

You are getting sleepy... A pocket-watch (modeled as a thin uniform disk of mass  $M$  and radius  $R$ ) is attached to a very light chain of length  $L$  and released at rest from an initial small angle  $\theta_0$  (measured between the chain and the vertical) to execute the familiar periodic motion.

- 1a) (10 points) Derive the natural angular frequency of that periodic motion. Evaluate your answer in the limit  $R \rightarrow 0$  and discuss.

$$T_z = 0$$

$$T_g = -mgL \sin \theta$$

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

$$-mgL \sin \theta = I \frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} + \frac{mgL \sin \theta}{I} = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} + \frac{mgL \sin \theta}{\frac{1}{2}mR^2 + mL^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} + \frac{gL \sin \theta}{\frac{1}{2}R^2 + L^2} = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{if } \theta \text{ is small } \sin \theta \approx \theta$$

$$\frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} + \frac{gL}{\frac{1}{2}R^2 + L^2} \theta = 0$$

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{gL}{\frac{1}{2}R^2 + L^2}}$$

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow 0} \omega_0 \stackrel{R \rightarrow 0}{\approx} \sqrt{\frac{gL}{L^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}}$$

As  $\lim_{R \rightarrow 0}$ , the natural frequency would be that of a simple pendulum whose  $\omega_0$  would only depend on  $g$  and  $L$ .

- 1b) (10 points) If the pocket-watch swings back-and-forth with a period  $T$ , what is the magnitude of the acceleration due to gravity at the location of the stopwatch?

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0}$$

$$x(t) = -A\omega_0^2 \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi)$$

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\frac{gL}{\frac{1}{2}R^2 + L^2}}}$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

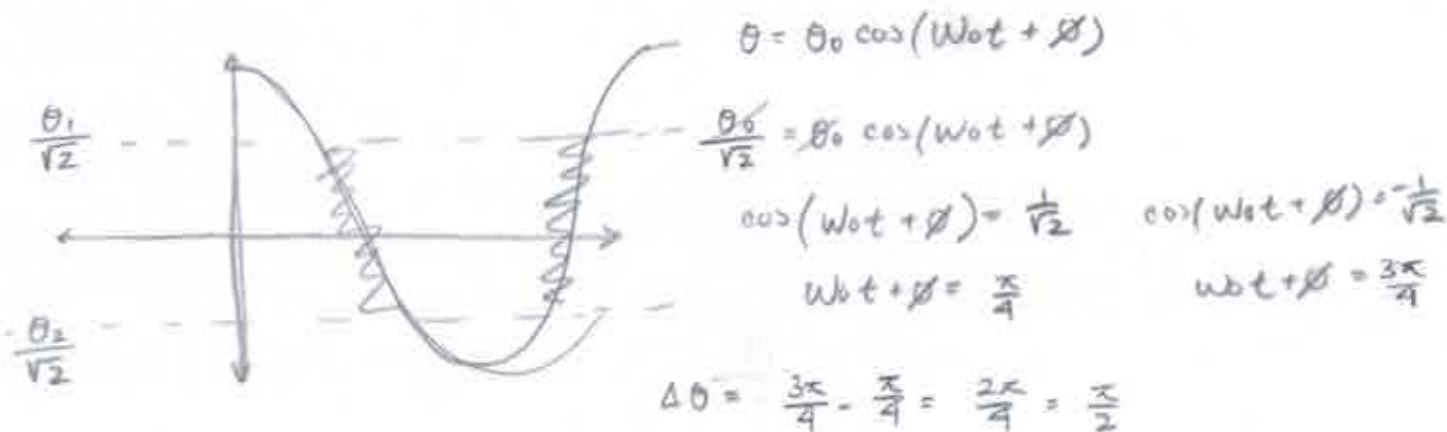
$$\theta = \theta_0 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}t + \phi\right)$$

$$a(t) = \theta_0 \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^2 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}t + \phi\right)$$

$$a_{\max} = \theta_0 \left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right)^2$$

$$\text{when } \theta = 0, a = 0$$

- 1c) (10 points) What fraction of time will the stopwatch spend between  $\theta_0/\sqrt{2}$  and  $-\theta_0/\sqrt{2}$ ? No guessing - you must show your work for full credit.



$$\text{fraction of time} = \frac{\Delta t}{T} = \frac{2\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{2\pi} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{2\Delta t_{1/2}}{T}$$