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A mass of 20 kg is connected to a pulley of mass 30 kg radius r = 0.25 m and radius of gyration of k = 0.15 m. The system is initially at rest when the mass is released and the wheel begins to rotate. When the mass travels some distance down, it is moving with a speed of v = 8 m/s. How far did the mass move down? (Use g = 9.81 m/s² and assume the rope does not slip on the pulley)

Solution:

$$\begin{split} V_1 + T_{m,1} + T_{p,1} &= V_2 + T_{m,2} + T_{p,2} \\ T_{m,1} &= T_{p,1} = 0 \\ V_2 - V_1 &= T_{mass} + T_{pulley} \\ -mg\Delta y &= \frac{1}{2} m_m v_A^2 + \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2 \\ I &= m_p k^2 = (30)(0.15)^2 = 0.675 \text{ [kg} \cdot \text{m}^2\text{]} \\ v_A &= \omega r \Rightarrow \omega = \frac{v_A}{r} \\ -m_m g\Delta y &= \frac{v_A^2}{2} \left(\frac{I}{r^2} + m_m \right) \\ |\Delta y| &= \frac{v_A^2}{2m_m g} \left(\frac{I}{r^2} + m_m \right) = \frac{8^2}{2(20)(9.81)} \left(\frac{0.675}{0.25^2} + 20 \right) = 5.02 \text{ [m]} \end{split}$$