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SMART PROJECT

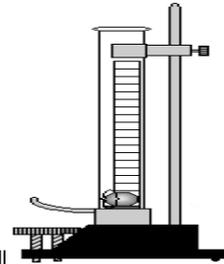
PROJECT PAPER:

Introduction: According to Newton's experimental law, for a given pair of bodies in collision, the ratio of final relative speed to initial relative speed is always the same. This ratio is called the coefficient of restitution, and has the symbol ϵ . If the coefficient is high (very close to 1.00) it means that very little kinetic energy was lost during the collision. If the coefficient is low (close to zero) it suggests that a large fraction of the kinetic energy was converted into heat or was otherwise absorbed through deformation. When a moving object (say a rubber ball) collides with an immobile flat surface (say a steel floor), the object will rebound with some fraction of its original energy. If the collision is perfectly elastic, then the ball will rebound with all of the energy it arrived with and its rebound velocity will be the same as its approach velocity. In this case, the coefficient of restitution is said to be precisely 1.00. On the other hand, if there is considerable permanent deformation of either the object or the surface (or both) then the object will rebound with much less energy than it originally arrived with. In this case, the coefficient of restitution will be close to zero. In the latter case, the surface was probably soft or otherwise absorptive. In the first case, the surface might have been particularly hard or it may have been particularly springy.

CLASSIFIATION of ONE-DIMENSIONAL COLLISION

Type	Kinetic Energy	Restitution
Perfectly Elastic	Conserved	$\epsilon = 1$
Partially Elastic	Not Conserved	$0 < \epsilon < 1$
Perfectly Inelastic	Maximum Possible Loss	$\epsilon = 0$
Hyperelastic	Energy Gained	$\epsilon > 1$

In this particular experiment we will use a ball, a hollow tube on a platform, the graphical software (Stem Plot,) etc. to illustrate the maximum height the ball attains after every bounce, hence the name of the project “ Follow the Bouncing Ball”. Accompanying our demonstration is a computer code we created in PBasic for calculating the coefficient of restitution for any ball (one that fits in our tube) that is released in our apparatus.



OBJECTIVE: To determine the coefficient of restitution for different types of ball

APPARATUS: Tennis balls, golf balls, super balls, etc

THEORY:

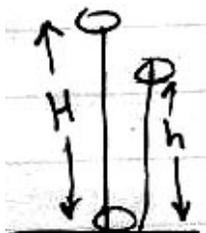
Most hard bodies are highly resilient while soft bodies are less resilient (do not bounce back after a collision). The coefficient of restitution is a measure of the bounciness of an object during a collision. The coefficient of restitution will be one for a perfectly elastic collision and zero for a completely inelastic collision. The coefficient of restitution can be expressed as:

Below is a formula used for calculating the coefficient of restitution which was used in our program. The result of the value is displayed on an LCD

$$r = \frac{\text{velocity of separation}}{\text{velocity of approach}} = \frac{\sqrt{2gh}}{\sqrt{2gH}} = \frac{\sqrt{h}}{\sqrt{H}}$$



where H is the height from which a ball is dropped and h is the height to which the ball rebounds. In actual practice, collisions are neither perfectly elastic nor perfectly inelastic, but somewhere between. The coefficient of restitution for a body is usually specified for collision with another body made of the same material.



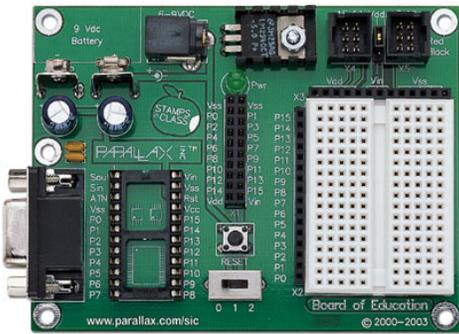
MATERIALS/COMPONENTS USED:



Basic 2 stamp



Ultrasonic Sensor



Board of education



DC Motor



Circuits



DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT:

Basically we installed a tube on a flat surface, and on this apparatus we incorporated the use of the following materials:

- DC-motor
- Pulley and a belt
- Balls
- Basic Stamp II microprocessor
- An LCD display
- Breadboard
- An ultrasonic sensor
- Several pieces of wire
- A Switch

The motor which is connected to the pulley and belt will be turned on by the switch, which will cause the pulley and belt to rotate. Connected to the belt is a plate which will lift the ball and continuously drop it from the top of the tube. When the ball is dropped the ultrasonic sensor which is located at the top of the tube will track the ball as it is dropped into the tube. The height of the ball will be tracked and by following the bounce of the ball we will be able to determine the maximum height of the first bounce, the second bounce, and so on. By simultaneously storing the maximum height of the bounces in our program we then calculated the coefficient of restitution: That is the bounce height divided by the drop height. On the LCD display the maximum height of the ball along with the coefficient of restitution will be displayed.

There will be two locations on the tube with holes; these holes are placed at the first and second maximum height of the ball respectively. The idea is to slide a piece of flat object to hold the ball at that location and then re-release the ball so as to illustrate that the ratio will be the same as well as the behavior of the bounces from that location will overlap with the original bounce. This graph will be displayed on the software Stem Plot as the ball bounces in the tube.



Rational for the project:

Both teachers involved in this project are Mathematics Teachers and so the idea of doing something that was not very abstract came up because one of the teachers work with students in a middle school. Working with something that moves is always a great motivator for students of any age as well as something that is easy to replicate in the classroom.

In a High School Mathematics class this Apparatus will be great for illustrating not on Coefficient of Restitution of a ball, but also as a physical model for showing an exponential decay. The current Mathematics curriculum in New York State requires the use of technology in the classroom as well as hands on approach to in Mathematics. The objective is to lead students away for thinking that Mathematics is a group of Axiomatic rules and patterns by showing them some type of applicability and relationship to other disciplines. This SMART project could show the interconnectedness of Mathematics, Physics, as well as Life Science.

The long term objective is to take all the ideas and skills acquired from the SMART project back to our respective school and try to integrate it into our curriculum. We also believe that it is extremely important to get students involved in engineering or exposure to engineering from an earlier age.

PBASIC CODE FOR CALCULATING THE COEFFICIENT OF RESTITUTION:

' {\$STAMP BS2}

' {\$PBASIC 2.5}

MAX_HEIGHT VAR WORD

RAWDIST VAR WORD

COUNTER VAR WORD

MAX1 VAR WORD

MAX2 VAR WORD

RAWTOIN CON 889

RAWTOCM CON 2257

SCALE CON \$200

ISHIGH CON 1

ISLOW CON 0

TRIGGER CON 5

PING PIN 15

TEST VAR WORD

TEST = 0

MAX_HEIGHT = 0

COUNTER = 0

MAIN:

GOSUB HEIGHT

IF (TEST > 15) THEN GOTO LOOP2

GOTO MAIN

HEIGHT:

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GOSUB GET_SONAR
TEST = RAWDIST** RAWTOIN
TEST = 35 - TEST
PAUSE 60
'DEBUG DEC TEST,CR
RETURN

GET_SONAR:
PING = ISLOW
PULSOUT PING, TRIGGER
PULSIN PING,ISHIGH, RAWDIST
RAWDIST = RAWDIST*/ SCALE
RAWDIST = RAWDIST/2
RETURN

LOOP2:
IF (TEST < 6) THEN
GOTO LOOP3
ENDIF
GOSUB HEIGHT
GOTO LOOP2

LOOP3:

GOSUB HEIGHT
IF TEST > MAX_HEIGHT THEN
MAX_HEIGHT = TEST
COUNTER = COUNTER + 1
ENDIF
IF COUNTER = 1 THEN
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MAX1 = MAX_HEIGHT
DEBUG ?MAX1
ELSEIF COUNTER = 2 THEN
    MAX2 = MAX_HEIGHT
    DEBUG ?MAX2
    GOTO FINAL_LOOP
ENDIF
GOTO LOOP3

FINAL_LOOP:
GOTO FINAL_LOOP
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