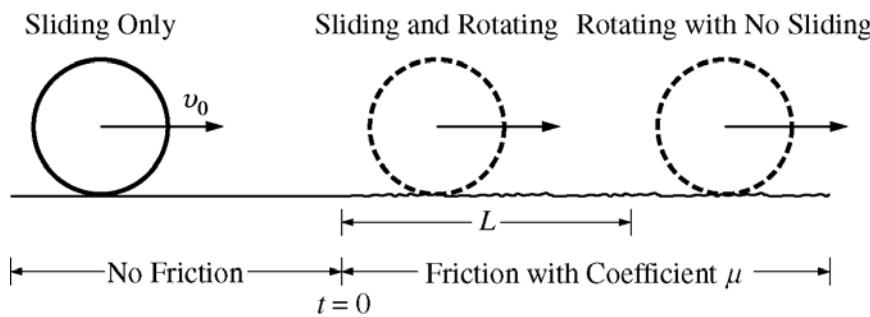


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Mech. 3.

A ring of mass  $M$ , radius  $R$ , and rotational inertia  $MR^2$  is initially sliding on a frictionless surface at constant velocity  $v_0$  to the right, as shown above. At time  $t = 0$  it encounters a surface with coefficient of friction  $\mu$  and begins sliding and rotating. After traveling a distance  $L$ , the ring begins rolling without sliding. Express all answers to the following in terms of  $M$ ,  $R$ ,  $v_0$ ,  $\mu$ , and fundamental constants, as appropriate.

- Starting from Newton's second law in either translational or rotational form, as appropriate, derive a differential equation that can be used to solve for the magnitude of the following as the ring is sliding and rotating.
  - The linear velocity  $v$  of the ring as a function of time  $t$
  - The angular velocity  $\omega$  of the ring as a function of time  $t$
- Derive an expression for the magnitude of the following as the ring is sliding and rotating.
  - The linear velocity  $v$  of the ring as a function of time  $t$
  - The angular velocity  $\omega$  of the ring as a function of time  $t$
- Derive an expression for the time it takes the ring to travel the distance  $L$ .
- Derive an expression for the magnitude of the velocity of the ring immediately after it has traveled the distance  $L$ .
- Derive an expression for the distance  $L$ .

**STOP**

**END OF EXAM**

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**Question 3**

**15 points total**

**Distribution  
of points**

(a)

i. 3 points

For starting with Newton's second law for translation, with friction as the net force  
 $\Sigma F = -f = Ma$

1 point

For a correct expression for the frictional force

$$f = \mu Mg$$

1 point

For indicating that linear acceleration is the time derivative of velocity

1 point

$$a = \frac{dv}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = -\mu g$$

ii. 3 points

For starting with Newton's second law for rotation, with a correct substitution for the rotational inertia

1 point

$$\tau = MR^2\alpha$$

For a correct expression for the torque, using the frictional force

1 point

$$\tau = \mu MgR$$

For indicating that the angular acceleration is the time derivative of the angular velocity

1 point

$$\alpha = \frac{d\omega}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d\omega}{dt} = \frac{\mu g}{R}$$

(b)

i. 2 points

For setting up the integral of the function determined in part (a)-i

1 point

$$\int_{v_0}^v dv = -\int_0^t \mu g dt$$

For the correct answer

1 point

$$v = v_0 - \mu gt$$

*Alternate solution*

*Alternate points*

*For a clear substitution of the acceleration from part (a)-i into the kinematics equation*

*1 point*

$$a = -\mu g$$

$$v = v_0 + at$$

*For the correct answer*

*1 point*

$$v = v_0 - \mu gt$$

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**Question 3 (continued)**

**Distribution  
of points**

(b) continued

ii. 2 points

For setting up the integral of the function determined in part (a)-ii 1 point

$$\int_0^{\omega} d\omega = \int_0^t (\mu g / R) dt$$

For the correct answer 1 point

$$\omega = \mu gt / R$$

*Alternate solution*

*Alternate points*

For a clear substitution of the angular acceleration from part (a)-ii into the correct rotational kinematics equation 1 point

$$\alpha = \frac{\mu g}{R}$$

$$\omega = \omega_0 + \alpha t$$

For the correct answer 1 point

$$\omega = \mu gt / R$$

(c) 2 points

For indicating that the linear speed is equal to  $R\omega$  when the slipping stops 1 point

$$v = R\omega$$

$$v_0 - \mu gt = R \left( \frac{\mu gt}{R} \right)$$

For the correct answer 1 point

$$t = \frac{v_0}{2\mu g}$$

(d) 1 point

For substituting the time found in part (c) into a correct kinematics equation 1 point

$$v = v_0 - \mu g \left( \frac{v_0}{2\mu g} \right)$$

$$v = v_0 / 2$$

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**Question 3 (continued)**

**Distribution  
of points**

(e) 2 points

For setting up the integral of the velocity function determined in part (b)-i

1 point

$$L = \int_0^t (v_0 - vgt) dt$$

For the correct answer, with correct supporting work

1 point

$$L = \left[ v_0 t - \frac{1}{2} \mu g t^2 \right]_0^{v_0}$$

$$L = \frac{3v_0^2}{8\mu g}$$

*Alternate solution #1*

*Alternate points*

*For substituting the velocity from part (d) and the acceleration from part (a)-i into a correct equation that solves for L*

1 point

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a\Delta x$$

$$\left( \frac{v_0}{2} \right)^2 = v_0^2 + 2(-\mu g)L$$

*For the correct answer, with correct supporting work*

1 point

$$L = \frac{3v_0^2}{8\mu g}$$

*Alternate solution #2*

*Alternate points*

*For substituting the velocity from part (d) and the acceleration from part (a)-i into a correct equation that solves for L*

1 point

Note: The time determined in part (c) must also be substituted.

$$\Delta x = v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$L = v_0 \left( \frac{v_0}{2\mu g} \right) + \frac{1}{2} (-\mu g) \left( \frac{v_0}{2\mu g} \right)^2$$

*For the correct answer, with correct supporting work*

1 point

$$L = \frac{3v_0^2}{8\mu g}$$