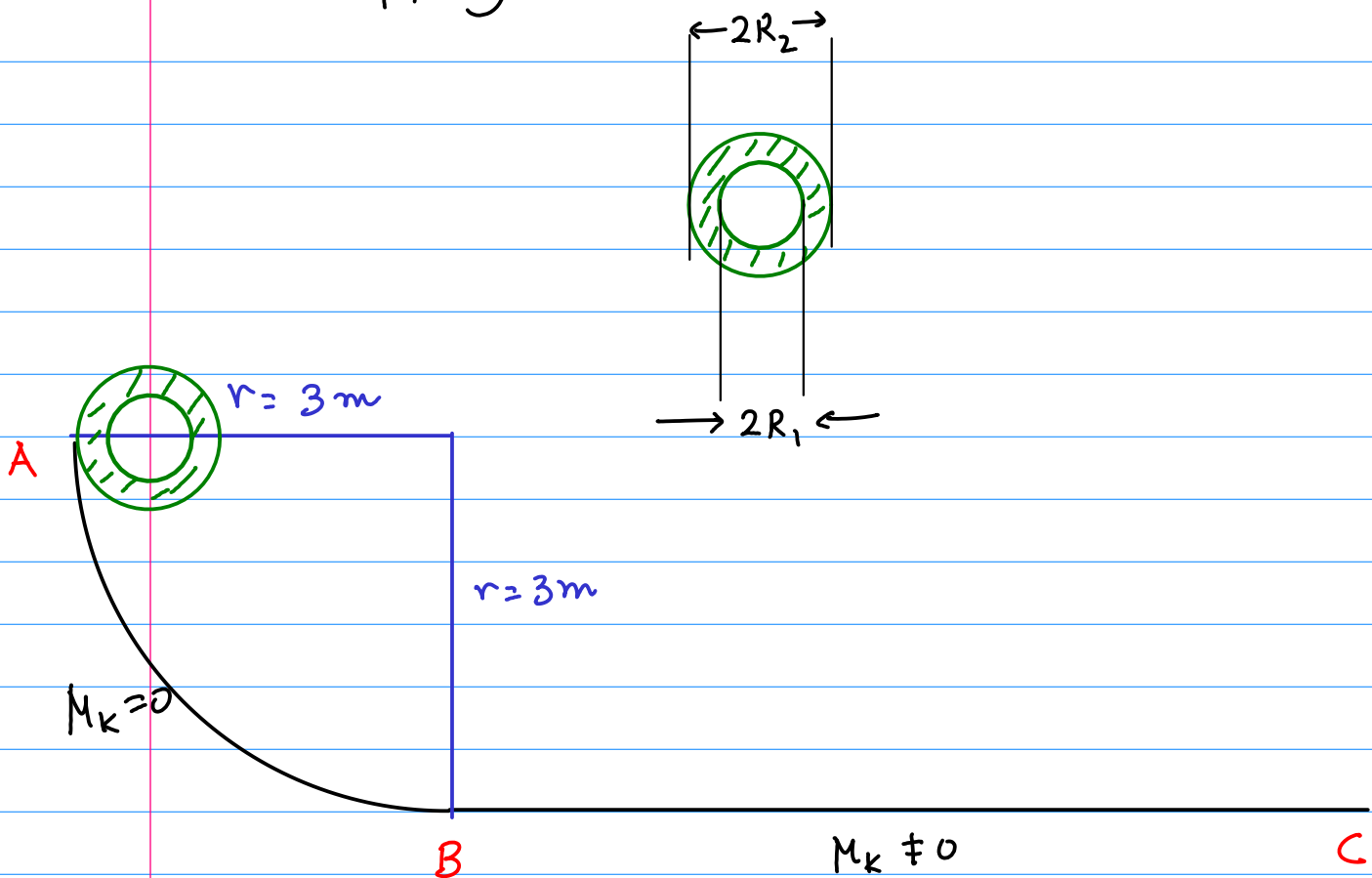


## Potential Midterm Problems on Angular motion, rolling w/o slipping torque, etc

Example 1: A hollow cylinder of mass  $M = 10 \text{ kg}$ , <sup>①</sup> inner radius  $R_1 = 0.2 \text{ m}$  <sup>②</sup> and outer radius  $R_2 = 0.3 \text{ m}$  <sup>③</sup> is at the top of the frictionless circular track shown. It slides down (without rotating) until it reaches the horizontal surface, where there is friction. It skids for a while until it starts rolling w/o slipping



1a: Find the moment of inertia of the hollow cylinder about its CM.

Consider the hollow cylinder as the superposition of a positive mass solid cylinder of radius  $R_2$  and Mass  $M_2 = \rho_A \pi R_2^2$  (4) and a negative mass solid cylinder of radius  $R_1$  and Mass  $M_1 = -\rho_A \pi R_1^2$  (5)

$$I_{\text{tot}} = \frac{1}{2} M_1 R_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} M_2 R_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} \pi \rho_A (R_2^4 - R_1^4) \quad (6)$$

But  $\rho_A = \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{cross-sectional area}} = \frac{M}{\pi (R_2^2 - R_1^2)}$  (7)

$$I_{\text{tot}} = \frac{1}{2} M \frac{(R_2^4 - R_1^4)}{R_2^2 - R_1^2} = \frac{1}{2} M (R_1^2 + R_2^2) \quad (8)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} 10 \text{ kg} \left( (0.3 \text{ m})^2 + (0.2 \text{ m})^2 \right) = 0.65 \text{ kg m}^2 \quad (9)$$

1b What is the speed of the cylinder when it reaches the bottom of the circular track? (10)

Since  $f_k = 0$  (10)  $W_{nc} = 0$  (11) and  $\Delta E_{\text{mech}} = 0$  (12)

$$\Rightarrow E_{\text{mech}, A} = E_{\text{mech}, B} \quad (13)$$

Choose the initial height of the CM to be

$$h_A = 0 \quad (14)$$

$$h_B = -(r - R_2) = -2.7\text{m} \quad (15)$$

So

$$E_{\text{mech}, A} = K_A + U_{gA} = 0 \quad (16)$$

$$E_{\text{mech}, B} = K_B + U_{gB}$$

Since the cylinder is not rotating

$$K_B = \frac{1}{2} M v_B^2 \quad (17)$$

$$U_{gB} = -Mg(r - R_2) \quad (18)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \frac{1}{2} M v_B^2 - Mg(r - R_2)$$

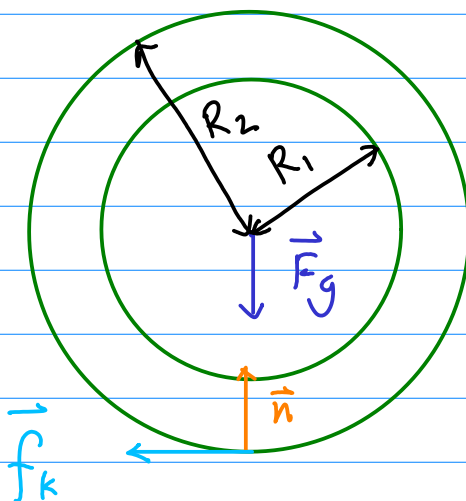
$$v_B = \sqrt{2g(r - R_2)} = \sqrt{2 \times 9.8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \times 2.7\text{m}}$$

$$v_B = 7.27 \text{ m/s} \quad (19)$$

1c : Using the Impulse-Momentum thm in its linear and angular forms find the CM velocity of the cylinder when it finally rolls w/o slipping

FBD

$$\vec{F}_{\text{tot}} = -f_k \hat{i} \quad (21)$$



$$a_y = 0 \quad (20)$$

$$\Rightarrow n = Mg$$

The only torque about the CM is due to  $f_k$ . Because it is clockwise

$$\tau_{f_k} = -f_k R_2 \quad (22)$$

The impulse-momentum theorem says

$$\vec{J}_{\text{tot}} = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \vec{F}_{\text{tot}} dt = \Delta \vec{p} = \vec{p}_f - \vec{p}_i \quad (23)$$

CM momentum is always in the x-direction on the horizontal plane

$$J_{\text{tot},x} = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} (-f_k) dt = M(v_c - v_B) \quad (24)$$

Angular impulse-momentum theorem says

$$J_{\text{ang,tot}} = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \tau_{\text{tot}} dt = \Delta L = I(\omega_f - \omega_i) \quad (25)$$

$\omega_i = \omega_B = 0$  (Not rotating when it hits the horizontal plane) (26)

$\omega_f = \omega_c = -\frac{v_c}{R_2}$  (27) rolling clockwise  
w/o slipping (28)

$$J_{\text{ang,tot}} = -R_2 \int_{t_i}^{t_f} f_k dt = +R_2 J_x = -I \frac{v_c}{R_2}$$

So we have

$$\sum \tau_x = M(v_c - v_B)$$

$$R_2 \sum \tau_x = -\frac{I v_c}{R_2}$$

(29)

or 
$$-\frac{I v_c}{R_2^2} = M(v_c - v_B)$$

$$\Rightarrow v_c \left[ 1 + \frac{I}{MR_2^2} \right] = v_B$$

$$v_c = \frac{v_B}{1 + \frac{I}{MR_2^2}} = \frac{7.27 \text{ m/s}}{1 + \frac{0.65}{0.9}}$$

(30)

$$= 4.22 \text{ m/s}$$

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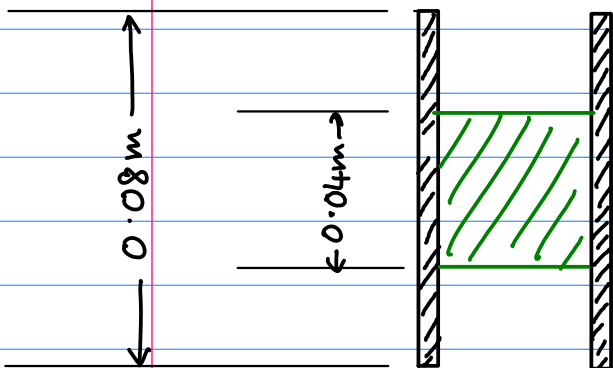
Example 2: A yo-yo can be modelled as a solid central cylinder of mass  $0.2 \text{ kg}$  and radius  $0.02 \text{ m}$  and two solid disks of mass  $0.1 \text{ kg}$  each and radius  $0.04 \text{ m}$

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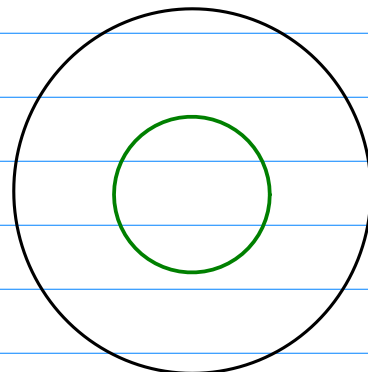
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Side view



front view

The yoyo is allowed to fall 1m before its string tightens and then it starts unwinding the string (assumed to be massless)

1a: What is the moment of inertia of the yoyo?

Basically there are 3 solid cylinders, so

$$I_{\text{tot}} = \frac{1}{2} (0.2 \text{ kg}) (0.02 \text{ m})^2 + 2 \times \frac{1}{2} (0.1 \text{ kg}) (0.04)^2 \quad (36)$$
$$= 4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kgm}^2 + 16 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kgm}^2 = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kgm}^2$$

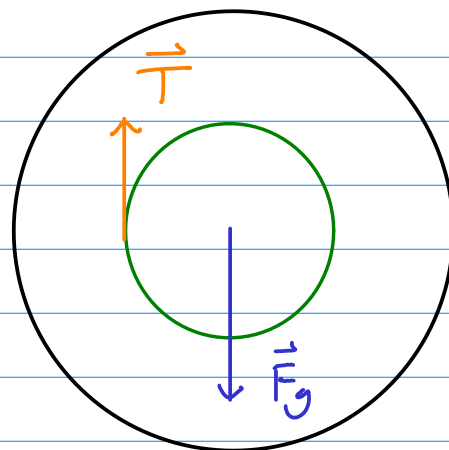
1b: What is the yoyo's speed just before the string tightens?

Since  $W_{nc} = 0$  (37)  $\Delta E_{\text{mech}} = 0$  (38)

$$\Rightarrow Mg(1\text{m}) = \frac{1}{2} M v_{\text{cm}}^2 \quad (\text{no rotation})$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{\text{cm}} = \sqrt{2g(1\text{m})} = 4.43 \text{ m/s} \quad (39)$$

1c Find the CM acceleration once the string tightens



Only  $\vec{T}$  produces torque around the CM. Apply the linear Newton II first

$$T - Mg = -Ma_{cm} \quad (40) \quad \text{because } \vec{a} = -a_{cm} \hat{j}$$

Now angular Newton II

$$\tau_{tot} = -TR_1 = I\alpha \quad (41)$$

Because the yo-yo rolls w/o slipping on the string

$$\alpha = -\frac{a_{cm}}{R_1} \quad (42) \quad \text{(clockwise acceleration)} \\ a_{cm} \text{ positive}$$

$$\Rightarrow -TR_1 = -I \frac{a_{cm}}{R_1} \quad \text{or} \quad T = \frac{I a_{cm}}{R_1^2} \quad (43)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{I a_{cm}}{R_1^2} - Mg = Ma_{cm} \quad (44)$$

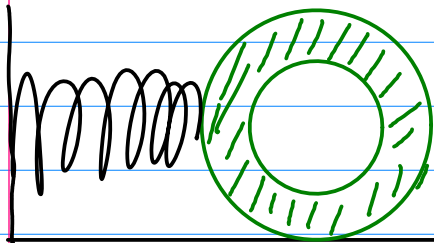
$$\text{or} \quad a_{cm} \left[ 1 + \frac{I}{MR_1^2} \right] = g$$

$$a_{cm} = \frac{g}{1 + \frac{I}{MR_1^2}} \quad (45) = \frac{g}{1 + \frac{2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kgm}^2}{0.4 \text{ kg} \times 4 \times 10^{-4}}}$$

$$= \frac{g}{1 + 1.25} = \frac{9.8 \text{ m/s}^2}{2.25} = 4.35 \text{ m/s}^2$$

(46)

Example 3: A hollow sphere of Mass  $10\text{kg}$ , inner radius  $0.2\text{m}$  and outer radius  $0.3\text{m}$  is held against a spring of force constant  $4000\text{ N/m}$ , compressed to  $x_i' = -0.2\text{m}$ . It is released from the spring. Assume that it does not rotate as it leaves the spring. It then skids on a horizontal surface with friction until it starts rolling w/o slipping.



1a Find the moment of inertia of the hollow sphere.

Think of the hollow sphere as the superposition of a positive mass solid sphere of radius  $R_2$  and Mass

$$M_2 = \rho \frac{4\pi R_2^3}{3} \quad (52)$$

and a negative mass solid sphere of radius  $R_1$  and Mass

$$M_1 = -\rho \frac{4}{3} \pi R_1^3 \quad (53)$$

$$I_{\text{tot}} = \frac{2}{5} M_1 R_1^2 + \frac{2}{5} M_2 R_2^2 \quad (54)$$



$$= \frac{2}{5} \rho \frac{4}{3} \pi [R_2^5 - R_1^5] \quad (55)$$

$$\rho = \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Volume}} = \frac{M}{\frac{4}{3} \pi (R_2^3 - R_1^3)} \quad (56)$$

$$\text{So } I_{\text{tot}} = \frac{2}{5} M \frac{R_2^5 - R_1^5}{R_2^3 - R_1^3} \quad (57)$$

$$= \frac{2}{5} \times 10 \text{ kg} \frac{[(0.3\text{m})^5 - (0.2\text{m})^5]}{(0.3\text{m})^3 - (0.2\text{m})^3} = 0.444 \text{ kg m}^2$$

For future reference  $\frac{I}{MR_2^2} = 0.494 \quad (58)$

1b: What is the speed of the sphere when it leaves the spring?

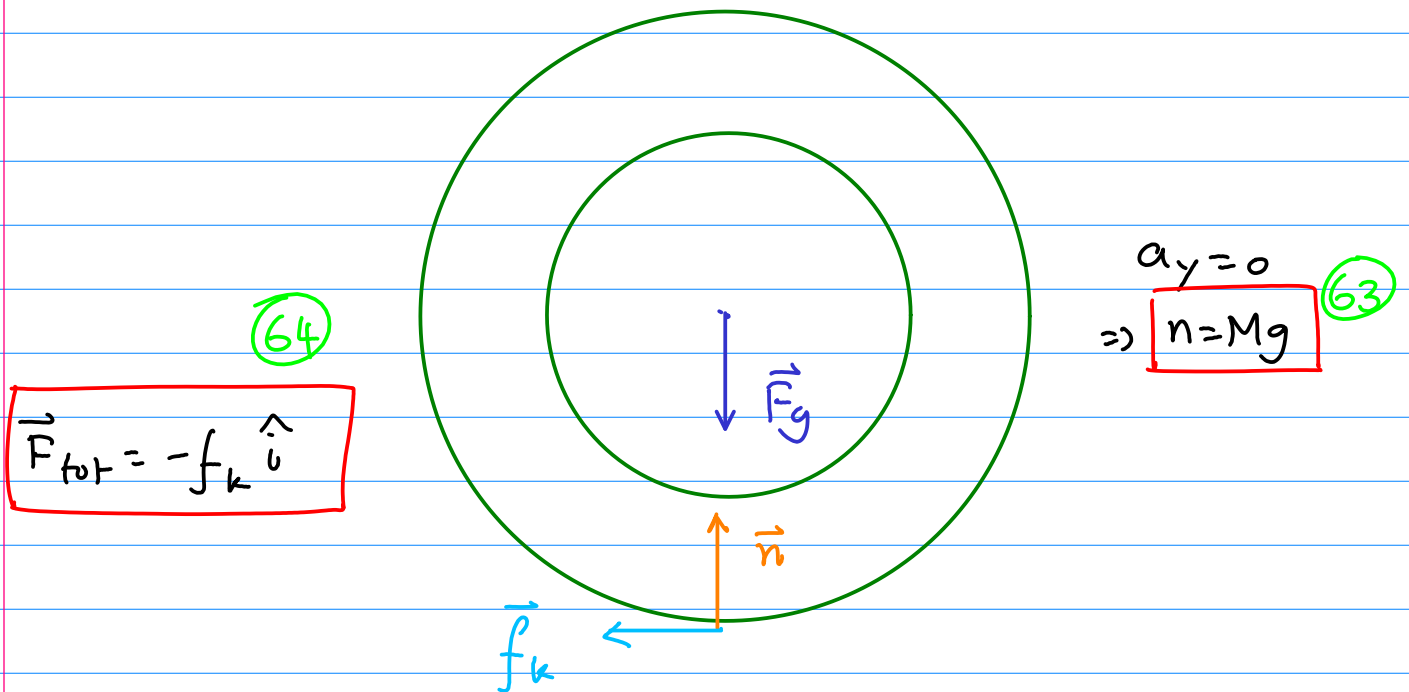
$$W_{nc} = 0 \Rightarrow E_{\text{mech}, A} = E_{\text{mech}, B} \quad (60)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} k (x_i')^2 = \frac{1}{2} M v_B^2 \quad (61) \quad (\text{No rotation})$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 4000 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{m}} (0.04 \text{ m})^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 10 \text{ kg } v_B^2$$

$$v_B = 4 \text{ m/s} \quad (62)$$

lc: Use the linear and angular versions of the Impulse-Momentum theorem to find the CM speed of the sphere when it rolls w/o slipping.



Only  $f_k$  produces a torque about the CM.

Linear Impulse-momentum thm in the x-direction

$$\mathcal{J}_x = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} (-f_k) dt = \Delta p_x = M(v_c - v_B) \quad (65)$$

Angular Impulse-momentum thm is (66)

$$\mathcal{J}_{ang} = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} \tau_{tot} dt = \Delta L = I(\omega_f - \omega_i)$$

$$\omega_i = 0 \quad (67)$$

Now  $\tau_{\text{tot}} = -f_k R_2$  (68) (clockwise torque)

When it finally rolls w/o slipping

$$\omega_f = -\frac{v_c}{R_2} \quad (69) \quad (\text{clockwise})$$

So  $\tau_{\text{ang}} = +R_2 \tau_x = -I \frac{v_c}{R_2}$  (70)

$$\Rightarrow \tau_x = -\frac{I v_c}{R_2^2} = M(v_c - v_B)$$

or  $v_c = \frac{v_B}{1 + \frac{I}{MR_2^2}} = \frac{v_B}{1 + 0.494} = 2.677 \text{ m/s}$  (71)