

A massless rod of length 2R has masses  $m_1$  attached to each end. The rod is free to rotate on the surface of a frictionless table about a pin attached to its center C. A mass  $m_2$  is moving across the table at speed v perpendicular to the rod and is aimed directly at one of the masses  $m_1$  as shown in the diagram. At time t = 0,  $m_2$  collides with  $m_1$  and sticks instantaneously, setting the rod into rotation about C.

- a) (2 points) Considering only the rod and masses, which, if any, of the following quantities are conserved in this collision:
  - 1) Linear Momentum?
  - 2) Anguluar Momentum about C?
  - 3) Kinetic Energy?
- b) (3 points) What is the angular velocity  $\omega$  following the collision, and is it constant?
- c) (3 points) Determine the total linear momentum P of the rod and mass system following the collision. Give both the x and y components and specify their time dependence, if any.
- d) (2 points) Determine the force F exerted by the pin at C. Again, give both the x and y components and specify their time dependences, if any. Also give the magnitude of the force.