Physics 160 Written Homework - Chapter 10-11

1 Torque

Two blocks hang from either end of a massless rope that runs over a pulley, treated as a thin solid disk, (An Atwood's Machine), and are held in place. One block has a mass of 12kg, the pulley has a mass of 4kg and radius 10cm, and the other block's mass is unknown. The blocks are released from rest, and the block of known mass accelerates toward the ground at a rate of $1m/s^2$. The rope does not slip over the pulley, and the pulley spins on a frictionless axle. Find the unknown mass of the block.

2 Angular Momentum

A thin disk of uniform density, mass 5kg and radius .25m, rests on a frictionless table. A small lump of clay, which can be treated as a point particle of mass 1kg, travels toward the disk at a velocity of 6m/s, and impacts it tangentially at the very edge of the disk, where it sticks. Find the linear and angular speed of the disk clay system after the impact.