

CONNECTED WHEELS (STATIC)

- Problems where two wheels (discs, cylinders, etc.) are connected are fairly common in Rotational Kinematics.
 - In some cases, the wheels rotate around a **FIXED** Axis (**w** BUT no **v_{CM}**) → fixed pulleys/gears, static bicycles
 - In others, the wheels rotate around a **FREE** Axis (**w** AND **v_{CM}**) → bicycle moving on the ground
 - Whenever a chain connects two wheels, we have _____, which yields a set of 4 related equations:



EXAMPLE 1: Two gears ($R_1 = 2 \text{ m}$, $R_2 = 3 \text{ m}$) are free to rotate about fixed axes, with a light chain that runs around them, so they spin together (as above). When you give the smaller pulley 40 rad/s , what angular speed will the larger one have?

EXAMPLE 2: Two pulleys, with radii 0.3 m (left) and 0.4 m (right) attached to a table as shown below. A light cable runs through the edge of both pulleys, with one end connected to a mass. You pull down on the other end, causing the pulleys to spin (and the block to move up). When the cable has speed 5 m/s , what will the angular speed of each pulley be?

