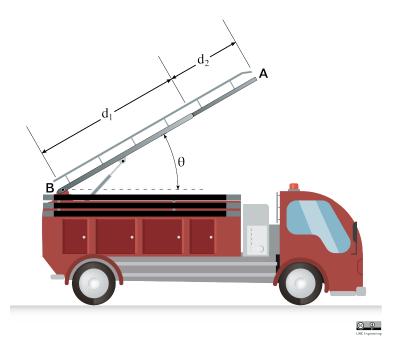
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A fire truck is rescuing a person from a burning building. It needs to deploy the ladder to a height of h = 10 m above the ground. The height of the fire truck (from the ground to point B) is 4 m. The ladder starts initially from rest with $\theta = 0$ and accelerates with angular acceleration $\alpha = 0.01 \ rad/s^2$. If the combined length of d_1 and d_2 is 8 m, how long will it take for the ladder to reach the person at height h?

Solution:

$$\sin \theta = \frac{h - h_{truck}}{L}$$

$$\theta = \arcsin \left(\frac{h - h_{truck}}{L}\right) = \arcsin \left(\frac{10 - 4}{8}\right) \approx 0.848 \ rad$$

$$\theta = \theta_0 + \omega_0 t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2$$

$$\theta_0 = \omega_0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2$$

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{2\theta}{\alpha}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(0.848)}{0.01}} = 13.0 \ s$$