

Answer on Question #48878 – Physics – Other

1. A rotating large stone wheel may be used to sharpen knives. The wheel may be thought of as a cylindrical disc with a radius of .375m. A constant tangential force of 275N causes the wheel to have an angular acceleration of .85 radians per second. What is the mass of the wheel?

$$r = 0.375 \text{ m}$$

$$F = 275 \text{ N}$$

$$\beta = 0.85 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$m = ?$$

*Solution.*

We can write the moment equation for rotation of the wheel:  $I \cdot \beta = F \cdot r$ ,

where  $I = \frac{mr^2}{2}$  is the moment of inertia of a uniform wheel during the rotation around its axis.

$$\frac{mr^2}{2} \cdot \beta = F \cdot r, \text{ so, the mass of the wheel is } \boxed{m = \frac{2F}{\beta r}}.$$

Let check the dimension:  $[m] = \frac{N}{\frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}^2} \cdot m} = \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \frac{m}{\text{s}^2}}{\frac{m}{\text{s}^2}} = \text{kg}.$

Let evaluate the quantity:  $m = \frac{2 \cdot 275}{0.85 \cdot 0.375} = 1725 (\text{kg}).$

**Answer:** 1725 kg .