

A string that is attached to a fixed support point is wrapped around a disk of radius a and mass m as shown below. The disk is allowed to fall from rest, and falls straight down. The moment of inertia of the disk about its center of mass is $I = \frac{1}{2}ma^2$.

- Using the coordinates shown, find the Lagrangian and the equation of constraint.
- Using the Lagrange multiplier method, find the equations of motion and the forces of constraint.
- In this case you can easily integrate the equations of motion. Do this to find the equations for the motion of the disk $y = y(t)$ and $\theta = \theta(t)$.

