

## Physical pendulum

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**Solution:** *Knowing that the period is proportional to the root of the distance between the point of suspension and the center of gravity of the body.,  $t_k = C\sqrt{L_k}$  with a constant  $C$ , we have*

$$t_1 = C\sqrt{\Delta L + L_1} \quad , \quad t_2 = C\sqrt{\Delta L + L_2} \quad ,$$

*where  $\Delta L$  is the distance between the center of gravity of the body and the attachment point on the rod. With this,*

$$C = \sqrt{\frac{t_2^2 - t_1^2}{L_2 - L_1}} \quad , \quad \Delta L = \frac{t_1^2}{C^2} - L_1 \quad ,$$

*and*

$$t_3 = C\sqrt{\Delta L + L_3} = \sqrt{t_1^2 + (t_2^2 - t_1^2)\frac{L_3 - L_1}{L_2 - L_1}} = 2.34 \text{ s} \quad .$$