**Data Collection with a PC-II** Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
  
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 **A. Introduction:** PASCO’s 850 interface and Capstone software.   
1. Open PASCO Capstone software from the desktop.



2. Double click “Graph” under Displays, on the far-right column.

Pasco Capstone display:



3. You will use some of the above (numbered) menus to manipulate the data. Describe the functions of the following menus:

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| Menu | Description |
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B. Equations of Kinematics for constant acceleration and Newton’s second law are given below:

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| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | Newton’s 2nd Law |
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For the Atwood Machine experiment shown in the video, calculate the acceleration using,  
a. Kinematic Equations b. Newton’s second law   
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ovhEkSIqV0>

C. Purpose: Determine the acceleration due to gravity.  
  
*v* vs. *t*:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *x* vs. *t*:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Trial | Measured Acceleration due to gravity | | | Accepted (m/s2) | % Error |
| *v* vs. *t* (linear fit) | *x* vs. *t* (Quadratic fit) | Average |
| 1. |  |  |  | 9.8 |  |
| 2. |  |  |  | 9.8 |  |
| 3. |  |  |  | 9.8 |  |
| 4. With 50-g mass |  |  |  | xxxxxx xxxxxx | xxxxxx xxxxxx |
| 5. With 50-g mass |  |  |  | xxxxxx xxxxxx | xxxxxx xxxxxx |
| 6. With 50-g mass |  |  |  | xxxxxx xxxxxx | xxxxxx xxxxxx |

# D. Newton’s Second Law (Conclusion is required for this part only) Data A: Keeping the mass difference (m1-m2) constant, measure the acceleration as you change the total mass, starting from the lowest possible total mass, m1+ m2. Tabulate your data in excel, plot an appropriate graph to verify Newton’s second law.

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| m1 (gram) | m2 (gram) | m1-m2 (gram) | a (m/s2) | m1 + m2 (gram) |
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Data B: Keeping the total mass = M = m1+ m2 constant, measure the acceleration as you change the net force (m1-m2)g. Collect multiple sets of data, starting from the lowest possible m1-m2. Tabulate your data in excel, plot an appropriate graph to verify Newton’s second law, and obtain the total mass from the graph.

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| m1 (gram) | m2 (gram) | m1 + m2 (gram) | a (m/s2) | (m1-m2)\*9.8 (gram.m/s2) |
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