

89. To use Eq. 16-29 we need to locate the center of mass and we need to compute the rotational inertia about  $A$ . The center of mass of the stick shown horizontal in the figure is at  $A$ , and the center of mass of the other stick is 0.50 m below  $A$ . The two sticks are of equal mass so the center of mass of the system is  $h = \frac{1}{2}(0.50) = 0.25$  m below  $A$ , as shown in the figure. Now, the rotational inertia of the system is the sum of the rotational inertia  $I_1$  of the stick shown horizontal in the figure and the rotational inertia  $I_2$  of the stick shown vertical. Thus, we have

$$I = I_1 + I_2 = \frac{1}{12}ML^2 + \frac{1}{3}ML^2 = \frac{5}{12}ML^2$$

where  $L = 1.00$  m and  $M$  is the mass of a meter stick (which cancels in the next step). Now, with  $m = 2M$  (the total mass), Eq. 16-29 yields

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{\frac{5}{12}ML^2}{2Mgh}} = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{5L}{6g}}$$

where  $h = L/4$  was used. Thus,  $T = 1.83$  s.