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Now put it on the table and move it side to side quickly with your hand. Does it feel like nothing or do you feel some resistance?

You are feeling how difficult it is to speed up and slow down the 1 kg. Is that due to its mass or weight? (Remember gravity doesn't act from side to side.)

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