

Question 4

4. A uniform disk and ring, each of mass M and radius R , roll without slipping along a horizontal surface, as shown in Figure 1. The outer edges of the disk and ring are made of the same material. The center of mass of the disk and the center of mass of the ring each initially move with the same constant speed v .

The disk and the ring then smoothly transition to a ramp that is inclined at an angle θ above the horizontal. Both the disk and the ring continue to roll without slipping as they move up the ramp, as shown in Figure 2.

The ring travels a greater distance along the ramp than the disk travels before each momentarily comes to rest.

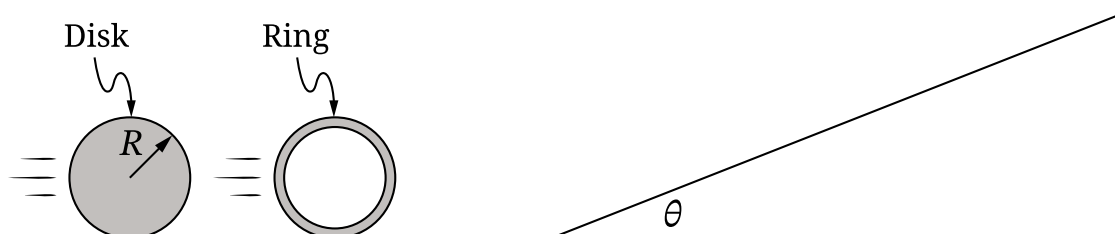


Figure 1

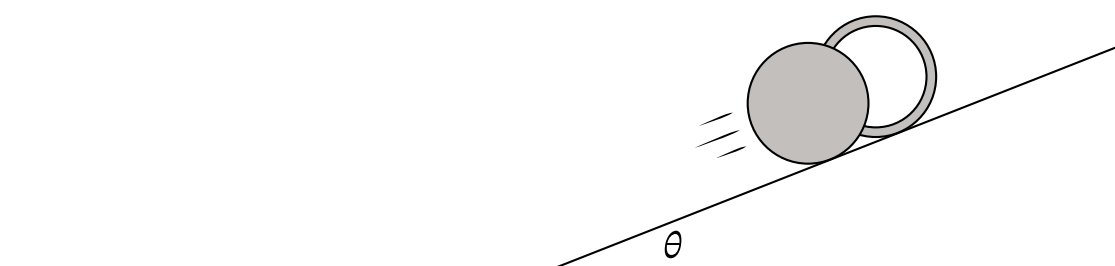


Figure 2

- A. While the disk and the ring are rolling on the ramp without slipping, the magnitudes of the static frictional force exerted on the disk and on the ring by the ramp are f_D and f_R , respectively.

Indicate whether f_D is greater than, less than, or equal to f_R by writing one of the following.

- $f_D > f_R$
- $f_D < f_R$
- $f_D = f_R$

Justify your answer using qualitative reasoning beyond referencing equations.

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- B. A cylinder has mass M , radius R , and rotational inertia I about its central axis. The cylinder rolls without slipping up a ramp that is inclined at an angle θ above the horizontal.

Derive an expression for the magnitude of the static frictional force f exerted on the cylinder by the ramp. Express your answer in terms of M , R , I , θ , and physical constants, as appropriate. Begin your derivation by writing a fundamental physics principle or an equation from the reference information.

- C. In a different scenario, the centers of mass of the original disk and ring each have the same initial speed v as they did in the original scenario. The ramp is replaced by a new ramp on which the disk and the ring initially slip as they roll up the new ramp.

Indicate whether the magnitude of the kinetic frictional force exerted on the disk by the new ramp is greater than, less than, or equal to the magnitude of the kinetic frictional force exerted on the ring by the new ramp while both are slipping.

Briefly **justify** your answer.

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