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Rotational Motion and Angular Momentum.

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- Course Information
- Topics to be discussed today:
  - Review of Rotational Motion
  - Rolling Motion
  - Angular Momentum
  - Conservation of Angular Momentum

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- Homework set # 7 is now available and is due on Saturday April 5 at 8.30 am.
- There will be no workshops and office hours for the rest of the week. We will be busy grading exam # 2.
- The grades for exam # 2 will be distributed via email on Monday March 31.
- You should pick up your exam in workshop next week. Please check it carefully for any errors.

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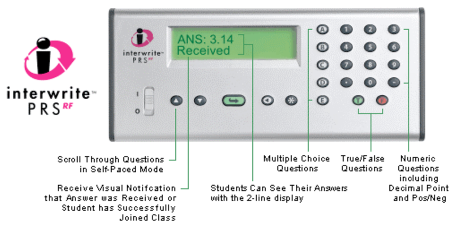
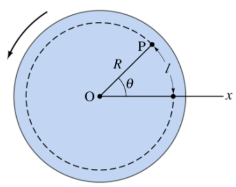
Quiz lecture 17.

- The quiz today will have 4 questions!



Rotational variables.
A quick review.

- The variables that are used to describe rotational motion are:
  - Angular position θ
  - Angular velocity $\omega = d\theta/dt$
  - Angular acceleration $\alpha = d\omega/dt$
- The rotational variables are related to the linear variables:
  - Linear position $l = R\theta$
  - Linear velocity $v = R\omega$
  - Linear acceleration $a = R\alpha$



Rotational Kinetic Energy.
A quick review.

- Since the components of a rotating object have a non-zero (linear) velocity we can associate a kinetic energy with the rotational motion:

$$K = \sum_i \frac{1}{2} m_i v_i^2 = \sum_i \frac{1}{2} m_i \left(\omega r_i\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2}\left\{\sum_i m_i r_i^2\right\}\omega^2 = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2$$

- The kinetic energy is proportional to square of the rotational velocity ω. Note: the equation is similar to the translational kinetic energy (1/2 mv^2) except that instead of being proportional to the the mass m of the object, the rotational kinetic energy is proportional to the **moment of inertia I** of the object:

$$I = \sum_i m_i r_i^2 \quad \text{or} \quad I = \int r^2 dm$$

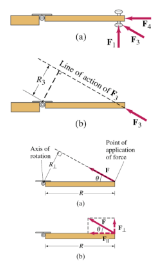
Note: units of *I*: kg m^2

Torque.

- In general the torque associated with a force F is equal to

$$\vec{\tau} = rF\sin\phi = \vec{\mathbf{r}} \times \vec{\mathbf{F}}$$

- The arm of the force (also called the moment arm) is defined as $r\sin\phi$. The arm of the force is the perpendicular distance of the axis of rotation from the line of action of the force.
- If the arm of the force is 0, the torque is 0, and there will be no rotation.
- The maximum torque is achieved when the angle ϕ is 90°.



Torque. A quick review.

- The torque τ of the force F is related to the angular acceleration α:

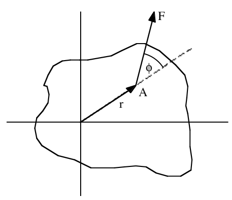
$\tau = I\alpha$

- This equation looks similar to Newton's second law for linear motion:

$F = ma$

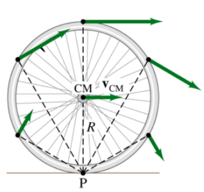
- Note:

linear	rotational
mass m	moment I
force F	torque τ



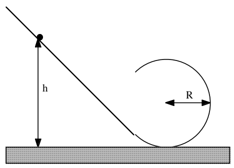
Rolling motion. A quick review.

- Rolling motion is a combination of translational and rotational motion.
- The kinetic energy of rolling motion has thus two contributions:
  - Translational kinetic energy = (1/2) $M\,v_{cm}^2$.
  - Rotational kinetic energy = (1/2) $I_{cm}\,\omega^2$.
- Assuming the wheel does not slip: $\omega = v / R$.



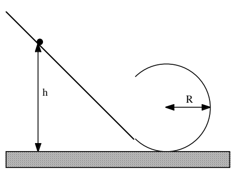
How different is a world with rotational motion? Sample problem.

- Consider the loop-to-loop. What height h is required to make it to the top of the loop?
- First consider the case without rotation:
  - Initial mechanical energy = mgh.
  - Minimum velocity at the top of the loop is determine by requiring that
    $mv^2/R > mg$
    or
    $v^2 > gR$
  - The mechanical energy is thus equal to
    $(1/2)mv^2 + 2mgR > (5/2)mgR$
  - Conservation of energy requires
    $h > (5/2)R$



How different is a world with rotational motion? Sample problem.

- What changes when the object rotates?
  - The minimum velocity at the top of the loop will not change.
  - The minimum translational kinetic energy at the top of the loop will not change.
  - But in addition to translational kinetic energy, there is now also rotational kinetic energy.
  - The minimum mechanical energy is at the top of the loop has thus increased.
  - The required minimum height must thus have increased.
- OK, let's now calculate by how much the minimum height has increased.



How different is a world with rotational motion? Sample problem.

- The total kinetic energy at the top of the loop is equal to

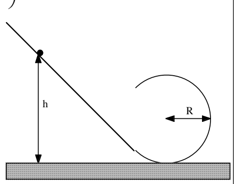
$$K_f = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2 + \frac{1}{2}Mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{I}{r^2} + M\right)v^2$$

- This expression can be rewritten as

$$K_f = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{2}{5}M + M\right)v^2 = \frac{7}{10}Mv^2$$

- We now know the minimum mechanical energy required to reach this point and thus the minimum height:

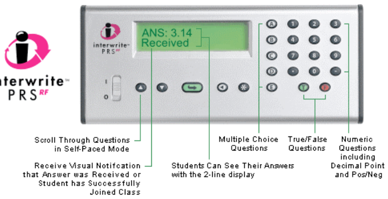
$$h \geq \frac{27}{10}R$$



Note: without rotation $h \geq 25/10\ R$!!!

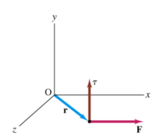
Torque and rotational motion.

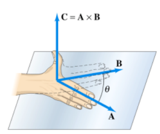
- Let’s test our understanding of the basic aspects of torque and rotational motion by working on the following concept problems:
  - Q17.1
  - Q17.2
  - Q17.3
  - Q17.4
  - Q17.5



Torque.

- The torque associated with a force is a vector. It has a magnitude and a direction.
- The direction of the torque can be found by using the right-hand rule to evaluate **r** x **F**.
- For extended objects, the total torque is equal to the vector sum of the torque associated with each “component” of this object.



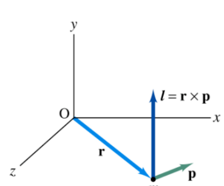


Angular momentum.

- We have seen many similarities between the way in which we describe linear and rotational motion.
- Our treatment of these types of motion are similar if we recognize the following equivalence:

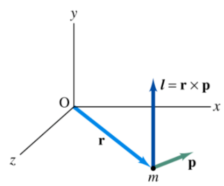
<u>linear</u>	<u>rotational</u>
mass m	moment I
force F	torque $\tau = r \times F$

- What is the equivalent to linear momentum? Answer: **angular momentum**.



Angular momentum.

- The **angular momentum** is defined as the vector product between the position vector and the linear momentum.
- Note:
  - Compare this definition with the definition of the torque.
  - Angular momentum is a vector.
  - The unit of angular momentum is kg m^2/s.
  - The angular momentum depends on both the magnitude and the direction of the position and linear momentum vectors.
  - Under certain circumstances the angular momentum of a system is conserved!

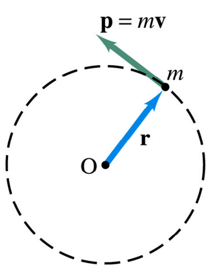


Angular momentum.

- Consider an object carrying out circular motion.
- For this type of motion, the position vector will be perpendicular to the momentum vector.
- The magnitude of the angular momentum is equal to the product of the magnitude of the radius r and the linear momentum p:

$$L = mvr = mr^2(v/r) = I\omega$$

- Note: compare this with $p = mv$!

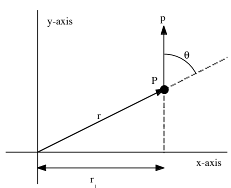


Angular momentum.

- An object does not need to carry out rotational motion to have an angular moment.
- Consider a particle P carrying out linear motion in the xy plane.
- The angular momentum of P (with respect to the origin) is equal to

$$\vec{\mathbf{L}} = \vec{\mathbf{r}} \times \vec{\mathbf{p}} = mrv\sin\theta\,\hat{\mathbf{k}} = $$
$$= mvr_\perp\hat{\mathbf{k}} = pr_\perp\hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

and will be constant (if the linear momentum is constant).



Conservation of angular momentum.

- Consider the change in the angular momentum of a particle:

$$\frac{d\vec{\mathbf{L}}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}\left(\vec{\mathbf{r}} \times \vec{\mathbf{p}}\right) = m\left(\vec{\mathbf{r}} \times \frac{d\vec{\mathbf{v}}}{dt} + \frac{d\vec{\mathbf{r}}}{dt} \times \vec{\mathbf{v}}\right) =$$

$$= m\left(\vec{\mathbf{r}} \times \vec{\mathbf{a}} + \vec{\mathbf{v}} \times \vec{\mathbf{v}}\right) = \vec{\mathbf{r}} \times \sum \vec{\mathbf{F}} = \sum \vec{\tau}$$

- Consider what happens when the net torque is equal to 0:

$dL/dt = 0 \rightarrow L =$ constant (conservation of angular momentum)

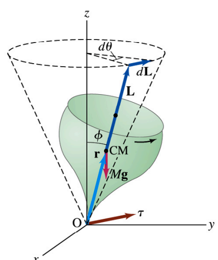
- When we take the sum of all torques, the torques due to the internal forces cancel and the sum is equal to torque due to all external forces.
- Note: notice again the similarities between linear and rotational motion.

Conservation of angular momentum.

- The connection between the angular momentum L and the torque τ

$$\sum \vec{\tau} = \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt}$$

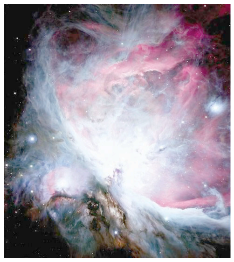
is only true if L and τ are calculated with respect to the same reference point (which is at rest in an inertial reference frame).
- The relation is also true if L and τ are calculated with respect to the center of mass of the object (note: center of mass can accelerate).



Conservation of angular momentum.

- Ignoring the mass of the bicycle wheel, the external torque will be close to zero if we use the center of the disk as our reference point.
- Since the external torque is zero, angular momentum thus should be conserved.
- I can change the orientation of the wheel by applying internal forces. In which direction will I need to spin to conserve angular momentum?

Done for today!
More about rotational motion on Thursday.



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