

16 Planar Kinematics of a Rigid Body

16.1 Planar Rigid-Body Motion

planar motion: motion such that all particles move along paths equidistant from a fixed plane

16.2 Translation

translation: planar motion such that all lines remain parallel to their original orientations

rectilinear translation: translation such that all points move along parallel paths

curvilinear translation: translation such that all points move along curved paths

base point: the origin of a relative coordinate system

The kinematic equations of point B and base point A on a translating rigid body are:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{r}_B &= \mathbf{r}_A + \mathbf{r}_{B/A} \\ \mathbf{v}_B &= \mathbf{v}_A \\ \mathbf{a}_B &= \mathbf{a}_A\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

16.3 Rotation about a Fixed Axis

rotation: planar motion such that all points travel in circular paths about a fixed axis

The kinematic equations for rotation with constant angular acceleration are:

$$\begin{aligned}\omega &= \omega_0 + \alpha t \\ \theta &= \theta_0 + \omega_0 t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2 \\ \omega^2 &= \omega_0^2 + 2\alpha(\theta - \theta_0)\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

Let \mathbf{r}_P be the vector from any point on the axis of rotation to the position of the rotated point, \mathbf{a}_t be the tangential acceleration, and \mathbf{a}_n be the normal acceleration. Then the kinematic equations for general rotation about a fixed axis are:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha \, d\theta &= \omega \, d\omega \\ \mathbf{v} &= \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_P \\ \mathbf{a} &= \mathbf{a}_t + \mathbf{a}_n = \boldsymbol{\alpha} \times \mathbf{r}_P - \omega^2 \mathbf{r}_P\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

16.4 Absolute Motion Analysis

general plane motion: planar motion that combines translation and rotation

Analyze general plane motion by relating a rectilinear position s to an angular position θ by geometry and trigonometry, then differentiate to relate velocity v to angular velocity ω .

centre of mass (G): the one point in a body such that all external forces whose lines of action pass through it create no rotation of the body

At the centre of mass of a circular object that rolls without slipping:

$$s_G = \theta r \quad v_G = \omega r \quad a_G = \alpha r\tag{4}$$

16.5 Relative-Motion Analysis: Velocity

Let A be the base point of a translating coordinate system and ω be the angular velocity of B about A . Then the velocity of point B is:

$$\mathbf{v}_B = \mathbf{v}_A + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_{B/A} \quad (5)$$

16.6 Instantaneous Center of Zero Velocity

instantaneous centre of zero velocity: a base point with zero velocity

On a rigid body, the velocity of every point is perpendicular to their displacement from the instantaneous centre of zero velocity, and every point purely rotates about it:

$$\mathbf{v}_B = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_{B/IC} \quad (6)$$

centrode: the path traced by the instantaneous centre of zero velocity as it moves over time

16.7 Relative-Motion Analysis: Acceleration

Let A be the base point of a translating coordinate system, ω be the angular velocity, and α be the angular acceleration of B about A . Then the acceleration of point B is:

$$\mathbf{a}_B = \mathbf{a}_A + (\mathbf{a}_{B/A})_t + (\mathbf{a}_{B/A})_n = \mathbf{a}_A + \boldsymbol{\alpha} \times \mathbf{r}_{B/A} - \omega^2 \mathbf{r}_{B/A} \quad (7)$$

16.8 Relative-Motion Analysis using Rotating Axes

Let A be the base point of a translating and rotating coordinate system, $(v_{B/A})_{rel}$ and $(a_{B/A})_{rel}$ be the velocity and acceleration of B inside the coordinate system, and ω and α be the angular velocity and acceleration of the coordinate system. Then the kinematic equations of point B are:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}_B &= \mathbf{r}_A + \mathbf{r}_{B/A} \\ \mathbf{v}_B &= \mathbf{v}_A + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_{B/A} + (v_{B/A})_{rel} \\ \mathbf{a}_B &= \mathbf{a}_A + \boldsymbol{\alpha} \times \mathbf{r}_{B/A} - \omega^2 \mathbf{r}_{B/A} + 2\boldsymbol{\omega} \times (v_{B/A})_{rel} + (a_{B/A})_{rel} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Coriolis acceleration: the $2\boldsymbol{\omega} \times (v_{B/A})_{rel}$ term of acceleration in a rotating reference frame

17 Planar Kinetics of a Rigid Body: Force and Acceleration

17.1 Mass Moment of Inertia

mass moment of inertia (I): a measure of the resistance of a body to angular acceleration. Let r be the moment arm and ρ be the density of a body. Then the mass moment of inertia is the integral of the second moment of mass about some axis:

$$I = \int_m r^2 dm = \int_V r^2 \rho dV \quad (9)$$

The usual mass moment of inertia I_G is about the axis normal to the plane of motion that passes through the centre of mass.

parallel-axis theorem: the moment of inertia about a parallel axis d away is:

$$I = I_G + md^2 \quad (10)$$

radius of gyration (k): a measure of the resistance of a shape to angular acceleration

$$I = mk^2 \quad (11)$$

17.2 Planar Kinetic Equations of Motion

The kinetic equations of a rigid body in general plane motion are:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F}_R &= m\mathbf{a}_G \\ (M_R)_G &= I_G\alpha \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

17.3 Equations of Motion: Translation

The kinetic equations of a translating rigid body reduce to:

$$\begin{aligned} (F_R)_x &= m(a_G)_x & (F_R)_n &= m(a_G)_n \\ (F_R)_y &= m(a_G)_y & (F_R)_t &= m(a_G)_t \\ (M_R)_G &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

17.4 Equations of Motion: Rotation about a Fixed Axis

The kinetic equations of a rigid body rotating about a fixed axis O are:

$$\begin{aligned} (F_R)_n &= m\omega^2 r_G \\ (F_R)_t &= m\alpha r_G \\ (M_R)_G &= I_G\alpha \\ (M_R)_O &= I_O\alpha \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

17.5 Equations of Motion: General Plane Motion

The kinetic equations of a rigid body in general plane motion at a point A are:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{F}_R &= m\mathbf{a}_G \\ (M_R)_A &= I_G\alpha + \mathbf{r}_{G/A} \times (m\mathbf{a}_G)\end{aligned}\tag{15}$$

At the instantaneous centre of zero velocity of a circular object that rolls without slipping:

$$(M_R)_{IC} = I_{IC}\alpha\tag{16}$$

18 Planar Kinetics of a Rigid Body: Work and Energy

18.1 Kinetic Energy

The kinetic energy of a rigid body rotating about a fixed axis O is:

$$T = \frac{1}{2} I_O \omega^2 \quad (17)$$

The kinetic energy of a rigid body in general plane motion is:

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m v_G^2 + \frac{1}{2} I_G \omega^2 = \frac{1}{2} I_{IC} \omega^2 \quad (18)$$

18.2 The Work of a Force

The work done by an external force \mathbf{F} is:

$$U_F = \int \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_{s_1}^{s_2} F \cos \theta \, ds \quad (19)$$

The work done by a constant force with magnitude F and direction θ is:

$$U_F = (F \cos \theta) s \quad (20)$$

The work done by a weight W over a vertical displacement Δy is:

$$U_W = -W \Delta y \quad (21)$$

The work done by a spring force with spring constant k over a displacement from s_1 to s_2 is:

$$U_s = - \left(\frac{1}{2} k s_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} k s_1^2 \right) \quad (22)$$

Forces that act at fixed points on the body or perpendicular to their displacement do no work.

18.3 The Work of a Couple Moment

The work done by an external couple moment M is:

$$U_M = \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} M \, d\theta \quad (23)$$

The work done by a constant couple moment is:

$$U_M = M (\theta_2 - \theta_1) \quad (24)$$

18.4 Principle of Work and Energy

principle of work and energy: the work done on a rigid body is its change in energy

$$T_1 + \Sigma U = T_2 \quad (25)$$

18.5 Conservation of Energy

The gravitational potential energy of a weight W at a height y_G above the horizontal datum is:

$$V_g = Wy_g \quad (26)$$

The elastic potential energy imparted by a spring with spring constant k and displacement s is:

$$V_e = \frac{1}{2}ks^2 \quad (27)$$

conservation of energy: if only conservative forces do work, then energy is conserved

$$T_1 + V_1 = T_2 + V_2 \quad (28)$$