

Physics 231: Test 3:

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[Problem 1][15pts] A wheel rotates through 5.1 rad in 1.8 s as it is brought to rest with constant angular acceleration. Determine the wheel's initial angular speed before braking began.

$$\Delta\theta = 5.1 \text{ rad}, \quad \omega_f = 0 \text{ rad/s}, \quad \alpha = \text{constant}, \quad \Delta t = 1.8 \text{ s}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \omega_f &= \omega_o + \alpha \Delta t \Rightarrow \alpha = -\frac{\omega_o}{\Delta t} \\ \omega_f^2 &= \omega_o^2 + 2\alpha \Delta\theta \Rightarrow \alpha = -\frac{\omega_o^2}{2\Delta\theta} \end{aligned} \right\} \frac{\omega_o}{\Delta t} = \frac{\omega_o^2}{2\Delta\theta}$$

$$\omega_o = 2 \frac{\Delta\theta}{\Delta t} = 2 \left(\frac{5.1 \text{ rad}}{1.8 \text{ s}} \right) \equiv \boxed{5.67 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}}$$

(Alternatively, $\omega_o = 2\omega_{avg}$ )

[Problem 2][20pts] The moment of inertia for a rod mass M of length L about one of its ends is $\frac{1}{3}ML^2$. Suppose a rod of mass $M = 2.0 \text{ kg}$ of length 2.0 m rotates about a point 0.5 m from one of its endpoints. If the rotational energy of the rod is 100 J then what is the angular velocity of the rod?

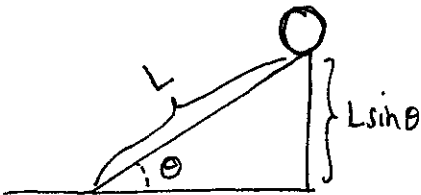


$$I = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{M}{4} \right) \left(\frac{L}{4} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{3M}{4} \right) \left(\frac{3L}{4} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{3} M \left(\frac{1}{64} + \frac{27}{64} \right) L^2 = \frac{28ML^2}{3(64)}$$

$$KE_{rot} = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\dots ML^2 \right) \omega^2 = 100 \text{ J}$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{2(100 \text{ J})}{I}} = \sqrt{\frac{200 \text{ J}}{\frac{7}{48} (2.0 \text{ kg}) (2.0 \text{ m})^2}} = \boxed{13.09 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}}$$

[Problem 3] [15pts] A solid sphere has moment of inertia $I = \frac{2}{16} MR^2$. If this sphere rolls without slipping down an inclined plane of length L and inclination angle θ then find the speed as it reaches the base of the plane as a function of both L and θ .



$$E = mgy + \frac{1}{2} MV^2 + \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2, \quad \omega = \frac{V}{R}$$

$$E = mgy + \frac{1}{2} mv^2 + \frac{9}{32} MV^2$$

$$E = mgy + \frac{25}{32} MV^2$$

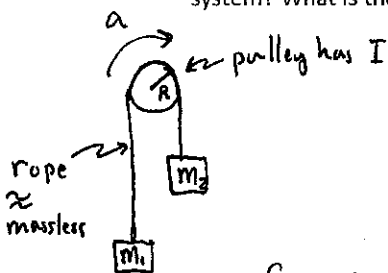
$$E_o = \cancel{mg} L \sin\theta = \frac{25}{32} \cancel{M} V_f^2 = E_f$$

$$\boxed{V_f = \sqrt{\frac{32gL \sin\theta}{25}} = \frac{2}{5} \sqrt{8gL \sin\theta} = \frac{4}{5} \sqrt{2gL \sin\theta}}$$

[Problem 4] [10pts] A net-force of $\vec{F} = \langle 10, 0, -3 \rangle \text{ N}$ is applied to a solid body at the point $(1, 2, 3)\text{m}$. Find the torque on the body with respect to the origin $(0, 0, 0)\text{m}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{\tau} &= \vec{r} \times \vec{F} = \langle 10, 0, -3 \rangle \\ &= \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle \times \langle 10, 0, -3 \rangle \text{ Nm} \\ &= \langle -6, 30+3, -20 \rangle \text{ Nm} = \boxed{\langle -6, 33, -20 \rangle \text{ Nm}}\end{aligned}$$

[Problem 5] [25pts] A mass $M_1 = 10 \text{ kg}$ hangs off the left of a pulley with moment of inertia $I = 2.0 \text{ kg m}^2$ and radius $R = 8.0 \text{ cm}$. A second mass $M_2 = 30 \text{ kg}$ hangs off the right of the pulley. What is the acceleration of the system? What is the tension T_1 in the rope where M_1 hangs?



$$\begin{aligned}m_1 a &= -m_1 g + T_1 \\ m_2 a &= m_2 g - T_2 \\ I \alpha &= R T_2 - R T_1 \Rightarrow T_2 - T_1 = \frac{I a}{R^2} \quad \text{since } \alpha = \frac{a}{R}\end{aligned} \Rightarrow T_1 - T_2 = (m_1 + m_2) a + (m_1 - m_2) g$$

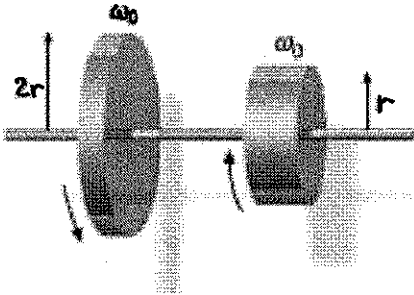
Equate $\star = -\star\star$ to obtain

$$(m_1 + m_2) a + (m_1 - m_2) g = -\frac{I a}{R^2}$$

$$\left(m_1 + m_2 + \frac{I}{R^2}\right) a = (m_2 - m_1) g$$

$$a = \left(\frac{m_2 - m_1}{m_1 + m_2 + \frac{I}{R^2}}\right) g = \boxed{0.556 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}}, \quad T_1 = m_1 a + m_1 g = \boxed{103.6 \text{ N}}$$

[Problem 6] [15pts] Two disks of identical mass but different radii (r and $2r$) are spinning on frictionless bearings at the same angular speed ω_0 , but in opposite directions. The two disks are brought slowly together. The resulting frictional force between the surfaces eventually brings them to a common angular velocity. Find the final angular velocity ω_f .

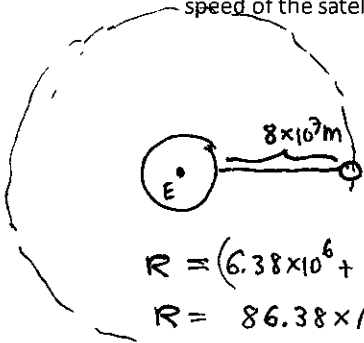


$$L_o = \frac{1}{2} M (2r)^2 \omega_0' - \frac{1}{2} M r^2 \omega_0$$

$$L_f = \left(\frac{1}{2} M (2r)^2 + \frac{1}{2} M r^2\right) \omega_f$$

$$L_o = L_f \Rightarrow \omega_f = \frac{\frac{3}{2} M r^2 \omega_0}{\frac{5}{2} M r^2} = \boxed{\frac{3}{5} \omega_0}$$

[Problem 7] [15pts] Note: $M_{\text{earth}} = 5.97 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$, $R_{\text{earth}} = 6.38 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$ and $G = 6.673 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2/\text{kg}^2$. A satellite with a mass of $m = 270 \text{ kg}$ moves in a circular orbit $8.00 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$ above the Earth's surface. What is the speed of the satellite?



$$R = (6.38 \times 10^6 + 8 \times 10^7) \text{ m}$$

$$R = 86.38 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$$

$$\frac{mV^2}{R} = \frac{GmM_E}{R^2} \quad (\text{circular motion due to earth's gravitational pull})$$

$$V = \sqrt{\frac{GM_E}{R}} = \sqrt{\frac{(6.673 \times 10^{-11})(5.97 \times 10^{24})}{86.38 \times 10^6}} \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$= \boxed{2147.5 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}}$$

[Problem 8] [15pts] A mass of 2.0 kg is attached to an essentially massless spring which causes the mass to have the equation of motion $x(t) = 10 \sin(6t)$. (in kg, m and s). Find:

$$\omega^2 = \frac{k}{m} \quad k = \omega^2 m = 72 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}^2}$$

(a.) period

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{6} \text{ s}$$

$$= 1.047 \text{ s}$$

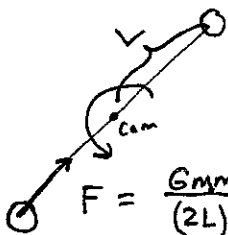
(b.) angular frequency

$$\omega = 6 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}} = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

(c.) total energy for the system.

$$E = \frac{1}{2} k A^2 = (36 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s}^2})(10 \text{ m})^2 = \boxed{3600 \text{ J}}$$

[Problem 9] [20pts] Consider binary star system is a pair of stars which orbit a common center. Suppose the stars are identical with mass m_0 , orbit in a common orbital plane and suppose they orbit in a circle a distance $2L$ from each other. What is the speed of the stars orbit?

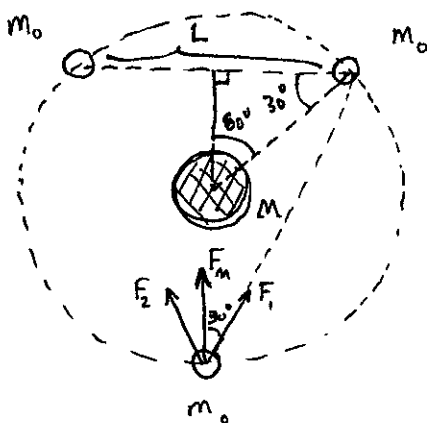


the gravitational pull of the opposite star provides the needed force to maintain the center-seeking centripetal acceleration of $v^2/R = v^2/L$.

$$F = \frac{Gm_0m_0}{(2L)^2} = \frac{m_0v^2}{L} \Rightarrow$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{Gm_0}{4L}}$$

[Problem 10] [20pts] The Kanagy clan makes its home on a distant planet of mass M with three moons. Suppose the moons are identical with mass m_0 , orbit in a common orbital plane and suppose they orbit in a circle a distance L from each other. What is the speed of the lunar orbits?



$$F_{\text{net, center seeking}} = \frac{GMm_0}{\left(\frac{L}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2} + 2 \left(\frac{Gm_0m_0}{L^2}\right) \cos 30^\circ = \frac{m_0v^2}{R}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{GM}{R} + \frac{2RGm_0\sqrt{3}}{2L^2}} \quad (R\sqrt{3} = \frac{L}{2})$$

$$= \sqrt{G \left(\frac{2\sqrt{3}M}{L} + \frac{m_0}{2L} \right)}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{G}{L} \left(2\sqrt{3}M + \frac{1}{2}m_0 \right)}$$

$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{R}{L/2}$$

$$R = \frac{L \tan 30^\circ}{2} = \frac{L}{2} \left(\frac{1/2}{\sqrt{3}/2} \right) = \frac{L}{2\sqrt{3}}$$