

## Solution

2.1

conservation of energy:  $M \cdot g \cdot s = \frac{1}{2} \cdot I_A \cdot \omega^2$  ..... (1)

where  $\omega$  is the angular speed of the wheel and  $I_A$  is the moment of inertia about the axis through A.

Note: If we would take the moment of inertia about S instead of A we would have

$$M \cdot g \cdot s = \frac{1}{2} \cdot I_S \cdot \omega^2 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot m \cdot v^2$$

where  $v$  is the speed of the centre of mass along the vertical.  
This equation is the same as the above one in meanings since

$$I_A = I_S + M \cdot r^2 \quad \text{and} \quad I_S = M \cdot R^2$$

From (1) we get 
$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot M \cdot g \cdot s}{I_A}}$$

substitute 
$$I_A = \frac{1}{2} \cdot M \cdot r^2 + M \cdot R^2$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot g \cdot s}{r^2 + \frac{R^2}{2}}}$$

Putting in numbers we get

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot 9,81 \cdot 0,50}{9 \cdot 10^{-6} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 36 \cdot 10^{-4}}} \approx 72,4 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}$$

2.2

Kinetic energy of linear motion of the centre of mass of the wheel is

$$E_T = \frac{1}{2} \cdot M \cdot v^2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot M \cdot \omega^2 \cdot r^2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0,40 \cdot 72,4^2 \cdot 9 \cdot 10^{-6} = 9,76 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ J}$$

Potential energy of the wheel

$$E_P = M \cdot g \cdot s = 0,40 \cdot 9,81 \cdot 0,50 = 1,962 \text{ J}$$

Rotational kinetic energy of the wheel

$$E_R = \frac{1}{2} \cdot I_S \cdot \omega^2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0,40 \cdot 1,81 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot 72,4^2 = 1,899 \text{ J}$$

$$\frac{E_T}{E_R} = \frac{9,76 \cdot 10^{-3}}{1,899} = 5,13 \cdot 10^{-3}$$

2.3

Let  $\frac{T}{2}$  be the tension in each string.

Torque  $\tau$  which causes the rotation is given by  $\tau = M \cdot g \cdot r = I_A \cdot \alpha$

where  $\alpha$  is the angular acceleration  $\alpha = \frac{M \cdot g \cdot r}{I_A}$

The equation of the motion of the wheel is  $M \cdot g - T = M \cdot a$

Substituting  $a = \alpha \cdot r$  and  $I_A = \frac{1}{2} \cdot M \cdot r^2 + M \cdot R^2$  we get

$$T = M \cdot g + \frac{M \cdot g \cdot r^2}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot M \cdot R^2 + M \cdot r^2} = M \cdot g \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{2 \cdot r^2}{R^2 + 2 \cdot r^2} \right)$$

Thus for the tension  $\frac{T}{2}$  in each string we get

$$\frac{T}{2} = \frac{M \cdot g}{2} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{2 \cdot r^2}{R^2 + 2 \cdot r^2} \right) = \frac{0,40 \cdot 9,81}{2} \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{2 \cdot 9 \cdot 10^{-6}}{3,6 \cdot 10^{-3} + 2 \cdot 9 \cdot 10^{-6}} \right) = 1,96 \text{ N}$$

$$\frac{T}{2} = 1,96 \text{ N}$$

2.4

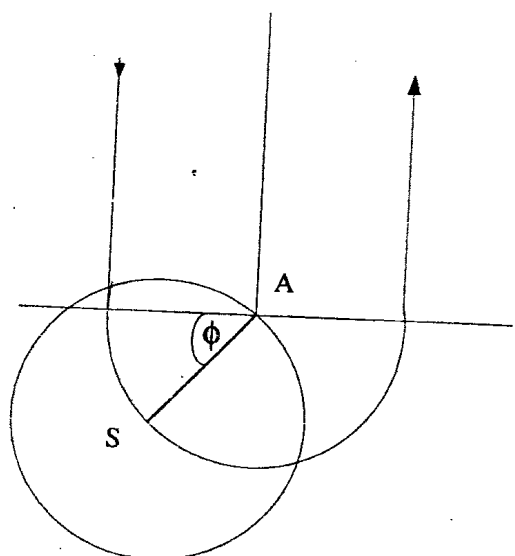


Fig 19.7

After the whole length of the strings is completely unwound, the wheel continues to rotate about A (which is at rest for some interval to be discussed).

Let  $\dot{\Phi}$  be the angular speed of the centre of mass about the axis through A.

The equation of the rotational motion of the wheel about A may be written as

$$|\tau| = I_A \cdot \ddot{\Phi},$$

where  $\tau$  is the torque about A,  $I_A$  is the moment of inertia about the axis A and  $\ddot{\Phi}$  is the angular acceleration about the axis through A.

Hence  $M \cdot g \cdot r \cdot \cos \Phi = I_A \cdot \ddot{\Phi}$

and  $\ddot{\Phi} = \frac{M \cdot g \cdot r \cdot \cos \Phi}{I_A}$

Multiplied with  $\dot{\Phi}$  gives:

$$\dot{\Phi} \cdot \ddot{\Phi} = \frac{M \cdot g \cdot r \cdot \cos \Phi \cdot \dot{\Phi}}{I_A} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{d(\dot{\Phi})^2}{dt} = \frac{M \cdot g \cdot r \cdot \cos \Phi}{I_A} \cdot \frac{d\Phi}{dt}$$

this gives

$$(\dot{\Phi})^2 = \frac{2 \cdot M \cdot g \cdot r \cdot \sin \Phi}{I_A} + C \quad [C = \text{arbitrary constant}]$$

If  $\Phi = 0$  [ $s = H$ ] then is  $\dot{\Phi} = \omega$

That gives  $\omega = \frac{2 \cdot M \cdot g \cdot H}{I_A}$  and therefore  $C = \frac{2 \cdot M \cdot g \cdot H}{I_A}$

Putting these results into the equation above one gets

$$\dot{\Phi} = \omega = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot M \cdot g \cdot H \cdot \sin \Phi}{I_A} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{r}{H}\right)}$$

For  $\frac{r}{H} \ll 1$  we get:

$$\omega = \omega'_{MAX} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot M \cdot g \cdot H}{I_A}}$$

and

$$v = r \cdot \omega'_{MAX} = r \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot M \cdot g \cdot H}{I_A}}$$

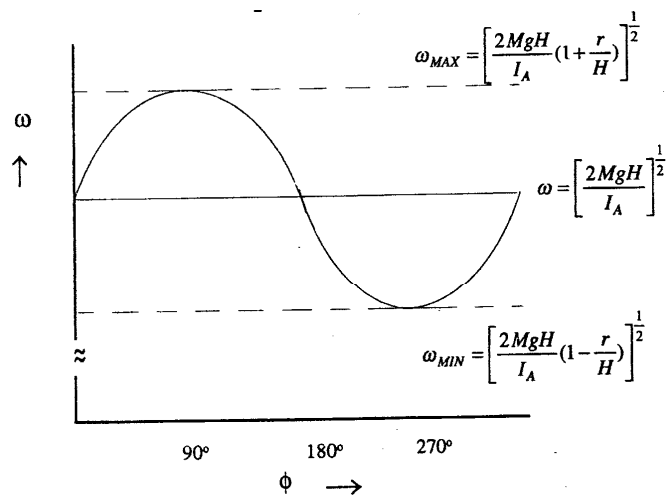


Fig.19.8

Component of the displacement

along x-axis is  $x = r \cdot \sin \Phi - r$

along y-axis is  $y = r \cdot \cos \Phi - r$

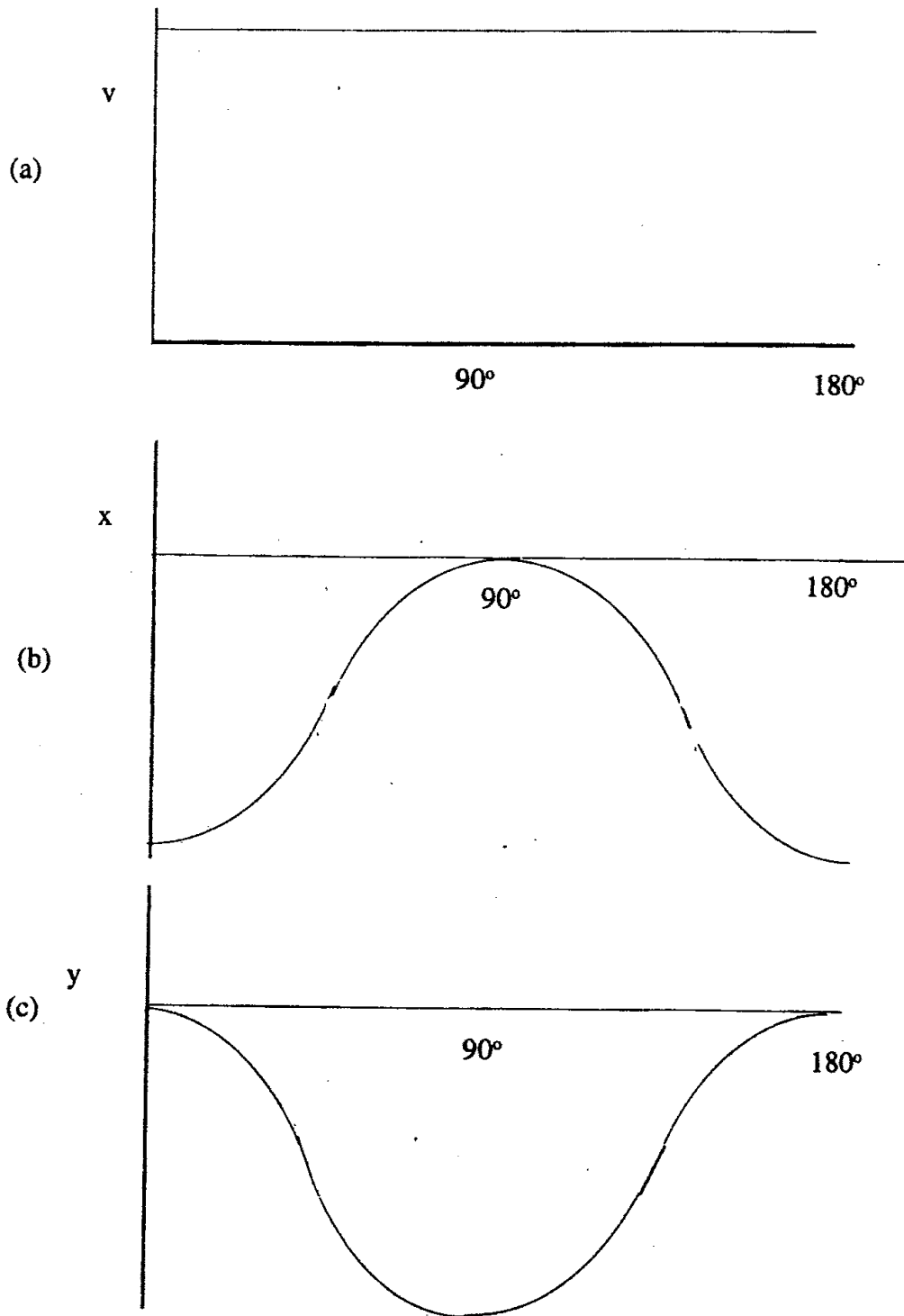


Fig.19.9

2.5

Maximum tension in each string occurs  $\dot{\Phi} = \omega'_{\text{MAX}}$

The equation of the motion is  $T_{\text{MAX}} - M \cdot g = M \cdot (\omega'_{\text{MAX}})^2 \cdot r$

Putting in  $T = 20 \text{ N}$  and  $\omega'_{\text{MAX}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot M \cdot g \cdot s}{I_A}}$  (where  $s$  is the maximum length of the

strings supporting the wheel without breaking) and  $I_A = M \cdot \left( \frac{R^2}{2} + r^2 \right)$  the numbers one

gets:

$$20 = 0,40 \cdot 9,81 \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot s}{36 \cdot 10^{-4} + 2 \cdot 9 \cdot 10^{-6}} \right) \quad \text{This gives:} \quad s = 1,24 \text{ m}$$

The maximum length of the strings which support maximum tension without breaking is

$$\boxed{1,24 \text{ m}} .$$