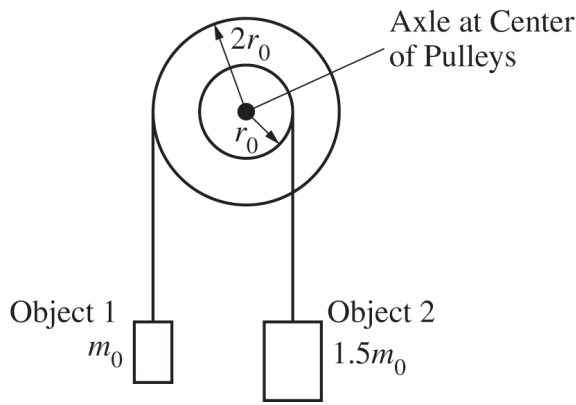




5. (7 points, suggested time 13 minutes)

Two pulleys with different radii are attached to each other so that they rotate together about a horizontal axle through their common center. There is negligible friction in the axle. Object 1 hangs from a light string wrapped around the larger pulley, while object 2 hangs from another light string wrapped around the smaller pulley, as shown in the figure above.

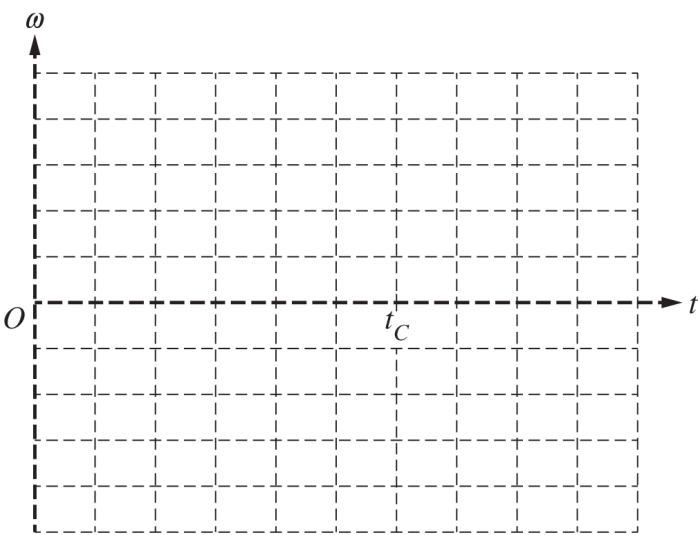
- m_0 is the mass of object 1.
- $1.5m_0$ is the mass of object 2.
- r_0 is the radius of the smaller pulley.
- $2r_0$ is the radius of the larger pulley.

- (a) At time $t = 0$, the pulleys are released from rest and the objects begin to accelerate.
- i. Derive an expression for the magnitude of the net torque exerted on the objects-pulleys system about the axle after the pulleys are released. Express your answer in terms of m_0 , r_0 , and physical constants, as appropriate.
- ii. Object 1 accelerates downward after the pulleys are released. Briefly explain why.

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- (b) At a later time $t = t_C$, the string of object 1 is cut while the objects are still moving and the pulley is still rotating. Immediately after the string is cut, how do the directions of the angular velocity and angular acceleration of the pulley compare to each other?
- ___ Same direction ___ Opposite directions
- Briefly explain your reasoning.
- (c) On the axes below, sketch a graph of the angular velocity ω of the system consisting of the two pulleys as a function of time t . Include the entire time interval shown. The pulleys are released at $t = 0$, and the string is cut at $t = t_C$.



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