PHY820 Homework Set 2

1. [10 pts] A smooth wedge of mass M has a triangular cross section with a side inclined at an angle θ to the horizontal base. The wedge can slide without friction along a horizontal support. Placed on the side of the wedge is a mass m that can slide with no friction along the side. Find vectors of the acceleration for the wedge and for mafter the bodies are released from rest. The methodology is up to you.



- 2. [5 pts] Goldstein, problem 1.4.
- 3. [5 pts] Goldstein, problem 1.6. This problem ends up being similar to 1.4.
- 4. [5 pts] Goldstein, problem 1.8.
- 5. [5 pts] Goldstein, problem 1.14. Note: The masses are *not* constrained to move in a plane, although the center of the rod is.
- 6. [5 pts] Goldstein, problem 1.19. The term 'spherical' indicates that the mass can move over the surface of a sphere, in distinction from a motion over the circumference of a circle.