

20W-PHYSICS1A-2 1AW20 FINAL EXAM

TOTAL POINTS

93 / 180

QUESTION 1

1 30 pts

1.1 1a 10 / 10

✓ + **10 pts** Correct

+ **5 pts** Tortoise curve looks like a line and not a parabola...

+ **7.5 pts** Tortoise curve looks like exponential and not parabola...

- **2 pts** Solution not assigned to correct page! Points deducted if I need to search more than 2 pages to find your solution.

1.2 1b 6 / 10

+ **10 pts** Correct

+ **8 pts** Mostly right

✓ + **6 pts** Correct idea, but not correctly implemented

+ **5 pts** Mostly right, but wonky units

+ **4 pts** Some progress

+ **2 pts** Minor progress

- **2 pts** Solution not assigned to correct page! Points deducted if I need to search more than 2 pages to find your solution.

- **2 pts** Not solved for t_2

- **1 pts** Incorrect use of quadratic formula

- **2 pts** Bad algebra and/or wrong units

1.3 1c 3 / 5

+ **5 pts** Correct with correct t_2

✓ + **3 pts** Correct continuation

+ **2 pts** Some progress.

+ **0 pts** No progress/Not a distance

- **1 pts** Solution not assigned to correct page! Points deducted if I need to search more than 2 pages to find your solution.

- **1 pts** Wrong units...

1.4 1d 2 / 5

+ **5 pts** Correct

+ **4 pts** Close

+ **3 pts** Correct continuation

✓ + **2 pts** Some progress

+ **1 pts** Plus one for actually understanding what to do!

+ **1 pts** Generic formulas, with no real connection to problem and/or previous work

+ **0 pts** No work/Doesn't understand relative velocity

- **1 pts** Solution not assigned to correct page! Points deducted if I need to search more than 2 pages to find your solution.

- **1 pts** Bad algebra/Wrong units

QUESTION 2

2 30 pts

2.1 2a 2 / 10

+ **10 pts** Correct

+ **8 pts** Mostly correct

+ **6 pts** Right idea, not correctly implemented

+ **4 pts** Some progress

✓ + **2 pts** Minor progress

+ **1 pts** Essay in lieu of physics (Basically, you didn't even make a sound essay).

+ **1 pts** Plus one for having the correct expression for a_3 (regardless of sign) but not satisfactorily shown why it is so.

+ **0 pts** No work/Insignificant progress

- **2 pts** Solution not assigned to correct page! Points deducted if I need to search 2 pages or more to find your solution.

- **2 pts** Check units

2.2 2b 0 / 10

- + 10 pts Correct
- + 8 pts Mostly correct
- + 6 pts Right idea, but not correctly implemented
- + 4 pts Some progress
- + 2 pts Minor progress
- ✓ + 0 pts **No work**
- 2 pts Check units!
- 2 pts Solution not assigned to correct page! Points deducted if I need to search more than 2 pages to find your solution.

2.3 2c 0 / 10

- + 10 pts Correct
- + 8 pts Mostly correct
- + 6 pts Right idea, but not correctly implemented
- + 4 pts Some progress
- + 2 pts Minor progress
- + 1 pts Essay in lieu of physics
- ✓ + 0 pts **No work/Insignificant progress**
- 2 pts Solution not assigned to correct page! Points deducted if I need to search more than 2 pages to find your solution.
- 2 pts Check units!
- ☹ You have time to draw that but you don't have time to at least try and explain an attempt for the solution!?

QUESTION 3

3 30 pts

3.1 3a 3 / 5

- + 5 pts Correct
- + 4 pts Mostly correct
- ✓ + 3 pts **Right idea, but incorrect implementation**
- + 2 pts Some progress
- + 1 pts Minor progress
- + 0 pts No work/insignificant progress
- 1 pts check units
- 1 pts Solution not assigned to correct page! Points deducted if I need to search more than 2 pages to

find your solution.

3.2 3b 4 / 5

- + 5 pts Correct
- ✓ + 4 pts **Mostly correct/correct continuation**
- + 3 pts Right idea, but incorrect implementation
- + 2 pts Some progress/Used CoM instead of CoE
- + 1 pts Minor progress
- + 0 pts No work/Insignificant progress
- 1 pts Check units!
- 1 pts Solution not assigned to correct page! Points deducted if I need to search more than 2 pages to find your solution.

3.3 3c 4 / 5

- + 5 pts Correct
- ✓ + 4 pts **Mostly correct/Correct continuation**
- + 3 pts Right idea, but incorrect implementation
- + 2 pts Some progress/Used CoE instead of CoM
- + 1 pts Minor progress
- + 0 pts No work/Insignificant progress/nonsense
- 1 pts Solution not assigned to correct page! Points deducted if I need to search more than 2 pages to find your solution.
- 1 pts Check units!

3.4 3d 4 / 5

- + 5 pts Correct
- ✓ + 4 pts **Mostly correct/correct continuation**
- + 3 pts Right idea, but incorrectly implemented
- + 2 pts Some progress
- + 1 pts Minor progress
- + 0 pts No work
- 1 pts Solution not assigned to correct page! Points deducted if I need to search more than 2 pages to find your solution.
- 1 pts Check units

3.5 3e 4 / 5

- + 5 pts Correct
- ✓ + 4 pts **Mostly correct/correct continuation**
- + 3 pts Right idea, but incorrectly implemented

- + 2 pts Some progress
- + 1 pts Minor progress
- + 0 pts No work
- 1 pts Solution not assigned to correct page! Points deducted if I need to search more than 2 pages to find your solution.
- 1 pts Check units

3.6 3f 0 / 5

- + 5 pts Correct
- + 4 pts Mostly correct
- + 3 pts Right idea, but not well stated
- + 2 pts Kind of...
- + 1 pts Vague
- ✓ + 0 pts **No work/Stated energy is the same i.e. elastic collision and/or friction not dissipative**
- 1 pts Solution not assigned to correct page! Points deducted if I need to search more than 2 pages to find your solution.
- ☞ It is a perfectly inelastic collision

QUESTION 4

4 30 pts

4.1 4a 10 / 10

- ✓ + 10 pts **Correct**
- + 8 pts Mostly correct
- + 6 pts Right idea, but incorrectly implemented
- + 4 pts Some progress
- + 2 pts Minor progress
- + 0 pts No work
- 2 pts Solution not assigned to correct page! Points deducted if I need to search more than 2 pages to find your solution.
- 2 pts Check units!
- ☞ sign error but ok..

4.2 4b 1 / 10

- + 10 pts Correct
- + 8 pts Mostly correct
- + 6 pts Right idea, but incorrectly implemented

- + 4 pts Some progress
- + 2 pts Minor progress
- ✓ + 1 pts **Essay in lieu of physics**
- + 0 pts No work
- 2 pts Solution not assigned to correct page! Points deducted if I need to search more than 2 pages to find your solution.
- 2 pts Check units!

4.3 4c 2 / 10

- + 10 pts Correct
- + 8 pts Mostly correct
- + 6 pts Right idea, but incorrectly implemented
- + 4 pts Some progress
- ✓ + 2 pts **Minor progress**
- + 0 pts No work
- 2 pts Solution not assigned to correct page! Points deducted if I need to search more than 2 pages to find your solution.
- 2 pts Check units!

QUESTION 5

5 30 pts

5.1 5a 3 / 5

- ✓ + 1 pts **Mechanical Energy is conserved**
- ✓ + 1 pts **Justification for mechanical energy**
- + 1 pts angular momentum conserved
- + 1 pts Justification for Ang Mom
- ✓ + 1 pts **Translational momentum not conserved because of axle**
- + 0 pts completely wrong or no answer

5.2 5b 5 / 15

- + 4 pts Conservation of kinetic energy
- + 2 pts Partial credit for kinetic energy
- + 4 pts conservation of angular momentum
- ✓ + 2 pts **Partial credit for ang mom**
- + 3 pts Calculating I_{axle}
- + 1.5 pts partial credit for I_{axle}
- + 4 pts Correct calculation for v_2 , ω
- ✓ + 2 pts **partial credit for calculation leading to v_2 ,**

omega

+ 0 pts No answer or incorrect answer

✓ + 1 pts extra points

5.3 5c 1 / 10

+ 3 pts correct formula for kinetic energy

+ 1.5 pts partial credit for kinetic energy

+ 3 pts correct formula for gravitational energy

+ 1.5 pts partial credit for gravitational energy

+ 4 pts calculations leading to theta (Dh, etc)

+ 2 pts partial credit for calculations

+ 0 pts completely wrong or no answer

✓ + 1 pts extra points

✓ + 4 pts Correct kinetic energy

✓ + 4 pts correct potential energy

+ 2 pts constant in time since no non conservative forces

+ 0 pts no answer or incorrect answer

+ 2.5 pts partial credit for kinetic energy

+ 2.5 pts partial credit for potential energy (eg putting extra factor of 2)

✓ + 1 pts remains constant without justification

QUESTION 6

6 30 pts

6.1 6a 5 / 5

✓ + 2 pts Correct M1 distance

✓ + 2 pts Correct M2 distance

✓ + 1 pts justification

+ 1 pts partial credit for D1

+ 1 pts partial credit for D2

+ 0 pts No answer or incorrect answer

6.2 6b 5 / 5

✓ + 2 pts Correct gravitational force

✓ + 3 pts correct centripetal force

+ 0 pts No answer or incorrect answer

+ 1 pts partial credit for gravitational force

+ 1.5 pts partial credit for centripetal force

6.3 6c 10 / 10

✓ + 4 pts Correct L_1

✓ + 4 pts Correct L_2

✓ + 2 pts remains constant because torque is zero

+ 0 pts No answer or incorrect answer

+ 2.5 pts Partial credit for L_1

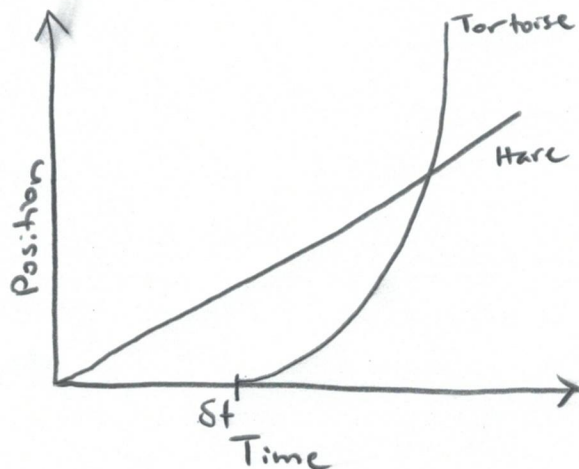
+ 2.5 pts Partial credit for L_2

+ 1 pts remains constant no justification

6.4 6d 9 / 10

1) A tortoise sleeps by the side of a road. Suddenly, a hare blazes past with a constant speed v_h . It takes the tortoise a time δt to poke its head out of the shell, observe the goings-on and get moving, but at that moment he starts, the caffeine and sugar-powered boosters kick in and he roars off with a crazy constant acceleration a_t , following in the same initial direction as the hare.

- 1a) (10 points) On a single plot of position vs. time, plot the trajectories of the tortoise and the hare. Be very clear about which curve belongs to which animal and label the plot with the information you know.



- 1b) (10 points) How long (after the hare initially passes the tortoise) does it take the tortoise to catch up with the hare? If you have to choose between roots in your final answer, explain why you chose the root you did and explain the presence of the root you discarded.

Hare position at δt :

$$x_{h_i} = v_h \delta t$$

Hare position after δt :

$$x_h = v_h \delta t + v_h(t - \delta t)$$

Tortoise position after δt :

$$x_t = \frac{1}{2} a_t (t - \delta t)^2 \quad (\text{tortoise } x=0 \text{ at } \delta t)$$

$$x_h = x_t$$

$$v_h \delta t + v_h(t - \delta t) = \frac{1}{2} a_t (t - \delta t)^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2} a_t (t - \delta t)^2 - v_h(t - \delta t) - v_h \delta t = 0$$

$$\frac{v_h + \sqrt{v_h^2 + 2a_t v_h \delta t}}{a_t} = t - \delta t$$

$$a = \frac{1}{2} a_t$$

$$b = -v_h$$

$$c = -v_h \delta t$$

$$\Delta t = \frac{v_h + \sqrt{v_h^2 + 2a_t v_h \delta t}}{a_t}$$

We choose the positive root since the alternative would give a negative time. It has a negative root since, as a quadratic, it is squared to produce the same value.

- 1c) (5 points) How far from its initial resting place was the tortoise when he caught up to the hare?

$$x_t = \frac{1}{2} a_t (t - \delta t)^2$$

$$t - \delta t = \frac{v_h + \sqrt{v_h^2 + 2a_t v_h \delta t}}{a_t}$$

$$x_t = \frac{1}{2} a_t \left(\frac{v_h + \sqrt{v_h^2 + 2a_t v_h \delta t}}{a_t} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} a_t \left(\frac{v_h^2 + 2v_h \sqrt{v_h^2 + 2a_t v_h \delta t} + v_h^2 + 2a_t v_h \delta t}{a_t^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2v_h^2 + 2v_h \sqrt{v_h^2 + 2a_t v_h \delta t} + 2a_t v_h \delta t}{a_t} \right)$$

$$x_t = \frac{v_h^2 + v_h \sqrt{v_h^2 + 2a_t v_h \delta t} + a_t v_h \delta t}{a_t}$$

- 1d) (5 points) What was the velocity of the hare relative to the tortoise (magnitude and direction) at the instant the tortoise caught up to the hare?

$$v_{h,t} = v_{h,g} - v_{g,t}$$

$$v_{h,g} = v_h$$

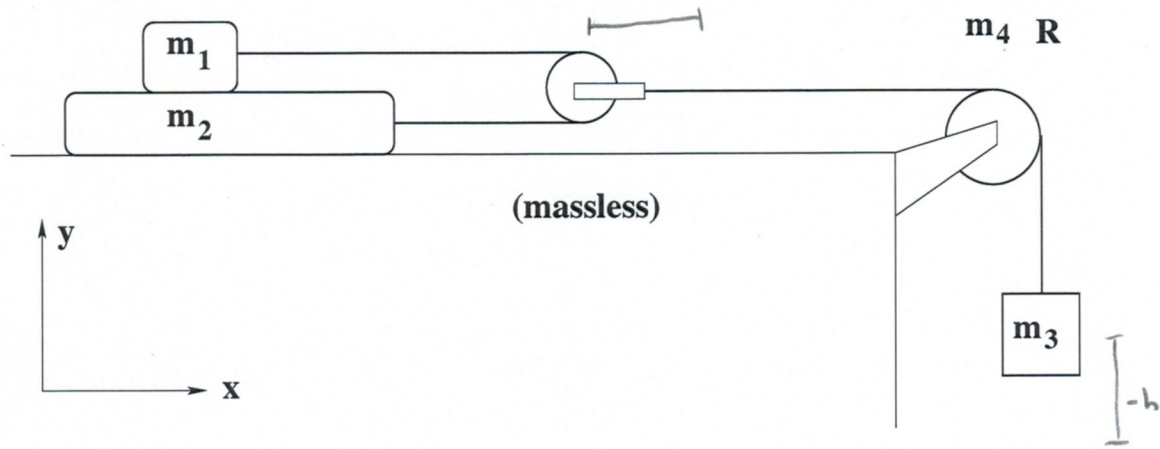
$$t - \delta t = \frac{v_h + \sqrt{v_h^2 + 2a_t v_h \delta t}}{a_t}$$

$$v_{g,t} = a_t (t - \delta t)$$

$$v_{g,t} = v_h + \sqrt{v_h^2 + 2a_t v_h \delta t}$$

$$v_{h,t} = v_h - v_h - \sqrt{v_h^2 + 2a_t v_h \delta t}$$

$$v_{h,t} = -\sqrt{v_h^2 + 2a_t v_h \delta t}$$



2) Masses m_1 and m_2 are connected by way of an ideal massless rope that is draped over a massless pulley, as shown. That massless pulley is connected to a hanging mass of mass m_3 by another ideal massless rope that is draped over a massive pulley of mass m_4 and radius R , as shown. The rotational inertia of the massive pulley around its axle is given by km_4R^2 .

- 2a) (10 points) How does the translational acceleration of m_1 relative to the massless pulley relate to the translational acceleration of m_2 relative to the massless pulley? Derive an expression that relates the translational accelerations of m_1 , m_2 and the massless pulley relative to an inertial frame attached to the ground. How does the translational acceleration of the massless pulley relate to the translational acceleration of m_3 (as seen relative to the ground)? How does the translational acceleration of m_3 relative to the ground relate to the angular acceleration of the massive pulley around its axle (For full credit, you should pick a positive rotational direction for that pulley and properly relate the signs of the quantities)?

$$mgh_i = mg(-h) + \frac{1}{2}(m_1+m_2)v^2 + \frac{1}{2}km_4R^2\omega^2$$

$$\Sigma F = ma$$

$$\Sigma \tau = I\alpha$$

$$a_{\text{tan}} = R\alpha$$

$$\Sigma \tau = \frac{g}{R}$$

$$a_m = g$$

- 2b) (10 points) Find the translational accelerations of each mass and the angular acceleration of the massive pulley as seen in a frame attached to the ground.

$$a_1 = a_2$$

$$\sum \tau = I \alpha$$

$$\sum \tau = \frac{I g}{R}$$

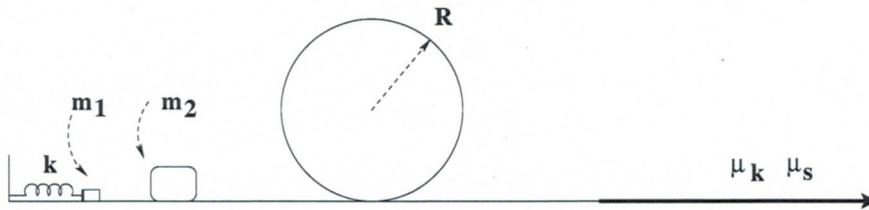
$$a_{\text{tan}} = R \alpha$$

Angular acceleration:

$$\alpha = \frac{g}{R}$$

- 2c) (10 points) Find the tension in each rope segment.





3) A mass m_1 is shot from a spring of constant k towards another mass, m_2 . The two masses collide and stick and the combination proceeds through a loop of radius R . At the top of the loop, the apparent weight of the combination is three times the actual weight of the combination. After exiting the loop, the combination encounters a long horizontal stretch of friction characterized by the coefficients μ_s and μ_k .

- 3a) (5 points) How fast was the combined mass moving at the top of the loop?

$$\sum \vec{F} = ma \quad a = \frac{v^2}{R}$$

$$3(m_1 + m_2)g = (m_1 + m_2) \frac{v^2}{R}$$

Weight = 3 x weight

$$v = \sqrt{3gR}$$

- 3b) (5 points) How fast was the combined mass moving **immediately after** the collision?

Use bottom of circle as initial velocity: $v_f = \sqrt{3gR}$

$$\frac{1}{2}(m_1 + m_2)v_i^2 = \frac{1}{2}(m_1 + m_2)v_f^2 + (m_1 + m_2)g \cdot 2R$$

$$\frac{v_i^2}{2} = \frac{3gR}{2} + 2gR$$

$$v_i = \sqrt{7gR}$$

$$v_i^2 = 3gR + 4gR$$

- 3c) (5 points) How fast was m_1 moving **immediately before** the collision?

Perfectly inelastic:

$$m_1 v_i = (m_1 + m_2) v_f$$

$$v_f = \sqrt{7gR}$$

$$v_i = \frac{(m_1 + m_2) \sqrt{7gR}}{m_1}$$

- 3d) (5 points) By what distance was the spring initially compressed?

$$\frac{1}{2} k x^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v^2$$

$$v = \frac{(m_1 + m_2) \sqrt{7gR}}{m_1}$$

$$k x^2 = m_1 \frac{(m_1 + m_2)^2 \cdot 7gR}{m_1^2}$$

$$x^2 = \frac{7gR (m_1 + m_2)^2}{m_1 k}$$

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{7gR (m_1 + m_2)^2}{m_1 k}}$$

- 3e) (5 points) How far will the combined mass travel over the friction patch before coming to rest?

$$F_k = -N_k N$$

$$F_k = -N_k (m_1 + m_2) g$$

$$\Sigma \vec{F} = m \vec{a}$$

$$-N_k (m_1 + m_2) g = (m_1 + m_2) a$$

$$a = -N_k g$$

$$v^2 = v_0^2 + 2a \Delta x$$

$$0 = 7gR - 2N_k g \Delta x$$

$$2N_k g \Delta x = 7gR$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{7gR}{2N_k g}$$

$$v_0 = \sqrt{7gR}$$

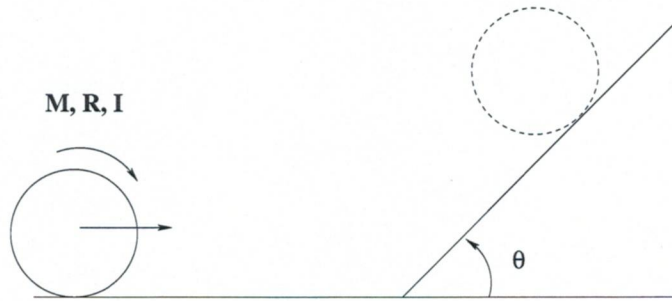
(bottom of loop)

$$\Delta x = \frac{7R}{2N_k}$$

- 3f) (5 points) How does the energy dissipated by friction compare to the initial energy stored in the spring? Explain. (I'm looking for a qualitative answer, you do not need to do a calculation here.)

Until the combined mass comes to the patch of friction, $\Sigma \vec{F}_{\text{ext}} = 0$.

Therefore, the system was elastic. The energy dissipated by friction was the same energy from the spring. Therefore, the energy dissipated by friction is equal to the energy stored in the spring.



4) A ball of mass M , radius R and rotational inertia I (around an axis through its center-of-mass) rolls without slipping at a constant speed over a horizontal surface. Eventually, the ball encounters an incline sloped at an angle θ relative to the horizontal. All surfaces (horizontal and sloped) present friction described by the coefficients μ_k and μ_s to the ball.

- 4a) (10 points) Assuming the ball continues to roll without slipping as it climbs the incline, find the acceleration of the center-of-mass and the angular acceleration around the center of mass as it makes the climb.

$$\sum \tau = I \alpha \quad F_f \quad F_{gx} = -mg \sin \theta \quad \tau_g = 0 \quad \tau_f = R F_f$$

$$\sum F_x = F_f - F_{gx} = m a_{cm} \quad \tau = R a_{cm} = R \alpha$$

$$\alpha = \frac{a_{cm}}{R}$$

$$\sum \tau = R F_f = I \alpha$$

$$F_f = \frac{I \alpha}{R}, \quad F_f = \frac{I a_{cm}}{R^2}$$

$$a_{cm} = \frac{I a_{cm}}{R^2} + mg \sin \theta = m a_{cm}$$

$$-mg \sin \theta = a_{cm} \left(m - \frac{I}{R^2} \right)$$

$$a_{cm} = - \frac{mg \sin \theta}{m - \frac{I}{R^2}}$$

$$\alpha = - \frac{mg \sin \theta}{R \left(m - \frac{I}{R^2} \right)}$$

- 4b) (10 points) Still assuming the ball rolls without slipping, find the magnitude and direction of the force of friction that acts on the ball. Does this friction aid or retard the translational motion of the center-of-mass? Does the friction aid or retard the motion of the ball around its center-of-mass? Given that the ball is still rolling without slipping, what can you tell me about the angle of the incline (that is, what are the limits on its size)?

$F_f = N_s mg$ in the positive direction. It aids in the translational motion.

It also aids the rotational motion around its center of mass.

The angle has to be less than 90° in order for it to go up.

- 4c) (10 points) Suppose that it is actually impossible for the ball to roll up the incline without slipping. Find the translational acceleration and the rotational acceleration of the ball around its center-of-mass. How does the ratio of the two accelerations compare to the case where the ball rolls without slipping?

No rotational acceleration if ball can't roll w/o slipping.

$$\sum F = ma$$

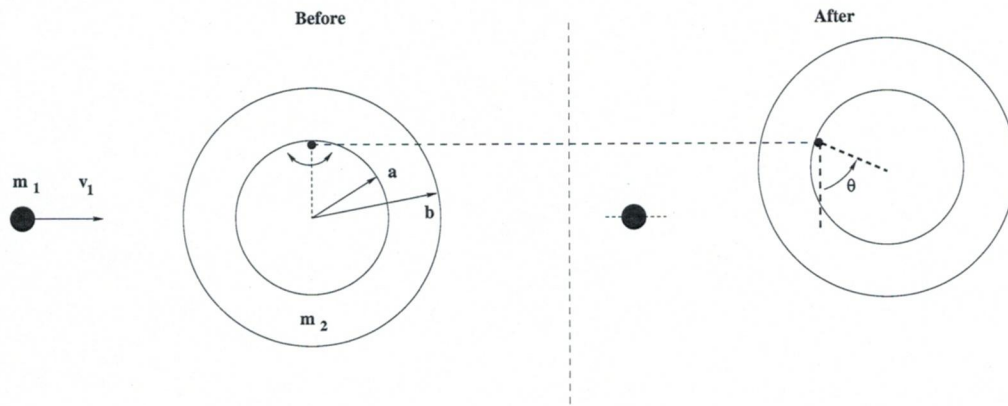
$$F_g - F_f = ma$$

$$-mg \sin \theta + N_k mg = ma$$

$$N_k g - g \sin \theta = a$$

$$a_{cm} = N_k g - g \sin \theta$$

The ratio is much greater since there is no rotational acceleration.



5) A uniform washer of mass m_2 , inner-radius a and outer-radius b is attached to an axle so that it is free to rotate in the vertical plane. The rotational inertia of the washer **about its center-of-mass** is given by $I_{cm} = \frac{1}{2}m_2(a^2 + b^2)$.

A particle of mass m_1 is shot horizontally directly towards the center of mass of the washer with a speed v_1 . It makes an elastic collision with the washer's outer edge. It is safe to assume that the impulse delivered to the particle by the washer during their brief encounter is horizontal.

- 5a) (5 points) Take the washer and the particle together as a system and consider the temporal interval that starts just before the objects collide and ends right after they collide. Is **mechanical energy** conserved over the interval? Is **translational momentum** conserved in any direction over the interval? Is **angular momentum** conserved around any point during the interval? For full credit, justify your responses.

The collision is elastic as per the question.

Therefore, mechanical energy is conserved.

While the total momentum of the system is conserved, translational and angular aren't conserved since some translational momentum is turned into angular momentum

(the before picture has no angular momentum, but the after does)

- 5b) (15 points) How fast is m_1 moving immediately after the collision? With what angular speed is the washer rotating about its axle immediately after the collision?

$$m_1 v_{1i} = m_1 v_{1f} + \frac{L}{b-a}$$

$$v = R\omega \quad R = b-a$$

$$m_1 v_{1i} = m_1 v_{1f} + \frac{I\omega}{b-a} = m_1 v_{1f} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_2(a^2+b^2)}{b-a} \omega$$

$$m_1 v_{1i} = m_1 v_{1f} + \frac{v_{1i} m_2 (a^2+b^2)}{2(b-a)^2}$$

$$m_1 v_{1f} = m_1 v_{1i} - \frac{v_{1i} m_2 (a^2+b^2)}{2(b-a)^2}$$

$$v_{1f} = v_{1i} - \frac{v_{1i} m_2 (a^2+b^2)}{2m_1(b-a)^2} \quad \omega = \frac{(m_1 v_{1i} - m_1 v_{1f})(2(b-a))}{m_2(a^2+b^2)}$$

- 5c) (10 points) To what angle (θ , measured with respect to the vertical) will the center-of-mass of the washer rise after the collision?

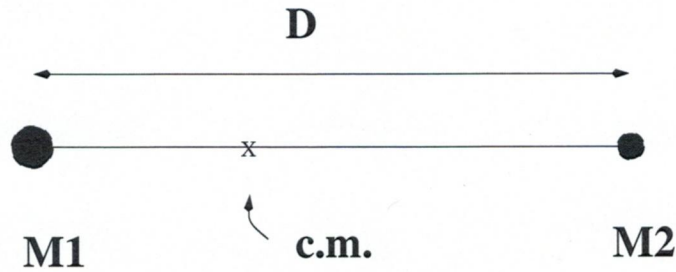
Use ω from last question, α from first question.

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

↑
plug in

$$\omega^2 = \omega_0^2 + 2\alpha\Delta\theta$$

$$\Delta\theta = \frac{\omega^2}{2\alpha}$$



6) M_1 and M_2 are two stars that make up a binary star system. They are separated by a distance D and make circular orbits about their common center of mass.

- 6a) (5 points) Find the distances of M_1 and M_2 from the center of mass of the system (in terms of G , M_1 , M_2 and D).

$$x_{cm} = \frac{\sum m_i x_i}{\sum m_i} = \frac{m_1 r_1 + m_2 r_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$r_1 = \frac{m_1(0) + m_2 D}{m_1 + m_2} = D \frac{m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \quad D - r_1 = r_2$$

$$r_1 = D \frac{m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \quad r_2 = D \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2}$$

- 6b) (5 points) Find the angular velocity with which each orbits around the center of mass (in terms of G , M_1 , M_2 and D).

Both have same ω ($\omega_1 = \omega_2$)

$$\sum \vec{F} = m \vec{a} \quad i=1,2$$

$$\frac{G m_1 m_2}{D^2} = m_i \frac{v_i^2}{r_i} \quad v_i = r_i \omega$$

$$\frac{G m_1 m_2}{D^2} = m_i r_i \omega^2 \quad m_i r_i = D \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$\frac{G m_1 m_2}{D^2} = \left(\frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) R \omega^2$$

$$\frac{G(m_1 + m_2)}{D^3} = \omega^2$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{G(m_1 + m_2)}{D^3}}$$

- 6c) (10 points) Find the magnitude of the total angular momentum of the system relative to the center-of-mass of the system (in terms of G , M_1 , M_2 and D). Do you expect it to remain constant? Why or why not?

$\sum \vec{\tau} = \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = 0$, so the total angular momentum is constant.

$$\vec{L} = I\vec{\omega}$$

$$\vec{L} = I_1\vec{\omega} + I_2\vec{\omega}$$

$$\vec{L} = (I_1 + m_1 r_1^2)\vec{\omega} + (I_2 + m_2 r_2^2)\vec{\omega}$$

$$\vec{L} = m_1 \left(D \frac{m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right)^2 \vec{\omega} + m_2 \left(D \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right)^2 \vec{\omega}$$

- 6d) (10 points) Find the total mechanical energy of the system (in terms of G , M_1 , M_2 and D). Do you expect it to remain constant? Why or why not?

Since the total angular momentum is constant and there are no external torques or forces, mechanical energy is conserved.

$$v = \omega R \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{G(m_1 + m_2)}{D^3}} \quad U_g(r) = -\frac{Gm_1 m_2}{r}$$

$$K_1 + K_2 - U_g = \text{Total energy}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m_1 v^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v^2 - \frac{Gm_1 m_2}{D}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m_1 (\omega r_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 (\omega r_2)^2 - \frac{Gm_1 m_2}{D}$$

$$\frac{\omega^2}{2} (m_1 r_1^2 + m_2 r_2^2) - \frac{Gm_1 m_2}{D}$$

$$= \frac{G(m_1 + m_2)}{2D} \left[m_1 \left(D \frac{m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right)^2 + m_2 \left(D \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right)^2 \right] - \frac{Gm_1 m_2}{D}$$