass and the string as a stiff rod. And, please show all your work numerically!

(0.5) What is I_{total} I_{point_mass} I_{rod} , the total moment of inertia of this system, with respect to the pivot?

Answer: $I_{total} = \frac{1}{3}M_{string}L_{string}^2 + m_{sphere} L_{string} R_{sphere}^2$

(0.5) What is h , the distance from the pivot to the center of mass of this stiff-rod-and-point-mass system?

Answer: $h = |X_{center_of_mass} - X_{pivot}|$, if we define $X_{pivot} = 0$, then,

$$h = \frac{M_{string}X_{center_of_string} + m_{sphere}X_{sphere}}{M_{string} + m_{sphere}}$$

$$= \frac{M_{string} \frac{L_{string}}{2} + m_{sphere} L_{string} R_{sphere}}{M_{string} + m_{sphere}}$$

(0.5) What will be the new time period formula if you treat this system as a stiff-rod-and-point-mass physical pendulum, starting from $T = 2\sqrt{\frac{I_{total}}{m_{total}gh}}$? Here $m_{total} = m_{pointmass} + m_{rod}$ is the total mass.

Answer:

$$T_{new} = 2\sqrt{\frac{I_{total}}{m_{total}gh}}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{3}M_{string}L_{string}^2 + m_{sphere} L_{string} R_{sphere}^2}{(M_{string} + m_{sphere}) g \frac{M_{string} \frac{L_{string}}{2} + m_{sphere} L_{string} R_{sphere}}{M_{string} + m_{sphere}}}}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{3}M_{string}L_{string}^2 + m_{sphere} L_{string} R_{sphere}^2}{g \left[M_{string} \frac{L_{string}}{2} + m_{sphere} L_{string} R_{sphere} \right]}}$$

(0.5) What is the percent difference of time period between the point-mass ideal pendulum and the stiff-rod physical pendulum?

Answer:

%ERROR	$\left \frac{T_{new} - T_0}{T_0} \right \quad 100\%$	
	$\frac{2 \sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{3} M_{string} L_{string}^2 m_{sphere} L_{string} R_{sphere}^2}{g \left[M_{string} \frac{L_{string}}{2} m_{sphere} L_{string} R_{sphere} \right]}}}{2 \sqrt{\frac{L_{string} R_{sphere}}{g}}} \quad 100\%$	
	$\frac{\sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{3} M_{string} L_{string}^2 m_{sphere} L_{string} R_{sphere}^2}{g \left[M_{string} \frac{L_{string}}{2} m_{sphere} L_{string} R_{sphere} \right]}}}{\sqrt{\frac{L_{string} R_{sphere}}{g}}} \quad 1 \quad 100\%$	
	$\sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{3} M_{string} L_{string}^2 m_{sphere} L_{string} R_{sphere}^2}{\left[M_{string} \frac{L_{string}}{2} m_{sphere} L_{string} R_{sphere} \right] L_{string} R_{sphere}}} \quad 1 \quad 100\%$	

Example How might your measurement be affected by the size of the ball?

REQUIREMENT: Now, you must treat the metal ball as a sizable sphere and the string as massless. And, please show all your work numerically!

(0.5) What is h , the distance from the pivot to the center of mass of this massless-string-and-huge-sphere system?

Answer: $h = |X_{\text{center_of_mass}} - X_{\text{pivot}}|$, if we define $X_{\text{pivot}} = 0$, then,
 $h = X_{\text{center_of_mass}} = L_{\text{string}} + R_{\text{sphere}}$.

(0.5) What is the new total moment of inertia of this massless-string-and-huge-sphere system, with respect to the pivot? Please apply **parallel-axis theorem**, $I_{\text{total}} = I_{\text{axis_at_center_of_sphere}} + m_{\text{sphere}}h^2$, here!

Answer:

$$I_{\text{total}} = \frac{2}{5}m_{\text{sphere}}R_{\text{sphere}}^2 + m_{\text{sphere}}h^2$$

$$= \frac{2}{5}m_{\text{sphere}}R_{\text{sphere}}^2 + m_{\text{sphere}}(L_{\text{string}} + R_{\text{sphere}})^2$$

$$= m_{\text{sphere}} \left[\frac{2}{5}R_{\text{sphere}}^2 + L_{\text{string}}^2 + 2L_{\text{string}}R_{\text{sphere}} + R_{\text{sphere}}^2 \right].$$

(0.5) What will be the new time period formula if you treat this system as a massless-string-and-heavy-sphere physical pendulum, starting from $T = 2\sqrt{\frac{I_{\text{total}}}{m_{\text{total}}gh}}$? Here $m_{\text{total}} = m_{\text{sphere}}$ if we neglect the mass of the massless string.

Answer:

$$T_{\text{new}} = 2\sqrt{\frac{I_{\text{total}}}{m_{\text{total}}gh}}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{\frac{m_{\text{sphere}}h^2 + \frac{2}{5}m_{\text{sphere}}R_{\text{sphere}}^2}{m_{\text{sphere}}g(L_{\text{string}} + R_{\text{sphere}})}}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{\frac{L_{\text{string}} + R_{\text{sphere}} + \frac{2}{5}\frac{R_{\text{sphere}}^2}{L_{\text{string}} + R_{\text{sphere}}}}{g}}.$$

(0.5) What is the percent difference of time period between the point-mass ideal pendulum and the sizeable-sphere physical pendulum?

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned}
\%ERROR & \left| \frac{T_{new}}{T_0} - 1 \right| = 100\% \\
& \left| \frac{2 \sqrt{\frac{L_{string} R_{sphere}^2 + \frac{2}{5} R_{sphere}^2}{g L_{string} R_{sphere}}} - 2 \sqrt{\frac{L_{string} R_{sphere}}{g}}}{2 \sqrt{\frac{L_{string} R_{sphere}}{g}}} \right| = 100\% \\
& \left| \frac{\sqrt{\frac{L_{string} R_{sphere}^2 + \frac{2}{5} R_{sphere}^2}{g L_{string} R_{sphere}}}}{\sqrt{\frac{L_{string} R_{sphere}}{g}}} - 1 \right| = 100\% \\
& \left| \sqrt{\frac{L_{string} R_{sphere}^2 + \frac{2}{5} R_{sphere}^2}{L_{string} R_{sphere}^2}} - 1 \right| = 100\% \\
& \left| \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{5} \left(\frac{R_{sphere}}{L_{string} R_{sphere}} \right)^2} - 1 \right| = 100\%
\end{aligned}$$

Problem 2:

Suppose a clock has a swing amplitude of 0.1 radians. How much increase (or decrease) in amplitude would make the clock be off by one second in one day (86,400 seconds)?

REQUIREMENT: Now, to simplify the above question, according to TA manual, the answer of this question is $\Delta A = 0.1009(\text{radian})$ or $0.0991(\text{radian})$.

However, please show all your work and prove the given answer!

(0.5) Set the initial amplitude $A_i = 0.1000$ (radian) and define the unknown final amplitude as A_f . With $T_i = T_0 \left(1 - \frac{A_i^2}{16}\right)$, please express $T = |T_f - T_i|$, the difference of time period between A_f and A_i , T , in terms of T_0 , A_f and A_i !

ANSWER:

$$T_i = T_0 \left(1 - \frac{A_i^2}{16}\right)$$

$$T_f = T_0 \left(1 - \frac{A_f^2}{16}\right)$$

$$T = |T_f - T_i|$$

$$= \left| T_0 \left(1 - \frac{A_f^2}{16}\right) - T_0 \left(1 - \frac{A_i^2}{16}\right) \right|$$

$$= \frac{T_0}{16} |A_f^2 - A_i^2|$$

(0.5) From the above result, please express the final amplitude A_f in terms of $\frac{T}{T_0}$ and A_i !

ANSWER:

$$T = \frac{T_0}{16} |A_f^2 - A_i^2|$$

$$|A_f^2 - A_i^2| = 16 \left(\frac{T}{T_0} \right)$$

$$A_f^2 - A_i^2 = 16 \left(\frac{T}{T_0} \right)$$

$$A_f^2 = 16 \left(\frac{T}{T_0} \right) + A_i^2$$

$$A_f = \sqrt{A_i^2 + 16 \left(\frac{T}{T_0} \right)}$$

(0.5) Read the phrase "off by one second in one day" carefully. Then write down the numerical value of $\frac{T}{T_0}$.

ANSWER: $\frac{T}{T_0} = \frac{\text{one second}}{\text{one day}} = \frac{1}{86400}$

(0.5) Write down the numerical value of $f - i$. Prove the percent error in amplitude is 0.9%.

ANSWER:

$$f = \sqrt{\frac{2}{i} \cdot 16 \left(\frac{T}{T_0} \right)}$$

$$i = \sqrt{0.1000^2 \cdot 16 \left(\frac{1}{86400} \right)}$$

$$\%ERROR = \left| \frac{f - i}{i} \right| \cdot 100\%$$

$$= \left| \frac{0.1009 - 0.1000}{0.1000} \right| \cdot 100\%$$

$$= \left| \frac{0.0009}{0.1000} \right| \cdot 100\%$$

$$= 0.009 \cdot 100\%$$

$$= 0.9\%$$