

1. In describing the results of our free-fall experiments we should use "seconds" instead of ticks. The number of ticks in one second is called the "**frequency**" of the ticker, in _____s per _____.
 - a. You can easily hear a small difference in frequency. Do our tickers sound as if they all have the same frequency? ____ If not, find the ones sounding lowest & highest.
 - * b. Using the tricks on p. 4, measure the frequencies of those tickers. Describe your procedure clearly.
 - c. Make histograms of the two sets of results obtained by your class. *Keep one for page 12.*
 - d. Use #20 on RS I to find the MLV's of the frequencies, and the uncertainty of your method.
 - e. The two MLV's differ by ____%. Even if the frequencies were really equal we would expect the two results to differ by roughly ____% because of our sloppy measuring technique. (Use #19 on RS I.)
 - * f. Show how the two percentages in 1e were calculated.
 - g. Our results suggest that the two frequencies are _____. (unequal, about equal, exactly equal)
2. What happens if you double the *speed* with which the tape is pulled through the ticker?
 - a. As on page 8, the distance between dots will be _____ed. (doubled, halved, unchanged)
 - b. If the length of the tape is unchanged, then the amount of time it takes to reach the end will be _____ed, so the number of dots on the tape will be _____ed. Does 2b contradict 2a? ____
 - c. The frequency obtained by dividing those two numbers will be _____ed.
3. Why don't repeated frequency measurements for one ticker agree with each other?
 - a. Is it because the frequency keeps changing? ____ *If so, the sound of the ticker must also change.*
 - b. Is it because you are unable to count the dots without making random errors? ____
 - c. Is it because you did not always pull the tape with the same speed? ____ (See #5, below.)
 - d. Is it due to your inability to start and stop your clock at exactly the right moments? ____
 - e. Does 2c contradict 2b? ____ Does 2c agree with 3c? ____ -with 3a? ____ If not, which is wrong? ____
4. When measuring ticker frequency some students shout a word while stopping the clock or the ticker, trying to make the partner stop the other device at the same time. Does that work? ____ (See p. 4.)
5. Others stop the clock when the end of the tape goes through the ticker. Is this method better than #4? _ Does that opinion contradict 2 & 4 on page 4? ____ *If so, explain.* -Is there any reaction error in this method? ____ If so, explain what *unforeseen* event you react to, and why can't you see it coming.
6. What happens if you double the amount of *time* spent pulling the tape through the ticker?
 - a. According to 3a, the frequency is _____ed, so the number of dots on the tape will be _____ed.
 - b. Will the accuracy of the dot count be affected? ____ -Does 3b agree? ____
 - c. Suppose a *five-second* interval can be measured with a precision of ± 0.1 second:
-The percentage uncertainty of that measurement is $(0.1 \text{ sec}) \div (5 \text{ sec}) = \text{_____}\%$.
 - d. According to #13 on page 1, the SDC of a measurement like this _____ depend on the size of the thing being measured. (does, doesn't) Therefore a *ten-second* interval can be measured by this same method with a precision of $\pm \text{_____}$ sec.
 - e. The percentage uncertainty of the *new* interval in 6d is $(\text{_____}) \div (\text{_____}) = \text{_____}\%$.
 - f. Doubling the duration of a measured time interval causes its percent uncertainty to be _____ed.
7. Suppose there were 100 dots on the original 5-second tape in 6c.
 - a. Using 1b, the *SLV* of the frequency must have been $(\text{_____}) \div (\text{_____}) = \text{_____}$.
 - b. Similarly, the *GLV* of the frequency must have been $(\text{_____}) \div (\text{_____}) = \text{_____}$.
 - c. According to #16 on RS I, we can calculate the absolute **uncertainty** of the frequency by _____ing those two frequencies and dividing that result by ____.
 - d. The absolute uncertainty of the frequency is $\pm \text{_____}$.
 - e. To convert that uncertainty into a **percentage** we must _____ it by the MLV of the _____.
 - f. Because uncertainties are only rough estimates, we round them off to one or two digits:
Percent uncertainty of frequency = _____%
 - g. The percentage uncertainty of the frequency is _____ the percentage uncertainty of the original 5-second *time interval* in 6c. (much greater than, much less than, about equal to)
8. The original 5-second tape in 6c and #7 had _____ dots on it. The *new* time interval in 6d was $10 \pm \text{_____}$ sec, so the *new* tape in 6d must have about _____ dots. -Does 6a agree? ____
 - a. We find that the *new* frequency is $\text{_____} \pm \text{_____}$, or $\text{_____} \pm \text{_____}\%$. * **Show how these results are obtained, as in #7.** Use the **new** time interval in **range** form, with the **new** number of dots.
 - b. It seems that doubling the time interval causes the uncertainty of the frequency to be _____ed.