

## ProblemSet No. 5

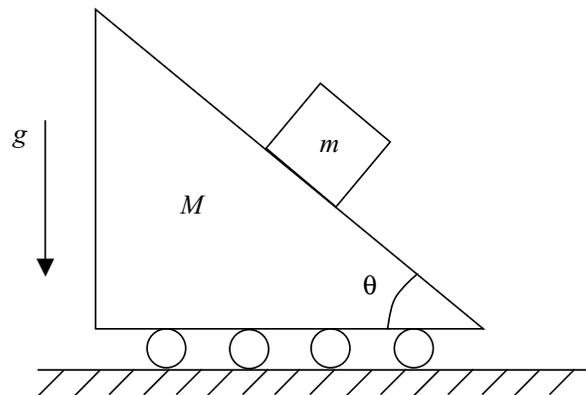
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**Problem 1**

A particle of mass  $m$  slides without friction on a smooth inclined plane  $M$  which, itself, is free to slide without friction on a smooth horizontal surface.

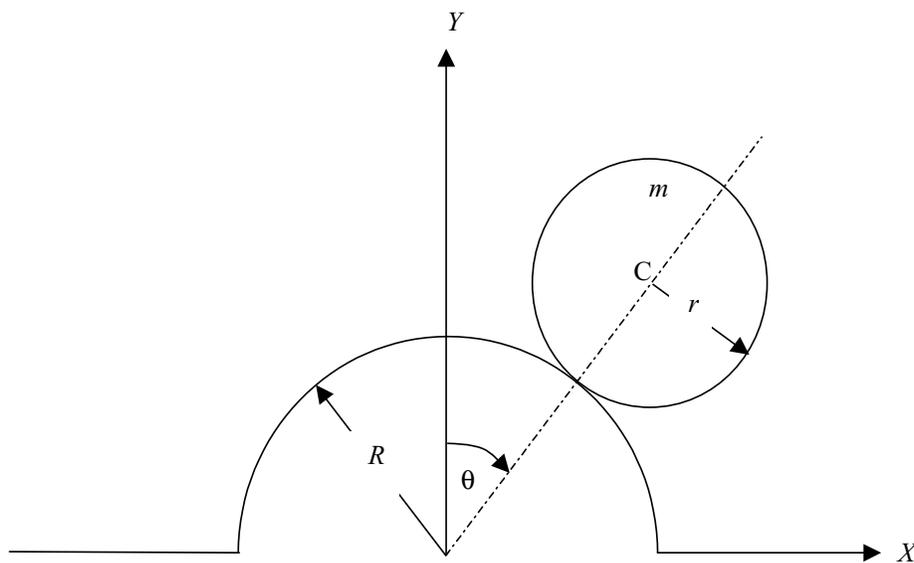
- Select a complete and independent set of generalized coordinate(s).
- Derive the governing equation(s) of motion using momentum principles.



## Problem 2

A disk of radius  $r$  and mass  $m$  rolls without slipping on the surface of a stationary half-cylinder of radius  $R$ , as shown below. Because of the rolling constraint, this is a one-degree-of-freedom system, and the angle  $\theta$  is a convenient generalized coordinate.

- Express the angular velocity of the disk in terms of  $\dot{\theta}$ .
- Calculate the kinetic energy of the disk.



### Problem 3

**Falling Rod.** A rigid rod AB has length  $L$ , mass  $m$ , and centroidal moment of inertia  $I_C = mL^2/12$ . The rod is constrained to remain in the plane of the sketch and is completely located by giving the coordinates  $x$  and  $y$  of the mass center C, with respect to an inertial reference system, and the angle  $\theta$  that the rod makes with the vertical. The rod is placed with the end B in contact with the floor and the angle  $\theta$  equal to 30 degrees and released from rest. Assume that, as the rod falls under the influence of gravity, the end B always remains in contact with the floor, and that there is no frictional force between the floor and the rod at B.

- The generalized coordinates  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $\theta$  are complete but not independent under the constraints described below. Select a set of complete *and independent* generalized coordinates to describe the location of the falling rod.
- Derive the equation(s) of motion. It is not necessary to solve the equation(s).
- Determine the angular acceleration  $\ddot{\theta}$  of the rod immediately after it is released from rest.
- Determine the force between the floor and the rod at B, immediately after the rod is released from rest.

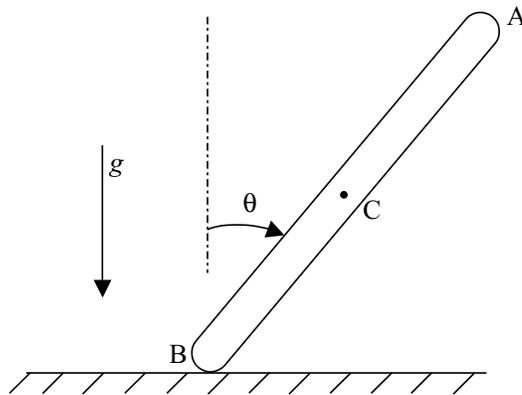


Figure 1: Rod falls under the influence of gravity