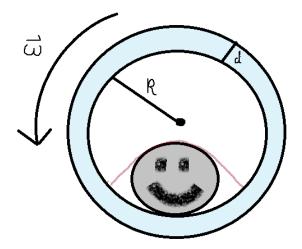
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Julie is taking her pet rock, Rocko, for a walk. Rocko is safely fastened to the side of a spherical ball with inner radius R=5 cm and thickness d=0.5 cm. If the ball has a mass of 0.5 kg and rotates about its center, what is the moment of inertia of the ball-rock system? Assume the rock is perfectly spherical with a mass of 2 kg and a radius of 1.25 cm.

Solution:

$$\begin{split} I_{sphere} &= \frac{2}{5}mr^2 \\ I_{ball} &= I_{outside} - I_{inside} \\ &= \frac{2}{5}m_{ball}(R+d)^2 - \frac{2}{5}m_{ball}R^2 \\ &= \frac{2}{5}m_{ball}((R+d)^2 - R^2) = \frac{2}{5}(0.5)(0.055^2 - 0.05^2) = 1.05 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ [kg} \cdot \text{m}^2] \\ I_{rock} &= I_G + mx^2 \\ x &= R - r = 0.05 - 0.0125 = 0.0375 \\ I_{rock} &= \frac{2}{5}m_{rock}r^2 + m_{rock}x^2 = \frac{2}{5}(2)(0.0125)^2 + (2)(0.0375)^2 = 29.375 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ [kg} \cdot \text{m}^2] \\ I &= I_{ball} + I_{rock} = 30.425 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ [kg} \cdot \text{m}^2] \end{split}$$