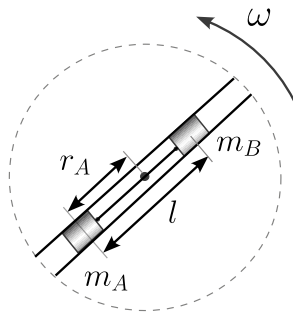


Tutorial 3

Dynamics in Polar coordinates

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Problem 1.



Before the catch is released,

(a) $\vec{a}_i = (-r_i\omega^2) \hat{r}$.

(b) $\vec{F}_i = -T\hat{r} + N\hat{\theta}$, where T is the tension in the string and N is the normal force on the side of the channel.

At the instant the catch is released, \ddot{r} is non zero for each mass.

(a) $-T = m_i (\ddot{r}_i - r_i\omega^2)$

(b) Since the tension is the same for both masses,

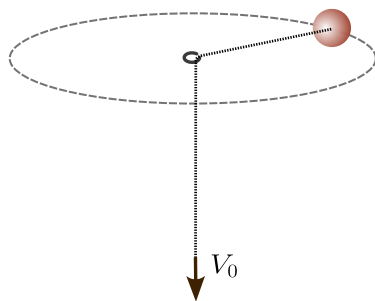
$$\begin{aligned} m_A (\ddot{r}_A - r_A\omega^2) &= m_B (\ddot{r}_B - r_B\omega^2) \\ r_A + r_B &= l \implies \ddot{r}_A = -\ddot{r}_B \\ (m_A + m_B)\ddot{r}_A &= m_A r_A\omega^2 - m_B(l - r_A)\omega^2 \\ \ddot{r}_A &= \left(r_A - \frac{lm_B}{m_A + m_B} \right) \omega^2 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2. (a) $\vec{a} = -v_0\omega^2 t \hat{r} + 2v_0\omega \hat{\theta}$.

(b) At the time when the car starts skidding, the frictional force is $f = \mu Mg$ in magnitude. $t_{skid} = \frac{\sqrt{\mu^2 g^2 - 4v_0^2 \omega^2}}{v_0 \omega^2}$.

(c) Angle of frictional force to radial direction is $\tan \theta = \frac{a_\theta}{a_r}$ and $\theta = \sin^{-1} \frac{2v_0\omega}{\mu Mg}$

Practise: (K.K 2.34)



(a) $\dot{\omega} + 2\frac{\dot{r}}{r}\omega = 0$.

(b) $\omega(t) = \omega_0 \left(\frac{r_0}{r_0 - V_0 t} \right)^2$.

(c) $F = m\omega^2 \frac{r_0^4}{(r_0 - V_0 t)^3}$.