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Activity 12: Bead on a Hemisphere

A particle of mass m start from rest very near the top of a frictionless hemisphere of radius R. Using Lagrange's λ —method, find the forces of constraint $Q_r = \lambda \frac{\partial f}{\partial r}$ and $Q_\theta = \lambda \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta}$ and determine the angle θ at which the particle loses contact with the hemisphere. (You can solve this problem using a similar strategy as is used in example 3.1 on page 80-81.)

