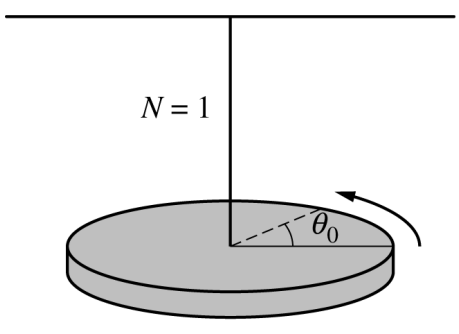


Figure 1

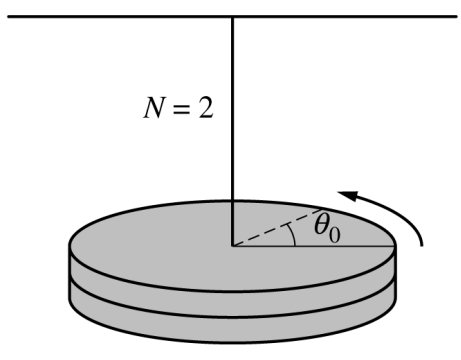


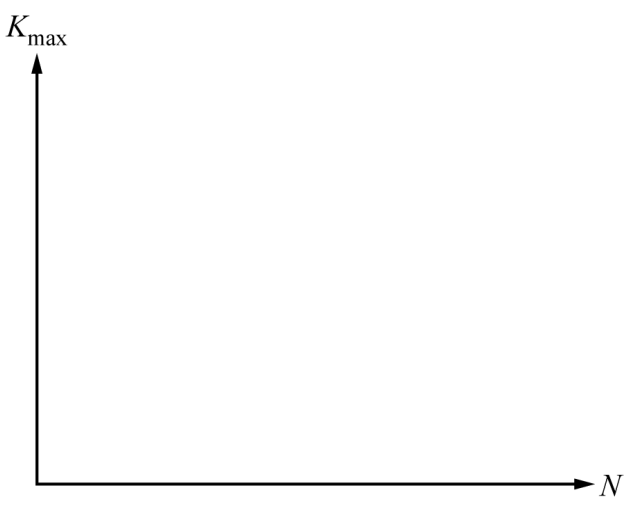
Figure 2

2. A student makes a torsional pendulum by suspending a uniform disk of mass M and radius R from a light wire with torsion constant κ that is attached to the center of the disk as shown in Figure 1. The rotational inertia of the disk is given by $I = \frac{1}{2}MR^2$. The student conducts an investigation to determine the relationship between the period of oscillation T of the torsional pendulum and the number N of identical disks that are suspended from the wire.

The student starts with a single disk. Holding the disk at a small initial angular displacement θ_0 from the untwisted position, the student releases the disk from rest and the pendulum oscillates. The student records the period of oscillation for a single disk. An additional identical disk is attached, as shown in Figure 2, and the procedure is repeated for $N = 2$ disks. This procedure is repeated through $N = 10$ identical disks. Assume the disks move together as one system.

(a) Using $T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{I}{\kappa}}$, derive an expression for T as a function of N. Express your answer in terms of M, R, κ, N, and physical constants, as appropriate.

(b) The potential energy stored in the torsional pendulum when the disks are displaced is $U = \frac{1}{2}\kappa(\Delta\theta)^2$. On the following axes, sketch a graph of the maximum kinetic energy $K_{\max}$ of the torsional pendulum as a function of N for $N \geq 1$.



(c) The student plots the data for T as a function of $\sqrt{N}$, as shown.

i. Draw the best-fit line for the data.

ii. The student previously determined that the radius of a disk is $R = 0.2\,\text{m}$ and found that $\kappa = 1.6\,\text{N·m}$. Using the graph, calculate the mass M of a single disk.

iii. The student finds that the value given by the manufacturer for the mass of the disk is less than the value determined experimentally in part (c)(ii). Determine a single source of experimental error that could result in the observed difference in the value of M. Justify your answer.

(d) The student repeats the experiment, but now the disks have a density that varies as a function of the radius of the disk according to $\rho = 0.3r$.

i. Would the slope of the best-fit line for this new data be greater than, less than, or the same as the slope of the best-fit line in part (c)(i) ?

___ greater than ___less than ___the same as

Justify your answer.

ii. When $N = 1$, the maximum angular speed of the torsional pendulum with a uniform disk is found to be ω_{U}. When $N = 1$, the maximum angular speed of the torsional pendulum with a nonuniform disk is $\omega_{\text{non-U}}$. Which of the following correctly compares ω_{U} and $\omega_{\text{non-U}}$?

____$\omega_{\text{U}} > \omega_{\text{non-U}}$ ____$\omega_{\text{U}} < \omega_{\text{non-U}}$ ____ $\omega_{\text{U}} = \omega_{\text{non-U}}$

Briefly justify your answer.