

- 4 A vertical peg is attached to the edge of a horizontal disc of radius r , as shown in Fig. 4.1.

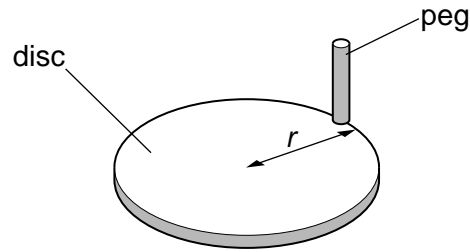


Fig. 4.1

The disc rotates at constant angular speed ω . A horizontal beam of parallel light produces a shadow of the peg on a screen, as shown in Fig. 4.2.

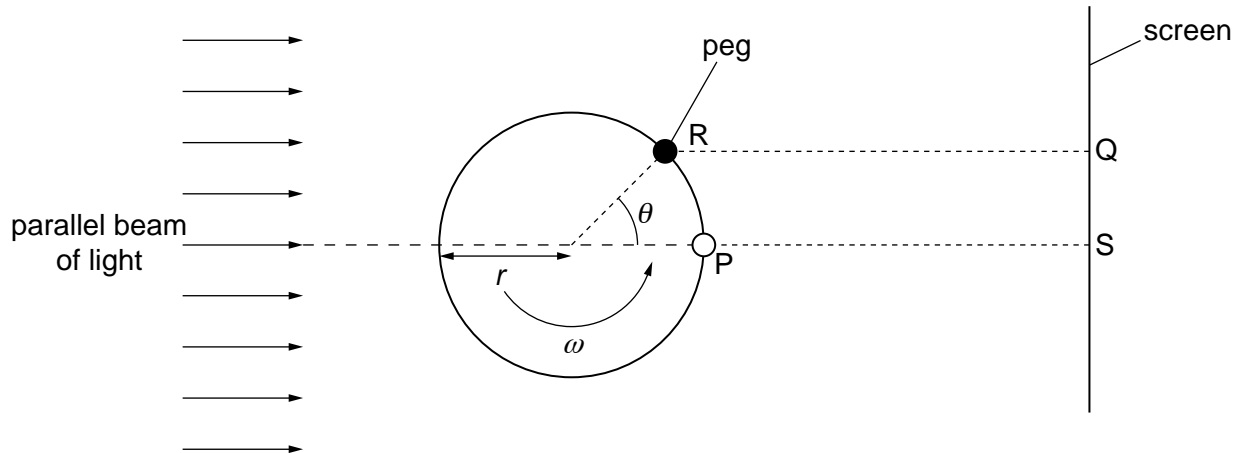


Fig. 4.2 (plan view)

At time zero, the peg is at P, producing a shadow on the screen at S.

At time t , the disc has rotated through angle θ . The peg is now at R, producing a shadow at Q.

(a) Determine,

- (i) in terms of ω and t , the angle θ ,

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- (ii) in terms of ω , t and r , the distance SQ.

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- (b)** Use your answer to **(a)(ii)** to show that the shadow on the screen performs simple harmonic motion.

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 [2]

- (c)** The disc has radius r of 12 cm and is rotating with angular speed ω of 4.7 rad s^{-1} .

Determine, for the shadow on the screen,

- (i)** the frequency of oscillation,

frequency = Hz [2]

- (ii)** its maximum speed.

speed = cm s^{-1} [2]