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In his paper beginning on p. 292, Xian-Sheng Cao describes a simple method for measuring the moment of inertia of a Ping-Pong ball.