

1. (25 %) A mass  $M$  slides without friction on the roller coaster track shown in Fig. 1. The curved sections of the track have radius of curvature  $R$ . The mass begins its descent from the height  $h$ . At some value of  $h$ , the mass will begin to lose contact with the track. (Note: In Fig. 1, A is the inflection point of the track)
- Before the inflection point A, find the normal reaction of the track on the mass. (7 %)
  - After the inflection point A, find the normal reaction of the track on the mass. (7 %)
  - Calculate the minimum value of  $h$  for which the mass will begin to lose contact with the track. (11 %)

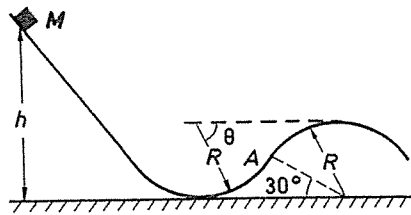


Figure 1

2. (25%) The end of a chain of length  $L$  and mass  $\rho$  per unit length which is piled on a platform is lifted vertically with a constant velocity  $v$  by a variable force  $P$  (see Fig. 2).
- Find  $P$  as a function of the height  $x$  of the end above the platform. (15%)
  - Find the energy lost during the lifting of the chain. (10%)

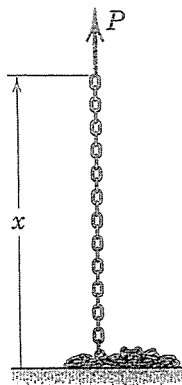


Figure 2

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3. (25%)

(1) State the defining property for a body to be rigid. (5%)

(2) Let  $A, B$  be two points in a rigid body, cf. Fig. 3, and  $\mathbf{r}^A, \mathbf{r}^B$  denote the corresponding position vectors. Show that the velocity of  $A$  can be expressed as

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}}^A = \dot{\mathbf{r}}^B + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}^{BA},$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  is the angular velocity of the rigid body, and  $\mathbf{r}^{BA} = \mathbf{r}^A - \mathbf{r}^B$ . (10%)

(3) Consider the general motion of a rigid body for which the angular velocity  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  and angular acceleration  $\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$  are both nonzero and are not parallel.

(i) If the point  $A$  in the body has zero velocity, find the other points in the rigid body which also has zero velocity; (5%)

(ii) If the point  $A$  in the body has zero acceleration, show that there is no other point which also has zero acceleration. (5%)

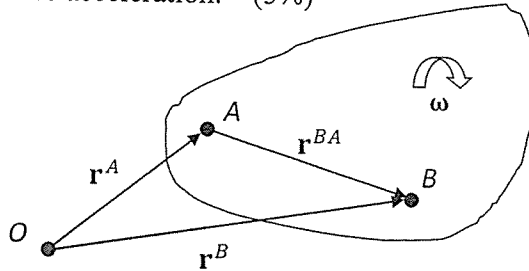


Figure 3

4. (25%) Consider a circular rigid cylinder of radius  $a$  and mass  $m$  moving on a rough horizontal plane, as shown in Fig. 4. The position of the center of the cylinder is denoted by  $(x, y)$ , with  $x$  in the horizontal direction and  $y$  in the vertical direction. Let the angle of rotation of the cylinder be denoted by  $\varphi$ . The cylinder is pushed by a horizontal force with the magnitude  $P$  at the height  $h$ . Denote the coefficient of static friction between the cylinder and the surface by  $\mu$ . Let the tangential resistive force acting on the cylinder be denoted by  $T$ . The moment of inertia of the cylinder is assumed to be  $(1/2)ma^2$ .

(1) Write down the general equations of motion for  $x$  and  $\varphi$ , in terms of  $P$  and  $T$ . (9%)

(2) Determine the condition that the cylinder rolls without sliding on the surface. Under that condition, find the magnitude of the resistive force  $T$ , and determine the height  $h$  such that  $T = 0$ . (8%)

(3) Determine the condition on  $P$  and  $h$  such that the cylinder rolls as well as slides on the horizontal plane. In that case, find the acceleration of the center of the cylinder, i.e.  $\ddot{x}$ . (The coefficient of kinetic friction is denoted by  $\mu_k$ .) (8%)

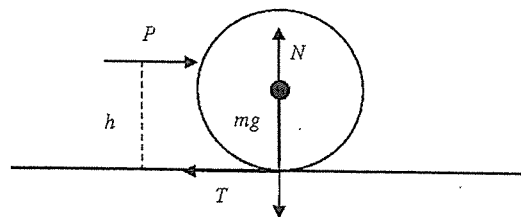


Figure 4