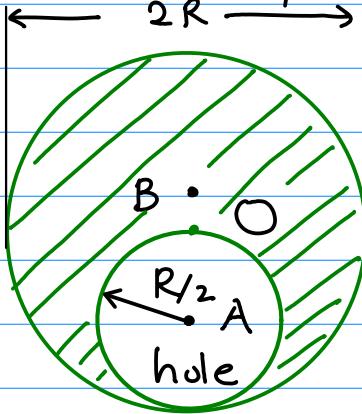


## The Cam and shaft problem.

The cross section of the cam is



First let us find its center of mass, located at B. The Mass = M and area of cam

$$A_{\text{cam}} = \pi R^2 - \pi \left(\frac{R}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{3\pi R^2}{4} \quad (1)$$

=) areal density

$$\rho_A = \frac{4M}{3\pi R^2} \quad (2)$$

Think of the cam as composed of a solid disk of density  $\rho_A$ , radius  $R$ , and mass

$$M_+ = \frac{4}{3} M \quad (5)$$

and another disk of density  $-\rho_A$ , radius  $\frac{R}{2}$ , and mass

$$M_- = -\frac{M}{3} \quad (6)$$

located with its center at A

Together, these two disks make up the cam

Choose the origin at O

=)

$$X_{+,CM} = Y_{+,CM} = 0$$

(9)

(CM coordinates)

of  $M_+$

$$X_{-,CM} = 0$$

$$Y_{-,CM} = -\frac{R}{2}$$

(10)

(CM of  
 $M_-$ )

So  $x_{CM} = 0$  for the cam

$$y_{CM} = \frac{M_+ Y_{+,CM} + M_- Y_{-,CM}}{M_+ + M_-}$$

(11)

$$= 0 - \left( \frac{M}{3} \right) \left( -\frac{R}{2} \right) = \frac{R}{6}$$

So B is  $\frac{R}{6}$  above O.

Now find the moment of inertia of the cam about O.

We will need the parallel axis theorem

$$I_A = I_{CM} + Mx_0^2$$

(12)



$$I_0 = I_{+,0} + I_{-,0} \quad (13)$$

$$I_{+,0} = \frac{1}{2} M_+ R^2 = \frac{2}{3} M R^2 \quad (14)$$

$$I_{-,0} = I_{-,CM} + M_- \left(\frac{R}{2}\right)^2 \quad (15)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{M}{3}\right) \left(\frac{R}{2}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{M}{3}\right) \left(\frac{R}{2}\right)^2$$

$$I_{-,0} = -\frac{M}{3} \cdot \frac{R^2}{4} \cdot \frac{3}{2} = -\frac{MR^2}{8} \quad (16)$$

$$\text{So } I_0 = \frac{2}{3} MR^2 - \frac{MR^2}{8} = \frac{MR^2}{24} (16-3) = \frac{13MR^2}{24} \quad (17)$$

Now we need to find the moment of inertia of the cam about its CM, which is B.

Use the parallel axis thm again

$$I_0 = I_B + M \left(\frac{R}{6}\right)^2 \quad (18)$$

$$\Rightarrow I_B = I_0 - M \left(\frac{R}{6}\right)^2 = MR^2 \left[\frac{13}{24} - \frac{1}{36}\right]$$

$$I_B = \frac{MR^2}{72} \quad (19)$$

Finally, we need  $I_A$ , the moment of inertia of the cam around A. Use the parallel axis thm again

$$I_A = I_B + M \left( \frac{R}{2} + \frac{R}{6} \right)^2 \quad (20)$$

$$= MR^2 \frac{37}{72} + MR^2 \frac{4}{9} = MR^2 \frac{69}{72} = MR^2 \frac{23}{24}$$

To this one has to add the moment of inertia of the shaft about its axis of symmetry. =

$$\frac{1}{2} M(R_2)^2 = \frac{MR^2}{8} \quad (21)$$

(22)

$$I_{\text{tot}} = MR^2 \frac{23}{24} + MR^2 \frac{1}{8} = MR^2 \frac{26}{24} = MR^2 \frac{13}{12}$$

So total  $KE = \frac{1}{2} I_{\text{tot}} \omega^2 = \frac{13}{24} MR^2 \omega^2 \quad (23)$