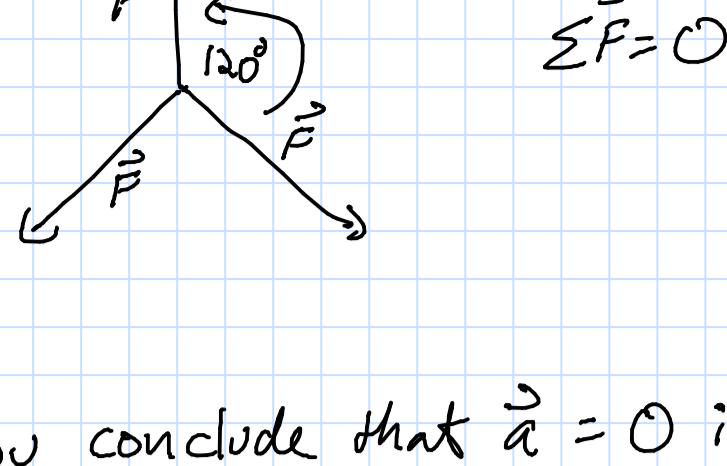


# Midterm #1 solutions

## Physics 5A

a)



$$\sum \vec{F} = 0$$

b) can you conclude that  $\vec{a} = 0$  if  $|V|$  is constant?

- NO.

$$|V| = \sqrt{\vec{V} \cdot \vec{V}} \quad \therefore$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}|V| &= \frac{d}{dt}\sqrt{\vec{V} \cdot \vec{V}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\vec{V} \cdot \vec{V}}} \cdot 2 \frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} \cdot \vec{V} \\ \frac{d}{dt}|V| &= \frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} \cdot \vec{V} \Rightarrow \text{if } \frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} \perp \vec{V} \text{ then } \frac{d|V|}{dt} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

c) Morse curve

$$U(r) = D(1 - e^{-a[r-r_0]})^2$$

$$F = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial r} = -2D(1 - e^{-a(r-r_0)})(-a e^{-a(r-r_0)})$$

$$\boxed{F = -2Da(1 - e^{-a(r-r_0)})e^{-a(r-r_0)}}$$

What is the atomic spring constant  $k$  @ the equilibrium point

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial r} = -2Da \left[ (-a e^{-a(r-r_0)})e^{-a(r-r_0)} + (1 - e^{-a(r-r_0)})(-a e^{-a(r-r_0)}) \right]$$

$$= -2Da \left[ a e^{-2a(r-r_0)} - a e^{-a(r-r_0)} + a e^{-2a(r-r_0)} \right]$$

$$= -2Da \left[ 2a e^{-2a(r-r_0)} - a e^{-a(r-r_0)} \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial r}(r_0) = -2Da[2a - a]$$

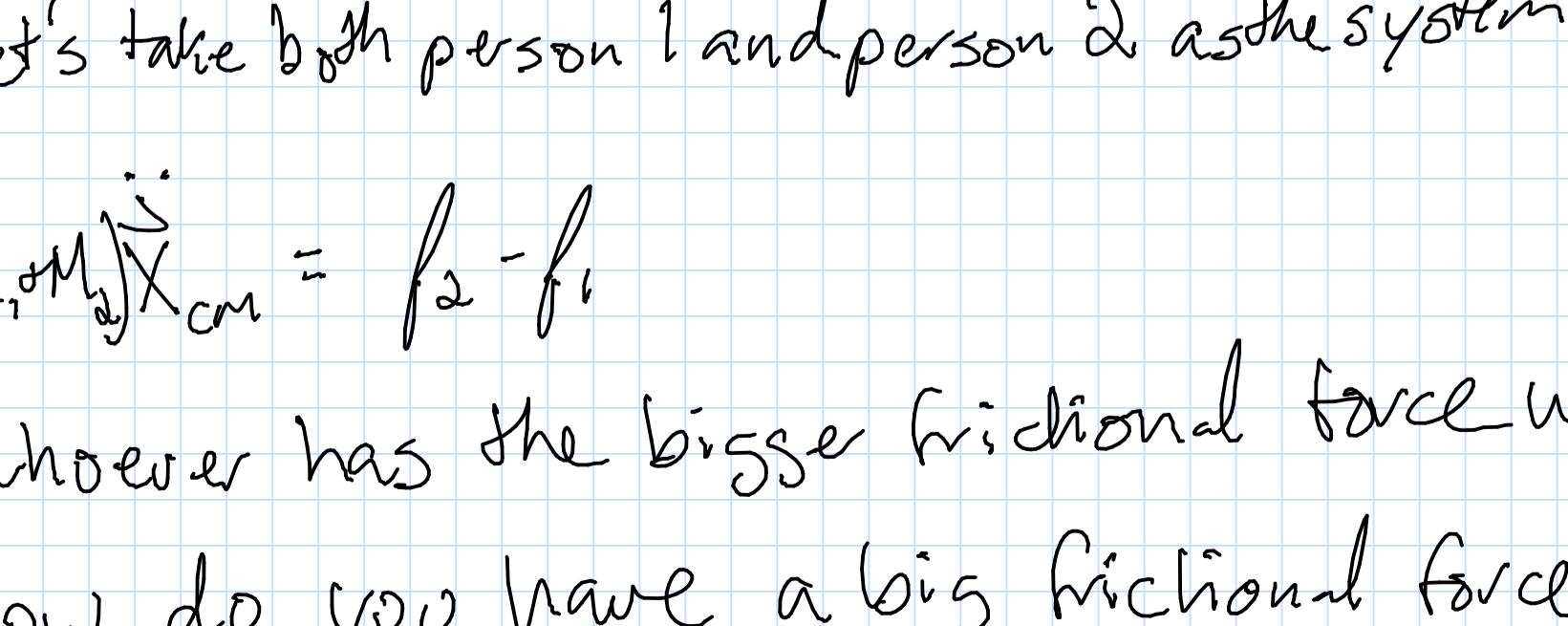
$$= -D'a$$

$$\therefore \vec{F}(r) \sim 0 + \frac{\partial F}{\partial r}(r_0)(r - r_0) + \dots$$

$$\sim - \underbrace{D'a(r - r_0)}_{k}$$

$$\boxed{k = D'a}$$

e)



Let's take both person 1 and person 2 as the system

$$(M_1 + M_2) \ddot{x}_{cm} = f_2 - f_1$$

- whoever has the bigger frictional force wins!

How do you have a big frictional force?

$$f = \mu_s N$$

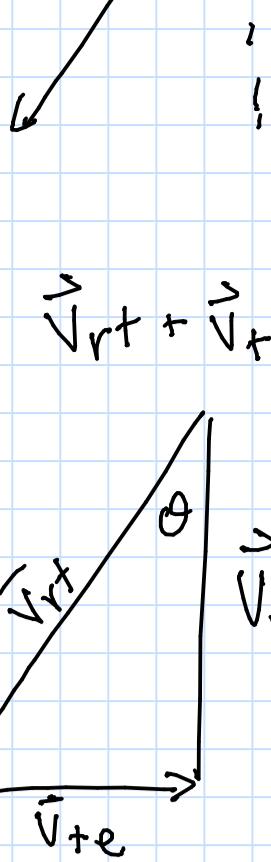
$$= \mu_s W$$

$$= \mu_s M g$$

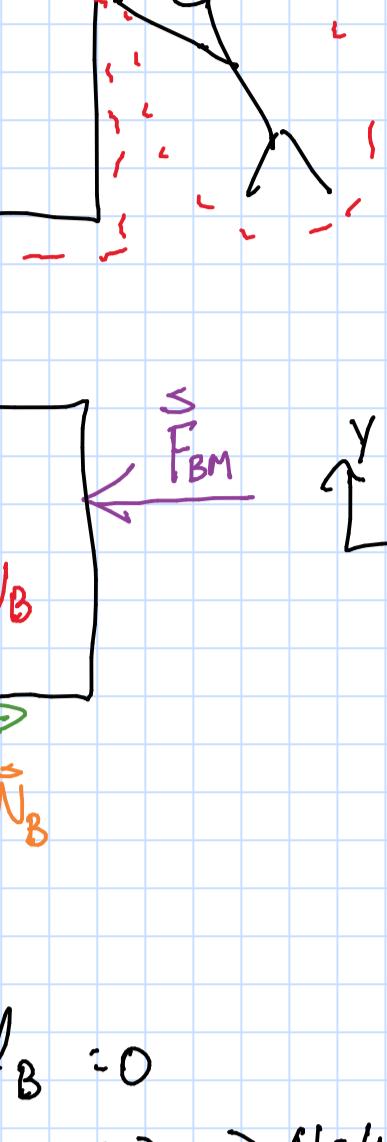
- the team with greater mass usually wins

- the team with higher  $\mu_s$  usually wins

f)

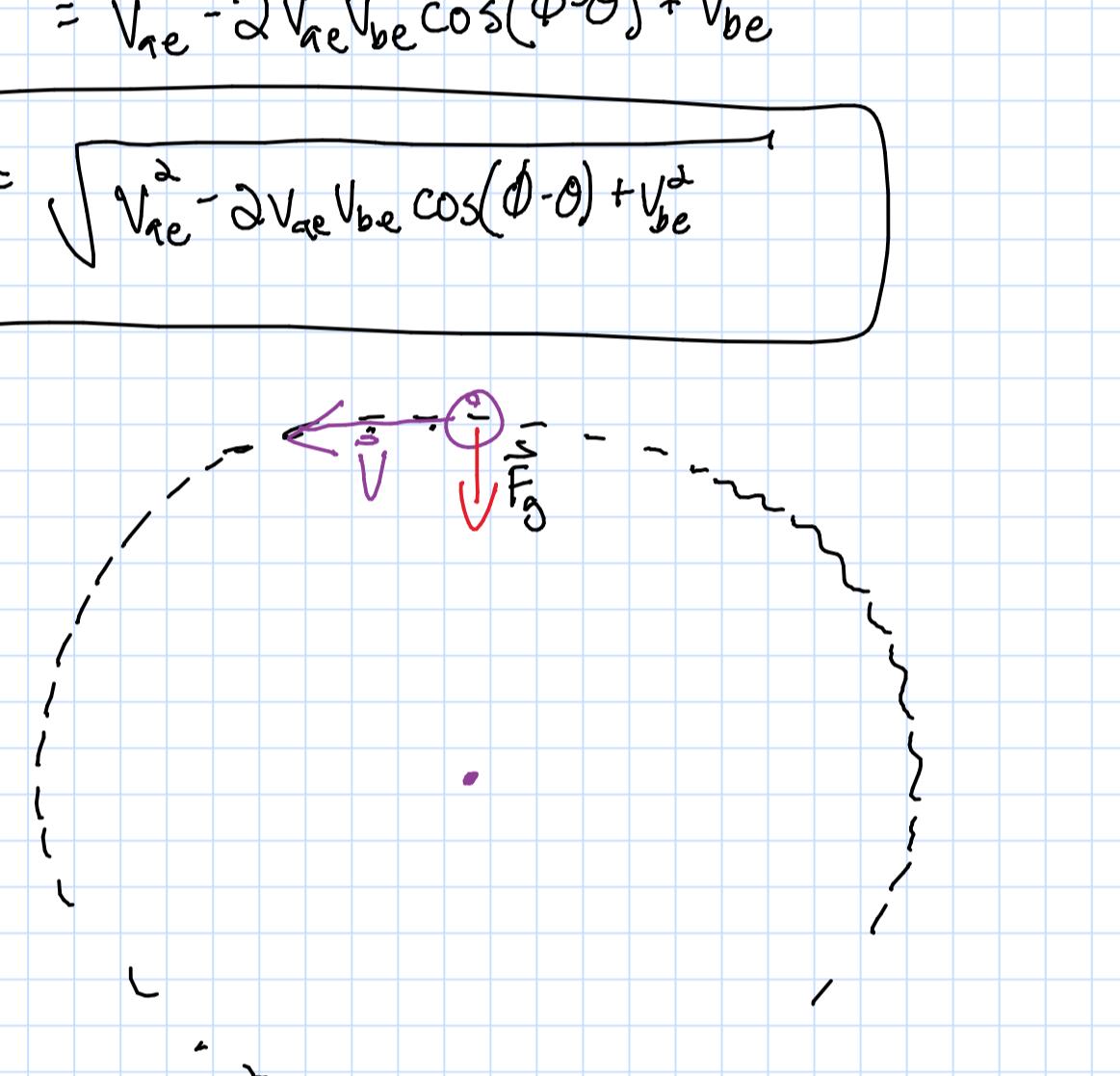
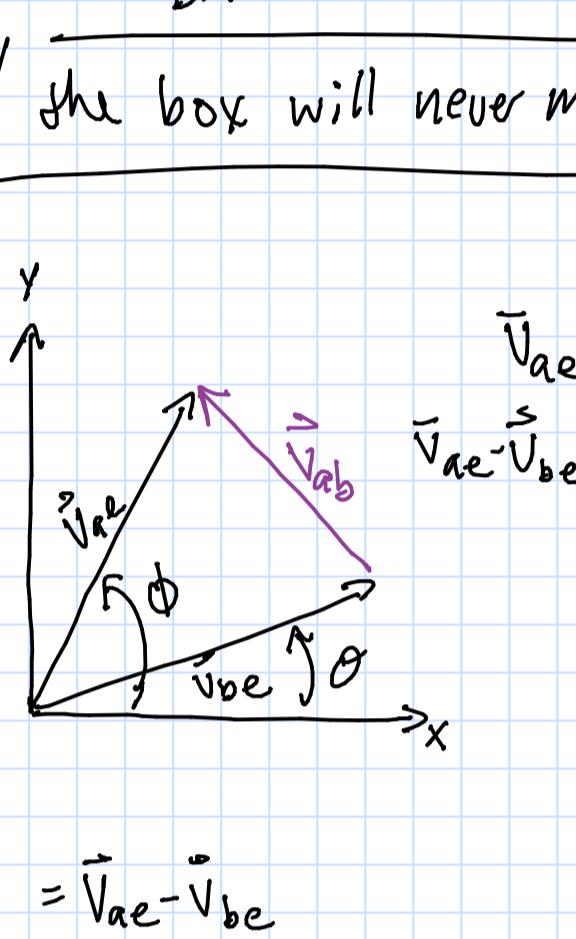


$$\vec{V}_{re} = \vec{V}_{rt} + \vec{V}_{te}$$



$$\frac{V_{te}}{V_{re}} = \tan(\theta) \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{V_{te}}{\tan(\theta)} = V_{re}}$$

g)



$\Sigma \vec{F}_B = 0$

$\therefore -F_{BM} + f_B = 0$

$\therefore -W_B + N_B = 0 \Rightarrow N = W_B$

$$f_B \leq \mu_s N_B = \mu_s W_B$$

Box will move if  $F_{BM} > \mu_s W_B$

For Matt:

$$\Sigma \vec{F} = 0$$

$\uparrow -F_{BM} + f_M = 0 \quad f_M = F_{BM}$

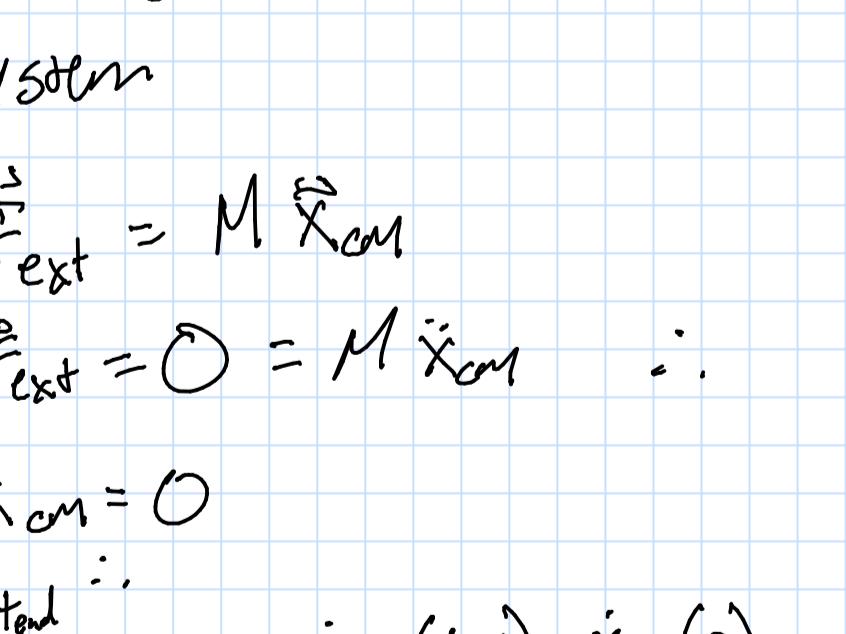
$\uparrow -W_M + N_M = 0 \Rightarrow N_M = W_M$

$$F_{BM} = \mu_s W_M$$

Since  $F_{BM} = \mu_s W_M \leq \mu_s W_B$

$\boxed{\text{the box will never move}}$

h)



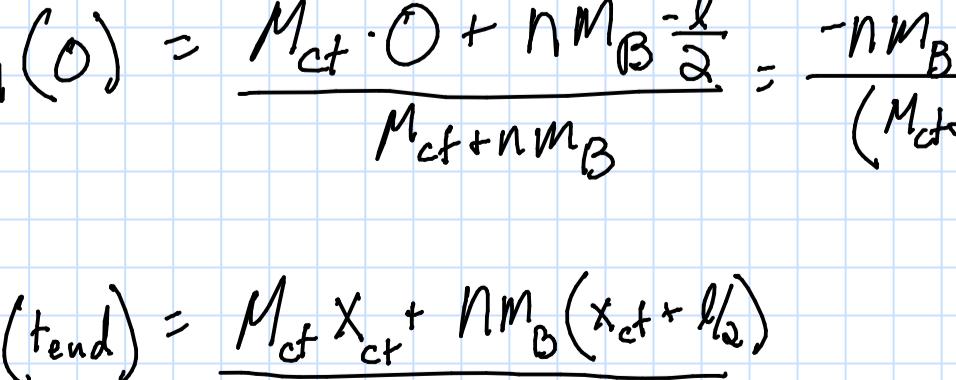
$$\vec{V}_{ab} = \vec{V}_{ae} - \vec{V}_{be}$$

$$\vec{V}_{ab} \cdot \vec{V}_{ab} = (\vec{V}_{ae} - \vec{V}_{be}) \cdot (\vec{V}_{ae} - \vec{V}_{be})$$

$$V_{ab}^2 = V_{ae}^2 - 2V_{ae}V_{be} \cos(\phi - \theta) + V_{be}^2$$

$$\boxed{V_{ab} = \sqrt{V_{ae}^2 - 2V_{ae}V_{be} \cos(\phi - \theta) + V_{be}^2}}$$

i)



$$\vec{v} = \dot{r}\hat{r} + r\dot{\theta}\hat{\theta}$$

$$\vec{a} = (\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2)\hat{r} + (2\dot{r}\dot{\theta} + r\ddot{\theta})\hat{\theta}$$

$$\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$$

$$-G \frac{m M_s}{r^2} \hat{r} = m \vec{a}$$

$\therefore -G \frac{m M_s}{r^2} \hat{r} = m(r\ddot{\theta}^2)\hat{r}$

$\therefore \ddot{\theta} = \text{constant}$

$$\ddot{\theta} = 0$$

$$-G \frac{m M_s}{r^2} = r^3 \ddot{\theta}^2$$

$$-G M_s = r^3 \ddot{\theta}^2$$

$$\ddot{\theta} = \frac{2\pi}{T} \quad \therefore$$

$$-G M_s = r^3 \left( \frac{2\pi}{T} \right)^2$$

$$\boxed{-G M_s = \frac{r^3}{(2\pi)^2}}$$

j)



$$\Delta x_{cm} = x_{cm}(t_{end}) - x_{cm}(0)$$

$$x_{cm}(0) = \frac{M_{ct} \cdot 0 + n M_B \frac{l}{2}}{M_{ct} + n M_B} = \frac{-n M_B \frac{l}{2}}{(M_{ct} + n M_B)}$$

$$x_{cm}(t_{end}) = \frac{M_{ct} x_{ct} + n M_B (x_{ct} + \frac{l}{2})}{M_{ct} + n M_B}$$

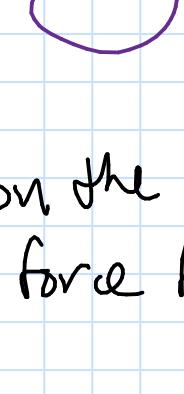
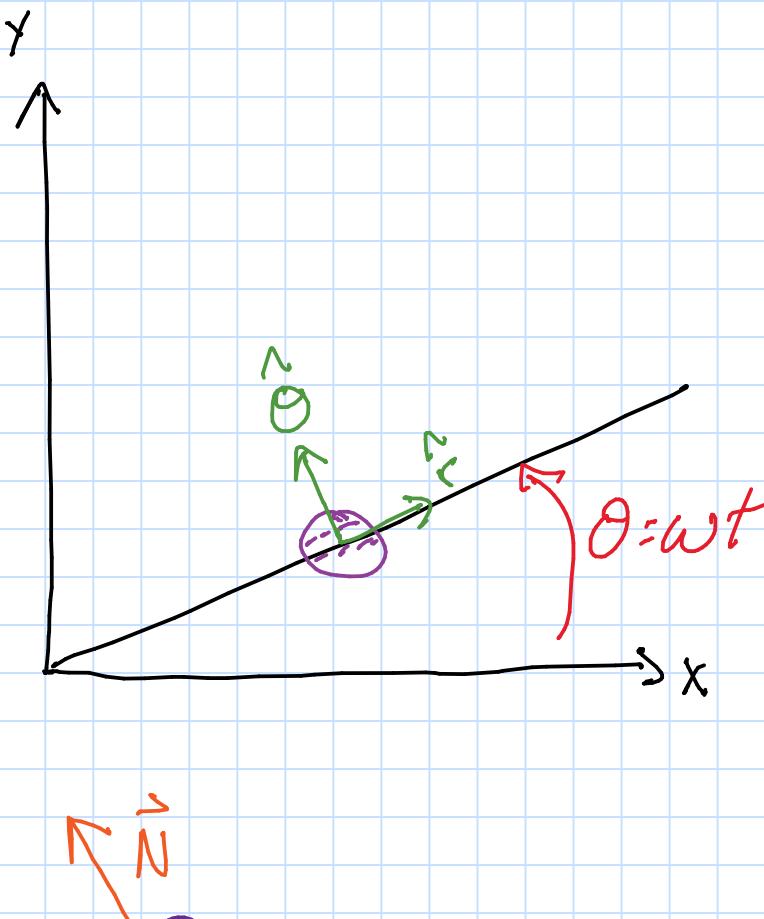
$$= x_{ct} + \frac{n M_B \frac{l}{2}}{M_{ct} + n M_B}$$

$$x_{cm}(t_{end}) = x_{cm}(0)$$

$$x_{ct}(t_{end}) + \frac{n M_B \frac{l}{2}}{M_{ct} + n M_B} = \frac{-n M_B \frac{l}{2}}{(M_{ct} + n M_B)}$$

$$\boxed{x_{ct}(t_{end}) = \frac{n M_B \frac{l}{2}}{M_{ct} + n M_B}}$$

2)



The only force on the bead in the horizontal plane is the Normal force from the rod

$$\vec{F} = m \vec{a}$$

$$\ddot{r}: \vec{0} = m[\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2]$$

$$\hat{\theta}: N = m[2\dot{r}\dot{\theta} + r\ddot{\theta}] \Rightarrow \boxed{N = 2m\dot{r}\dot{\theta}}$$

$$\theta(t) = \omega t$$

$$\dot{\theta}(t) = \omega$$

$$\ddot{\theta}(t) = 0$$

cancels

$\hat{\theta}$  equation defines the value of the normal force

$$\ddot{r} - r\omega^2 = 0$$

this is just a ODE

let's assume  $r = a e^{\lambda t}$  then

$$\lambda^2 a e^{\lambda t} - \lambda a e^{\lambda t} \omega^2 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 = \omega^2$$

$$\boxed{\lambda = \pm \omega}$$

$$r(t) = a e^{\omega t} + b e^{-\omega t}$$

let's find  $a + b$

$$r(0) = a + b = 0 \quad \therefore b = -a$$

$$r(t) = a [e^{\omega t} - e^{-\omega t}]$$

$$\dot{r}(t) = \omega a [e^{\omega t} + e^{-\omega t}]$$

$$\dot{r}(0) = 2\omega a = V_r(0)$$

$$a = \frac{V_r(0)}{2\omega}$$

$$\boxed{r(t) = \frac{V_r(0)}{2\omega} [e^{\omega t} - e^{-\omega t}]}$$

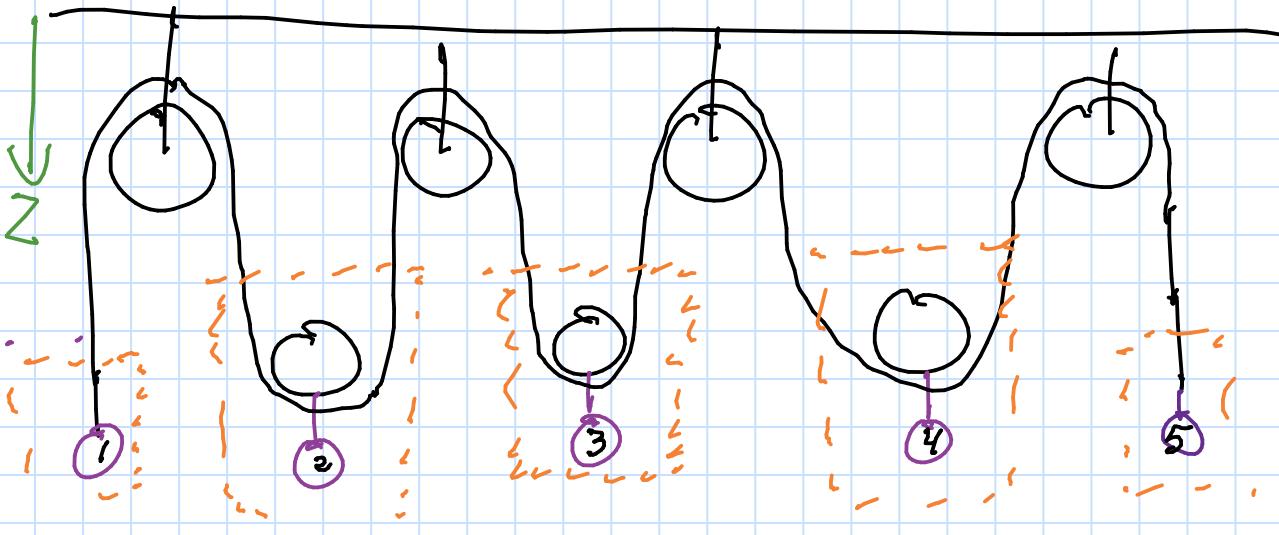
$$\dot{r}(t) = \frac{V_r(0)}{2} [e^{\omega t} + e^{-\omega t}]$$

$$N = 2m\dot{r}\dot{\theta} = \underline{2m V_r(0) [e^{\omega t} + e^{-\omega t}]} \omega$$

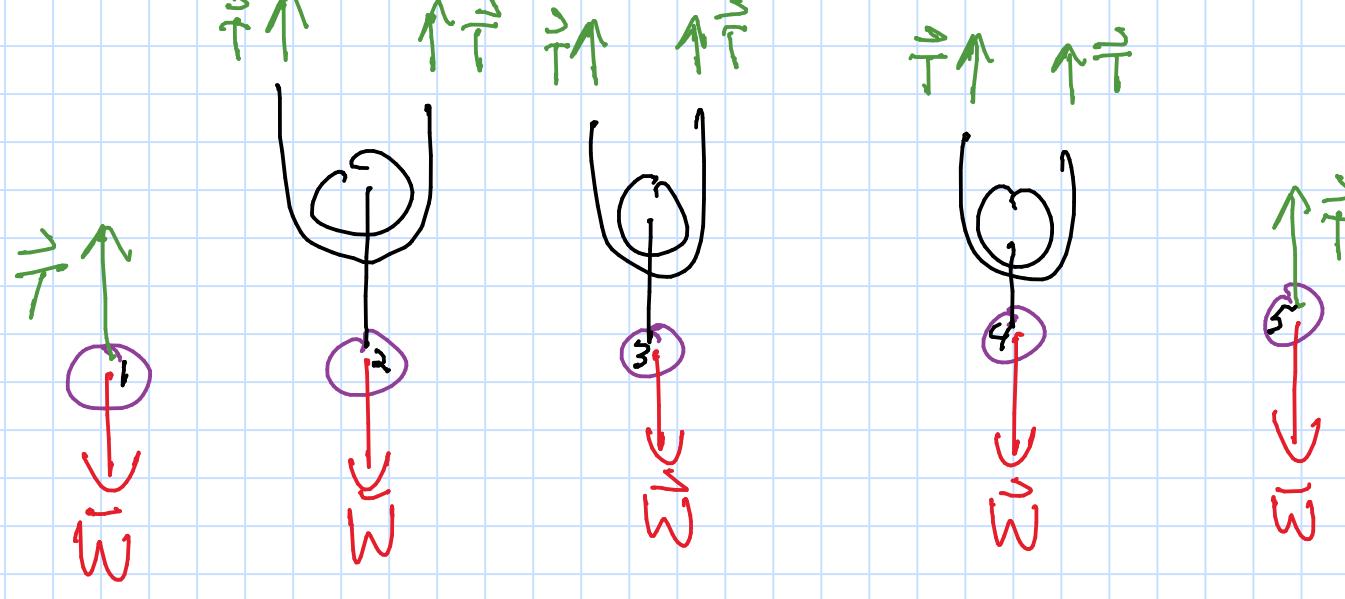
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$$\boxed{\vec{N} = m\omega V_r(0) [e^{\omega t} + e^{-\omega t}] \hat{\theta}}$$

3)



- Frictionless & massless ropes & pulleys  $T = \text{constant}$ !



Ball 1

$$\ddot{z}_1: Mg - T = m\ddot{z}_1$$

Ball 2

$$\ddot{z}_2: [Mg - 2T = m\ddot{z}_2]_2$$

Ball 3

$$\ddot{z}_3: [Mg - 2T = m\ddot{z}_3]_3$$

Ball 4

$$\ddot{z}_4: [Mg - 2T = m\ddot{z}_4]_4$$

Ball 5

$$\ddot{z}_5: Mg - T = m\ddot{z}_5$$

5 eq's  
6 unknowns in

constraint:  $\dot{z}_{\text{rope}} = z_1 + 2z_2 + 2z_3 + 2z_4 + z_5 + 7 \cdot \ddot{z}_{\text{pulley}}$

$$\dot{z}_{\text{rope}} = 0 = \dot{z}_1 + 2\dot{z}_2 + 2\dot{z}_3 + 2\dot{z}_4 + \dot{z}_5$$

$$\dot{z}_{\text{rope}} = 0 = \dot{z}_1 + 2\dot{z}_2 + 2\dot{z}_3 + 2\dot{z}_4 + \dot{z}_5$$

sum all 5 eq's together to solve for  $T$

$$8Mg - 14T = m[\dot{z}_1 + 2\dot{z}_2 + 2\dot{z}_3 + 2\dot{z}_4 + \dot{z}_5] = 0$$

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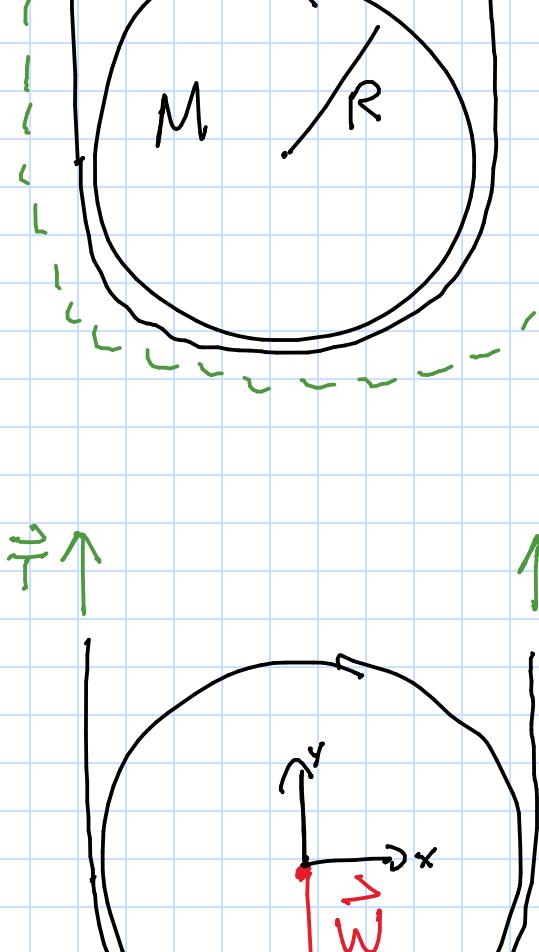
$$T = \frac{8Mg}{14} = \frac{4}{7}Mg$$

$$\dot{z}_1 = \dot{z}_5 = Mg - \frac{4Mg}{7} = \boxed{\frac{3}{7}g = \dot{z}_1 = \dot{z}_5}$$

$$\dot{z}_2 = \dot{z}_3 = \dot{z}_4 = Mg - \frac{2 \cdot 4Mg}{7} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{7}g = \dot{z}_2 = \dot{z}_3 = \dot{z}_4}$$

### Problem 4

Supporting a disk



FBD:

$$\sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a} = 0$$

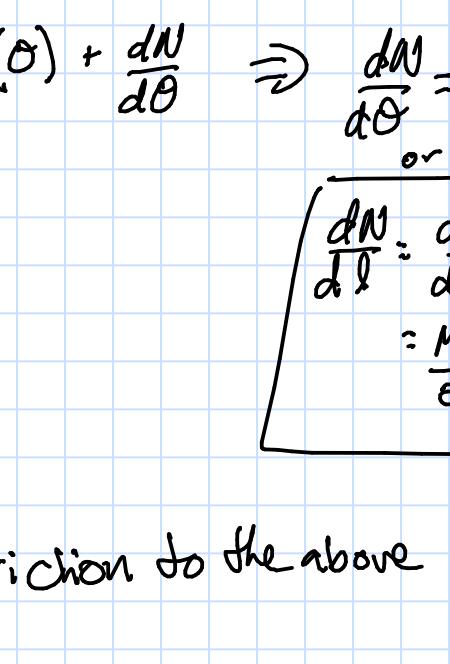
$$\Rightarrow \sum T - W = 0 \Rightarrow T = \frac{W}{2}$$

a) What is the  $T$  in the string @ the endpoints?

$$\sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum T - W = 0 \Rightarrow T = \frac{W}{2}$$

b) What is the normal force per unit length



$$\sum \vec{F} = 0 = \vec{T}(\theta) + \vec{N} + \vec{W}$$

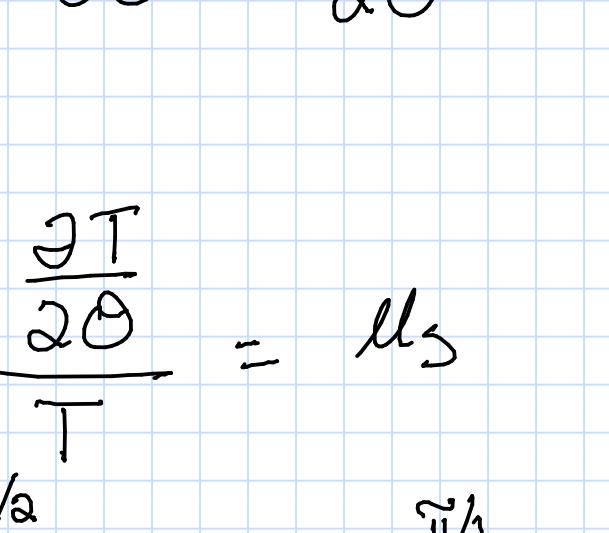
$$\Rightarrow 0 = -T(\theta) \sin(\frac{\theta}{2}) - T(\theta) \cos(\frac{\theta}{2}) + N + W$$

divide by  $\delta\theta$  & take the lim  $\delta\theta \rightarrow 0$

$$0 = -T(\theta) + \frac{dN}{d\theta} \Rightarrow \frac{dN}{d\theta} = T = \frac{Mg}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dN}{d\theta} &= \frac{dN}{d\theta} \cdot \frac{d\theta}{d\theta} \\ &= \frac{Mg}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{R} \end{aligned}$$

b) let's add friction to the above scenario



$$\hat{\theta}: 0 = T(\theta + \frac{\delta\theta}{2}) \cos(\frac{\theta}{2}) - T(\theta - \frac{\delta\theta}{2}) \cos(\frac{\theta}{2}) + sf$$

divide by  $\delta\theta$  & take the lim  $\delta\theta \rightarrow 0$

$$0 = \left[ T(\theta) + \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} \frac{\delta\theta}{2} \right] [1 + \dots] - \left[ T(\theta) - \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} \frac{\delta\theta}{2} \right] [1 + \dots] - sf$$

$$0 = \frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta}}$$

$$\text{Since } sf = \mu_s N$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} = \mu_s \frac{\partial N}{\partial \theta} = \mu_s T$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial \theta} = \mu_s T$$

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\partial T}{T} d\theta = \int_0^{\pi/2} \mu_s d\theta$$

$$\ln(T) \Big|_0^{\pi/2} = \mu_s \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{T(\pi/2)}{T(0)}\right) = \mu_s \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\frac{T(\pi/2)}{T(0)} = e^{\mu_s \frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$\boxed{T(0) = \frac{Mg}{2} e^{-\mu_s \frac{\pi}{2}}}$$