

Final Examination
Monday, May 18, 2009
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
234 Hearst Gym

Closed Books and Closed Notes
Each Question is Worth 25 Points

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Useful Formulae

For all the corotational bases shown in the figures

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{e}_x &= \cos(\theta)\mathbf{E}_x + \sin(\theta)\mathbf{E}_y, \\ \mathbf{e}_y &= \cos(\theta)\mathbf{E}_y - \sin(\theta)\mathbf{E}_x. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

The following identity for the angular momentum of a rigid body relative to a point P will also be useful:

$$\mathbf{H}_P = \mathbf{H} + (\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}_P) \times m\bar{\mathbf{v}}. \tag{2}$$

Finally, recall that the work-energy theorem of a rigid body which is subject to a system of K forces and a pure moment \mathbf{M}_p is

$$\dot{T} = \sum_{i=1}^K \mathbf{F}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_i + \mathbf{M}_p \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}. \tag{3}$$

Here, \mathbf{v}_i is the velocity vector of the point where the force \mathbf{F}_i is applied.

Question 1

A Particle in a Tube

As shown in Figure 1, a particle of mass m_1 is free to move inside a long tube. The particle is connected to a fixed point O by a linear spring of stiffness K and unstretched length L_0 . The end of the tube at O is fixed to a drive shaft which is spun with an angular speed $\Omega(t)$. The contact between the particle and the tube is smooth. In addition to normal forces, a vertical gravitational force $-m_1g\mathbf{E}_z$ acts on the particle. The tube has a mass m_2 , moment of inertia (relative to its center of mass) I_{zz} , and a length $2L$.

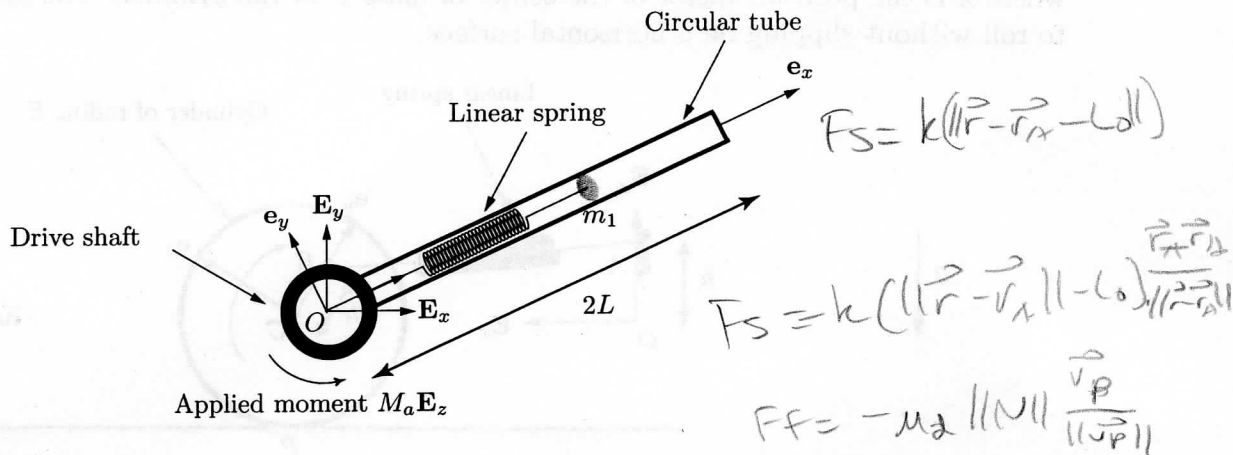


Figure 1: A particle of mass m_1 is attached to a fixed point by a linear spring. The particle moves inside a long tube which is being rotated about O with an angular velocity $\Omega\mathbf{E}_z$.

(a) (3 Points) Assuming that the position vector $\mathbf{x}_1 = x\mathbf{e}_x$ of the particle and the position vector of the center of mass of the rod is $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2 = L\mathbf{e}_x$, show that the linear momentum of the system is

$$\mathbf{G} = m_1\dot{x}\mathbf{e}_x + (m_1x + m_2L)\dot{\theta}\mathbf{e}_y, \quad (4)$$

where $\dot{\theta} = \Omega$.

(b) (6 Points) Establish expressions for the kinetic energy of the system and the angular momentum of the system relative to the point O .

(c) (6 Points) Draw free-body diagrams of the system, the tube, and the particle. Give clear expressions for the spring force and normal force.

(d) (5 Points) Show that the equation governing the motion of the particle is

$$m_1\ddot{x} - m_1x\Omega^2 = -K(x - L_0). \quad (5)$$

In addition, show that the moment $M_a\mathbf{E}_z$ which is applied to rotate the tube is

$$M_a = (I_{zz} + m_2L^2 + m_1x^2)\dot{\Omega} + 2m_1x\dot{x}\Omega. \quad (6)$$

(e) (5 Points) Starting from the work-energy theorem show that the power \mathcal{P} needed to rotate the tube is

$$\mathcal{P} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2} (I_{zz} + m_2L^2 + m_1x^2) \Omega^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_1\dot{x}^2 + \frac{K}{2} (x - L_0)^2 \right). \quad (7)$$

Question 2
A Rolling Rigid Body

As shown in Figure 2, a circular cylinder of radius R , mass m , and moment of inertia (relative to its center of mass) I_{zz} is attached to a fixed point A by a linear spring of stiffness K and unstretched length L_0 . The other end of the spring is attached to a point B on the cylinder. The position vectors of A and B have the representations

$$\mathbf{x}_A = h\mathbf{E}_y, \quad \mathbf{x}_B = \bar{\mathbf{x}} + h\mathbf{e}_y, \quad (8)$$

where $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ is the position vector of the center of mass C of the cylinder. The cylinder is assumed to roll without slipping on a horizontal surface.

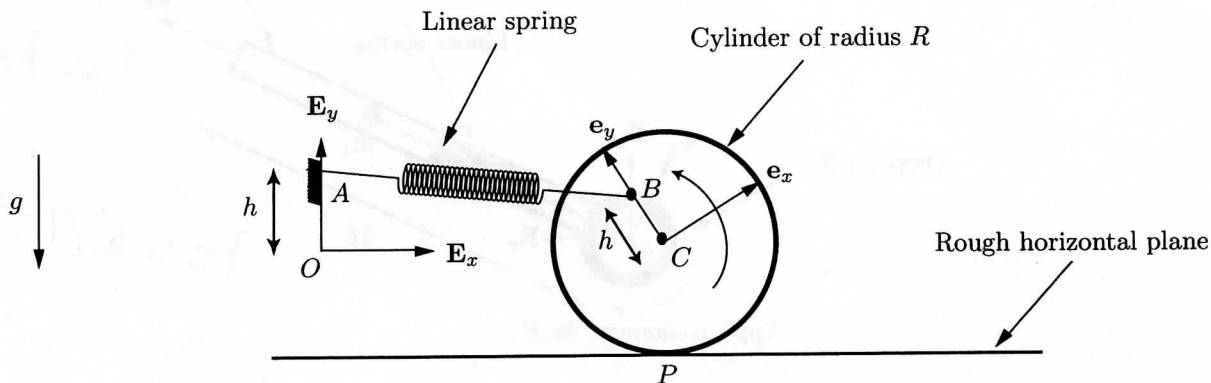


Figure 2: A rigid cylinder of mass m and radius R is attached to a fixed point A by a linear spring. The body rolls without slipping on a horizontal surface.

(a) (5 Points) Starting from the result $\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{v}_1 + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1)$ for any two points on a rigid body, show that the velocity vectors of the center of mass C and the instantaneous point of contact P have the representations

$$\bar{\mathbf{v}} = \dot{x}\mathbf{E}_x, \quad \mathbf{v}_P = (\dot{x} + R\dot{\theta})\mathbf{E}_x, \quad (9)$$

where $\boldsymbol{\omega} = \dot{\theta}\mathbf{E}_z$ is the angular velocity of the rigid body.

(b) (5 Points) Draw a free-body diagram of the rolling rigid body. Give a clear expression for the spring force.

ANSWER EITHER (c) OR (d):

(c) (15 Points) Using balances of linear and angular momentum, show that the equation governing the motion of the cylinder is

$$(I_{zz} + mR^2)\ddot{\theta} = \frac{K\epsilon}{\epsilon + L_0} (x(R + h\cos(\theta)) - h\sin(\theta)(h + R)), \quad (10)$$

where ϵ is the extension of the spring.

(d) (15 Points) Consider the case where $h = 0$. Using balances of linear and angular momentum, show that rolling can occur provided

$$\left| \left(\frac{I_{zz}}{I_{zz} + mR^2} \right) \frac{K\epsilon x}{\epsilon + L_0} \right| \leq \mu_s mg, \quad \text{where } \epsilon = |x| - L_0, \quad (11)$$

and μ_s is the coefficient of static friction. Using (11), determine the range of values of x for which slipping will occur.

Question 3

An Imbalanced Shaft

As shown in Figure 3, a shaft of mass m_1 , radius R and length $2L$ is imbalanced by the presence of two rigidly attached particles, each of mass $\frac{m_2}{2}$. The shaft is driven into rotation about the \mathbf{E}_z axis by an applied torque $T_a \mathbf{E}_z$.

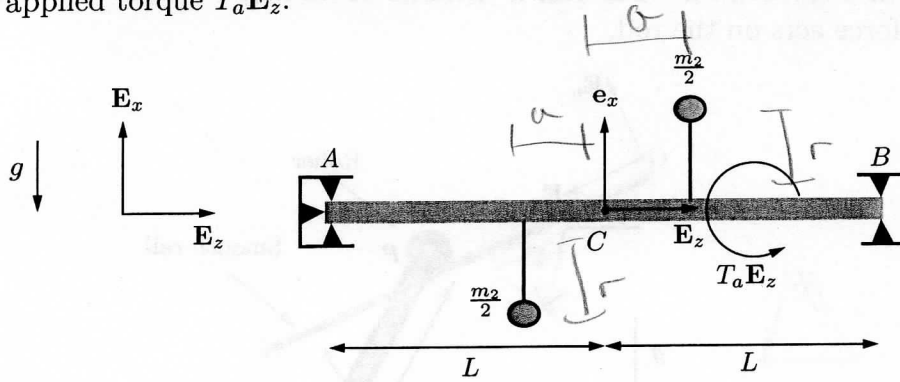


Figure 3: An imbalanced shaft-particle system which is free to rotate about the \mathbf{E}_z axis and is supported by bearings at A and B .

The center of mass of the shaft and the shaft-particle system are coincident and are both assumed to be stationary. The angular momentum of the shaft relative to its center of mass C is

$$I_{zz} \dot{\theta} \mathbf{E}_z, \quad (12)$$

and the position vectors of the particles relative to the center of mass C have the representations

$$\mathbf{x}_1 - \bar{\mathbf{x}} = a \mathbf{E}_z + r \mathbf{e}_x, \quad \mathbf{x}_2 - \bar{\mathbf{x}} = -a \mathbf{E}_z - r \mathbf{e}_x. \quad (13)$$

(a) (8 Points) Show that the angular momentum \mathbf{H} of the system relative to the center of mass C of the system has the representation

$$\mathbf{H} = (I_{zz} + m_2 r^2) \dot{\theta} \mathbf{E}_z - m_2 a r \dot{\theta} \mathbf{e}_x. \quad (14)$$

(b) (5 Points) Draw a free-body diagram of the system.

(c) (5 Points) Show that the angular speed of the shaft is governed by the equation

$$(I_{zz} + m_2 r^2) \ddot{\theta} = T_a. \quad (15)$$

By varying T_a and measuring $\theta(t)$, is it possible to detect the imbalance?

(d) (7 Points) Assuming that $\dot{\theta}$ is constant, Verify that the bearing forces are

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{R}_A &= \left(\frac{m_1 + m_2}{2} \right) g \mathbf{E}_x - \left(\frac{-m_2 a r \omega_0^2}{2L} \right) \mathbf{e}_x, \\ \mathbf{R}_B &= \left(\frac{m_1 + m_2}{2} \right) g \mathbf{E}_x + \left(\frac{-m_2 a r \omega_0^2}{2L} \right) \mathbf{e}_x, \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where $\dot{\theta} = \omega_0$.

Question 4

A Rigid Body Sliding on a Smooth Rail

As shown in Figure 4, a rod of mass m , moment of inertia (relative to its center of mass) I_{zz} and length $2L$ is connected by a roller of negligible mass and inertia at a point P . The roller is free to move on a smooth rail. The rail is inclined at an angle ϕ to the horizontal. A vertical gravitational force acts on the rod.

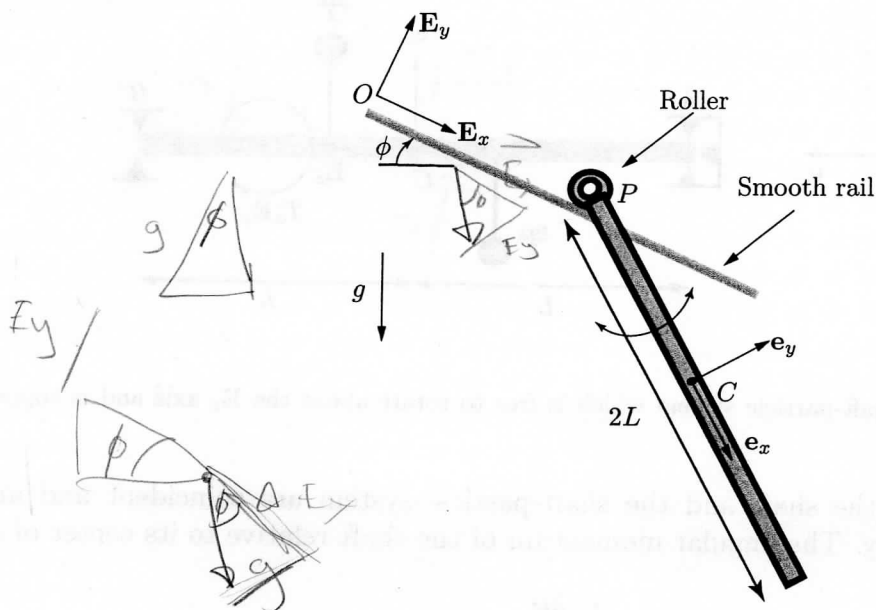


Figure 4: A rod of mass m which moves on a smooth rail. The point P of the rod is free to translate along the rail and the rod is free to rotate about P .

(a) (3 Points) If the position vectors of the center of mass C of the rod and the point P are

$$\bar{\mathbf{x}} = L\mathbf{e}_x + \mathbf{x}_P, \quad \mathbf{x}_P = x\mathbf{E}_x, \quad (17)$$

respectively, then show that the velocity vector of the center of mass has the representation

$$\bar{\mathbf{v}} = (-L\dot{\theta} \sin(\theta) + \dot{x}) \mathbf{E}_x + L\dot{\theta} \cos(\theta) \mathbf{E}_y. \quad (18)$$

(b) (7 Points) Show that the angular momentum of the rod relative to P and the kinetic energy T have the representations

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{H}_P &= (I_{zz} + mL^2) \dot{\theta} \mathbf{E}_z - mL\dot{x} \sin(\theta) \mathbf{E}_z, \\ T &= \frac{1}{2} \left((I_{zz} + mL^2) \dot{\theta}^2 + m\dot{x}^2 - 2m\dot{x}L\dot{\theta} \sin(\theta) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

(c) (3 Points) Draw a free-body diagram of the rod.

(d) (7 Points) Show that the equations governing the motion of the rigid body are

$$\begin{aligned} m\ddot{x} - mL\ddot{\theta} \sin(\theta) - mL\dot{\theta}^2 \cos(\theta) &= mg \sin(\phi), \\ (I_{zz} + mL^2 \cos^2(\theta)) \ddot{\theta} - mL\dot{\theta}^2 \cos(\theta) \sin(\theta) &= -mgL \cos(\theta) \cos(\phi). \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

(e) (5 Points) Give a clear explanation of why $\dot{\mathbf{H}}_P \neq \mathbf{M}_P$, where \mathbf{M}_P is the resultant moment relative to P .

because H_0 is non-fixed nor center of mass, angular momentum is not conserved