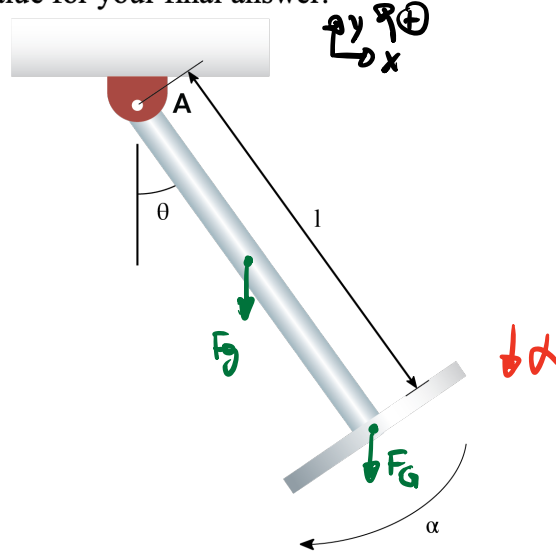


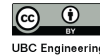
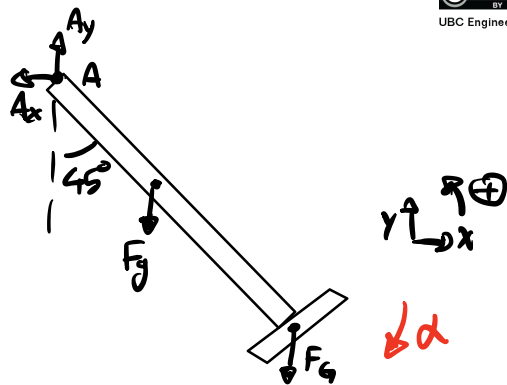
A hardworking engineer is developing a playground ride for her kid. If she determines that the maximum acceleration of an empty ride in the instant shown should not exceed 5 rad/s^2 due to safety reasons, what should be the length of the rod on which a 1 kg seat is attached? The seat can be modelled as a thin disk with radius $r = 0.3 \text{ m}$ and the rod, no matter the length, has a mass of $m = 0.6 \text{ kg}$.

The angle in the instant shown is $\theta = 45 \text{ deg}$.

Choose the most realistic value for your final answer.



① Diagram
FBD



$$\sum M_A = I \alpha \Rightarrow I_A \alpha = -\frac{l}{2} \sin \theta m_{\text{rod}} g - l \sin \theta m_{\text{disk}} g$$

$$I_A = \frac{1}{3} m l^2 + \frac{1}{4} m r^2 + m d^2 = \frac{1}{3} (0.6 \text{ kg}) l^2 + \frac{1}{4} (1 \text{ kg}) (0.3 \text{ m})^2 + (1 \text{ kg}) l^2$$

$$\alpha \left[\frac{1}{3} (0.6 \text{ kg}) \ell^2 + \frac{1}{4} (1 \text{ kg}) (0.3 \text{ m})^2 + (1 \text{ kg}) \ell^2 \right] = -\frac{\ell}{2} \sin(45^\circ) (0.6 \text{ kg}) (9.81 \text{ m/s}^2) - \ell \sin(45^\circ) (1 \text{ kg}) (9.81 \text{ m/s}^2)$$

↳ plug in $\alpha = 5 \text{ rad/s}^2$

$$\text{↳ } -6\ell^2 - 0.1125 + 9.0177\ell = 0$$

$$\text{↳ } \ell = 0.0126 \text{ m or } \ell = 1.49 \text{ m}$$

$$\boxed{\ell = 1.49 \text{ m}}$$