Force and Newton's Law

Title: Force and Newton's Law

Purpose: To study Newton's Law.

Background: Anything that has mass acted on by a force will move. The heavier the mass the more force needed to move. This can be found in the formula **F=MA**.

Materials: Roller Cart, Ramp, Books, Computer with Logger Pro, Note Card, Tape, Weight, Fan Cart with Sail, Go! Motion Radar with cable, and a Digital Balance.

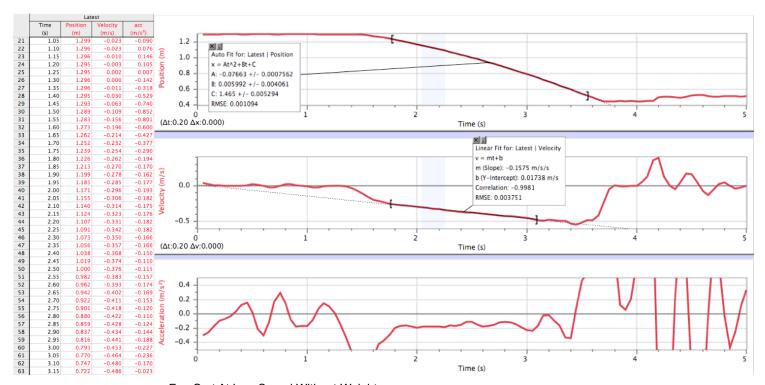
Procedure: Part 1-Fan Cart:

- 1. Set up the motion radar pointing at the fan cart's sail.
- 2. Turn on the cart on low about 150 centimeters away and turn on the motion radar.
- 3. Record the data on the logger pro and auto scale your graphs. (note: if the cart gets to close to the motion radar or too far away the radar will not record it.)
- 4. Repeat steps 1-3 with the fan cart on high power.
- 5. Now Repeat steps 1-4 with weight on fan cart.

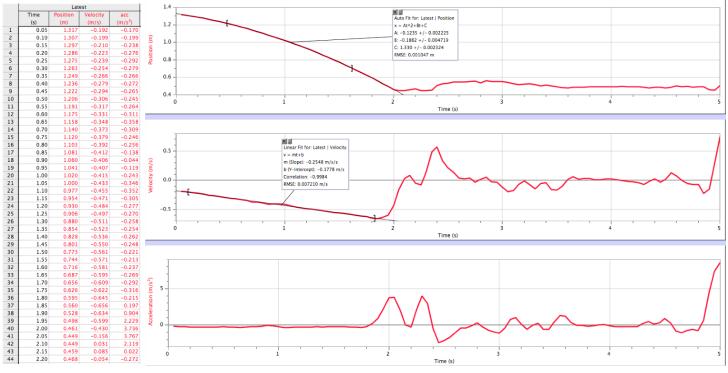
Part 2-Roller Cart:

- 1. Setup the ramp at 8 centimeters high by using the books.
- 2. Using the tape mount a note card on the roller cart.
- 3. Setup the motion radar facing the roller cart.
- 4. Let the cart go at 100 centimeters distance from the bumper.
- 5. Keep the motion ranger on while it hits the bumper and bounces back and forth.
- 6. Now do this experiment again moving the hight of the ramp up to 12 centimeters.

Data: Part 1 Fan Cart

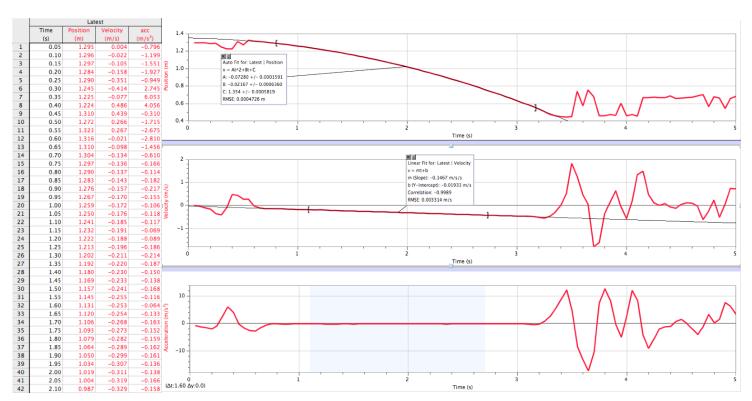


Fan Cart At Low Speed Without Weight

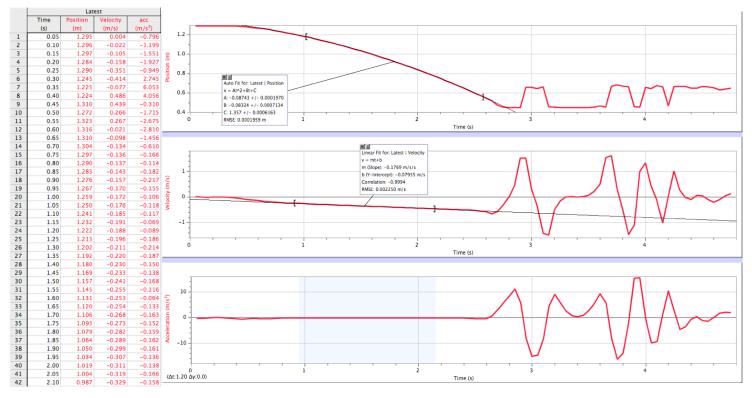


Fan Cart At High Speed Without Weight

Part 2: Fan Cart With Weights

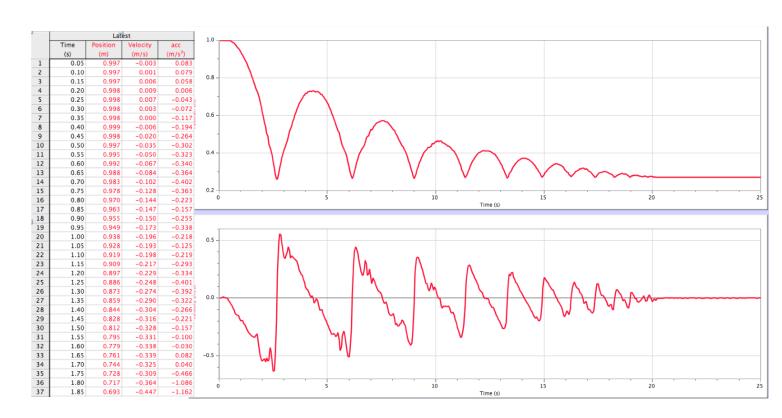


Fan Cart On Low With Weight

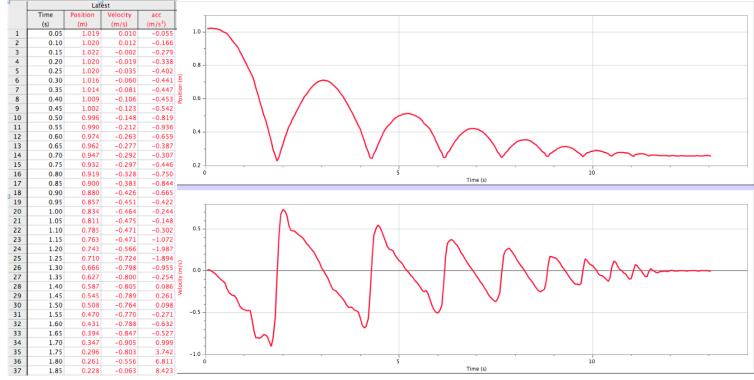


Fan Cart On High With Weight

Part 3: Roller Cart



Roller Cart 8 cm



Roller Cart 12 cm

Observations: The mass of the cart was

Analysis: The lab for the most part went well. There were a few errors because of motion radar could not pick up the fan cart when it came close. Other than that everything went smoothly.

Analysis: The mass of the weight was 1.115 kg. The mass of the Roller Cart was 1.10 kg. The mass of the Fan Cart was .584 kg. The different heights at which the ramp was inclined was 8 cm and 12 cm. The weight of the cart, multiplied by the acceleration equals the force in newtons.

Conclusions: We used the different carts, with weights and with an incline to find the acceleration. We applied Newton's Law that F=MA to figure this out. Our experiment was extremely successful and encountered little problems.

Questions:

- 1. How was the acceleration of the inclined cart related to g? How should it be related?--The acceleration of the inclined cart is related to g because you find the acceleration of gravity by multiply 9.8 by sin of the angle. This number will be the acceleration.
- 2. Determine the force from the fan on low and high speeds.-- The force for the high fan was 0.175 Newtons. The force for the low fan was 0.0584 Newtons.
- 3. If you allowed the ramp to bounce, what would the v/t graph look like and why?--It was hills decreasing like a wave getting smaller and smaller. This is because every time the cart would hit it would go back less than the time before creating a wave of decreasing humps.
- 4. If the fan cart had another identical cart hooked to it, what would this do to the three curves: x/t v/t a/t?--It would make them less vertical and more horizontal.