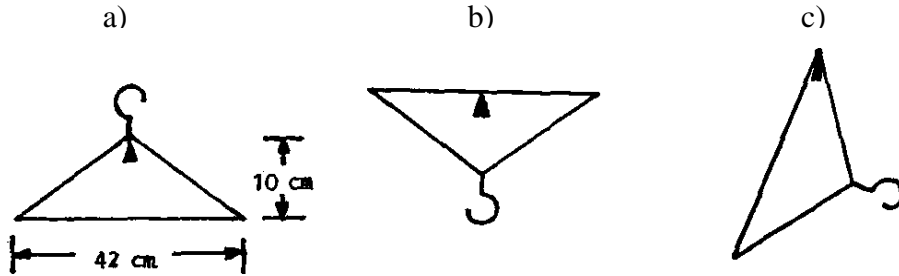


Problem 2: Oscillating coat hanger

A (suitably made) wire coat hanger can perform small amplitude oscillations in the plane of the figure around the equilibrium positions shown. In positions a) and b) the long side is

horizontal. The other two sides have equal length. The period of oscillation is the same in all cases.

What is the location of the center of mass, and how long is the period?



The figure does not contain any information beyond the dimensions given. Nothing is known, e.g., concerning the detailed distribution of mass.