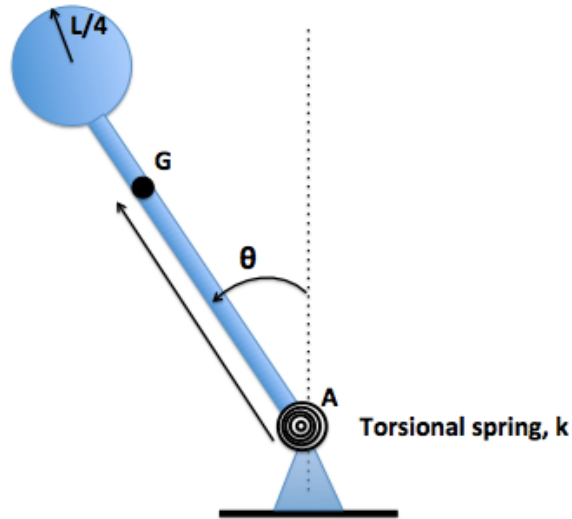


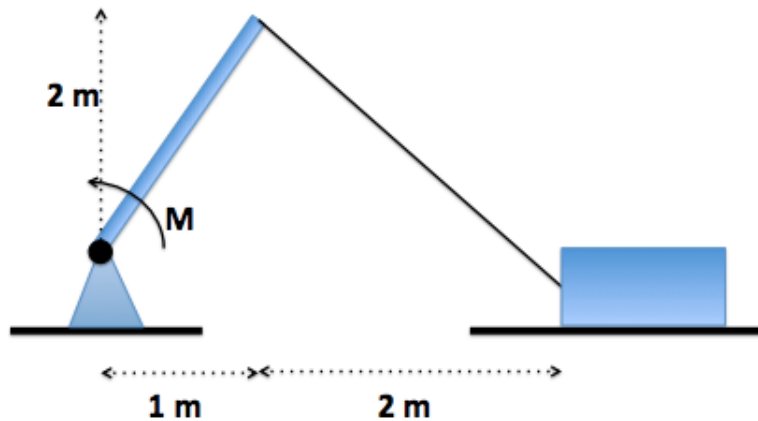
Homework 7: Rigid Body Dynamics  
Due Friday April 24th

**Problem 1:** A thin disk of radius  $L/4$  and mass  $m$  is rigidly attached to a slender rod of length  $L$  and mass  $m$ . The system is attached via a torsional spring (constant  $k$ ), which has a restoring moment in the clockwise direction when perturbed by an angle  $\theta$ . The center of mass of the system is denoted by point G.



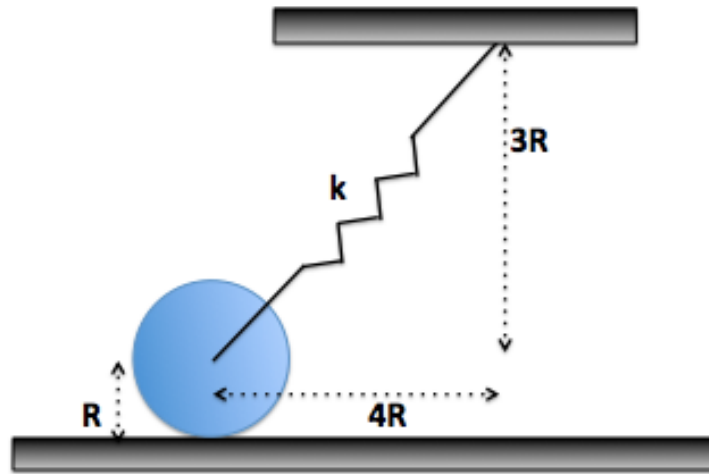
- 1.1. What is  $I_A$ , the mass moment of inertia about point A?
- 1.2. Draw a FBD and write out the appropriate linear and rotational equations of motions (in terms of  $I_A$ ).
- 1.3. Now assuming small values of  $\theta$ , what is the natural frequency of the system?

**Problem 2:** The masses of the slender bar and the crate are 9 kg and 36 kg respectively. The crate sits on a frictionless surface. The system is stationary at the instant shown and a counterclockwise moment of 300 Nm is applied to the bar.



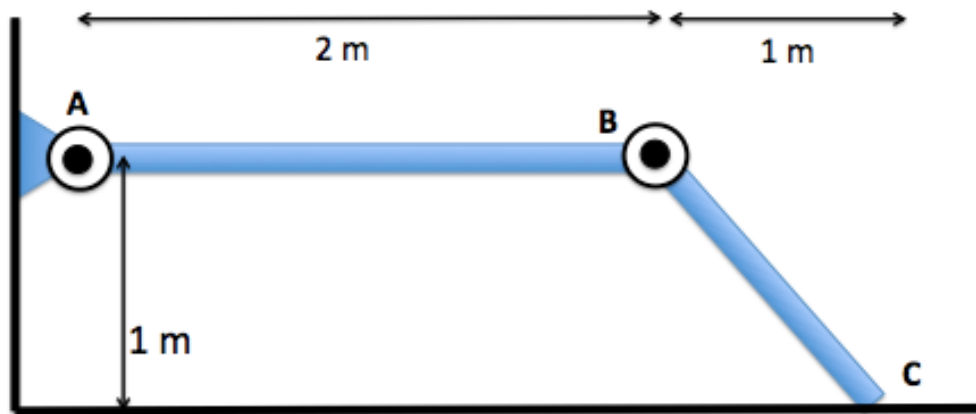
- 2.1. What is the resulting acceleration vector of the plate?
- 2.2. Now assume a friction coefficient of 0.2 between the crate and the surface. What is the acceleration of the crate?

**Problem 3:** The thin disk of mass  $m$  and radius  $R$  rolls without slipping and is connected to a linear spring (constant  $k$ ). The unstretched length of the spring is  $2R$ .



3.1. Starting from rest as shown, what is the angular velocity of the disk when the center has moved a horizontal distance  $2R$ .

**Problem 4:** Bar AB has a mass of 5 kg, and bar BC has a mass of 3 kg. If the system is released from rest in the position shown, what are the angular velocities of the two bars at the instant point B hits the floor? Assume point C slides frictionlessly.



**Problem 5:** The thin disk brake drum is rotating at an angular speed of  $10 \text{ rad/s}$  at  $t=0$ . A force is applied to the thin rigid bar to stop the drum from rotating. How much work must be done on the drum in order to stop its rotation completely?

