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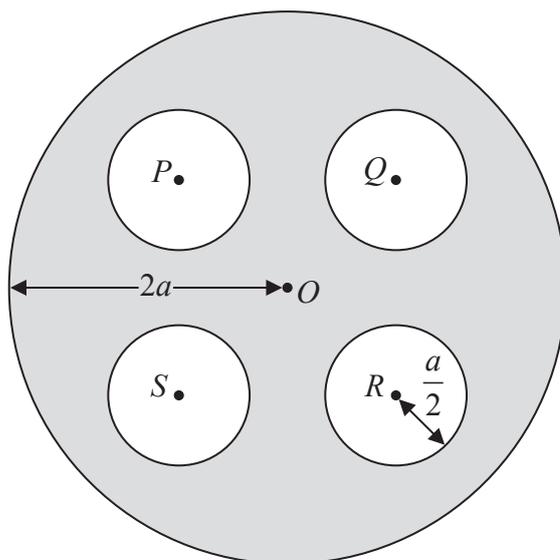


Figure 1

A uniform circular disc of radius $2a$ has centre O . The points P , Q , R and S on the disc are the vertices of a square with centre O and $OP = a$. Four circular holes, each of radius $\frac{a}{2}$, and with centres P , Q , R and S , are drilled in the disc to produce the lamina L , shown shaded in Figure 1. The mass of L is M .

- (a) Show that the moment of inertia of L about an axis through O , and perpendicular to the plane of L , is $\frac{55Ma^2}{24}$ (8)

The lamina L is free to rotate in a vertical plane about a fixed smooth horizontal axis which is perpendicular to L and which passes through a point A on the circumference of L . At time t , AO makes an angle θ with the downward vertical through A .

- (b) Show that $\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = -\frac{48g}{151a} \sin \theta$ (4)

- (c) Hence find the period of small oscillations of L about its position of stable equilibrium. (2)

The magnitude of the component, in a direction perpendicular to AO , of the force exerted on L by the axis is X .

- (d) Find X in terms of M , g and θ . (4)



