

# Grade 11S – Physics

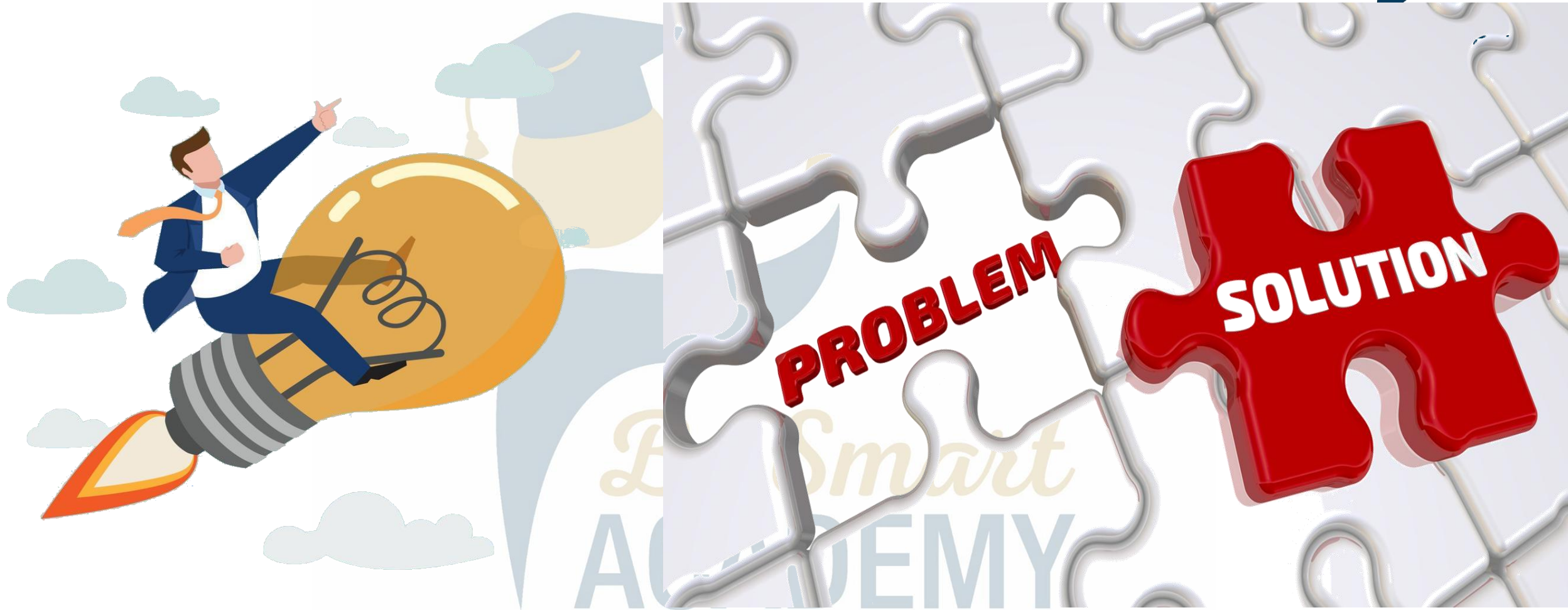
## Unit Two: Mechanics



### Chapter 9: System of Particles

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**Think then Solve**

## Exercise 1



Two particles A and B of respective masses  $m_1 = 1.5\text{kg}$  &  $m_2 = 0.5\text{kg}$  are submitted to the action of external forces, thus they move in XOY plane.

The particle A is affected by a force  $\vec{F}_1 = 3\vec{i}$  and the particle B is affected by a force  $\vec{F}_2 = -\vec{i} + 2\vec{j}$ .

The particles A and B are initially at rest at  $A_0(2,3)$  and  $B_0(4,1)$ .

- 1) Determine the position of the center of mass  $G_0$  of the system (A, B) at  $t=0\text{s}$ .
- 2) Calculate the acceleration of the particles A & B.

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- 3) Determine at any time  $t$ , the velocity and position vectors of A and B.
- 4) Determine the position of the center of mass G of the system (A, B) at any time  $t$ . Deduce the value of its acceleration.
- 5) Verify that  $m_1 \vec{V}_A + m_2 \vec{V}_B = (m_1 + m_2) \vec{V}_G$

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## Exercise 1



$m_1 = 1.5\text{kg}$ ,  $m_2 = 0.5\text{kg}$ ,  $\vec{F}_1 = 3\vec{i}$ ,  $\vec{F}_2 = -\vec{i} + 2\vec{j}$ ,  $A_0(2,3)$  &  $B_0(4,1)$

1) Determine the position of the center of mass  $G_0$  of the system (A, B) at  $t=0\text{s}$ .

$$x_{COM} = \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$x_{COM} = \frac{1.5 \times 2 + 0.5 \times 4}{1.5 + 0.5}$$

$$x_{COM} = 2.5\text{m}$$

$$y_{COM} = \frac{m_1 y_1 + m_2 y_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$y_{COM} = \frac{1.5 \times 3 + 0.5 \times 1}{1.5 + 0.5}$$

$$y_{COM} = 2.5\text{m}$$



## Exercise 1



$m_1 = 1.5\text{kg}$ ,  $m_2 = 0.5\text{kg}$ ,  $\vec{F}_1 = 3\vec{i}$ ,  $\vec{F}_2 = -\vec{i} + 2\vec{j}$ ,  $A_0(2,3)$  &  $B_0(4,1)$

2) Calculate the acceleration of the particles A & B.

$$\vec{a}_A = \frac{\vec{F}_1}{m_1}$$

$$\vec{a}_A = \frac{3\vec{i}}{1.5}$$

$$\vec{a}_A = 2\vec{i}$$

$$\vec{a}_B = \frac{\vec{F}_2}{m_2}$$

$$\vec{a}_B = \frac{-\vec{i} + 2\vec{j}}{0.5}$$

$$\vec{a}_B = -2\vec{i} + 4\vec{j}$$

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$$m_1 = 1.5kg, m_2 = 0.5kg, \vec{F}_1 = 3\vec{i}, \vec{F}_2 = -\vec{i} + 2\vec{j}, A_0(2,3) \text{ \& } B_0(4,1)$$

3) Determine at any time  $t$ , the velocity and position vectors of A and B.

$$\vec{V}_A = \vec{a}_A t + \vec{v}_{0A} \Rightarrow \vec{V}_A = (2\vec{i})t + 0 \Rightarrow \vec{V}_A = 2t\vec{i}$$

$$\vec{r}_A = \frac{1}{2}\vec{a}_A t^2 + \vec{v}_{0A} t + \vec{r}_0 \Rightarrow \vec{r}_A = \frac{1}{2}(2\vec{i})t^2 + (0)t + 2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j}$$

$$\vec{r}_A = (t^2 + 2)\vec{i} + 3\vec{j}$$

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$$m_1 = 1.5\text{kg}, m_2 = 0.5\text{kg}, \vec{F}_1 = 3\vec{i}, \vec{F}_2 = -\vec{i} + 2\vec{j}, A_0(2,3) \text{ \& } B_0(4,1)$$

3) Determine at any time  $t$ , the velocity and position vectors of A and B.

$$\vec{V}_B = \vec{a}_B t + \vec{v}_{0B} \Rightarrow \vec{V}_B = (-2\vec{i} + 4\vec{j})t + 0 \Rightarrow \vec{V}_B = -2t\vec{i} + 4t\vec{j}$$

$$\vec{r}_B = \frac{1}{2}\vec{a}_A t^2 + \vec{v}_{0B} t + \vec{r}_{0B} \Rightarrow \vec{r}_A = \frac{1}{2}(-2\vec{i} + 4\vec{j})t^2 + (0)t + 4\vec{i} + \vec{j}$$

$$\vec{r}_B = (-t^2 + 4)\vec{i} + (2t^2 + 1)\vec{j}$$



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$$x_G = \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$x_G = \frac{1.5(t^2 + 2) + 0.5(-t^2 + 4)}{1.5 + 0.5}$$

$$x_G = 0.5t^2 + 2.5$$

$$y_G = \frac{m_1 y_1 + m_2 y_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$y_G = \frac{1.5(t^2 + 2) + 0.5(-t^2 + 4)}{1.5 + 0.5}$$

$$x_G = 0.5t^2 + 2.5$$

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4) Determine the position of the center of mass G of the system (A, B) at any time t. Deduce the value of its acceleration

$$\vec{r}_G = X_G \vec{i} + Y_G \vec{j}$$

$$\vec{r}_G = (0.5t^2 + 2.5)\vec{i} + (0.5t^2 + 2.5)\vec{j}$$

$$\vec{V}_G = (\vec{r}_G)' = t\vec{i} + t\vec{j}$$

$$\vec{a}_G = (\vec{V}_G)' = \vec{i} + \vec{j}$$

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5) Verify that  $m_1 \vec{V}_A + m_2 \vec{V}_B = (m_1 + m_2) \vec{V}_G$

$$m_1 \vec{V}_A + m_2 \vec{V}_B = 1.5(2t\vec{i}) + 0.5(-2t\vec{i} + 4t\vec{j})$$

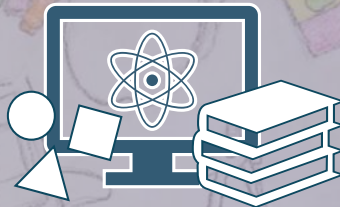
$$m_1 \vec{V}_A + m_2 \vec{V}_B = 3t\vec{i} - t\vec{i} + 2t\vec{j} \rightarrow m_1 \vec{V}_A + m_2 \vec{V}_B = 2t\vec{i} + 2t\vec{j}$$

$$(m_1 + m_2) \vec{V}_G = (1.5 + 0.5)(t\vec{i} + t\vec{j})$$

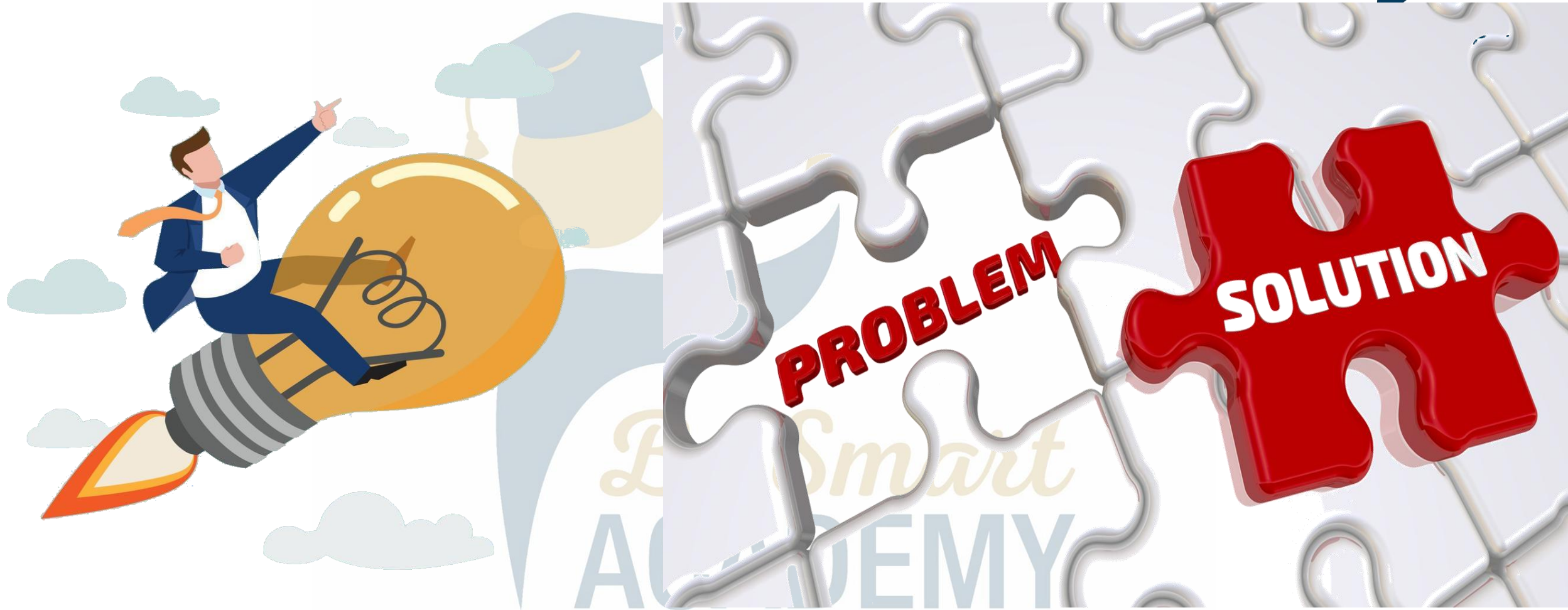
$$(m_1 + m_2) \vec{V}_G = 2t\vec{i} + 2t\vec{j}$$

$$m_1 \vec{V}_A + m_2 \vec{V}_B = (m_1 + m_2) \vec{V}_G$$

# The End







**Think then Solve**

## Exercise 2

## Homogenous disc (D)

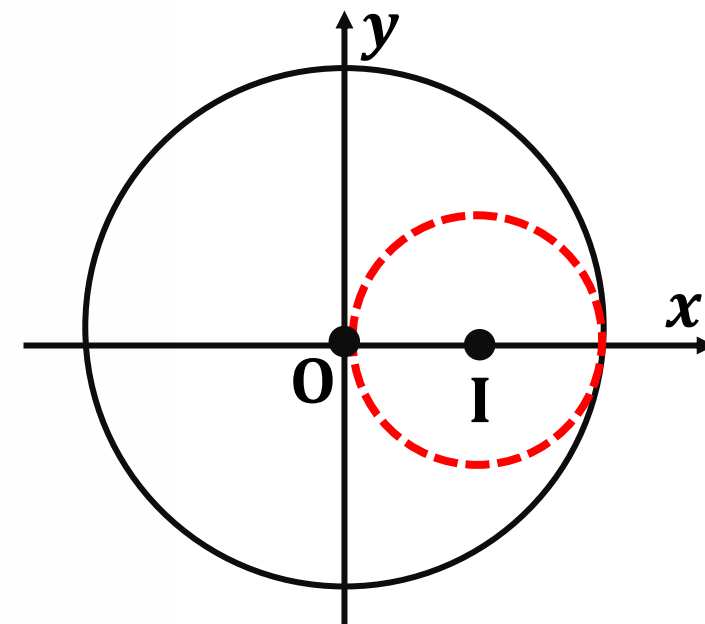


The adjacent figure shows a homogenous disc (D) of radius  $R$  and mass  $M$ .

A circular portion is removed out as shown with the dotted line.

1) Determine the masses of the removed part and the remaining part in terms of  $M$

2) Locate, using the given coordinates system, the center of the mass of the remaining part.





## Exercise 2

## Homogenous disc (D)

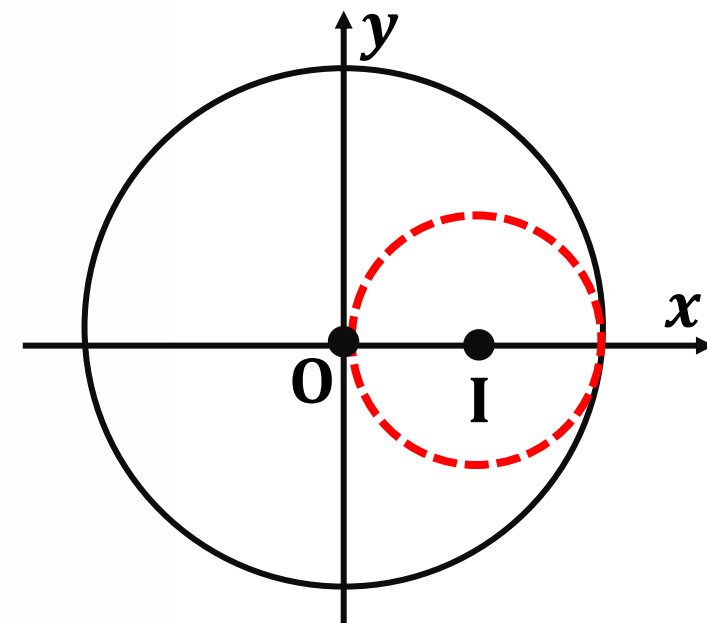


1) Determine the masses of the removed part and the remaining part in terms of M

Since the disc is homogenous then:

$$\frac{m_{disc}}{A_{disc}} = \frac{m_{removed}}{A_{removed}} = \frac{m_{remains}}{A_{remains}}$$

$$\frac{M}{\pi R^2} = \frac{m_{removed}}{\left[ \frac{\pi R^2}{4} \right]} = \frac{m_{remains}}{\left[ \pi R^2 - \frac{\pi R^2}{4} \right]}$$



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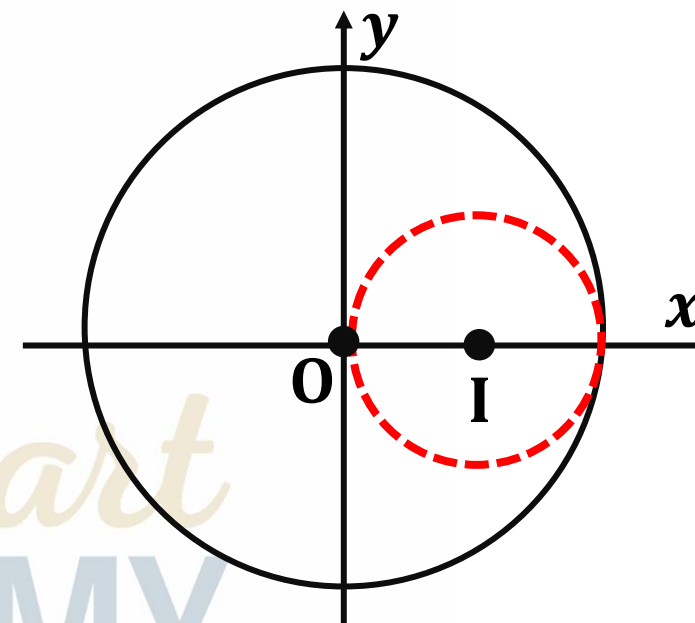
## Homogenous disc (D)



$$\frac{M}{\pi R^2} = \frac{m_{\text{removed}}}{\left[\frac{\pi R^2}{4}\right]}$$

$$m_{\text{removed}} = \frac{M \times \left[\frac{\pi R^2}{4}\right]}{\pi R^2}$$

$$m_{\text{removed}} = \frac{M}{4}$$



## Exercise 2

## Homogenous disc (D)



$$\frac{M}{\pi R^2} = \frac{m_{remains}}{\left[ \pi R^2 - \frac{\pi R^2}{4} \right]}$$

$$m_{remains} = \frac{M \times \left[ \pi R^2 - \frac{\pi R^2}{4} \right]}{\pi R^2}$$

$$m_{remains} = \frac{M \times \left[ \frac{3\pi R^2}{4} \right]}{\pi R^2}$$

$$m_{remains} = \frac{3M}{4}$$

$$m_{remain} = M - m_{removed}$$

$$m_{remain} = M - \frac{M}{4}$$

$$m_{remain} = \frac{3M}{4}$$

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## Homogenous disc (D)

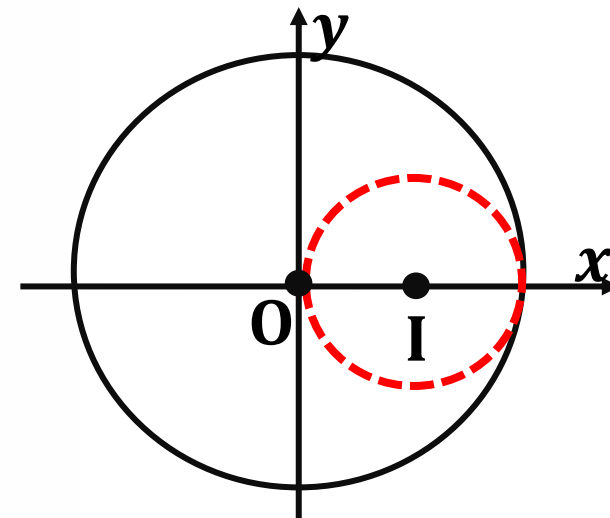


2) Locate, using the given coordinates system, the center of the mass of the remaining part.

The whole disc can be considered as a system made up of two parts:

The removed part of mass  $m_{removed} = \frac{M}{4}$  and center  $I(\frac{R}{2}, 0)$ .

The remaining part of mass  $m_{remain} = \frac{3M}{4}$  and center  $A(x, y)$ .



## Exercise 2

## Homogenous disc (D)

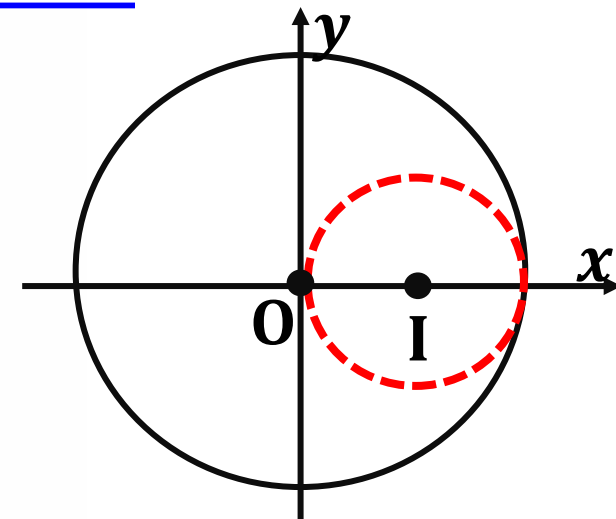


$$x_0 = \frac{m_{\text{removed}} \times x_{\text{removed}} + m_{\text{remain}} \times x_{\text{remain}}}{m_{\text{removed}} + m_{\text{remain}}}$$

$$x_0 = \frac{\frac{M}{4} \left[ \frac{R}{2} \right] + \frac{3M}{4} \cdot x}{M}$$

$$0 = \frac{\frac{M \cdot R}{8} + \frac{3M}{4} \cdot x}{M}$$

$$x = -\frac{R}{6}$$



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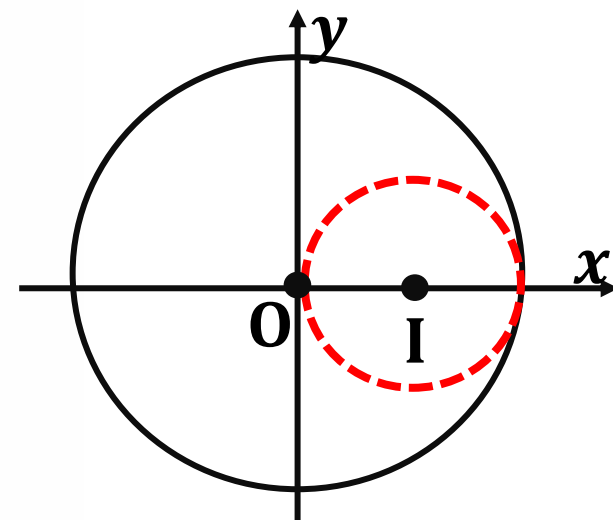
## Homogenous disc (D)



$$y_0 = \frac{m_{\text{removed}} \times y_{\text{removed}} + m_{\text{remain}} \times y_{\text{remain}}}{m_{\text{removed}} + m_{\text{remain}}}$$

$$0 = \frac{\frac{M}{4}(0) + \frac{3M}{4} \cdot y}{M}$$

$$0 = \frac{0 + \frac{3M}{4} \cdot y}{M}$$

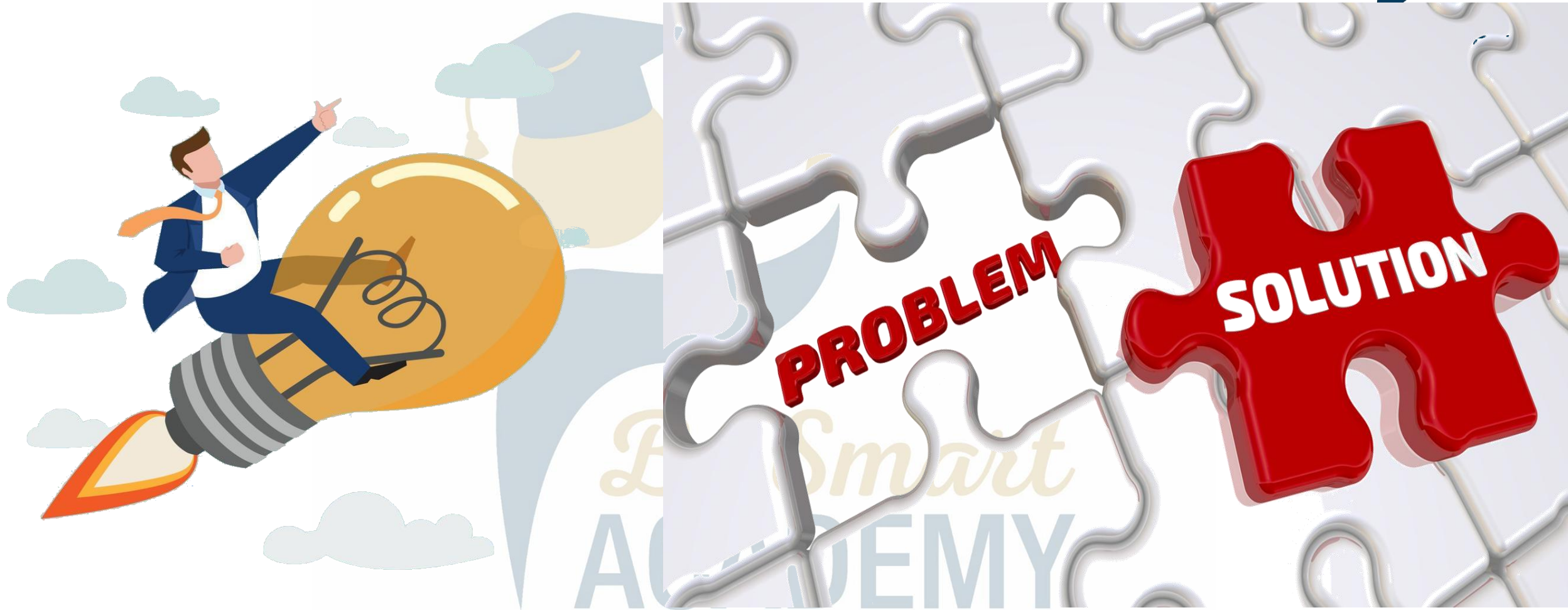


$$y = 0$$

Then the center of the remaining part is located at  $A(-\frac{R}{6}, 0)$







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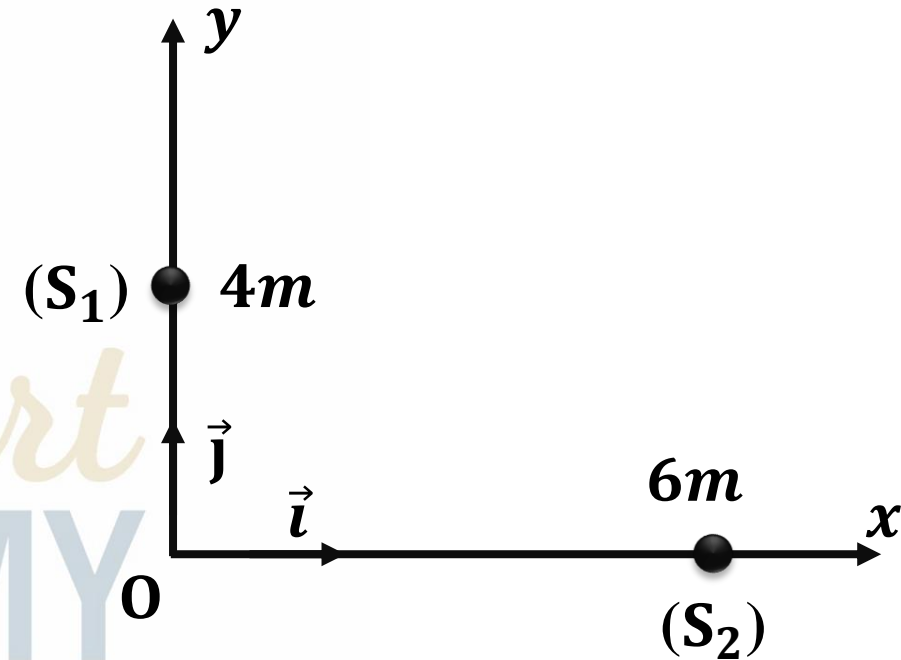


### Exercise 3

Two solids  $(S_1)$  and  $(S_2)$  taken as particles of respective masses  $m_1 = 2\text{kg}$  and  $m_2 = 4\text{kg}$ , are placed in the space frame of reference  $(O, \vec{i}, \vec{j})$  as shown in the adjacent figure

Part A:  $(S_1)$  and  $(S_2)$  are at rest:

- 1) Determine  $X_G$  and  $Y_G$  the coordinate of the center of mass  $[(S_1);(S_2)]$ .
- 2) Deduce the position vector of the center of mass of the system  $[(S_1);(S_2)]$ .



## Exercise 3

### Part A: ( $S_1$ ) and ( $S_2$ ) are at rest:

1) Determine  $X_G$  and  $Y_G$  the coordinate of the center of mass [ $(S_1);(S_2)$ ].

$$X_G = \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

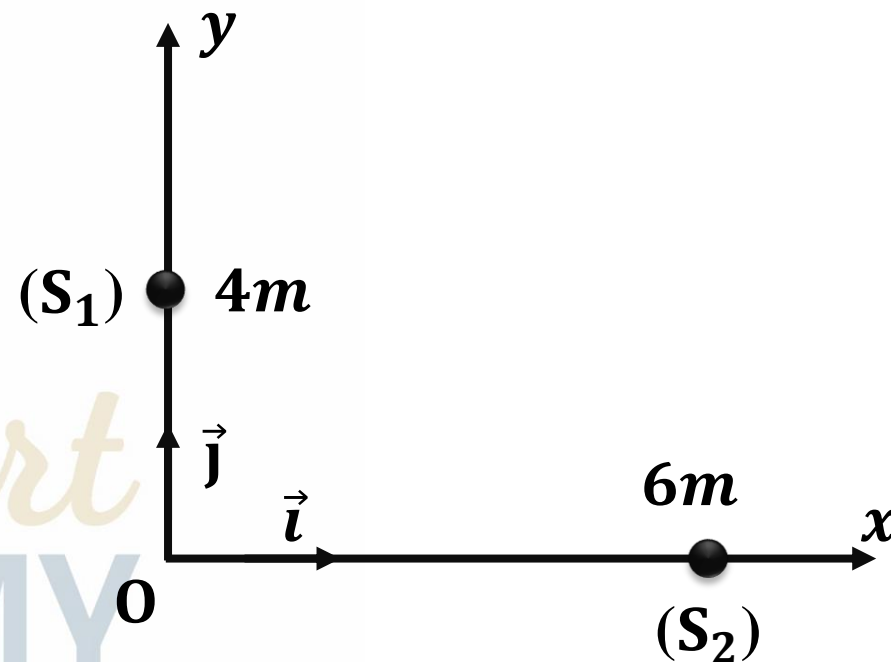
$$X_G = \frac{2(0) + 4(6)}{2 + 4}$$

$$X_G = 4m$$

$$Y_G = \frac{m_1 y_1 + m_2 y_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$Y_G = \frac{2(4) + 4(0)}{2 + 4}$$

$$Y_G = \frac{8}{6}m$$



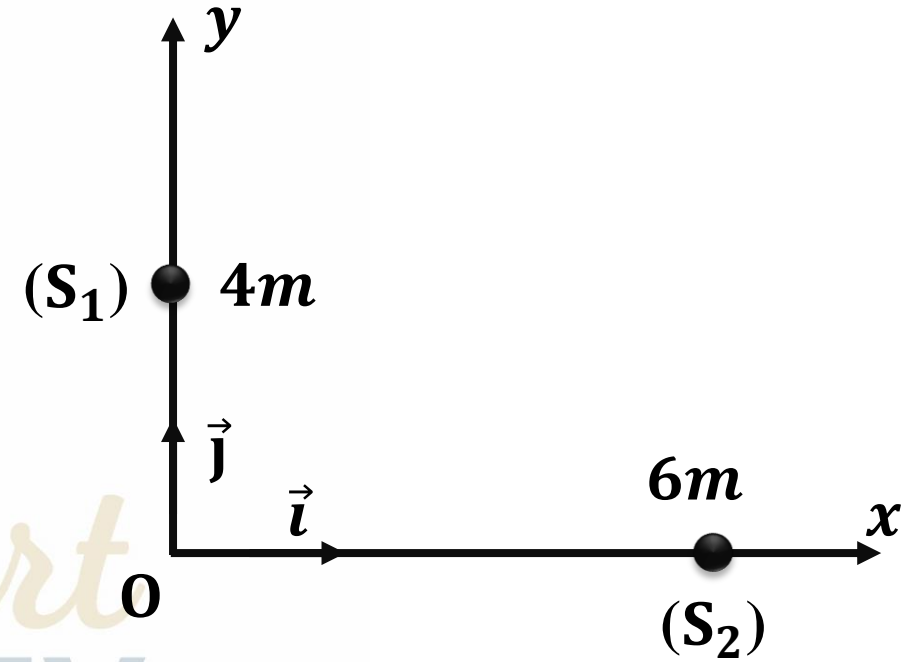
## Exercise 3



2) Deduce the position vector of the center of mass of the system  $[(S_1);(S_2)]$ .

$$\vec{r}_G = X_G \vec{i} + Y_G \vec{j}$$

$$\vec{r}_G = 4\vec{i} + \frac{8}{6}\vec{j}$$



## Exercise 3



### Part B: Motion of the center of mass:

At instant  $t_0 = 0s$  ( $S_1$ ) is submitted to the force  $\vec{F}_1 = a.\vec{i}$  where  $a$  is constant while ( $S_2$ ) is submitted to the external force  $\vec{F}_2 = 8.\vec{j}$ .

- 1) Calculate the acceleration vector  $\vec{a}_1$  (in terms of  $a$ ) and  $\vec{a}_2$  of ( $S_1$ ) and ( $S_2$ ) respectively at any time  $t$ .
- 2) Deduce  $\vec{r}_1$  (in terms of  $a$ ) and  $\vec{r}_2$  the position vectors of ( $S_1$ ) and ( $S_2$ ) respectively at any time  $t$ .
- 3) Show that  $a=6N$  knowing that ( $S_1$ ) meets ( $S_2$ ) at the instant  $t=2sec$ .
- 4) Determine the position of the center of mass of the system  $[(S_1);(S_2)]$  and deduce its acceleration.
- 5) Verify the theorem of center of mass  $M\vec{a}_G = m_1\vec{a}_1 + m_2\vec{a}_2$ , where  $M = m_1 + m_2$



## Exercise 3

At  $t_0 = 0s$ ;  $\vec{F}_1 = a.\vec{i}$  &  $\vec{F}_2 = 8.\vec{j}$ .

1) Calculate the acceleration vector  $\vec{a}_1$  (in terms of  $a$ ) and  $\vec{a}_2$  of ( $S_1$ ) and ( $S_2$ ) respectively at any time  $t$ .

$$\vec{F}_1 = m_1 \vec{a}_1$$

$$a.\vec{i} = 2\vec{a}_1$$

$$\vec{a}_1 = \frac{a.\vec{i}}{2}$$

$$\vec{F}_2 = m_2 \vec{a}_2$$

$$8.\vec{j} = 4\vec{a}_2 \Rightarrow \vec{a}_2 = \frac{8.\vec{j}}{4}$$

$$\vec{a}_2 = 2.\vec{j}$$

## Exercise 3



2) Deduce  $\vec{r}_1$  (in terms of  $a$ ) and  $\vec{r}_2$  the position vectors of  $(S_1)$  and  $(S_2)$  respectively at any time  $t$ .

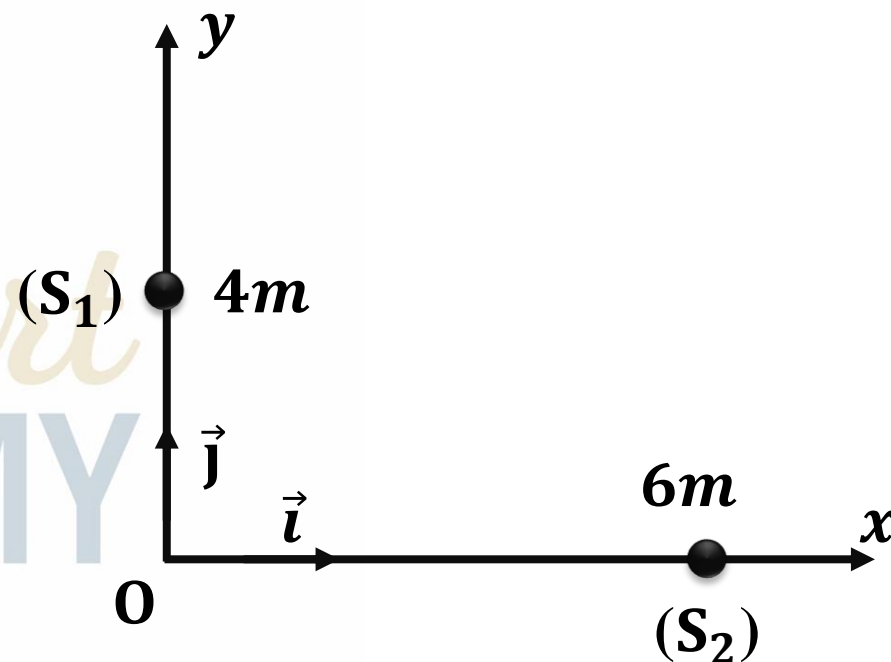
$$\vec{r}_1 = \frac{1}{2} \vec{a}_1 t^2 + \vec{v}_0 t + \vec{r}_0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \vec{r}_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{a}{2} \cdot \vec{i} \right) t^2 + (0)t + 4\vec{j}$$

$$\vec{r}_1 = \frac{a}{4} t^2 \vec{i} + 4\vec{j}$$

$$\vec{r}_2 = \frac{1}{2} \vec{a}_2 t^2 + \vec{v}_0 t + \vec{r}_0$$

$$\vec{r}_2 = \frac{1}{2} (2 \cdot \vec{j}) t^2 + (0)t + 6\vec{i}$$

$$\vec{r}_2 = 6\vec{i} + t^2 \vec{j}$$



### Exercise 3



3) Show that  $a=6\text{N}$  knowing that  $(S_1)$  meets  $(S_2)$  at the instant  $t=2\text{sec}$ .

$(S_1)$  meets  $(S_2)$  at  $t=2\text{sec}$  then  $\vec{r}_1 = \vec{r}_2$

$$\frac{a}{4}t^2\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} = 6\vec{i} + t^2\vec{j} \Rightarrow \frac{at^2}{4} = 6 \Rightarrow at^2 = 24$$

$$\text{For } t=2\text{s:} \Rightarrow a(2)^2 = 24 \Rightarrow 4a = 24 \Rightarrow a = \frac{24}{4}$$

$$\vec{r}_1 = \frac{a}{4}t^2\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} \xrightarrow{a=6} \vec{r}_1 = \frac{6}{4}t^2\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} \Rightarrow \vec{r}_1 = 1.5t^2\vec{i} + 4\vec{j}$$

## Exercise 3



- 4) Determine the position of the center of mass of the system  $[(S_1);(S_2)]$  and deduce its acceleration.

$$\vec{r}_G = \frac{m_1 \vec{r}_1 + m_2 \vec{r}_2}{m_1 + m_2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{r}_G = \frac{2(1.5t^2\vec{i} + 4\vec{j}) + 4(6\vec{i} + t^2\vec{j})}{2 + 4}$$

$$\vec{r}_G = \frac{3t^2\vec{i} + 8\vec{j} + 24\vec{i} + 4t^2\vec{j}}{2 + 4} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{r}_G = \frac{(3t^2 + 24)\vec{i} + (4t^2 + 8)\vec{j}}{6}$$

$$\vec{r}_G = \left(\frac{1}{2}t^2 + 4\right)\vec{i} + \left(\frac{2}{3}t^2 + \frac{4}{3}\right)\vec{j}$$

## Exercise 3



$$\vec{r}_G = \left(\frac{1}{2}t^2 + 4\right)\vec{i} + \left(\frac{2}{3}t^2 + \frac{4}{3}\right)\vec{j}$$

**The velocity vector of the CM is the derivative of the position vector of CM**

$$\vec{V}_G = \vec{r}'_G = t.\vec{i} + \frac{4}{3}t.\vec{j}$$

**The acceleration vector of the CM is the derivative of the position vector of CM**

$$\vec{a}_G = \vec{V}'_G = \vec{i} + \frac{4}{3}\vec{j}$$

### Exercise 3



5) Verify the theorem of center of mass  $M\vec{a}_G = m_1\vec{a}_1 + m_2\vec{a}_2$ ,  
where  $M = m_1 + m_2$

$$m_1\vec{a}_1 + m_2\vec{a}_2 = 2(3\vec{i}) + 4(2\vec{j}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad m_1\vec{a}_1 + m_2\vec{a}_2 = 6\vec{i} + 8\vec{j}$$

$$M\vec{a}_G = (2 + 4) \left[ \vec{i} + \frac{4}{3}\vec{j} \right]$$

$$M\vec{a}_G = 6\vec{i} + 8\vec{j}$$

The theorem of center of mass  $M\vec{a}_G = m_1\vec{a}_1 + m_2\vec{a}_2$  is verified



# The End

