

Two meter sticks are stood in the corner where the floor meets the wall. One has a large mass attached to the end furthest from the corner. Which one hits the ground first?

We'll solve the problem by calculating the *Angular Acceleration* of each object and then comparing them.

a) Calculate the angular acceleration of the meter stick falling over under the influence of gravity.

b) Calculate the angular acceleration of a meter stick with a large mass attached to its end falling over under the influence of gravity.

c) Take the ratio $\frac{\alpha_a}{\alpha_b}$. Is it greater than or less than one? Which stick hits the ground first?

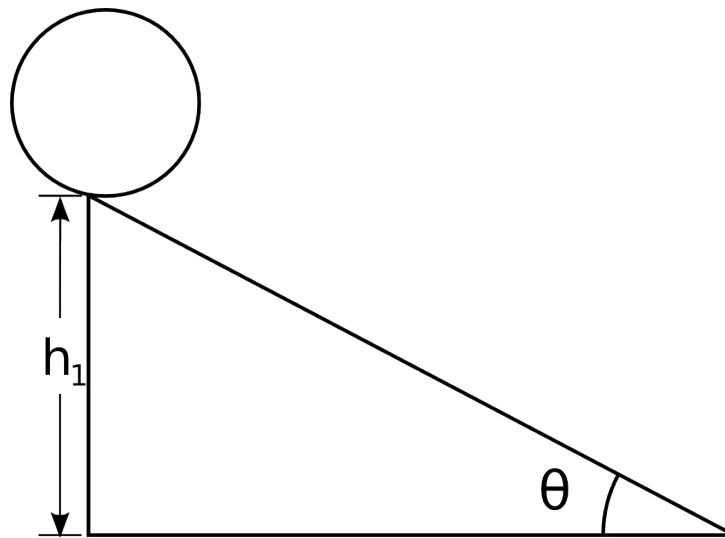
Rotation – Set 5

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Use **Torque and Kinematics** to solve this problem.

A rolling object with a radius R , mass m , and moment of inertia I , starts from rest at the top of an incline plane of height h that makes an angle θ with the horizontal.

- Find an expression for the linear and angular acceleration, α , of the object in terms of I , m , R , g , and θ .
- Using kinematics, find an expression for the linear and angular velocity of the object at the bottom of the ramp in terms of I .
- Assume that the object is a disk with $I = \frac{1}{2}mR^2$ and plug I into your velocity expressions. Verify that your answers are the same as when you solved this problem using energy.



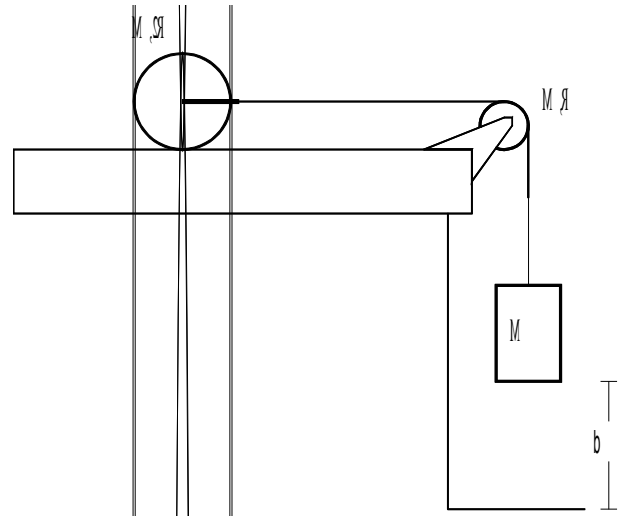
Rotation – Set 5

Use **Torque and Newton's Second Law** solve this problem.

A solid cylinder (radius = $2R$, mass = M) rolls without slipping as it is pulled by a massless yoke attached to a string. The string goes over a frictionless pulley shaped as a solid disk (radius = R , mass = M) and is attached to a hanging weight (mass = M).

$$I_{cylinder} = \frac{1}{2} MR^2$$

What is the acceleration of the system?



Rotation – Set 5

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Use **Torque and Newton's Second Law** solve this problem.

A block of mass M rests on a rough table with $\mu_k = 0.3$. A massless string is attached to the block, wrapped around a solid cylinder having a mass M and a radius R , runs over a massless frictionless pulley, and is attached to a second block of mass M that is hanging freely.

Find the acceleration of this system.

$$I_{cylinder} = \frac{1}{2} MR^2$$

