

A person with a mass of 52 kg runs with a speed of 6.8 m/s (with respect to the ground) jumps onto the outer rim of a merry-go-round. The merry-go-round has a radius of 1.5 m and can be modeled as a large disk. The merry-go-round was initially at rest before the person jumped onto it and rotates at 1.3 rad/s (with respect to the ground) immediately after the person jumps on. What is the mass (in kg) of the merry-go-round? You may treat this as an isolated system and model the person as a point particle.

① Since the system is isolated, the angular momentum must be conserved

$$L_i = L_f$$

$$L_i = m_{\text{person}} v_{\text{person}} R_{\text{disk}}$$

$$L_f = m_{\text{person}} R_{\text{disk}}^2 \omega_{\text{person}} + \frac{1}{2} m_{\text{disk}} R_{\text{disk}}^2 \omega_{\text{disk}}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_{\text{disk}} = 2 m_{\text{person}} \left(\frac{v_{\text{person}}}{R_{\text{disk}} \omega_{\text{disk}}} - 1 \right)$$

$$\therefore = 259 \text{ kg.}$$

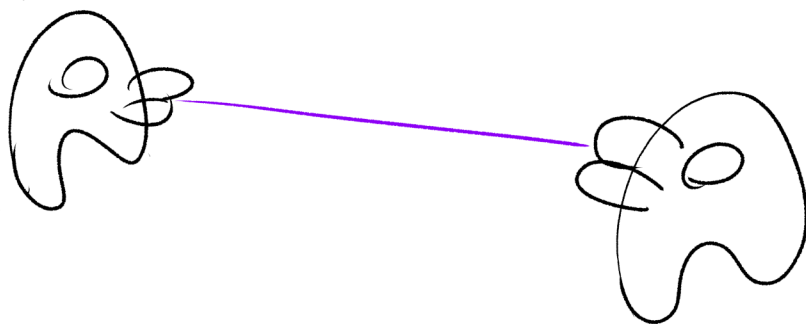
$$m_{\text{disk}} = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{R_d^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\omega_d} \cdot (m_p v_p R_d - m_p R_d^2 \omega_p)$$

$$= 258.67$$

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Two astronauts, each with a mass of 50 kg, are connected by a 7 m massless rope. Initially they are rotating around their center of mass with an angular velocity of 0.5 rad/s. One of the astronauts then pulls on the rope and begins moving toward the other astronaut at a constant acceleration of 0.2 m/s^2 . What is the magnitude of the angular acceleration (in rad/s^2) of this system 5 s after the first astronaut starts pulling on the rope? You may model each astronaut as a point particle.

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1) See Notes from April 19th.

$$2) D = 2R \Rightarrow \omega_f = \frac{\left(\frac{D_i}{2}\right)^2}{\left(\frac{D_f}{2}\right)^2} \omega_i$$

$$= \frac{D_i^2}{D_f^2} \omega_i$$

$$\alpha_f = \frac{d\omega_f}{dt} \Rightarrow \alpha_f = -2 \frac{D_i^2}{D_f^3} \omega_i \frac{dD_i}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dD_f}{dt} = v \Rightarrow \alpha_f = -2 \frac{D_i^2}{D_f^3} \omega_i v$$

Since the ~~acc.~~ acceleration is constant

$$D_f = D_i - \frac{1}{2} a t^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_f = -2 \frac{D_i^2}{\left(D_i - \frac{1}{2} a t^2\right)^3} \omega_i v$$

We have $v = at$

$$\Rightarrow L_f = -2 \frac{D_i^2}{\left(D_i - \frac{1}{2}at^2\right)^3} \cdot at$$

= (meth)

$$= -0.538 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}^2}$$

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