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ENGINEERING TRIPOS PART IB

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**Paper 1**

**MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

*Answer not more than **four** questions.*

*Answer not more than **two** questions from each section. All questions carry the same number of marks.*

*The **approximate** number of marks allocated to each part of a question is indicated in the right margin.*

*Answers to questions in each section should be tied together and handed in separately.*

*Write your candidate number **not** your name on the cover sheet.*

**STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS**

Single-sided script paper

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS TO BE SUPPLIED FOR THIS EXAM**

CUED approved calculator allowed

Engineering Data Book

**10 minutes reading time is allowed for this paper at the start of the exam.**

**You may not start to read the questions printed on the subsequent pages of this question paper until instructed to do so.**

## SECTION A

Answer not more than **two** questions from this section.

1 A rubber ball, with radius  $a$  and mass  $m$ , is traveling with horizontal velocity  $u_1$ , vertical velocity  $v_1$  and rotating with angular velocity  $\omega_1$ , as shown in Fig. 1. The ball impacts a horizontal surface and bounces in a completely elastic collision, after which its horizontal velocity is  $u_2$ , its vertical velocity is  $v_2$ , and its angular velocity is  $\omega_2$ .

(a) Show that

$$u_1 + \frac{2}{5}a\omega_1 = u_2 + \frac{2}{5}a\omega_2 \quad [8]$$

(b) Derive a relationship between  $u_1$ ,  $u_2$  and  $\omega_1$ . [9]

(c) Derive an expression for  $\omega_1$  in terms of  $u_1$  for the case where the ball bounces straight up after the impact. [8]

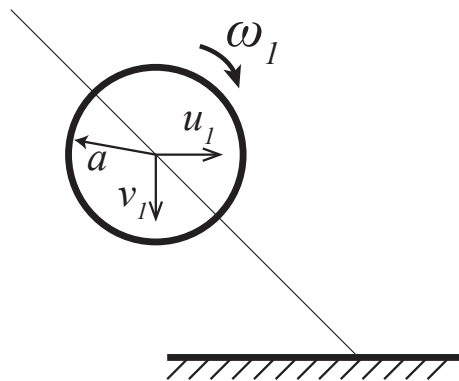


Fig. 1

2 A weight is supported at B and C by two light rods AB and CD, as shown in Fig. 2. The rods are free to rotate at all joints. The midpoint of BC is at E and the center of mass of the weight, G, is at distance  $d$  below E.

(a) At the moment depicted in the figure, BC is horizontal, and the left supporting rod AB is rotating with constant angular velocity  $\omega$  around its anchor point A. Determine the angular velocity of the right support rod CD around its anchor point D. [6]

(b) Show that the acceleration of E is  $\sqrt{13}a\omega^2$ . [6]

(c) Calculate the acceleration of G for the case  $d = a$ . [8]

(d) By considering the vertical component of the acceleration of G, determine the condition relating  $d$  to  $a$  in order for the support to be stable with respect to small displacements. [5]

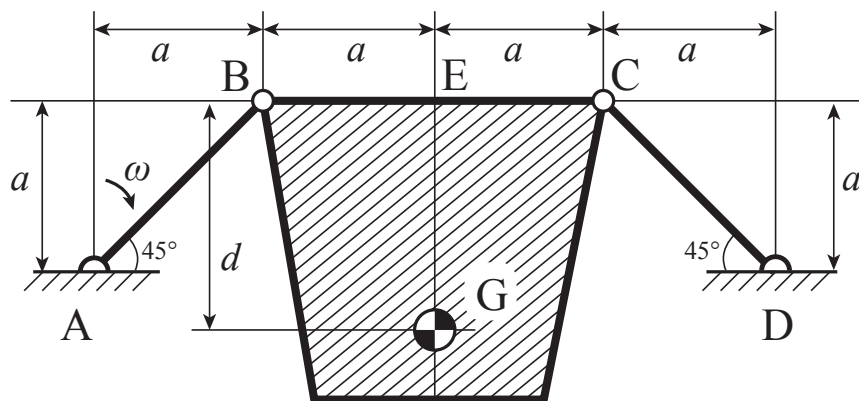


Fig. 2

3 A ladder of mass  $m$  and length  $2a$  is standing on a smooth floor, held vertically against a smooth wall, when its bottom is slightly displaced. Figure 3 shows the ladder some time later when its angle to the vertical is  $\theta$ .

(a) Determine the relationship between the angle of the ladder,  $\theta$ , and its angular acceleration,  $\ddot{\theta}$ . [7]

(b) Explain why the horizontal acceleration of the centre of mass,  $G$ , is zero at the instant at which the ladder loses contact with the wall, and find the angle  $\theta$  at this instant. [7]

(c) Show that the vertical acceleration of  $P$ , at a distance  $z$  along the ladder from  $B$ , is

$$\frac{3z}{4a}g$$

[6]

(d) At the moment of losing contact, determine the distance from  $B$  along the ladder at which the ladder experiences the greatest bending moment. [5]

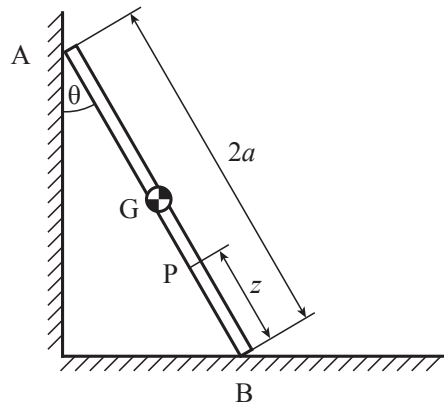


Fig. 3

**SECTION B**

Answer not more than **two** questions from this section.

4 A hoop of mass  $m$  and radius  $a$  has a mass  $m$  fixed to its inner face. The hoop is initially at rest on a horizontal table with its centre vertically above the point of contact with the table. The radial line passing through the centre of the hoop and the mass subtends an angle  $\theta$  to the vertical, as shown in Fig. 4. The hoop begins to move with the mass at its highest point, i.e. when  $\theta = 0$ . You may assume that the hoop rolls without slip.

(a) Show that

$$\dot{\theta}^2 = \frac{g(1 - \cos \theta)}{a(2 + \cos \theta)}$$

[12]

(b) Show that  $\ddot{\theta} = \frac{3g}{8a}$  when  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

[8]

(c) Find the coefficient of friction necessary for no slip when  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

[5]

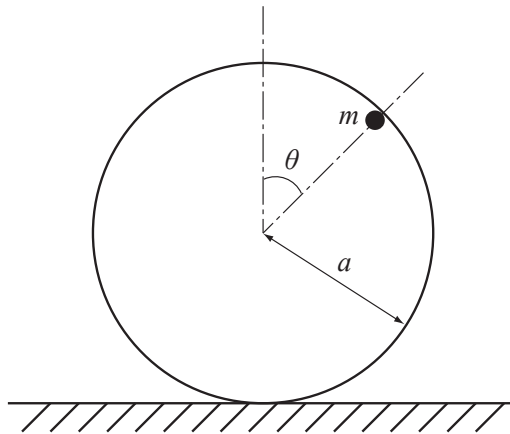


Fig. 4

5 A small, lightweight, single-seat aircraft is fitted with a front-mounted, large rotary engine. The propeller is rigidly fixed to the front face of the engine and the whole assembly is free to rotate on a cantilevered shaft mounted in an appropriate bearing. The assembly is sketched in Fig. 5 and rotates at 1,250 rpm.

(a) The propeller and engine are out of balance by 0.05 kg m and 0.01 kg m respectively.

(i) Write down the angular offset between the propeller and engine that will minimise the static out-of-balance. [3]

(ii) For this condition, calculate the dynamic moment on the bearing when the aircraft is flying straight and level. [7]

(b) The engine can be modelled as a uniform disc of mass 180 kg, diameter 1 m and thickness 200 mm. The propeller can be modelled as a uniform disc of mass 15 kg, diameter 2.6 m and thickness 200 mm. The effective centre of the bearing is 100 mm behind the rear engine face. Assuming that the aircraft axis is horizontal:

(i) calculate the reaction torque in the bearing when the aircraft rolls (i.e. rotates around the rotational axis of the engine) at a rate of  $20^\circ \text{ s}^{-1}$ ; [3]

(ii) calculate the reaction torque in the bearing when the aircraft yaws (i.e. rotates around a vertical axis) at a rate of  $20^\circ \text{ s}^{-1}$ . [7]

(c) Briefly explain why the yawing manoeuvre is more likely to result in a loss of control of the aircraft. [5]

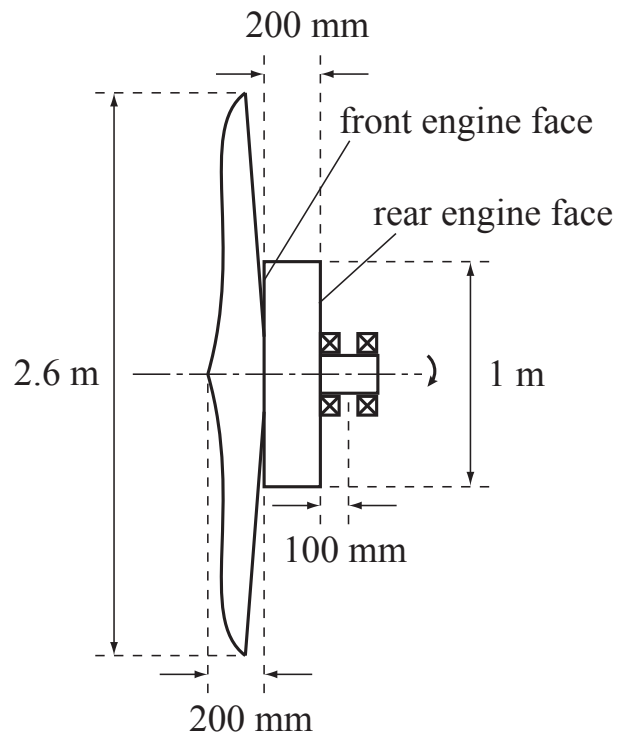


Fig. 5

6 Two steel bars AB and BC are welded together at B to form a rigid right-angle joint and AB is freely hinged to a wall at A. Both bars, AB and BC, have mass  $m$  and length  $2a$ . The right angle ABC is released from rest in the position shown in Fig. 6, with bar BC vertical.

- (a) Show that the initial angular acceleration of bar AB is  $\frac{9g}{20a}$ . [8]
- (b) Find the bending moment and shear force in bar BC at B. [10]
- (c) Sketch the shear-force diagram for bar BC. [7]

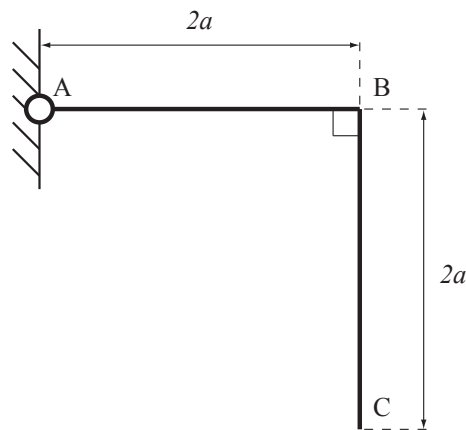


Fig. 6

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