# Physics Problems: #4

#### For Lucas

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## The $Ferret^1$

A small ferret is put into a circular wheel-cage, which has a frictionless central pivot. A horizontal platform is fixed to the wheel below de pivot as seen in Fig. 1. Initially, the ferret is at rest at one end of the platform.

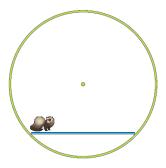


Figure 1: Ferret in a wheel.

When the platform is released the ferret starts running, but, because of the ferret's motion, the platform and wheel remain stationary. *Determine how the ferret moves*.

### **Bonus**

Find out who dies in Fig. 2.

<sup>[1]</sup> Gnädig, Honyek & Riley. 200 Puzzling Physics Problems. Problem 13.

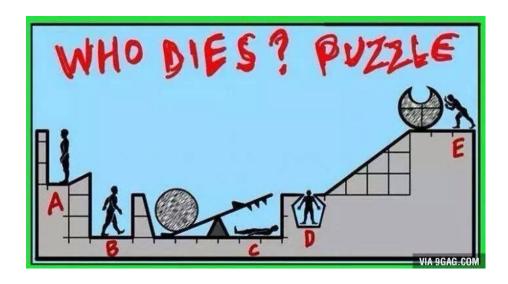


Figure 2: Who dies?.