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Problem Set 9 Solutions

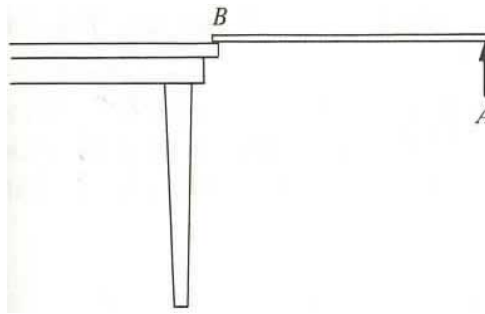
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Problems:

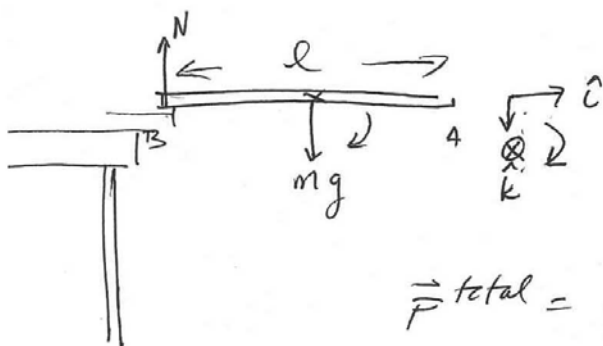
Week Nine Chapter 6: 14, 18, 24, 29, 30, 37, 41

Problem 14:

A uniform stick of mass m and length l is suspended horizontally with end B at the edge of a table and the other end A is held by hand. Point A is suddenly released. At the instant after release:



- a) What is the torque about the end B on the table?
- b) What is the angular acceleration about the end B on the table?
- c) What is the vertical acceleration of the center of mass?
- d) What is the vertical component of the hinge force at B ? Does the hinge force have a horizontal component at the instant after release?



Since the pivot B is free, the only pivot force is the vertical normal force.

$$\vec{F}^{\text{total}} = m^{\text{total}} \vec{a}_{\text{cm}}$$

$$\hat{j} : -N + mg = ma \quad (1)$$

$$\vec{\tau}_B = I_B \vec{\alpha}$$

$$\vec{r}_{B, \text{cm}} \times m\vec{g} = \frac{1}{3} m l^2 \alpha \hat{k}$$

$$\hat{k} : +\frac{l}{2} mg = \frac{1}{3} m l^2 \alpha \quad (2)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{3}{2} \frac{g}{l} \quad (2a)$$

The angular acceleration and vertical accelerations are related by

$$a = \frac{l}{2} \alpha \quad (3)$$

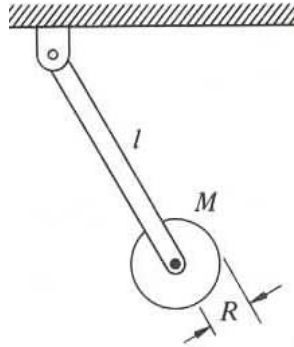
So

$$a = \frac{3}{4} g$$

$$\text{From eq (1)} \quad N = mg - ma = \frac{1}{4} mg$$

Problem 18:

A physical pendulum consists of a disc of radius R and mass m_d fixed at the end of a rod of mass m_r and length l .



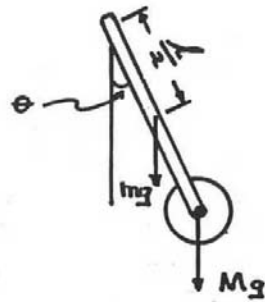
- a) Find the period of the pendulum.
- b) How does the period change if the disk is mounted to the rod by a frictionless bearing so that it is perfectly free to spin?

$$\tau = I \ddot{\theta}$$

$$-mg \frac{l}{2} \sin \theta - Mg l \sin \theta = I \ddot{\theta}$$

$$\ddot{\theta} + \frac{mg \frac{l}{2} + Mg l}{I} \sin \theta = 0$$

$$I = \frac{1}{3} m l^2 + \frac{1}{2} M R^2 + M l^2$$



$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{(\frac{m}{3} + M) l^2 + \frac{M}{2} R^2}{(M/2 + M) g l}}$$

If disk is on a free bearing it does not contribute to the rotational motion. Hence

$$I' = \frac{1}{3} m l^2 + M l^2$$

$$T' = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{(\frac{m}{3} + M) l^2}{(\frac{M}{2} + M) g l}}$$

Energy Method: $E = (mg \frac{l}{2} + Mg l)(1 - \cos \theta) + \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{3} m l^2 + (\frac{1}{2} M R^2 + M l^2) \right] \dot{\theta}^2$

Since $E = \text{const.}$, $\frac{dE}{dt} = 0$

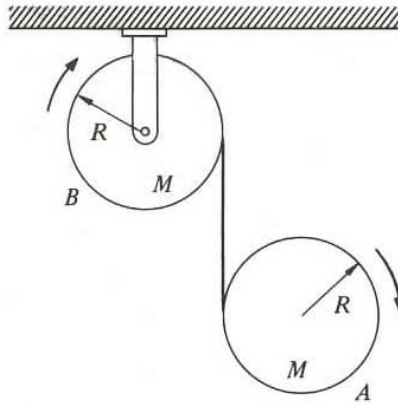
$$\Rightarrow 0 = (mg \frac{l}{2} + Mg l) \sin \theta + \left(\frac{1}{3} m l^2 + \frac{1}{2} M R^2 + M l^2 \right) \ddot{\theta}$$

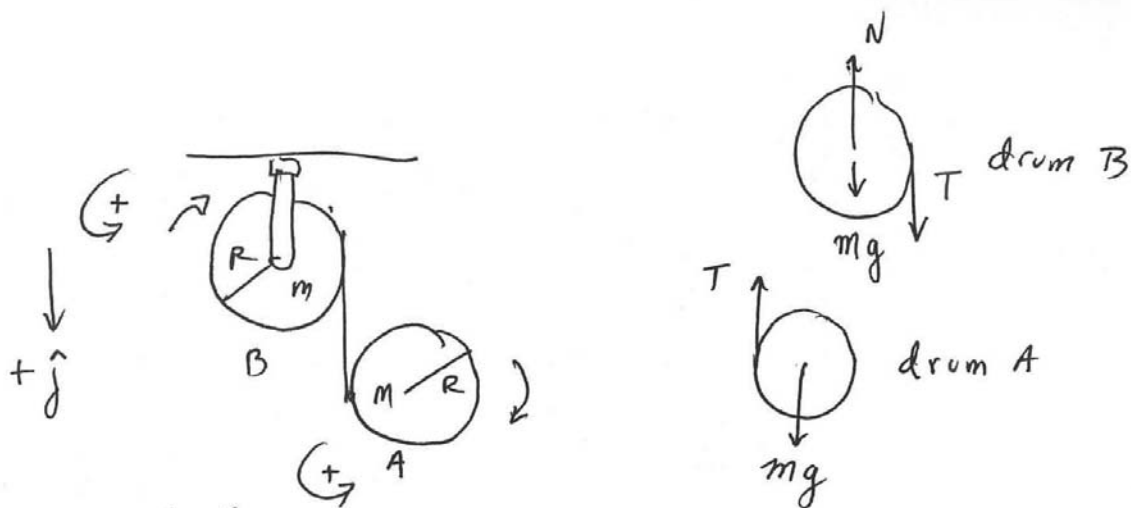
as above. If disk is free, the term

$\frac{1}{2} (\frac{1}{2} M R^2) \dot{\theta}^2$ should not be included in E .

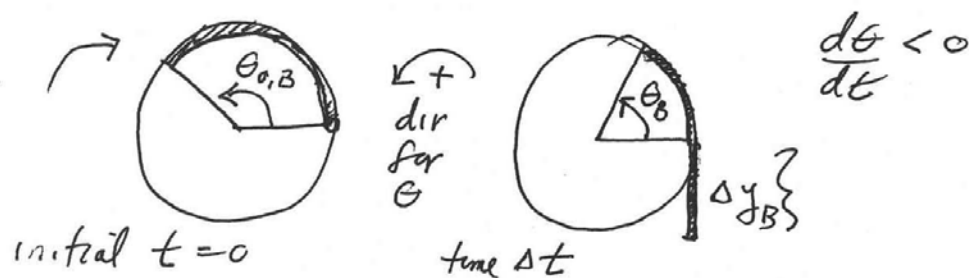
Problem 24:

A drum A of mass m and radius R is suspended from a drum B also of mass m and radius R , which is free to rotate about its axis. The suspension is in the form of a massless metal tape wound around the outside of each drum, and free to unwind. Gravity is directed downwards. Both drums are initially at rest. Find the initial acceleration of drum A , assuming that it moves straight down.





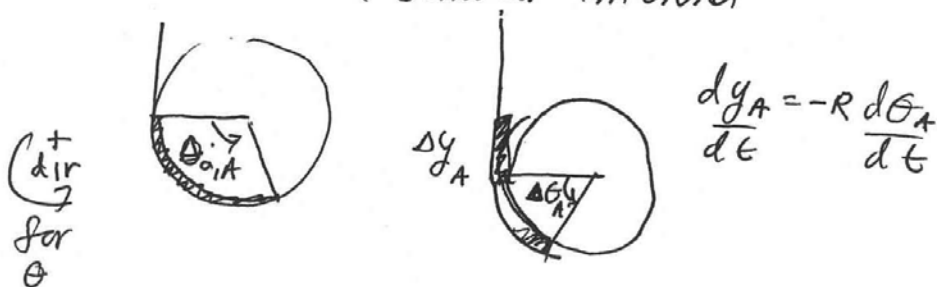
The difficult part about this problem is to correctly identify the constraint condition. Consider drum B



As the drum rotates in time Δt
 $\Delta y_B = R \Delta \theta_B = R(\theta_{0,B} - \theta_B(\Delta t))$

$$\text{So } \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta t} = -R \frac{d\theta_B}{dt} \Rightarrow \frac{dy_B}{dt} = -R \frac{d\theta_B}{dt}$$

drum A: in a similar manner



Thus $\Delta y^{\text{total}} = \Delta y_A + \Delta y_B$

or $\frac{dy}{dt} = -R \frac{d\theta_A}{dt} - R \frac{d\theta_B}{dt}$

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = -R \alpha_A - R \alpha_B \quad (0)$$

with $\alpha_A < 0$ and $\alpha_B < 0$

The torque about the center of mass on drum A is

$$\Sigma_{cm,A} = I_{cm,A} \alpha_A$$

$$-R T_A = \frac{1}{2} m R^2 \alpha_A \quad (1)$$

The force equation is

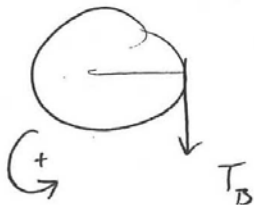
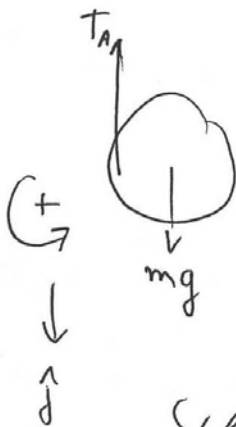
$$\vec{F}_A^{\text{total}} = m_A^{\text{total}} \vec{a}$$

$$mg - T_A = m a \quad (2)$$

The torque about the center of mass on drum B is

$$-R T_B = \frac{1}{2} m R^2 \alpha_B \quad (3)$$

$$T_A = T_B \quad (4)$$



From eq (1) $\alpha_A = \frac{-RT}{\frac{1}{2}mR^2} = -\frac{2T}{mR}$

From eq (3) $\alpha_B = -\frac{2T}{mR}$

Thus from the constraint condition

$$a = -R\alpha_A - R\alpha_B$$

$$a = +\frac{2T}{m} + \frac{2T}{m} = \frac{4T}{m} \Rightarrow T = \frac{ma}{4}$$

From eq (2)

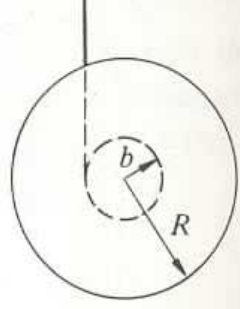
$$mg - T = ma$$

$$mg - \frac{ma}{4} = ma$$

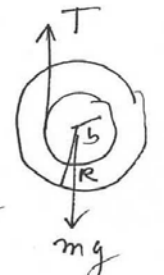
$$mg = \frac{5}{4}ma \Rightarrow a = \frac{4}{5}g$$

Problem 29:

A Yo-Yo of mass m has an axle of radius b and a spool of radius R . Its moment of inertia can be taken to be $I = (1/2)mR^2$ and the thickness of the string can be neglected. The Yo-Yo is released from rest.



- a) What is the tension in the cord as the Yo-Yo descends and as it ascends?
- b) The center of the Yo-Yo descends a distance h before the string is fully unwound. Use conservation of energy to find the angular velocity of the Yo-Yo when it reaches its lowest point.
- c) What happens to the Yo-Yo at the bottom of the string?
- d) Assuming it reverses direction with uniform angular velocity, find the average force on the string while the Yo-Yo turns around.

a)  $\hat{j}: \begin{array}{c|c} \vec{F} = m \vec{a} \\ \hline mg - T = m a \end{array} \quad (1)$

descending

$I_{cm} = \frac{1}{2} m R^2$

$\hat{k}: \begin{array}{c|c} \vec{\tau}_{cm} = I_{cm} \vec{\alpha} \\ \hline b T = \frac{1}{2} m R^2 \alpha \end{array} \quad (2) \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{b T}{\frac{1}{2} m R^2} \quad (2a)$

constraint condition

$a = b \alpha \quad (3) \Rightarrow a = \frac{b^2 T}{\frac{1}{2} m R^2} \quad (3a)$

Substituting eq's (2a) and (3a) into eq (1) yields:

$$mg - T = \frac{m b^2 T}{\frac{1}{2} m R^2}$$

Solve for T

$$T = \frac{mg}{1 + \frac{2 b^2}{R^2}}$$

ascending:



$\vec{F} = m \vec{a}$

$\hat{j}: mg - T = m a \quad (1)$

$\vec{\tau}_{cm} = I_{cm} \vec{\alpha}$

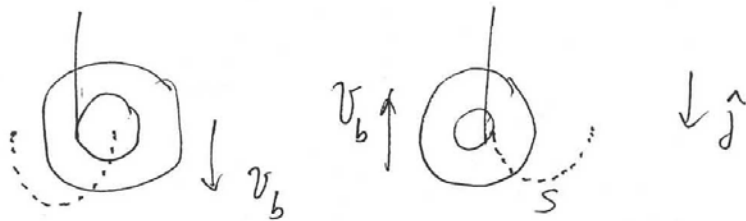
$\hat{k}: -b T = \frac{1}{2} m R^2 \alpha \quad (4)$

$a = -b \alpha \quad (5)$

note minus sign in constraint eq (4) with eq (5) yields same equations as descending case.

So the tension in the string is the same for ascending as descending

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The center of mass rotates through a half circle

$$s = \pi b$$

By conservation of energy

$$E_o = mgh = E_f = \frac{1}{2} m v_b^2 + \frac{1}{2} I_{cm} \omega_b^2$$

with $b\omega_b = v_b$. So

$$mgh = \frac{1}{2} m v_b^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} m R^2 \right) \frac{v_b^2}{b^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_b^2 = \frac{2gh}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{R^2}{b^2}\right)}$$

$$\text{The } \vec{F}_{ave} \Delta t = \vec{p}_f - \vec{p}_o = -2m v_b \hat{j}$$

The time to complete the switch satisfies

$$v_b \Delta t = \pi b \Rightarrow \Delta t = \frac{\pi b}{v_b}$$

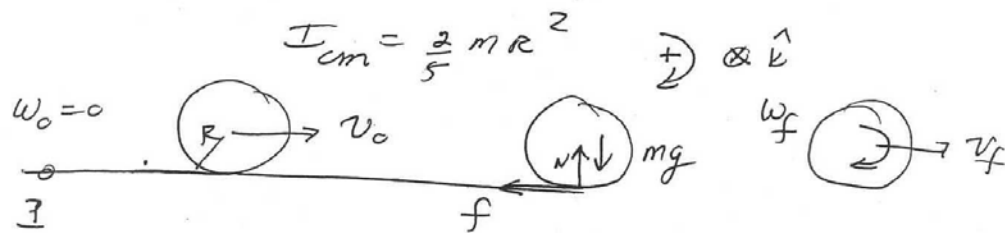
$$\text{So } \vec{F}_{ave} = \frac{-2m v_b \hat{j}}{\Delta t} = \frac{-2m v_b \hat{j}}{\pi b / v_b} = -\frac{2m v_b^2}{\pi b} \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{F}_{ave} = -\frac{2m}{\pi b} \frac{2gh}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{R^2}{b^2}\right)} \hat{j}$$

Problem 30:

A bowling ball of mass m and radius R is initially thrown down an alley with an initial velocity v_0 and it slides without rolling but due to friction it begins to roll. The moment of inertia of the ball about its center of mass is $I_{cm} = (2/5)mR^2$. What is the velocity of the bowling ball when it just starts to roll without slipping.





The torque about the point P is

$$\vec{\tau}_P = \vec{r}_{P,m} \times (\vec{N} + m\vec{g}) = 0$$

Since $\vec{N} = -m\vec{g}$, Hence $\vec{\tau}_P = \frac{d\vec{L}_P}{dt} = 0$

So $\vec{L}_P = \text{constant}$.

$$\vec{L}_P = \vec{r}_{P,cm} \times m\vec{v}_{cm} + I_{cm} \vec{\omega}$$

$$\vec{L}_{P,c} = R m v_0 \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{L}_{P,f} = R m v_f \hat{k} + \frac{2}{5} m R^2 \omega_f \hat{k}$$

The rolling without slipping condition is

$$v_f = R \omega_f$$

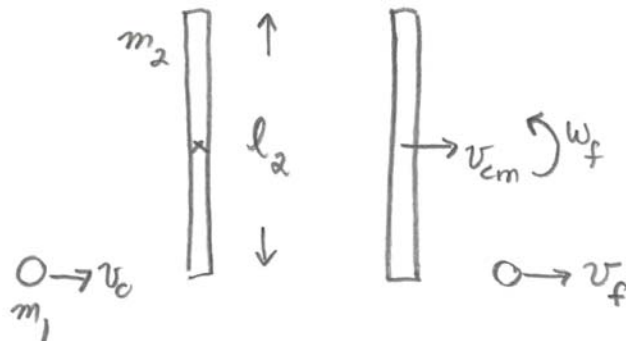
So conservation of angular mom. becomes

$$\hat{k}: R m v_0 = R m v_f + \frac{2}{5} m R^2 \frac{v_f}{R} = \frac{7}{5} m R v_f$$

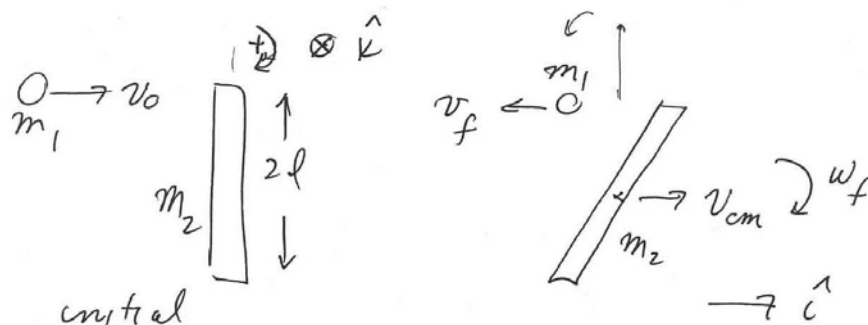
$$\Rightarrow v_f = \frac{5}{7} v_0$$

Problem 37:

A hockey puck of mass m_1 slides along ice with a velocity v_0 and strikes one end of a stick lying on the ice of length l_2 and mass m_2 . The center of mass of the stick moves with an unknown magnitude v_{cm} . The stick also rotates about the center of mass with unknown angular velocity ω_f . The puck continues to move in the same straight line as before it hit the stick with velocity v_f . Assume the ice is frictionless and there is no loss of mechanical energy during the collision.



- Write down the equation for conservation of momentum.
- Write down the equation for conservation of energy.
- Is there any external torques acting on the system consisting of the puck and the stick? Write down the equation for conservation of angular momentum about a convenient point.
- Find the velocity of the center of mass of the stick.
- Find the velocity of the puck after the collision.
- Find the angular velocity of the stick after the collision.



Conservation of Energy:

$$(1) \quad \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_0^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_f^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_{cm}^2 + \frac{1}{2} I_{cm} \omega_f^2$$

Conservation of Momentum

$$(2) \quad m_1 v_0 = -m_1 v_f + m_2 v_{cm}$$

$$I_{cm} = \frac{1}{12} m_2 (2l)^2 = \frac{1}{3} m_2 l^2 \quad (3)$$

Solve eq (2) for v_{cm}

$$\text{eq (2a)} \quad v_{cm} = \frac{m_1 (v_0 + v_f)}{m_2}$$

Substitute into eq (1)

$$(1a) \quad \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_0^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_f^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \left(\frac{m_1 (v_0 + v_f)}{m_2} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{3} m_2 l^2 \right) \omega_f^2$$

Conservation of Ang momentum about cm:

$$\vec{L}_{0,cm} = l m_1 v_0 \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{L}_{f,cm} = -l m_1 v_f + I_{cm} \omega_f \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{L}_{o, cm} = \vec{L}_{f, cm}$$

$$\hat{k}: \quad \ell m_1 v_o = -\ell m_1 v_f + I_{cm} \omega_f$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \omega_f = \frac{\ell m_1 (v_o + v_f)}{\frac{1}{3} m_2 \ell^2} = \frac{3 m_1}{m_2} (v_o + v_f)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} I_{cm} \omega_f^2 = \frac{1}{2} 3 \frac{\ell^2 m_1^2 (v_o + v_f)^2}{m_2 \ell^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} I_{cm} \omega_f^2 = \frac{3}{2} \frac{m_1^2}{m_2} (v_o + v_f)^2$$

substitute this into eq (1a)

$$\frac{1}{2} m_1 v_o^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_f^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 \left(\frac{m_1^2}{m_2^2} (v_o + v_f)^2 \right) + \frac{3}{2} \frac{m_1^2}{m_2} (v_o + v_f)^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m_1 v_o^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_f^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(4 \frac{m_1^2}{m_2} (v_o + v_f)^2 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad v_o^2 = v_f^2 + 4 \frac{m_1}{m_2} (v_o + v_f)^2$$

$$v_o^2 = v_f^2 + 4 \frac{m_1}{m_2} (v_o^2 + 2v_o v_f + v_f^2)$$

$$0 = v_o^2 \left(-1 + 4 \frac{m_1}{m_2} \right) + 8 \frac{m_1}{m_2} v_o v_f + v_f^2 \left(1 + 4 \frac{m_1}{m_2} \right)$$

$$0 = v_f^2 + \left(\frac{8 m_1 / m_2}{1 + 4 m_1 / m_2} \right) v_o v_f + v_o^2 \left(\frac{-1 + 4 \frac{m_1}{m_2}}{(1 + 4 \frac{m_1}{m_2})} \right)$$

$$\text{let } \beta = 4 m_1 / m_2 \Rightarrow$$

$$0 = v_f^2 + \frac{2\beta}{1+\beta} v_0 v_f + v_0^2 \frac{(-1+\beta)}{(1+\beta)}$$

$$v_f = \frac{-\frac{2\beta}{1+\beta} v_0 \pm \left(\frac{4\beta^2 v_0^2}{(1+\beta)^2} - 4v_0^2 \left(\frac{-1+\beta}{1+\beta} \right) \right)^{1/2}}{2}$$

$$= -\frac{\beta}{1+\beta} v_0 \pm \frac{v_0}{2} \left(\frac{4\beta^2 - 4(-1+\beta)(1+\beta)}{(1+\beta)^2} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$= -\frac{\beta}{1+\beta} v_0 \pm \frac{(\beta^2 - (-1+\beta^2))^{1/2}}{1+\beta} v_0$$

$$= -\frac{\beta}{1+\beta} v_0 \pm \frac{1}{1+\beta} v_0$$

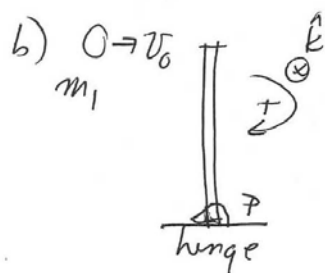
positive root: $\boxed{v_f = \frac{(-\beta+1)}{(1+\beta)} v_0}$

negative root: $v_f = -\frac{\beta-1}{1+\beta} v_0 = -v_0$

thus is just the initial state

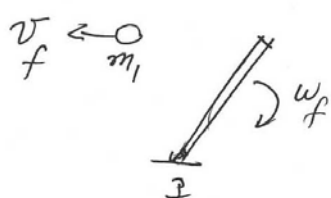
$$v_f = \frac{(-4\frac{m_1}{m_2} + 1)}{(4\frac{m_1}{m_2} + 1)} v_0$$

when $m_1 = m_2 \Rightarrow v_f = \frac{3}{5} v_0$



... is not conserved
but angular momentum about
the pivot point is conserved

$$\vec{L}_{P,0} = m_1 v_0 2l \hat{k}$$



$$\vec{L}_{P,f} = -m_1 v_f 2l \hat{k} + I_P \omega_f \hat{k}$$

$$I_P = \frac{1}{3} m_2 (2l)^2 = \frac{4}{3} m_2 l^2$$

$$(1) \quad m_1 v_0 2l = -m_1 v_f 2l + I_P \omega_f$$

Assume energy is still conserved

$$(2) \quad \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_0^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_f^2 + \frac{1}{2} I_P \omega_f^2$$

Solve eq (1) for $I_P \omega_f = m_1 2l (v_0 + v_f)$

and substitute into eq (2) using

$$\frac{1}{2} I_P \omega_f^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1^2 \frac{4l^2 (v_0 + v_f)^2}{I_P} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_1^2 4l^2 (v_0 + v_f)^2}{\frac{4}{3} m_2 l^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} I_P \omega_f^2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 3 \cdot \frac{m_1^2 (v_0 + v_f)^2}{m_2}$$

Eq (2) becomes :

$$\frac{1}{2} m_1 v_0^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_f^2 + \frac{1}{2} 3 \frac{m_1}{m_2} (v_0 + v_f)^2$$

$$v_0^2 = v_f^2 + 3 \frac{m_1}{m_2} (v_0 + v_f)^2$$

$$v_0^2 = v_f^2 + 3 \frac{m_1}{m_2} (v_0^2 + 2v_0 v_f + v_f^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = v_f^2 (1 + 3 \frac{m_1}{m_2}) + \frac{3 m_1}{m_2} 2 v_0 v_f + v_0^2 (-1 + 3 \frac{m_1}{m_2})$$

Let $\beta = 3 m_1 / m_2$ then

$$0 = v_f^2 (1 + \beta) + 2\beta v_0 v_f + v_0^2 (-1 + \beta)$$

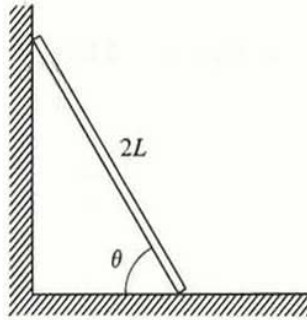
This equation has exactly the same form as part a) so the solution is identical

$$v_f = \frac{1 - \beta}{1 + \beta} v_0 = \frac{1 - 3 \frac{m_1}{m_2}}{1 + 3 \frac{m_1}{m_2}} v_0$$

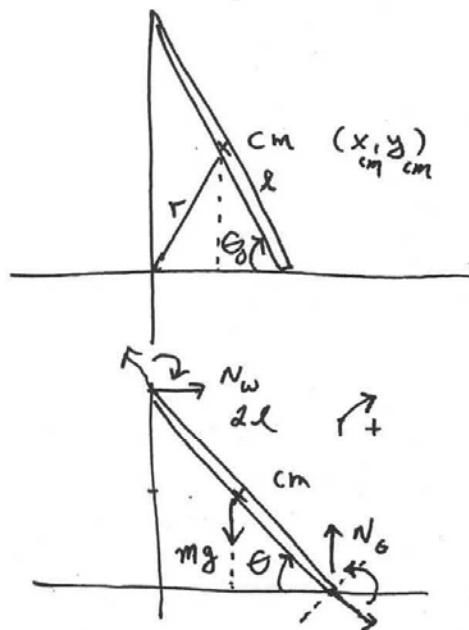
when $m_1 = m_2 \Rightarrow v_f = \frac{1}{2} v_0$

Problem 41:

A plank of length $2l$ leans against a wall. The mass of the plank is m which is uniformly distributed. The plank is initially inclined at an angle θ with respect to the horizontal. It starts to slip downward without friction.



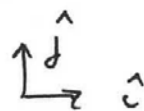
- Draw a force diagram showing all the forces acting on the plank. What is the condition that the plank just starts to slip from the wall?
- Is the mechanical energy of the plank conserved as it slips down the wall?
- What equations arise from the conditions for static equilibrium for both forces and torque? Think about which point to compute the torque about.
- Show that the top of the plank loses contact with the wall when it is two-thirds of its initial height against the wall. Hint: only a single variable and its derivatives are needed to describe the motion of the system. Consider the motion of the center of mass of the plank.



$$I_{cm} = \frac{1}{12} m (2l)^2 = \frac{1}{3} m l^2$$

$$x_{cm} = l \cos \theta$$

$$y_{cm} = l \sin \theta$$



$$\hat{j}: N_g - mg = m \ddot{y}$$

(3)

$$\hat{i}: N_w = m \ddot{x}$$

(4)

$$\tau_{cm} = I_{cm} \ddot{\theta}$$

$$-N_g l \cos \theta + N_w l \sin \theta = \frac{1}{3} m l^2 \ddot{\theta} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{find } \theta \text{ s.t. } N_w = 0$$

$$-N_g l \cos \theta = \frac{1}{3} m l^2 \ddot{\theta} \quad (1a)$$

$$\text{of (4)} \Rightarrow 0 = m \ddot{x} \quad (2)$$

$$x = l \cos \theta$$

$$\dot{x} = -l \sin \theta \dot{\theta}$$

$$\ddot{x} = -l \cos \theta \dot{\theta}^2 - l \sin \theta \ddot{\theta}$$

$$\text{eq (2)} \Rightarrow 0 = -l \cos \theta \dot{\theta}^2 - l \sin \theta \ddot{\theta}$$

$$\ddot{\theta} = -\frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \dot{\theta}^2 \quad (2a)$$

$$y = l \sin \theta$$

$$\dot{y} = l \cos \theta \dot{\theta}$$

$$\ddot{y} = -l \sin \theta \dot{\theta}^2 + l \cos \theta \ddot{\theta}$$

$$\text{eq (3)} \Rightarrow N_G - mg = m(-l)(\sin \theta \dot{\theta}^2 - \cos \theta \ddot{\theta})$$

$$N_G = mg - ml(\sin \theta \dot{\theta}^2 - \cos \theta \ddot{\theta}) \quad (3a)$$

$$\text{eq (1)} \quad -N_G l \cos \theta = \frac{1}{3} m l^2 \ddot{\theta}$$

$$\text{use eq (2a) in eq (3a)}$$

$$N_G = mg - ml \left(\sin \theta \dot{\theta}^2 + \cos \theta \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \dot{\theta}^2 \right)$$

$$N_G = mg - ml \left(\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \dot{\theta}^2 \right)$$

$$\left(-mg + \frac{m l \ddot{\theta}^2}{\sin \theta}\right) l \cos \theta = \frac{1}{3} m l^2 \ddot{\theta}$$

$$\left(-mg + \frac{m l \ddot{\theta}^2}{\sin \theta}\right) l \cos \theta = \frac{1}{3} m l^2 \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \ddot{\theta}^2$$

$$-m g l \cos \theta = -\frac{1}{3} m l^2 \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \ddot{\theta}^2 - m l^2 \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \ddot{\theta}^2$$

$$(5) \quad g = \left(\frac{1}{3} \frac{l}{\sin \theta} + \frac{l}{\sin \theta}\right) \ddot{\theta}^2 = \frac{4}{3} \frac{l}{\sin \theta} \ddot{\theta}^2$$

$$E_0 = m g l \sin \theta_0$$

$$E_f = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 + \frac{1}{2} I_{cm} \omega^2 + m g l \sin \theta$$

$$v = l \dot{\theta}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m l^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{3} m l^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + m g l \sin \theta$$

$$m g l \sin \theta_0 = \frac{2}{3} m l^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + m g l \sin \theta$$

$$m g l \sin \theta_0 - m g l \sin \theta = \frac{2}{3} m l^2 \dot{\theta}^2$$

$$g (\sin \theta_0 - \sin \theta) = \frac{2}{3} l \dot{\theta}^2$$

$$\text{eq (5)} \Rightarrow g \frac{\sin \theta}{2} = \frac{2}{3} l e^{-2}$$

$$g (\sin \theta_0 - \sin \theta) = + \frac{g}{2} \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \theta_0 = 3 \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{2}{3} \sin \theta_0 = \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{2}{3} h_0 = h_f$$