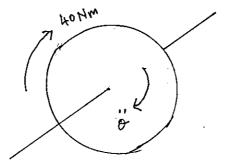
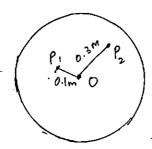
## Lesson 2

## **Flywheel Problems**

1. The MI of a flywheel about its axis is 20 kgm². When it is stationary, a constant torque of 40 Nm is applied to the flywheel. Find its kinetic energy after three seconds assuming the flywheel has smooth bearings. (A flywheel is either a circular disc or a circular rim which can rotate through its centre perpendicular to the flywheel)



2. A uniform circular disc has mass 1 kg and radius 0.5m. Particles  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  of mass 0.2 kg and 0.5kg respectively are attached to the disc at distances 0.1m and 0.3m respectively from the centre O of the disc. The disc is rotating in a horizontal plane about a smooth vertical axis through its centre O. Calculate the kinetic energy of the system when the disc is rotating at 5 rads<sup>-1</sup>.



3. A flywheel can rotate about a smooth horizontal axis passing through its centre of mass, and its MI about this axis is 25 kgm<sup>2</sup>. The flywheel is rotating with a constant angular speed of 3 rads<sup>-1</sup> when a constant torque of magnitude 5 Nm is applied to it so that it comes to rest. Find the time taken to stop and the total angle the flywheel turns through in that time.