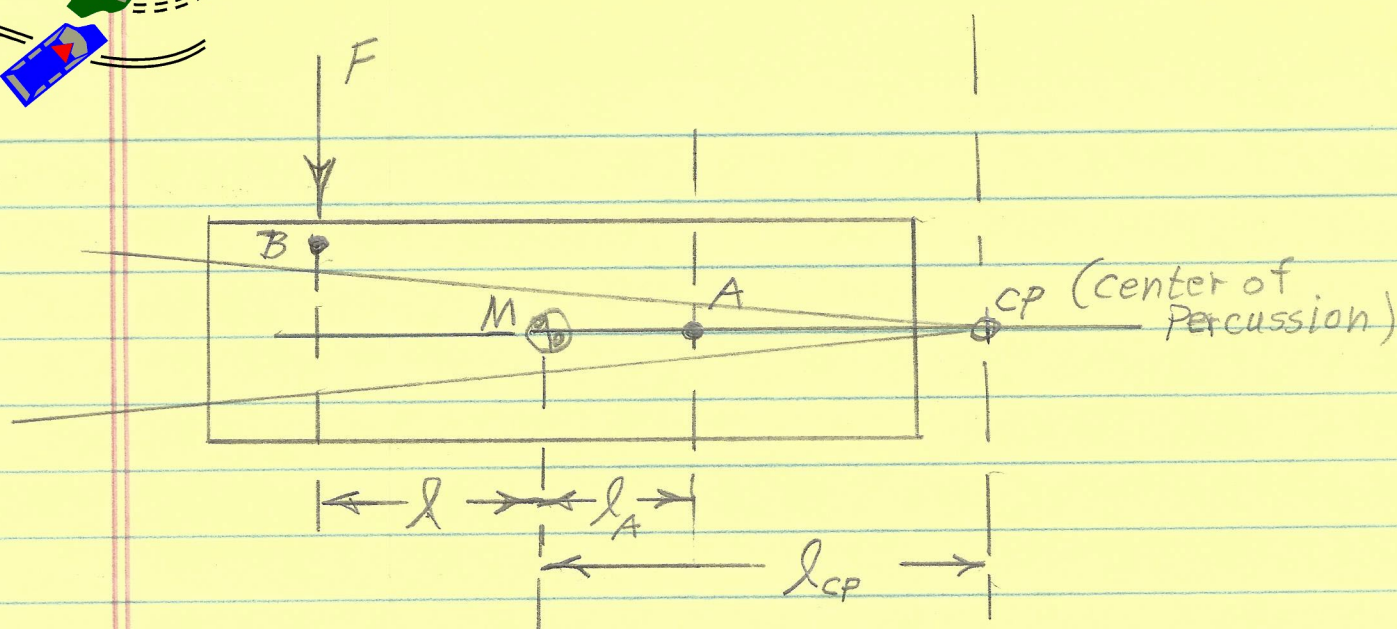


(1)



The effective mass at point B =  $M \left( \frac{k^2}{k^2 + l^2} \right)$

The center of percussion is located  $k^2/l$  inches forward of the CG, where  $k^2$  is the radius of gyration squared for rotations about the CG.

Since the center of percussion does not move laterally in response to force  $F$ , the motion at point A is a simple ratio of that at point B and at the CG.

$$\ddot{y}_A = \ddot{y}_B \left( \frac{l_{CP} - l_A}{l_{CP} + l} \right)$$

Since  $l_{CP} = k^2/l$ ,  $\ddot{y}_A = \left( \frac{k^2 - l l_A}{k^2 + l^2} \right) * \ddot{y}_B$  (1)

$$\ddot{y}_{CG} = \left( \frac{k^2}{k^2 + l^2} \right) \ddot{y}_B$$

(2)



(2)

Check of eq'n (1)

IF  $l = 0$ ,  $\ddot{y}_A = \ddot{y}_B$  (No yaw rotation)

IF  $l_A = 0$ ,  $\ddot{y}_A = \left( \frac{k^2}{k^2 + l^2} \right) \ddot{y}_B = \ddot{y}_{CG}$

IF  $l_A = A$  (Distance from CG to front wheels),

$$\ddot{y}_A = \left( \frac{k^2 - Al}{k^2 + l^2} \right) \times \ddot{y}_B$$

For  $\ddot{y}_A = 0$ ,  $k^2 = Al$

IF  $l \approx B$  (Distance from CG to rear wheels),

$$k^2 \approx AB$$

Note that on many automobiles,  $k^2$  is sufficiently close to the product  $AB$  to produce yaw rotations about a point near the front wheel.

(Tire forces are neglected in the preceding analysis.)