

49. (a) A uniform disk pivoted at its center has a rotational inertia of $\frac{1}{2}MR^2$, where M is its mass and R is its radius. The disk of this problem rotates about a point that is displaced from its center by $R + L$, where L is the length of the rod, so, according to the parallel-axis theorem, its rotational inertia is $\frac{1}{2}MR^2 + M(L + R)^2$. The rod is pivoted at one end and has a rotational inertia of $\frac{1}{3}mL^2$, where m is its mass. The total rotational inertia of the disk and rod is

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \frac{1}{2}MR^2 + M(L + R)^2 + \frac{1}{3}mL^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(0.500 \text{ kg})(0.100 \text{ m})^2 + (0.500 \text{ kg})(0.500 \text{ m} + 0.100 \text{ m})^2 + \frac{1}{3}(0.270 \text{ kg})(0.500 \text{ m})^2 \\ &= 0.205 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 . \end{aligned}$$

- (b) We put the origin at the pivot. The center of mass of the disk is

$$\ell_d = L + R = 0.500 \text{ m} + 0.100 \text{ m} = 0.600 \text{ m}$$

away and the center of mass of the rod is $\ell_r = L/2 = (0.500 \text{ m})/2 = 0.250 \text{ m}$ away, on the same line. The distance from the pivot point to the center of mass of the disk-rod system is

$$d = \frac{M\ell_d + m\ell_r}{M + m} = \frac{(0.500 \text{ kg})(0.600 \text{ m}) + (0.270 \text{ kg})(0.250 \text{ m})}{0.500 \text{ kg} + 0.270 \text{ kg}} = 0.477 \text{ m} .$$

- (c) The period of oscillation is

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{I}{(M + m)gd}} = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{0.205 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2}{(0.500 \text{ kg} + 0.270 \text{ kg})(9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(0.477 \text{ m})}} = 1.50 \text{ s} .$$