

Physicists have determined that the only thing that affects the swing of a pendulum is the length of the cord according to the following equation:

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{l/g}$$

where:

T=period of oscillation

l=length of pendulum

g=acceleration due to gravity on Earth

$$g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Using the data collected for length from the class groups, determine the % Difference.

$$\% \text{ Diff.} = \frac{\text{Maximum-Minimum}}{\text{Average}} \times 100\%$$

Percent deviation is used to determine how much different your values are from an expected value

$$\% \text{ Dev.} = \left| \frac{\text{Expt'l} - \text{Theoretical}}{\text{Theoretical}} \right| \times 100\%$$