## Prelab 8: Torques and Rotational Motion

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- 1. Define torque, and state the conditions necessary for stable equilibrium. (20 pts)
- 2. Why are the following equations equivalent for this experiment? (20 pts)  $\tau = rF \sin \theta$   $\tau = rF$
- 3. Refer to the procedure, Part 1, 1<sup>st</sup> arrangement. Assume  $x_{cm} = 50.0$  cm, 150.0 g is suspended from a hanger clamp at the position  $x_{cc} = 15.0$  cm, and a hanger clamp is at position  $x_c = 75.0$  cm. If each hanger clamp has a mass m = 16.5 g, what mass must be added to  $x_c$  in order to attain stable equilibrium? Sketch a diagram of the situation (refer to Fig. 8.3). (30 pts)

4. Consider Part 2 of the procedure. Determine the additional mass required for stable equilibrium. Meter stick:  $x_{cm} = 50.0$  cm, m = 150.0 g. Hanger clamp:  $x_{cc} = 0.0$  cm, m = 16.5 g. (30 pts)

