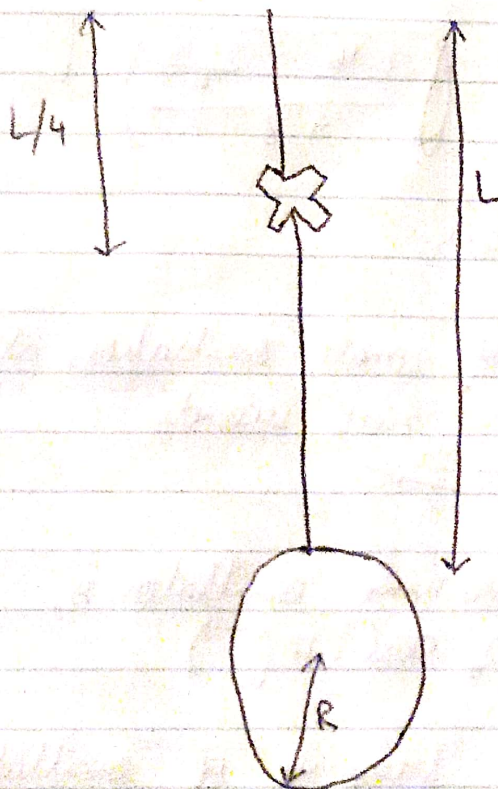


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LAB QUS 2 #112

The diagram below represents a thin rod of length L and mass m is attached to a solid disc of radius $R = \frac{L}{3}$, and three times as massive as the rod (that is, its mass is $3m$). The whole system is suspended from a frictionless pivot point located at $\frac{L}{4}$ from the top of the rod (as indicated by the cross on the diagram). The parameter values are also shown below.



$$m = 3.27 \text{ kg}$$

$$L = 5.16 \text{ m}$$

- (a) Determine the period of the small oscillations about the pivot point.
- (b) If the amplitude of the oscillations is $\theta_0 = 0.12 \text{ rad}$, write the equation for this harmonic oscillator.
- (c) If the system is oscillating for 15 seconds, determine how many oscillations it has done.

Ans. Given - Mass of rod, $m = 3.27 \text{ kg}$
 Length of rod, $L = 3.16 \text{ m}$
 Mass of disk, $M = 3 \text{ m}$
 Radius of disk, $R = \frac{L}{3}$

(a) Period of oscillation about pivot point is,

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L - \frac{L}{4}}{g}}$$

$$\Rightarrow T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{3.16 - \frac{3.16}{4}}{9.8}} \quad [\because g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2]$$

$$\therefore T = 3.08 \text{ s}$$

\therefore Period of small oscillations about the pivot point = 3.08 seconds

(b) Equation for harmonic oscillator is,

$$x(T) = \theta_0 \cos(2\pi f T)$$

Here, f is the frequency of oscillation.

(c) If the system is oscillating for $T_1 = 15 \text{ s}$,

then number of oscillation is given as:-

$$f = \frac{n}{T_1}$$

Here, n is the number of oscillations & f is the frequency of oscillation.

(3)

The value of f is,

$$f = \frac{1}{T}$$

$$f = \frac{1}{3.08}$$

$$f = 0.32 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\therefore 0.32 = \frac{n}{15}$$

$$\therefore n \approx 5$$

The number of oscillations is 5.