

A uniform thin rod with mass m and length L is released and falls under the influence of gravity, g . Its long axis is parallel to the ground. The rod has no initial velocity or angular momentum. After falling a distance h it strikes a straight edge which delivers a vertical impulse during the elastic collision. The point of impact is at a distance d from the center of mass of the rod.

- (a) Calculate the velocity of the center of mass of the rod immediately after the collision. Express your answer in terms of h , L , g , and the moment of inertia I about the center of mass of the rod.
- (b) Calculate the value of I .

