

a) $T = T_{\text{of CM}} + T_{\text{Rot}} = \frac{1}{2} M \dot{q}^2 + T_{\text{Rot}} = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2$.

$I = \frac{1}{2} MR^2$ and $\omega R = \dot{q} \Rightarrow T_{\text{Rot}} = \frac{1}{4} MR^2 \omega^2 = \frac{1}{4} M \dot{q}^2$

$V = \frac{1}{2} k(q-d)^2 + \frac{1}{2} k(q+d)^2 = kq^2 + kd^2$ where d is separation of two ends of springs. Drop the term kd^2 since it has no effect. $L = T - V \Rightarrow$

$$L = \frac{3}{4} M \dot{q}^2 - kq^2$$

b) Equilibrium is at $q=0$, and eqn of motion is

$$\frac{3}{2} M \ddot{q} + 2kq = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{2k}{\frac{3}{2} M} = \frac{4k}{3M}$$

$$\omega = \left(\frac{4k}{3M} \right)^{1/2}$$