

PHYS 225

Fundamentals of Physics: Mechanics

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Lecture 27: Kinematics of rotation | Newton's 2nd law about rotation

Chapter 10: Rotation

- Learning objectives
 - Kinematics of rotation
 - Dynamics of rotation



Learning goals for today

- Kinematics of rotation
- Moment of inertia
- Torque

Point particle vs. object with a finite volume

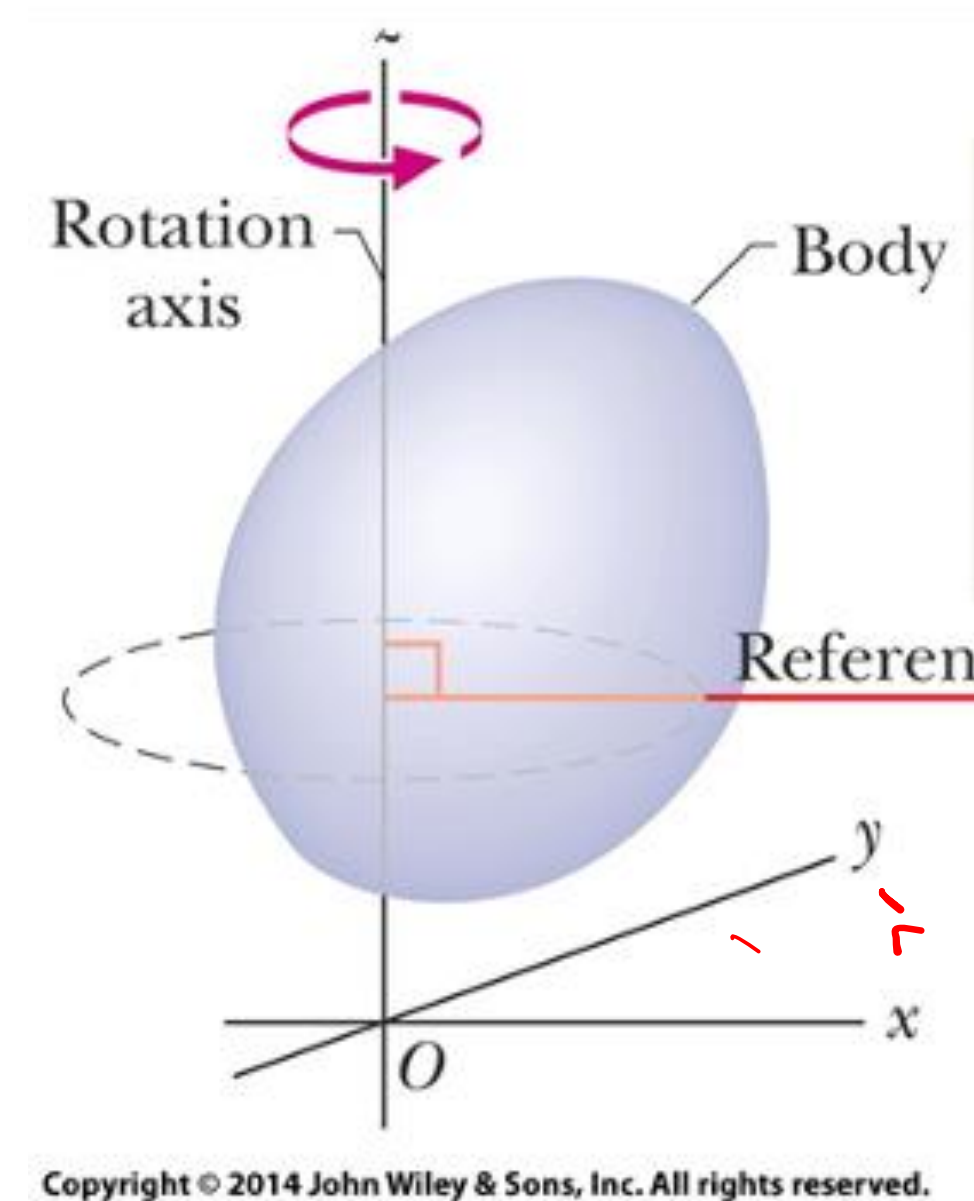
Previously



A point particle

This chapter

Rotation



Object with a finite volume

Translation & rotation

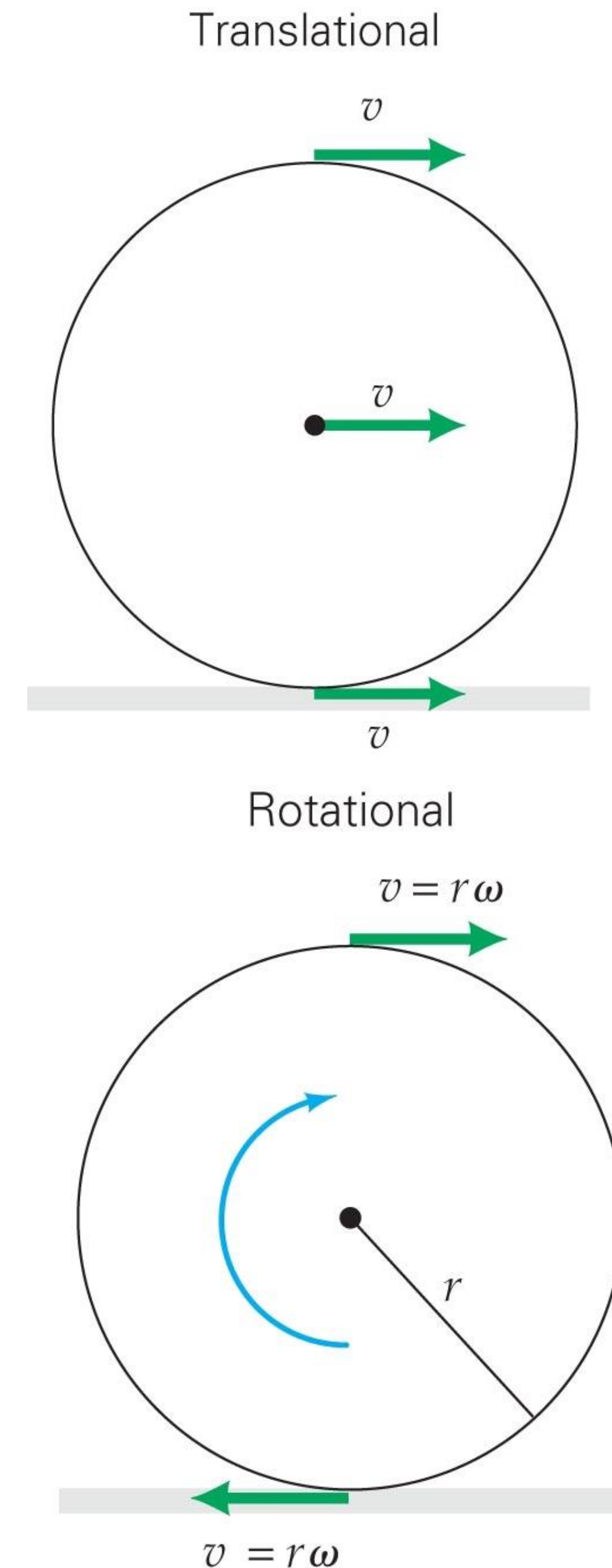
- Kinds of motion

- **Translational**

- ❖ All points have equal linear velocities, \vec{v}

- **Rotational**

- ❖ All points have equal angular velocity, $\vec{\omega}$, about a fixed axis of rotation

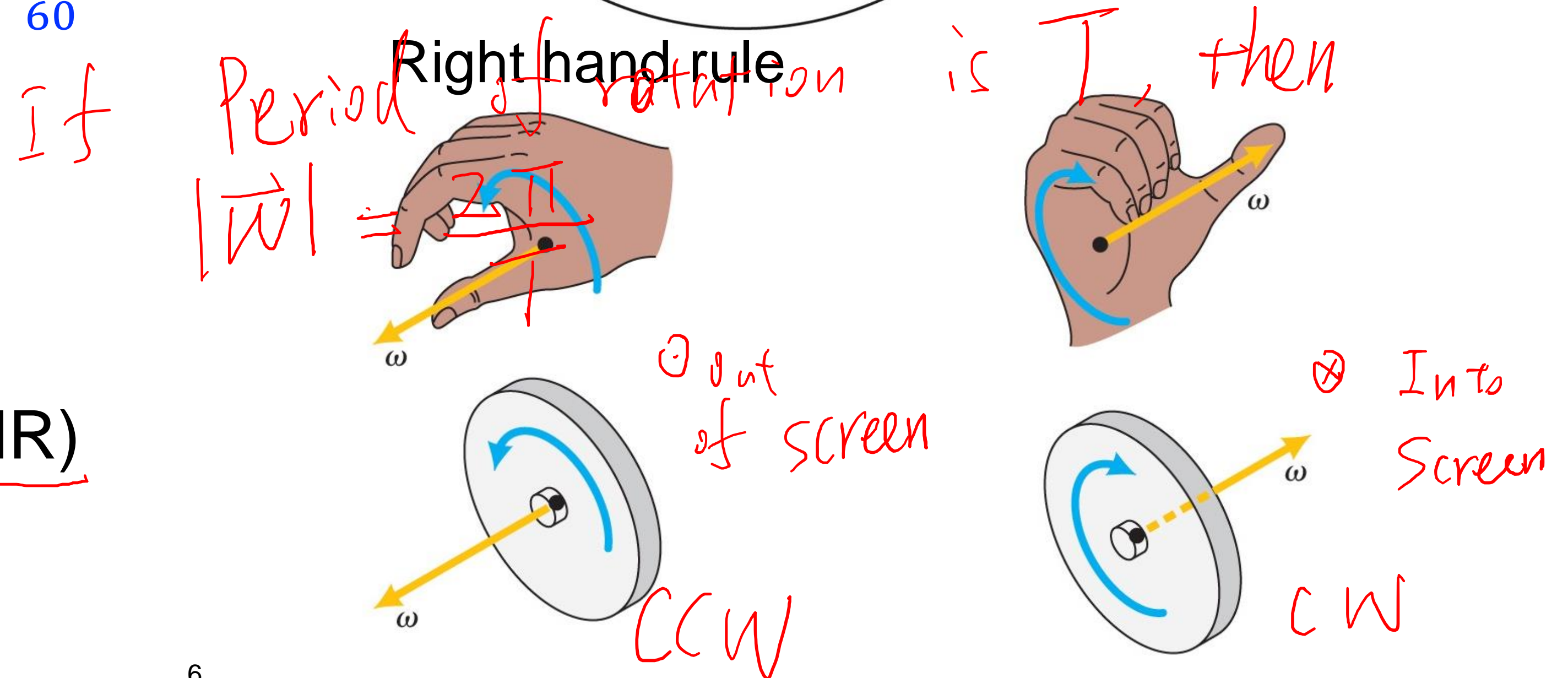
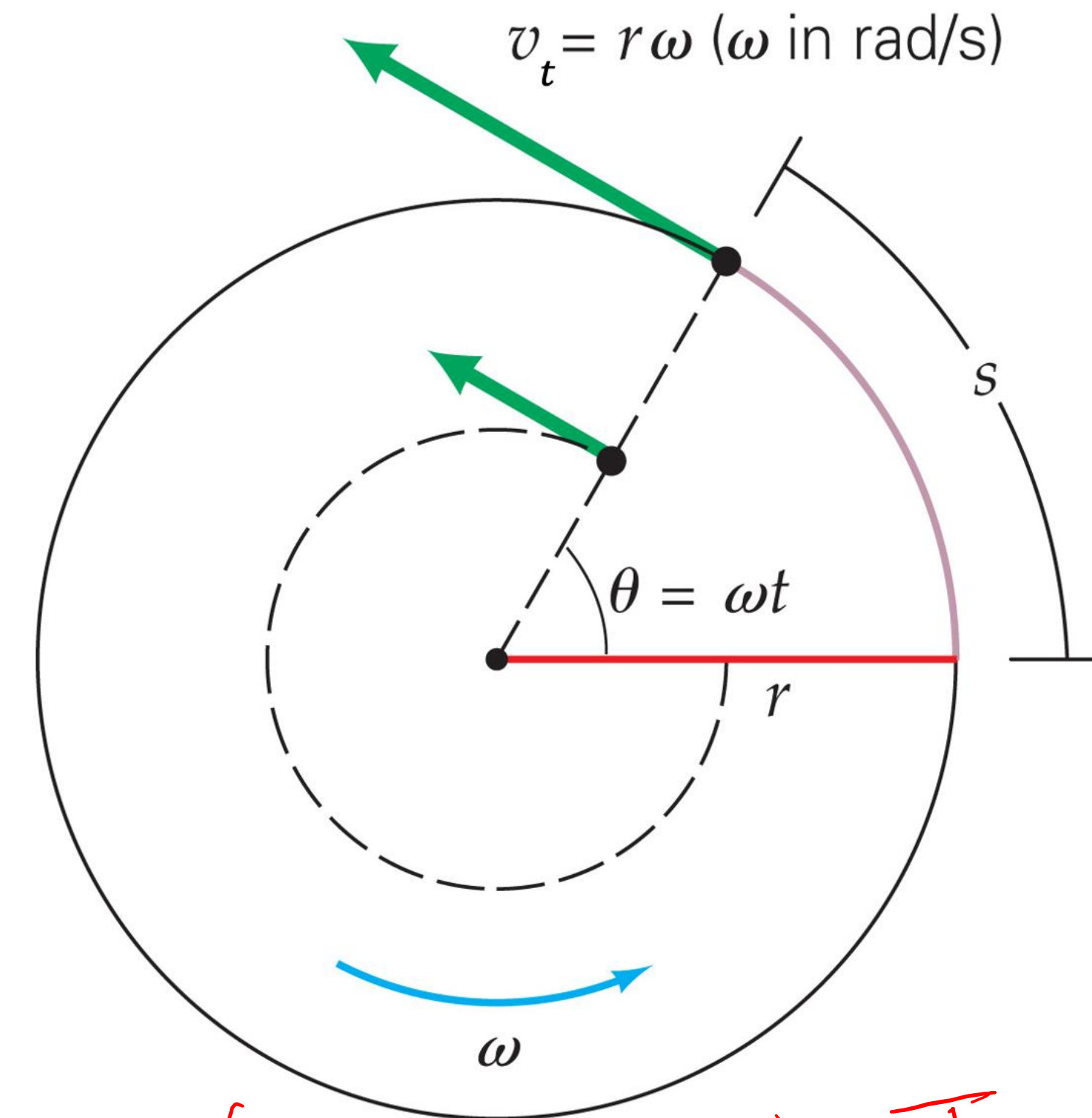


1. Angular velocity

- Angular velocity: $\vec{\omega}$
 - Magnitude** (angular speed): *any k*
 - Angle per unit time: $|\omega| = \left| \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right|$
 - Unit: rad s⁻¹ or s⁻¹ or rpm: $1 \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{min}} = \frac{2\pi}{60} \text{ s}^{-1}$



- Direction: right-hand rule (RHR)**
 - Points along "axle" of rotation

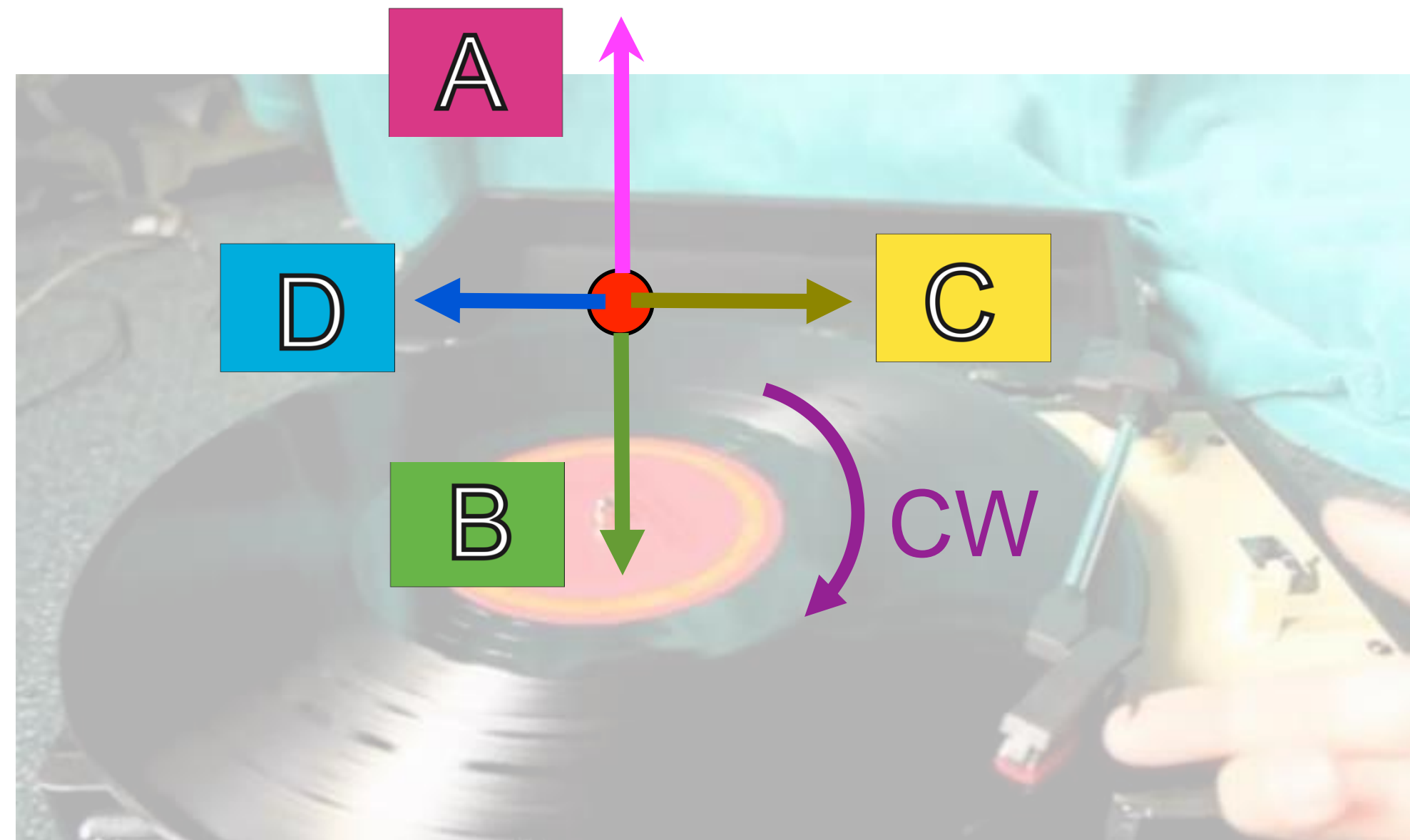


Clicker question 1

RHR

The record rotates **clockwise**. What is the direction of the **angular velocity** ($\vec{\omega}$) at the red dot?

- A Up along the axle
- ☒ B Down along the axle
- C To the right
- D To the left



2. Angular acceleration, $\vec{\alpha}$

- **Accelerated rotation:** When angular velocity, $\vec{\omega}$, changes over time



Accelerated rotation



Decelerated rotation

- **Angular acceleration:** Rate of change of angular velocity: $\vec{\alpha} = \frac{d\vec{\omega}}{dt}$

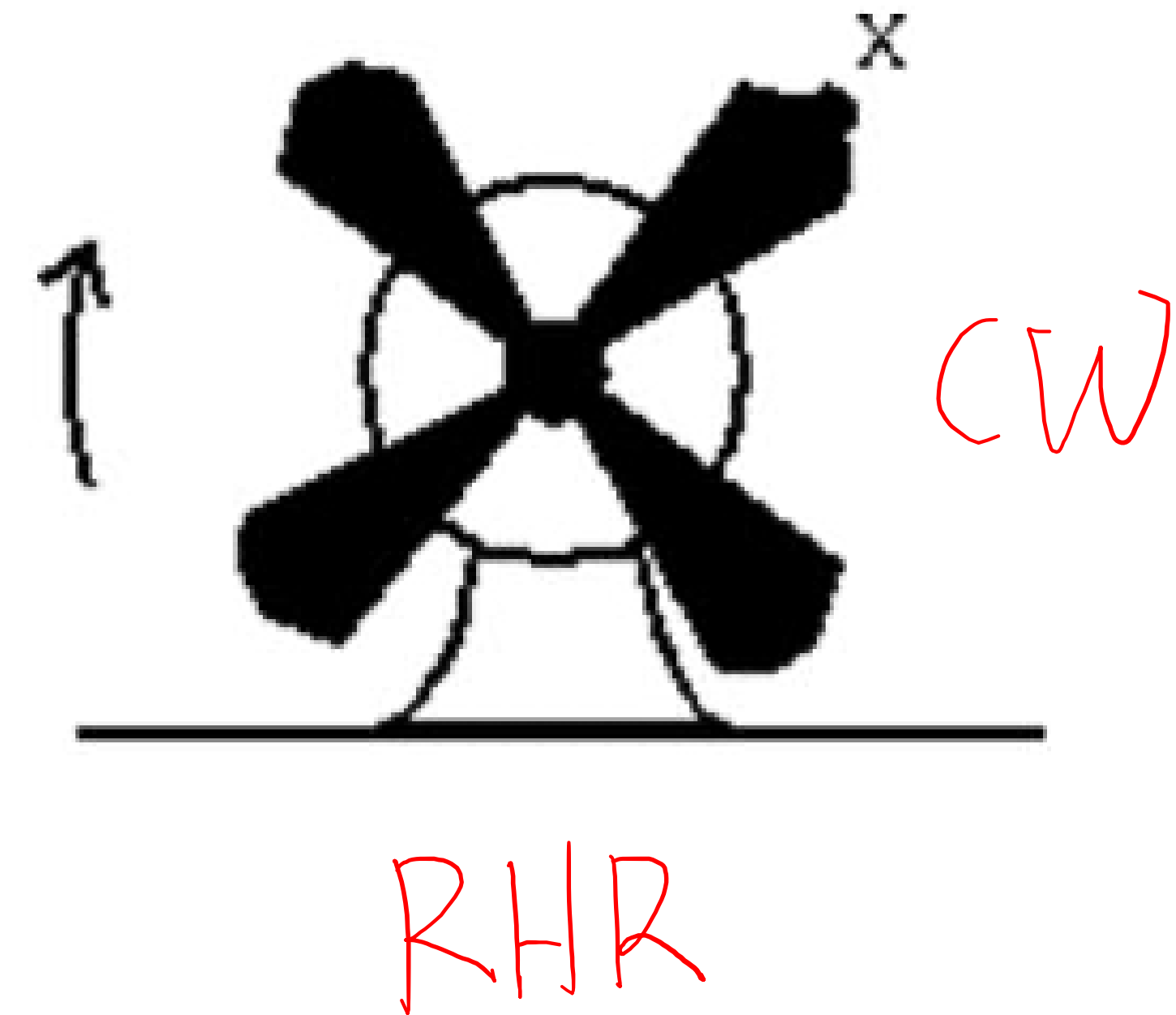
Angular acceleration, $\vec{\alpha}$

- Definition: $\vec{\alpha}$ is the rate of change of angular velocity: $\vec{\alpha} = \frac{d\vec{\omega}}{dt}$
- Magnitude (Unit: rad s^{-2} or s^{-2}):
 - Average angular acceleration: $|\vec{\alpha}| = \left| \frac{\Delta\vec{\omega}}{\Delta t} \right|$
 - Instantaneous angular acceleration: $|\vec{\alpha}| = \left| \frac{d\vec{\omega}}{dt} \right|$
- Direction:
 - if spinning faster, same as $\vec{\omega}$
 - OR if spinning slower, opposite to $\vec{\omega}$

Clicker question 2

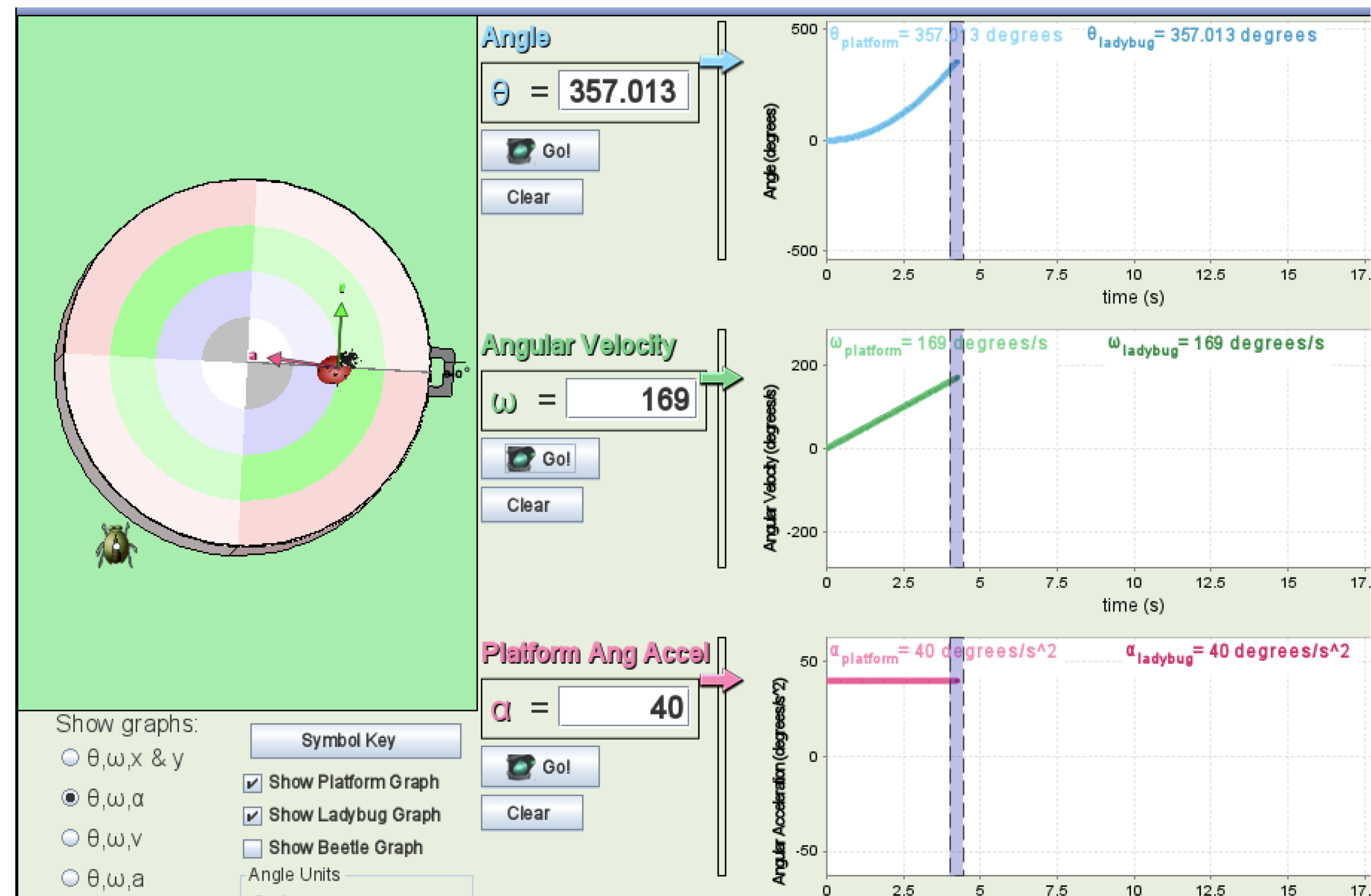
- The fan is turned on and is speeding up to rotate clockwise. What is the direction of angular acceleration, $\vec{\alpha}$?

- ☒ **A** Point into the screen
- ☐ **B** Point out of the screen
- ☐ **C** Zero



If spinning faster
then same as $\vec{\omega}$
If \sim slower, then
 $\perp \vec{\omega}$

Demo: A constant angular acceleration, $\vec{\alpha}$

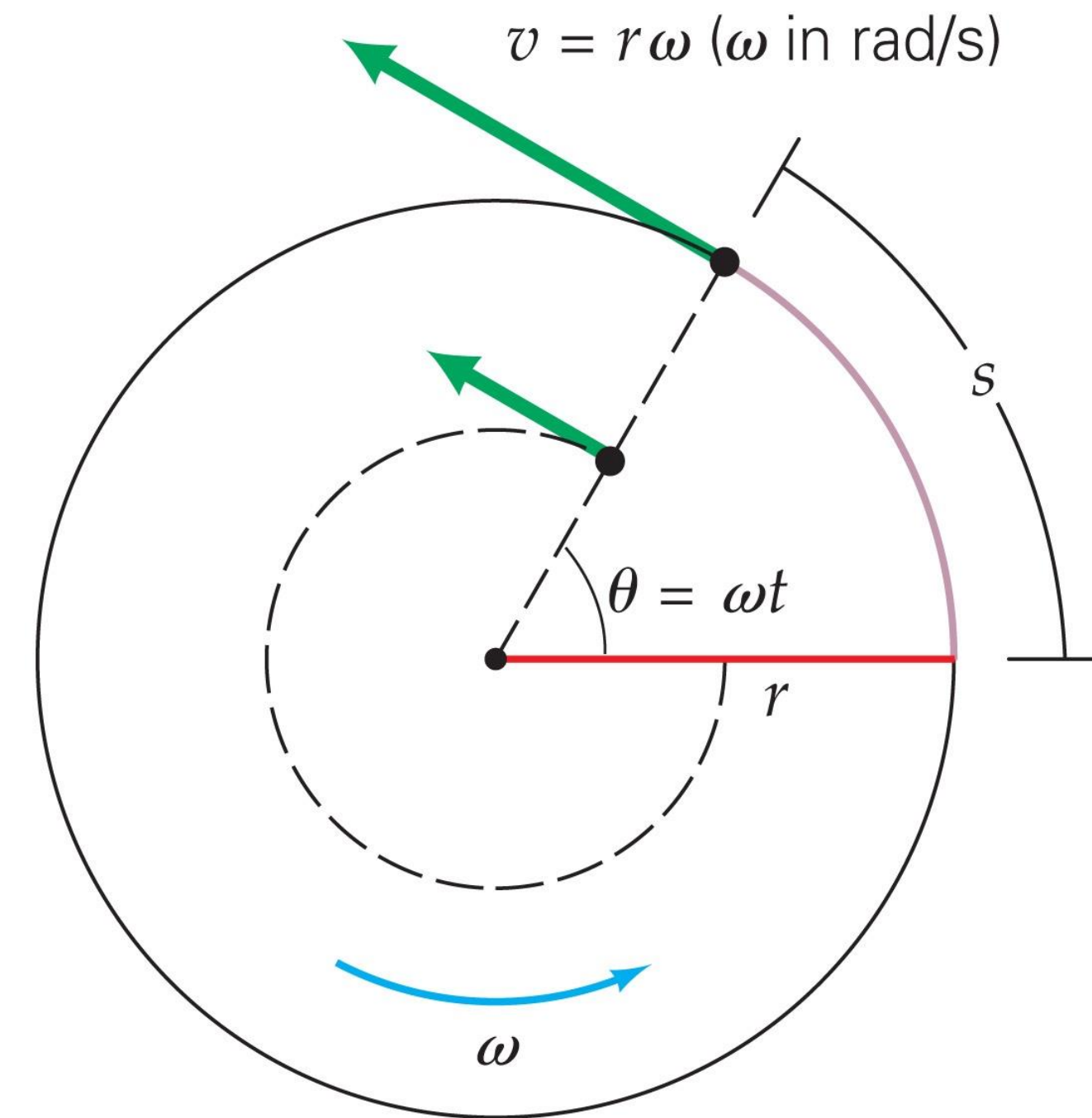


3. Kinematics of rotation with a constant angular acceleration

- If the angular acceleration, $\vec{\alpha}$, is a constant, and $t_0 = 0s$:

- Angular velocity: $\vec{\omega} = \vec{\omega}_0 + \vec{\alpha}t$
Initial angular velocity Time duration

- Angle: $\theta = \theta_0 + \omega_0 t + \frac{1}{2} \alpha t^2$
Initial angle



Analogy between 1D kinematics of linear motion and angular kinematics

Linear	Angular
$v = v_o + at$	$\omega = \omega_o + \alpha t$
$x = x_o + v_o t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$	$\theta = \theta_o + \omega_o t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2$

Clicker question 3: microwave

Given: ω_0 , α , t
Goal: ω

- A plate rotates in a microwave. The plate accelerates from rest at 0.87 rad/s^2 for 0.50 s . What is the final angular speed?

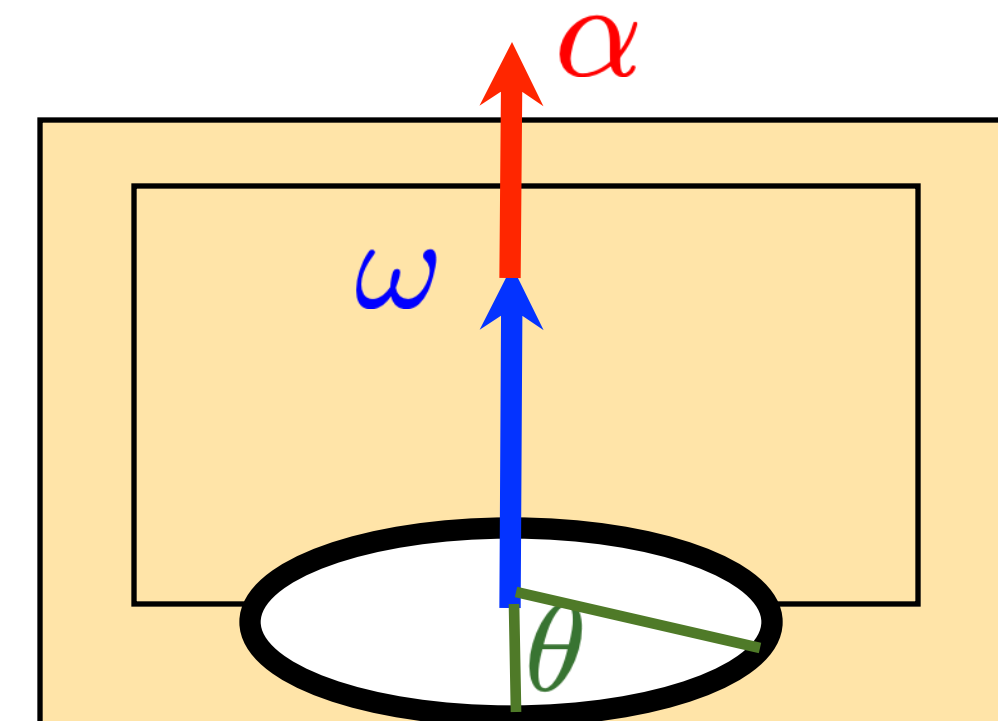
Which principle to use?

Given:

Goal:

A $\theta = \theta_0 + \omega_0 t + \frac{1}{2} \alpha t^2$

B $\omega = \omega_0 + \alpha t$



Clicker question 4: microwave

Goal: θ

- A plate rotates in a microwave. The plate accelerates from rest at an angular acceleration of 0.87 rad/s^2 for 0.50 s . The initial angle $\theta_0 = 0$. How many revolutions does it make?

Which principle to use?

Given:

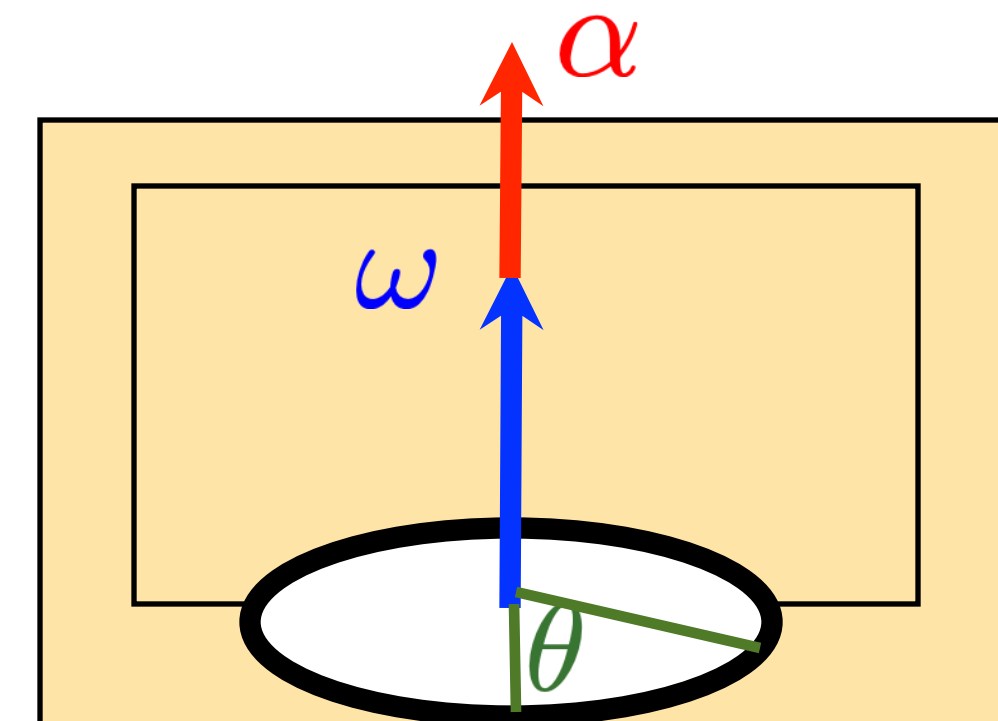
Goal:

A

$$\theta = \theta_0 + \omega_0 t + \frac{1}{2} \alpha t^2$$

B

$$\theta = \omega_0 t$$



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ExSKW1bwBq8>

Analogy: Translational/linear motion and rotational motion

Linear motion	Rotational motion
Velocity, \vec{v}	Angular velocity, $\vec{\omega}$
Acceleration, \vec{a}	Angular acceleration, $\vec{\alpha}$
Mass, m	Moment of inertia, I
Force, \vec{F}	Torque, $\vec{\tau}$
Newton's 2 nd law: $\vec{F}_{net} = m\vec{a}$	Newton's 2 nd law for rotation: ?

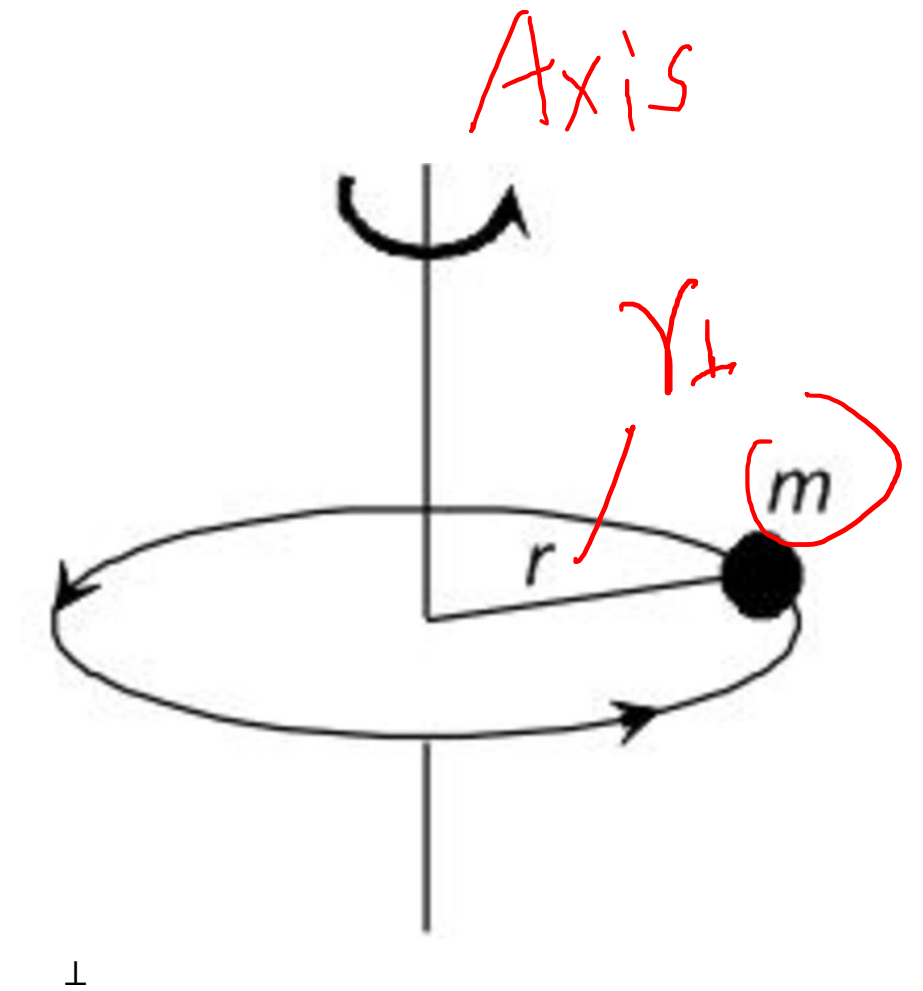
4. Moment of inertia: Rotational analogy of mass

- Moment of inertia (Unit: kg m^2): Resistance for rotation

- For a point mass:

$$I = mr_{\perp}^2$$

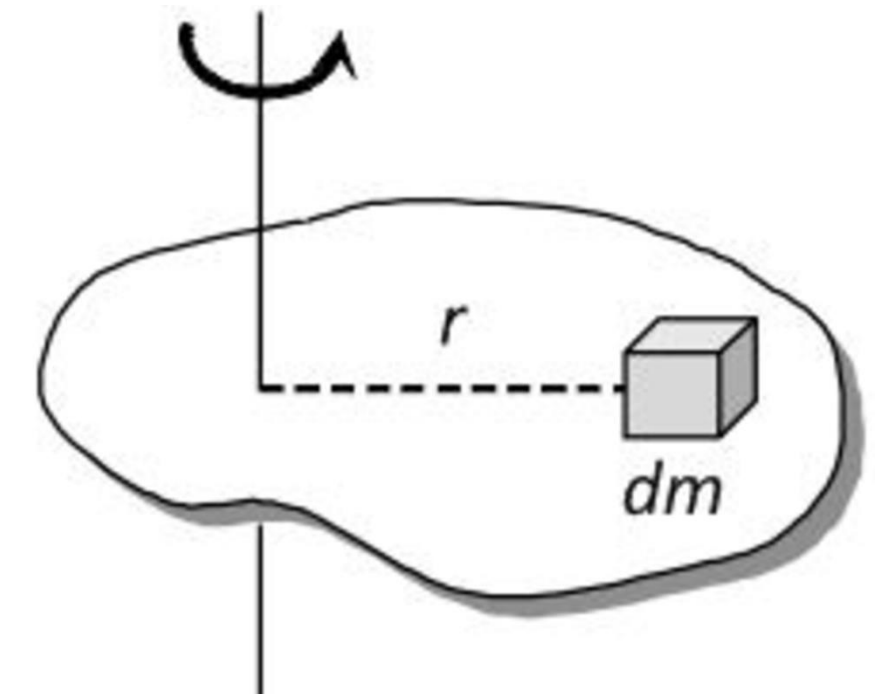
Distance from the point to the rotation axis



- For a continuous object:

$$I = \int r_{\perp}^2 dm = \int \rho r_{\perp}^2 dV$$

Mass density



Clicker question 5.1

- The moment of inertia of an object does **NOT** depend on:

A

The mass of the object



B

The spatial distribution of the mass



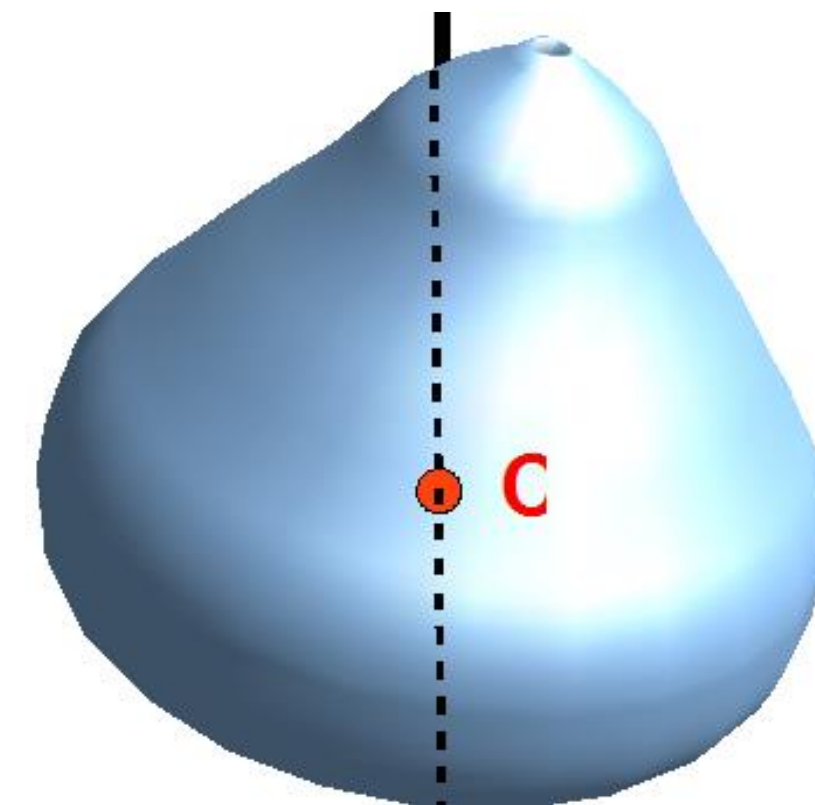
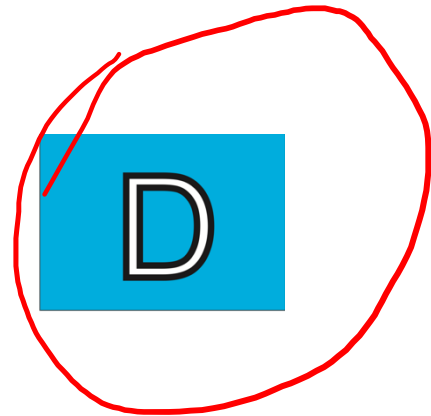
C

The location and orientation of the rotation axis



D

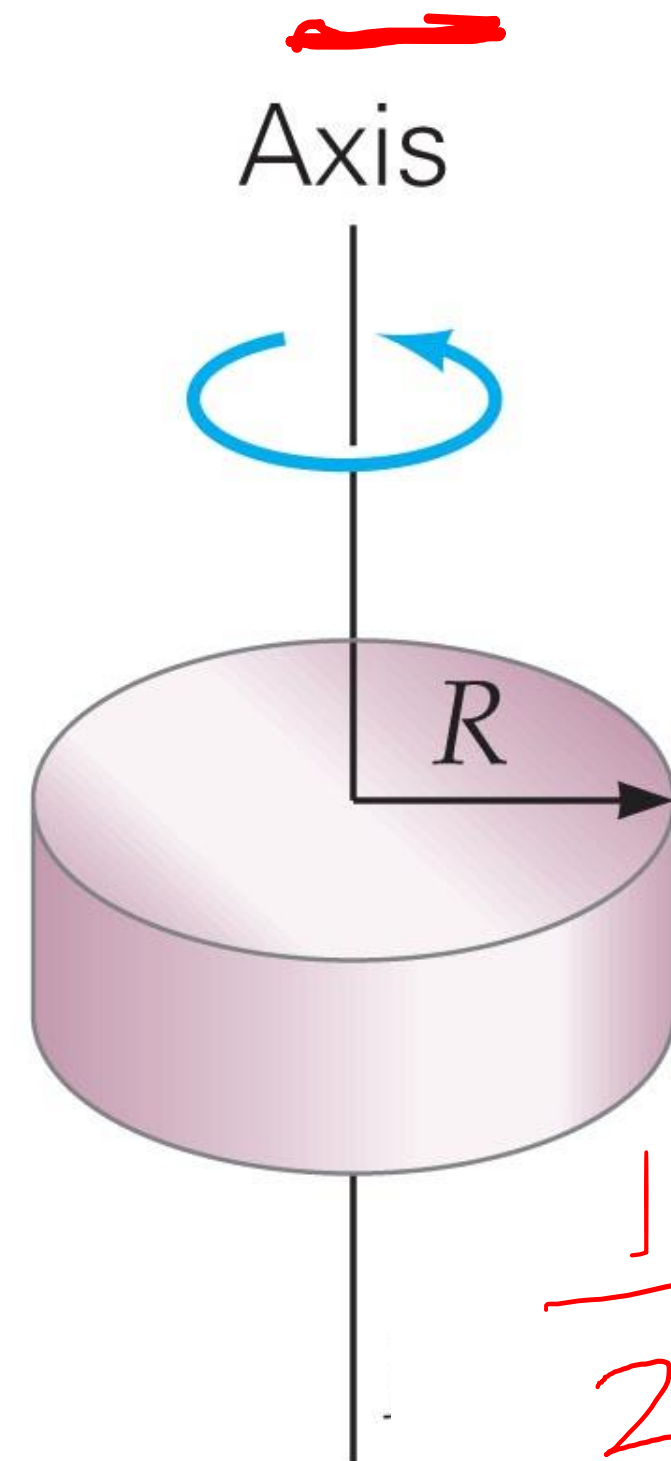
The angular speed



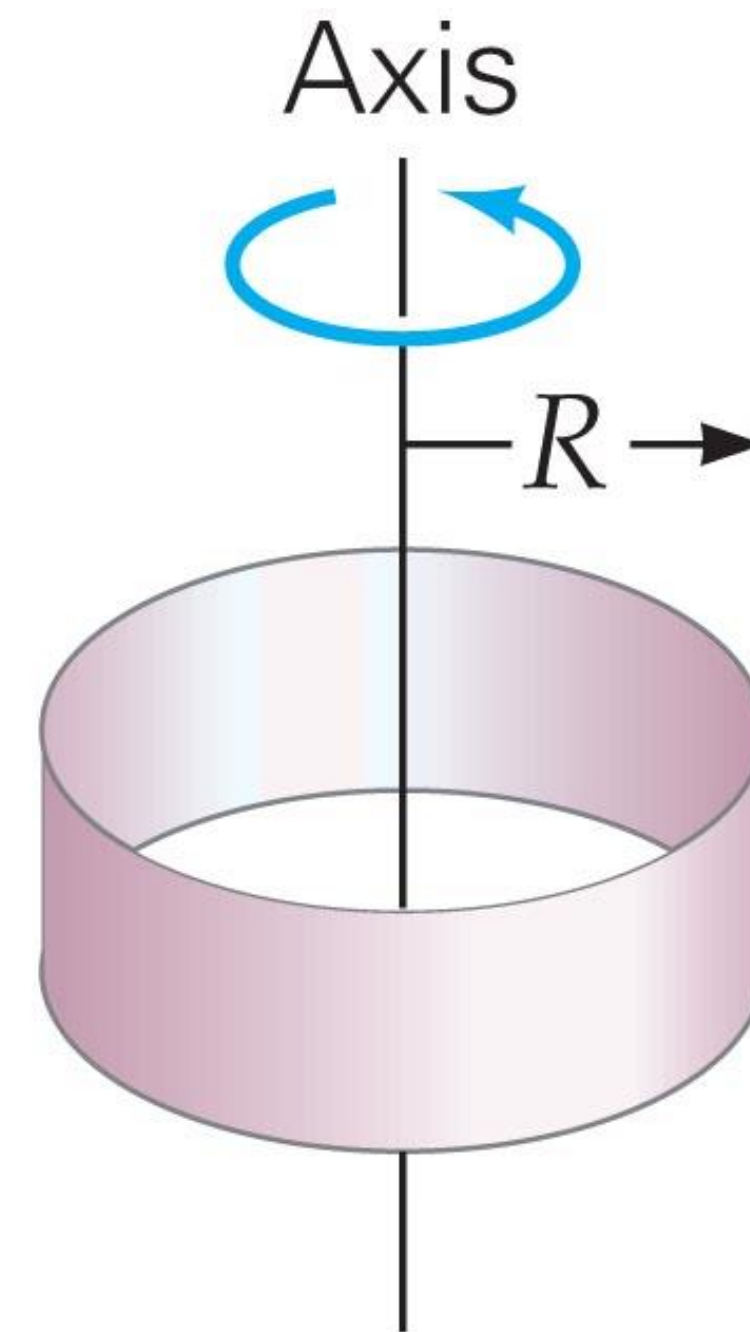
$$I = \int \rho r_{\perp}^2 dV$$

Clicker question 5.2

- Which of the following has a larger moment of inertia w.r.t. the axis specified? Both have same mass M .



$$\frac{1}{2}MR^2$$



$$MR^2$$

$$I = \int r^2 dm$$

A

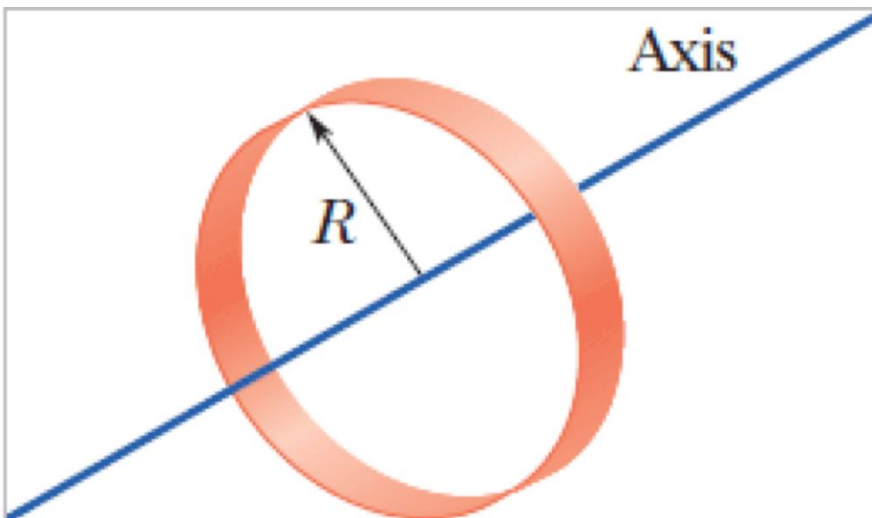
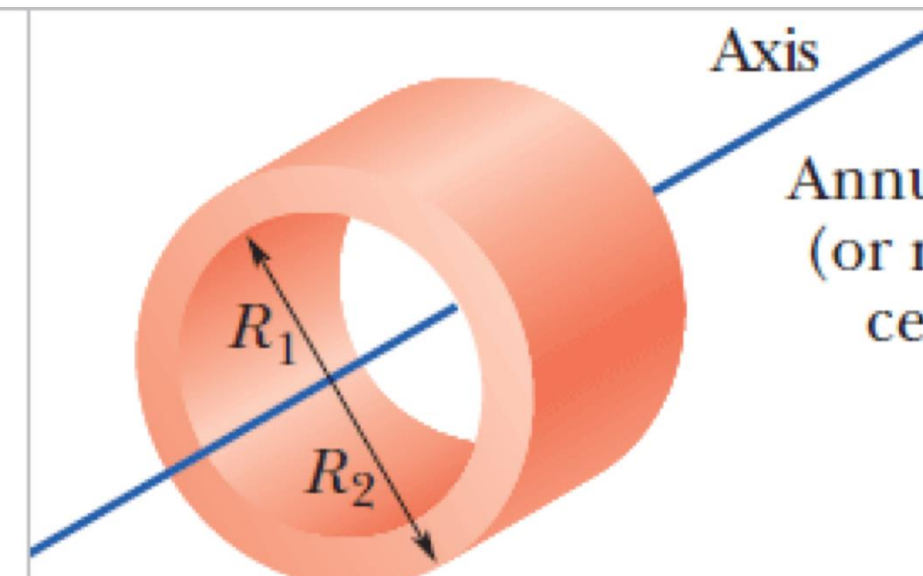
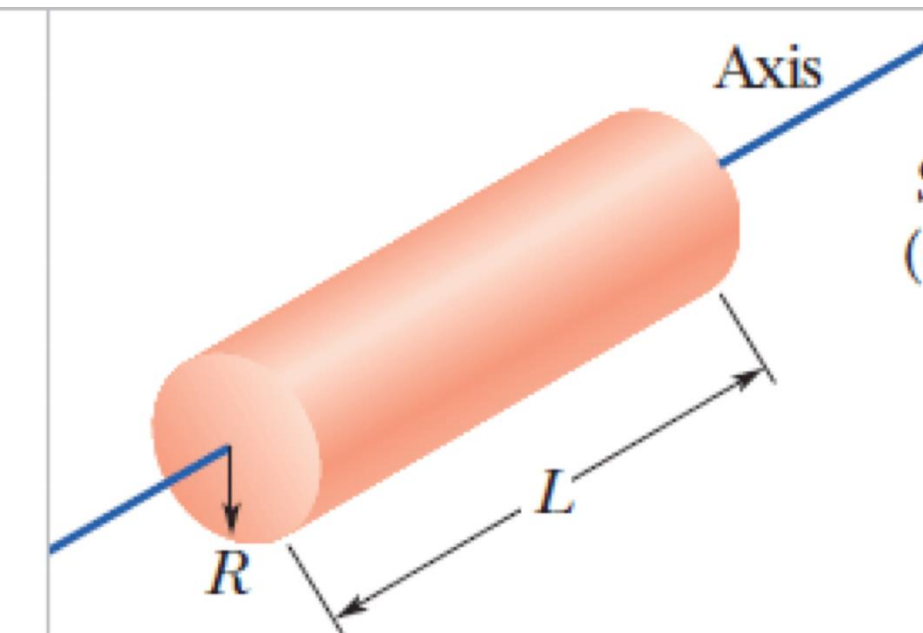
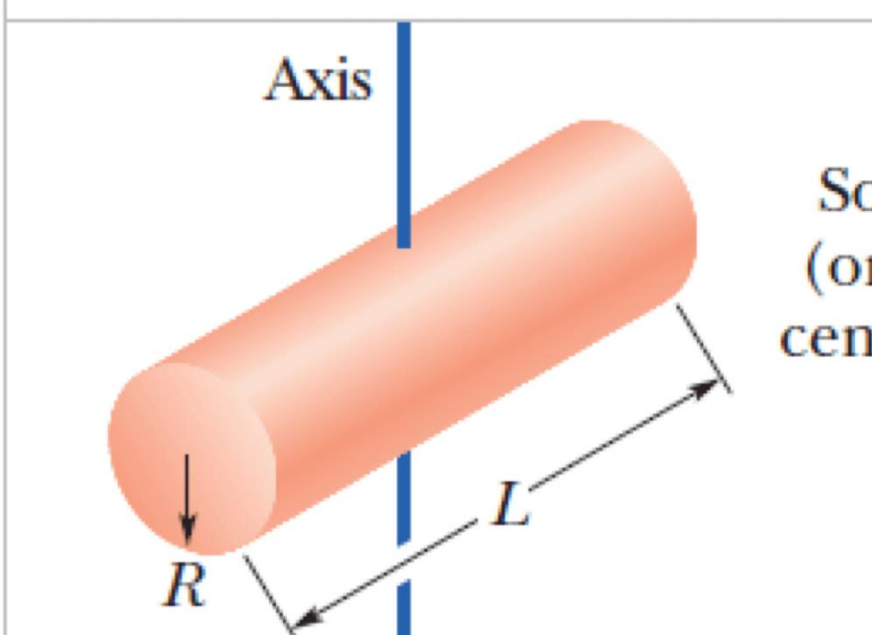
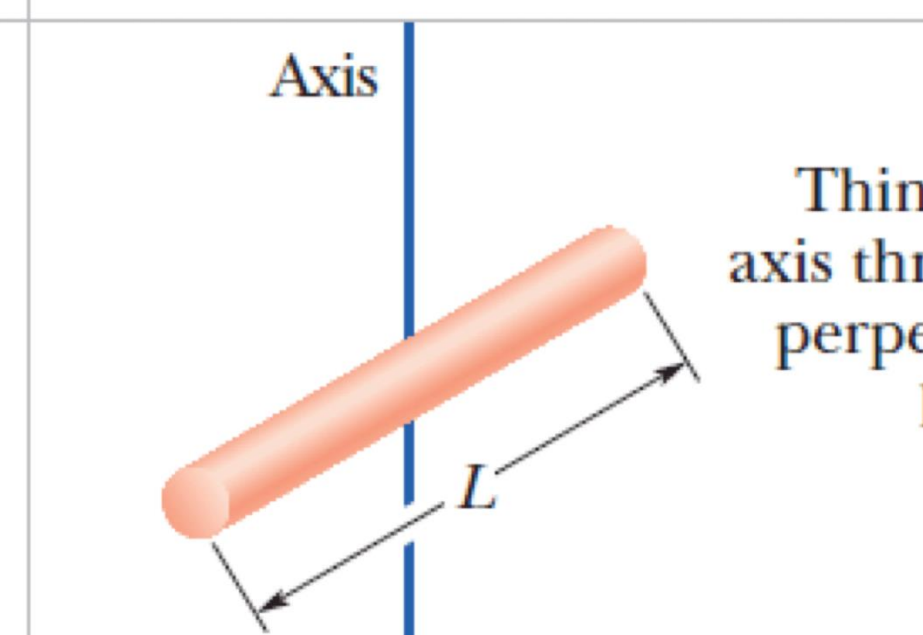
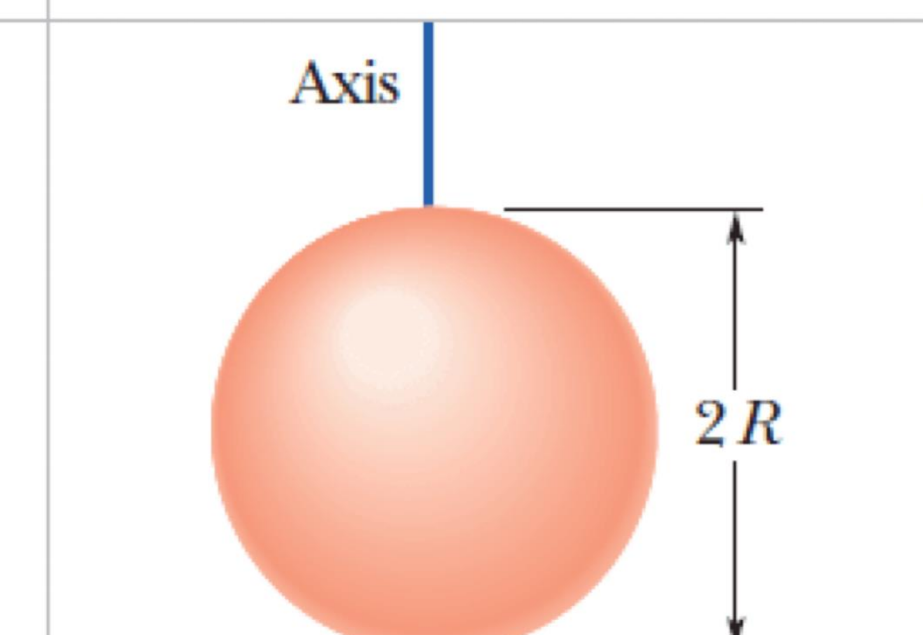
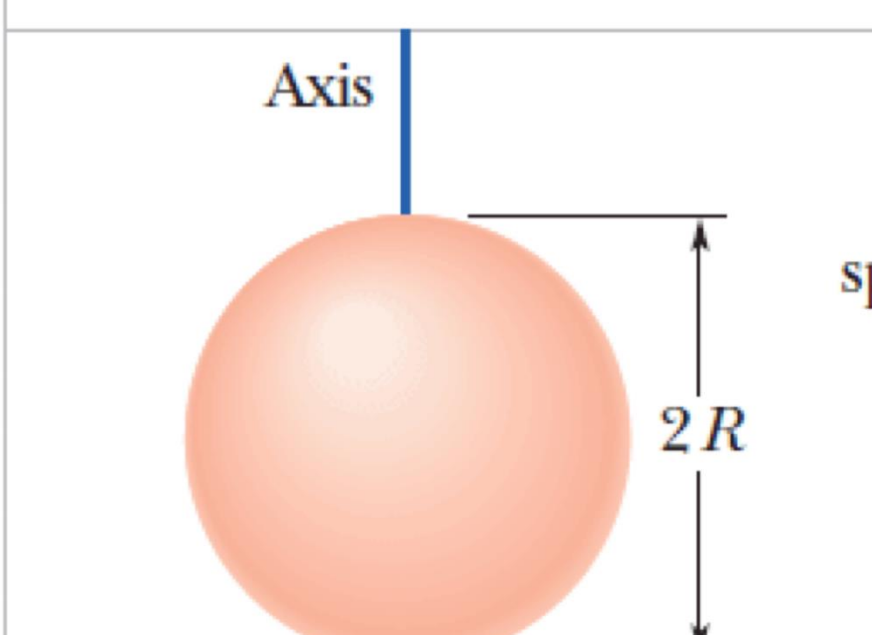
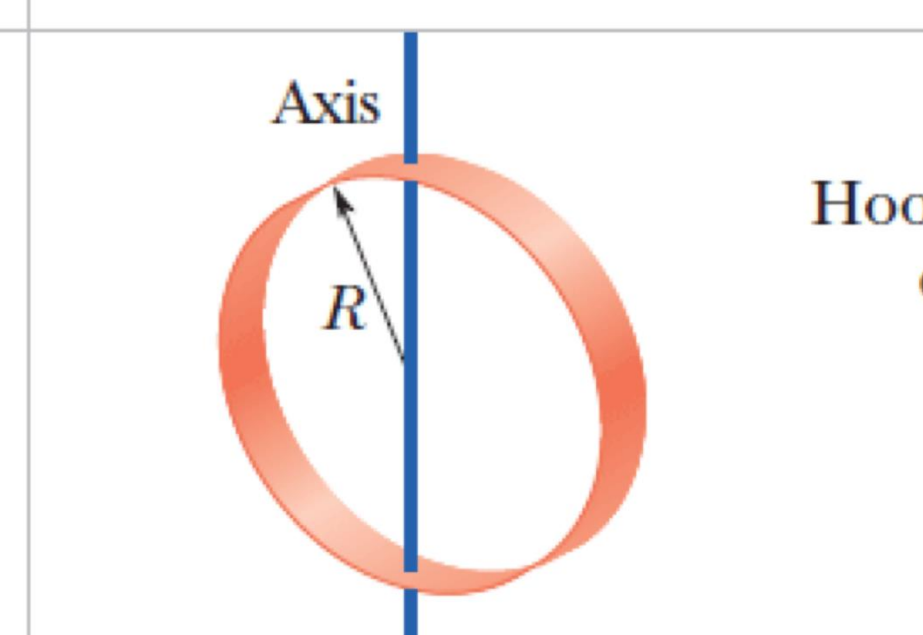
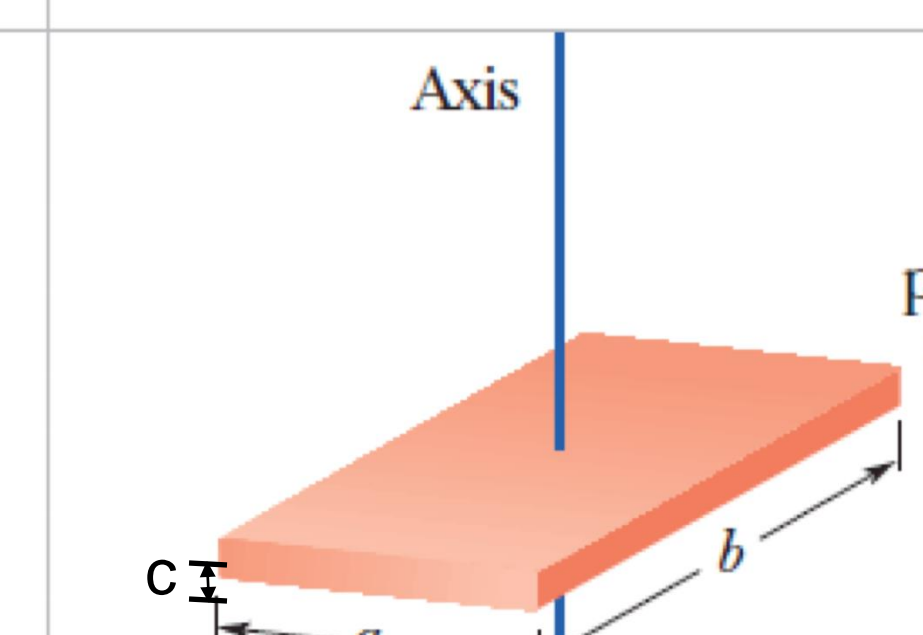
Solid cylinder or disk

B

Thin cylindrical
shell, hoop, or ring

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Table of moment of inertia for axes through center of mass (com)

 <p>Hoop about central axis</p> <p>$I = MR^2$ (a)</p>	 <p>Annular cylinder (or ring) about central axis</p> <p>$I = \frac{1}{2}M(R_1^2 + R_2^2)$ (b)</p>	 <p>Solid cylinder (or disk) about central axis</p> <p>$I = \frac{1}{2}MR^2$ (c)</p>
 <p>Solid cylinder (or disk) about central diameter</p> <p>$I = \frac{1}{4}MR^2 + \frac{1}{12}ML^2$ (d)</p>	 <p>Thin rod about axis through center perpendicular to length</p> <p>$I = \frac{1}{12}ML^2$ (e)</p>	 <p>Solid sphere about any diameter</p> <p>$I = \frac{2}{5}MR^2$ (f)</p>
 <p>Thin spherical shell about any diameter</p> <p>$I = \frac{2}{3}MR^2$ (g)</p>	 <p>Hoop about any diameter</p> <p>$I = \frac{1}{2}MR^2$ (h)</p>	 <p>Slab about perpendicular axis through center</p> <p>$I = \frac{1}{12}M(a^2 + b^2)$ (i)</p>

I_{com}

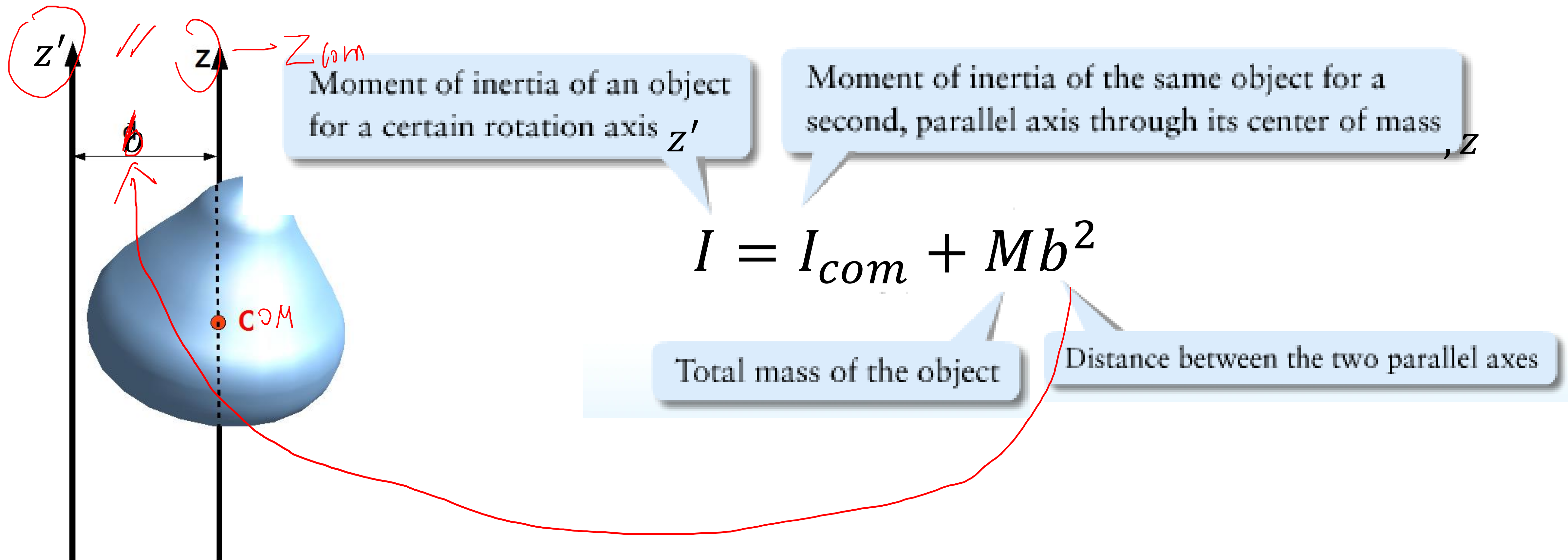
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b

I

Parallel axis theorem

- If you know the moment of inertia about an axis, \mathbf{z} , passing through the center of mass, then the moment of inertia about some **parallel axis, \mathbf{z}'** , is



Example 1

Given: M , L , z' , $I_{\text{com}} = \frac{1}{12} ML^2$, z/z'

Goal: I

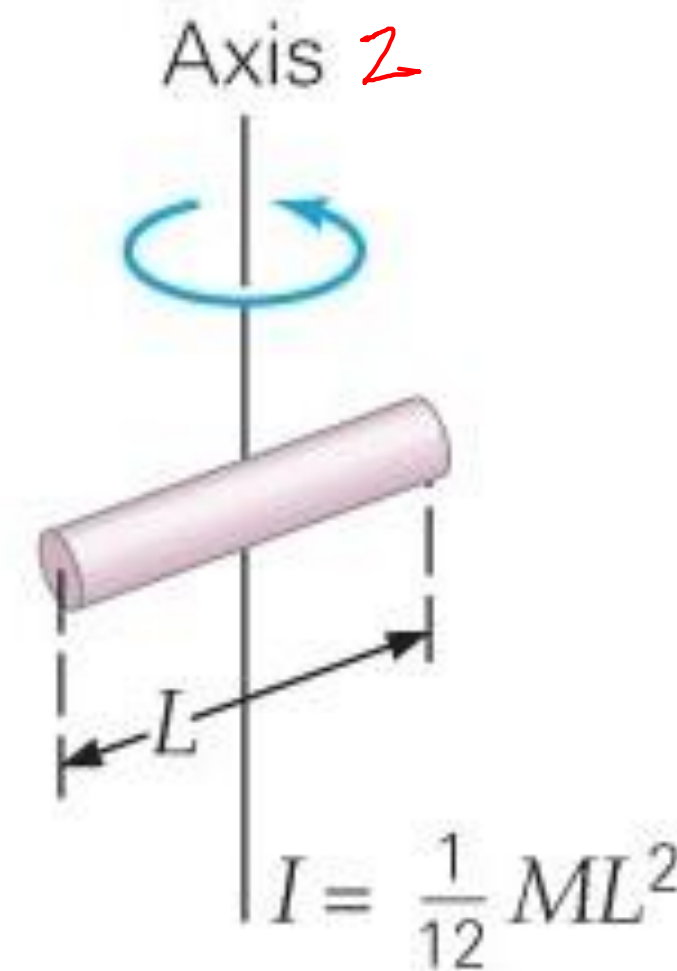
- The rod of mass $M = 1.0$ kg and length of $L = 1.0$ m rotates with respect to the axis perpendicular to the rod at the end of the rod. Please find the moment of inertia of the rod w.r.t. the axis. (**Hint:** Moment of inertia of a uniform thin rod of length L with respect to its center of mass is $\frac{1}{12} ML^2$)

Step 1: Parallel axis theorem;

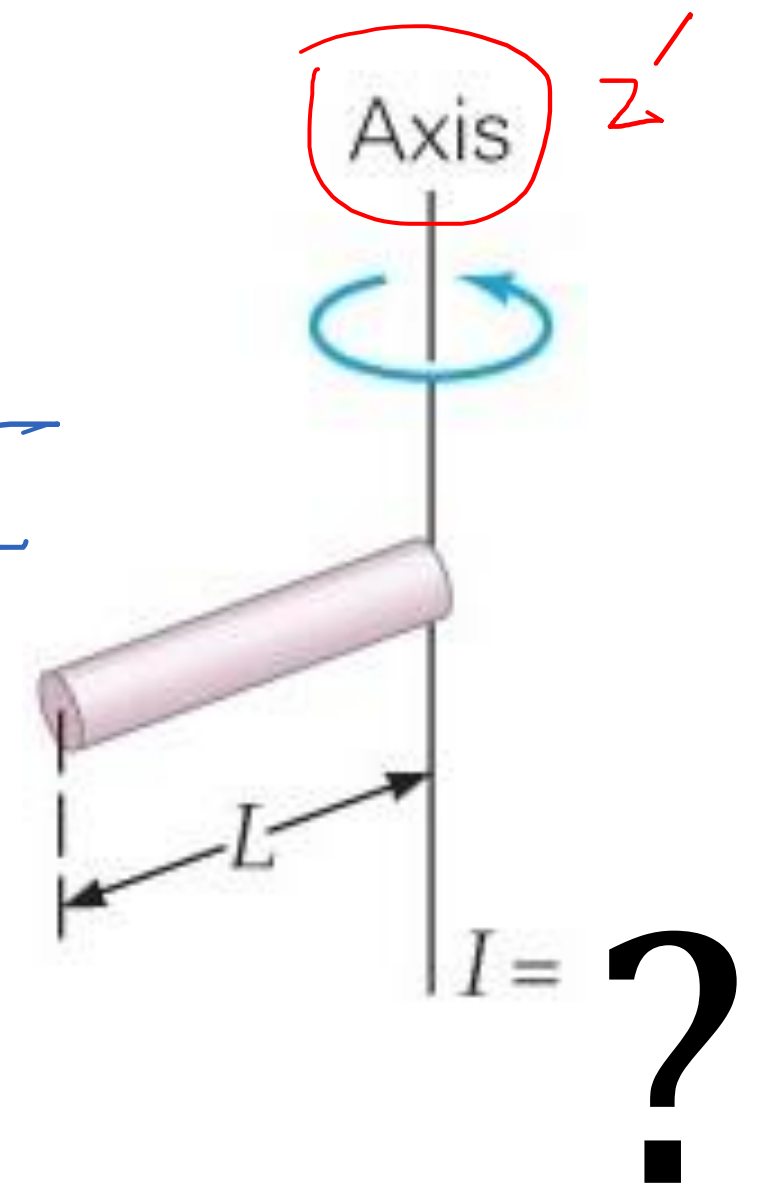
$$\begin{aligned} I &= I_{\text{com}} + Mb^2 \\ &= I_{\text{com}} + M\left(\frac{L}{2}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{12} ML^2 + M\left(\frac{L}{2}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{3} ML^2 \end{aligned}$$

Step 2:

$$= \frac{1}{3} \times 1.0 \text{ kg} \times (1.0 \text{ m})^2 \approx 0.33 \text{ kg m}^2$$



$$b = \frac{L}{2}$$



5. Torque

- Torque: $\vec{\tau}$, rotational analog of force

- Torque is a vector: $\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$

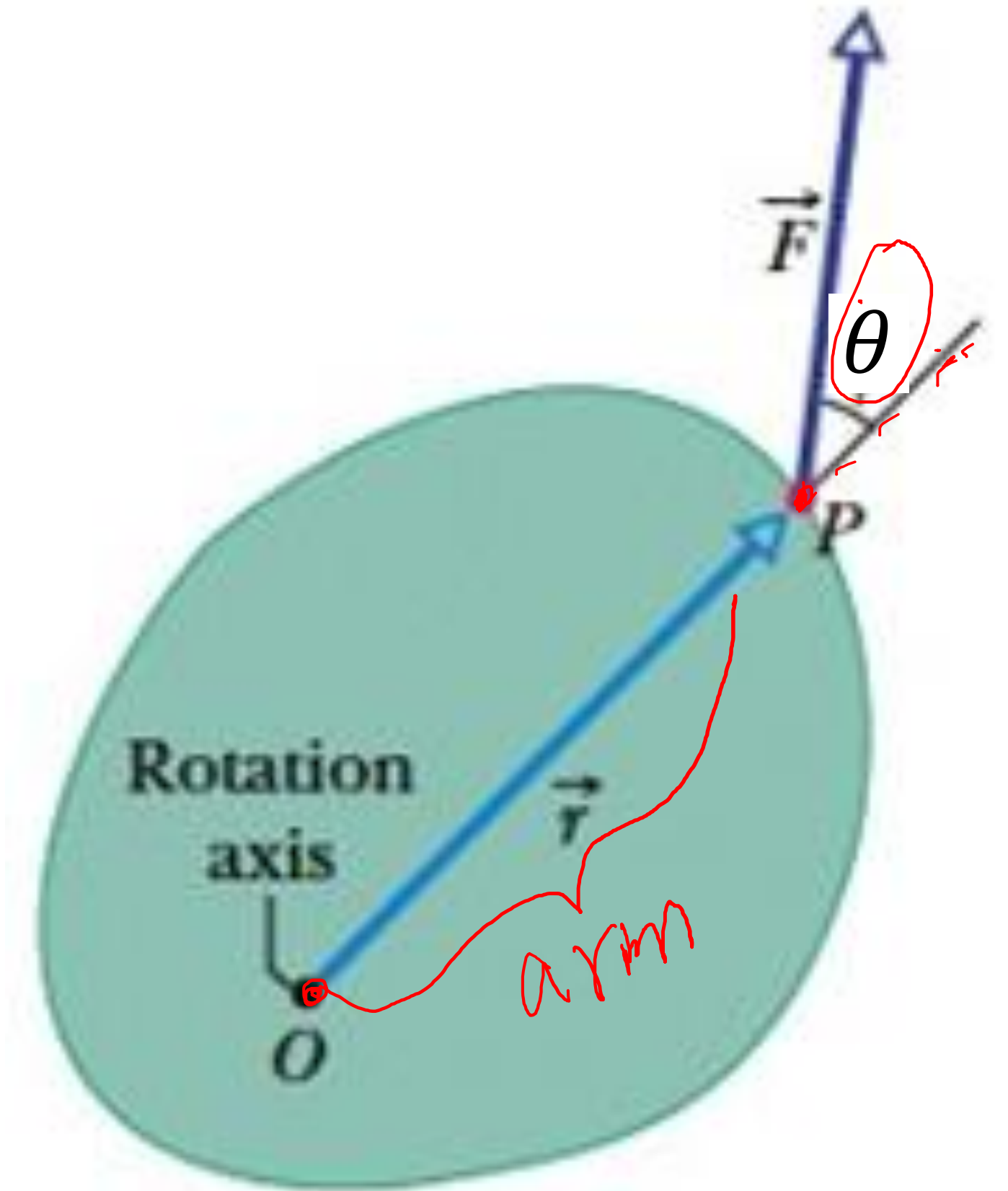
Displacement from the rotation axis to the point

Angle between \vec{r} and \vec{F}

- Magnitude: $|\vec{\tau}| = |\vec{r}||\vec{F}|\sin\theta$

- Direction: right-hand rule

- Units: m•N
[NOT J; torque is not energy!]



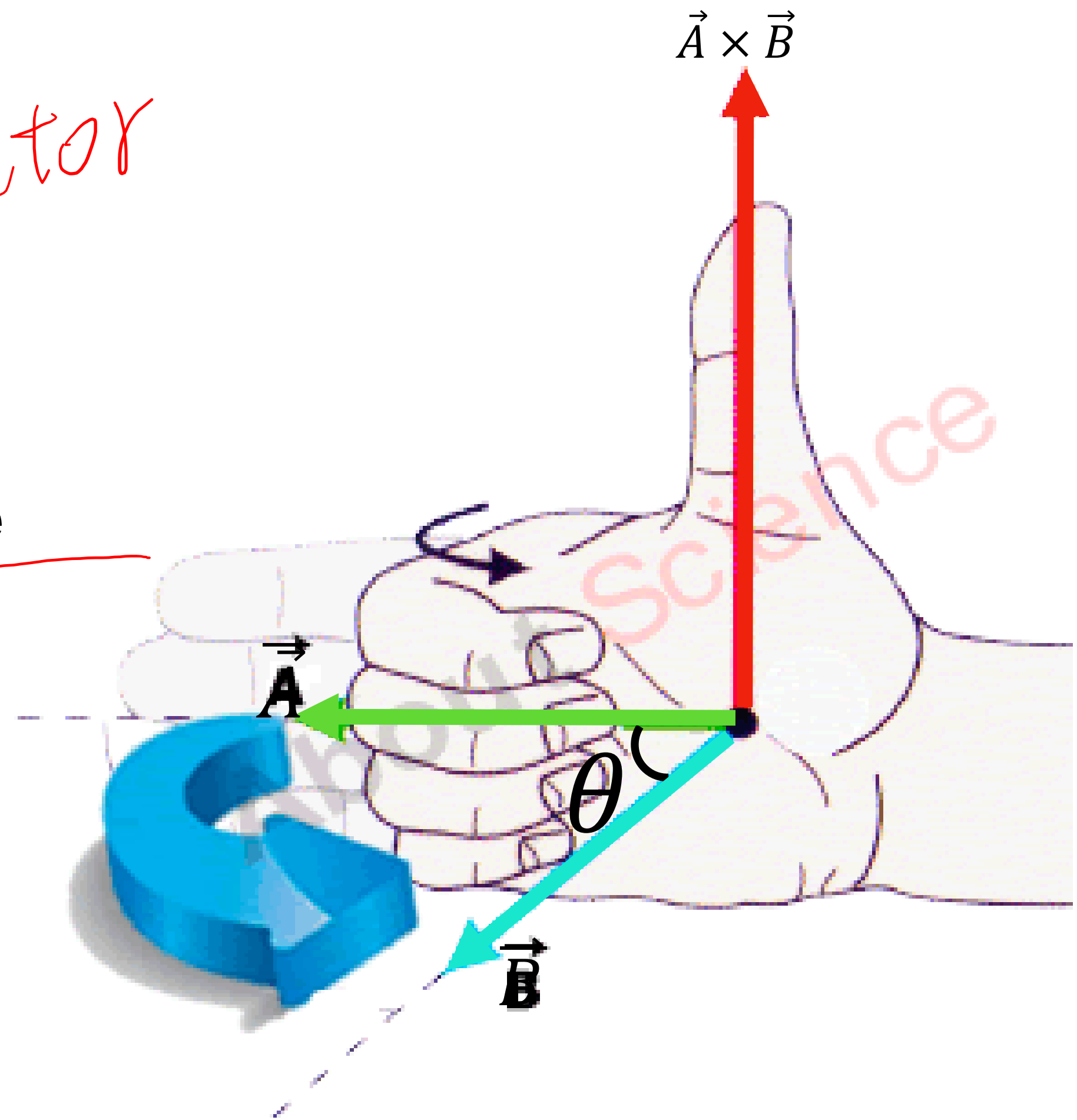
Recap: Cross product

- Cross product (geometric understanding):

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \sin|\theta| \hat{u}$$

unit vector

The direction of $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$, \hat{u} , is determined by the **right-hand rule**



Torque examples

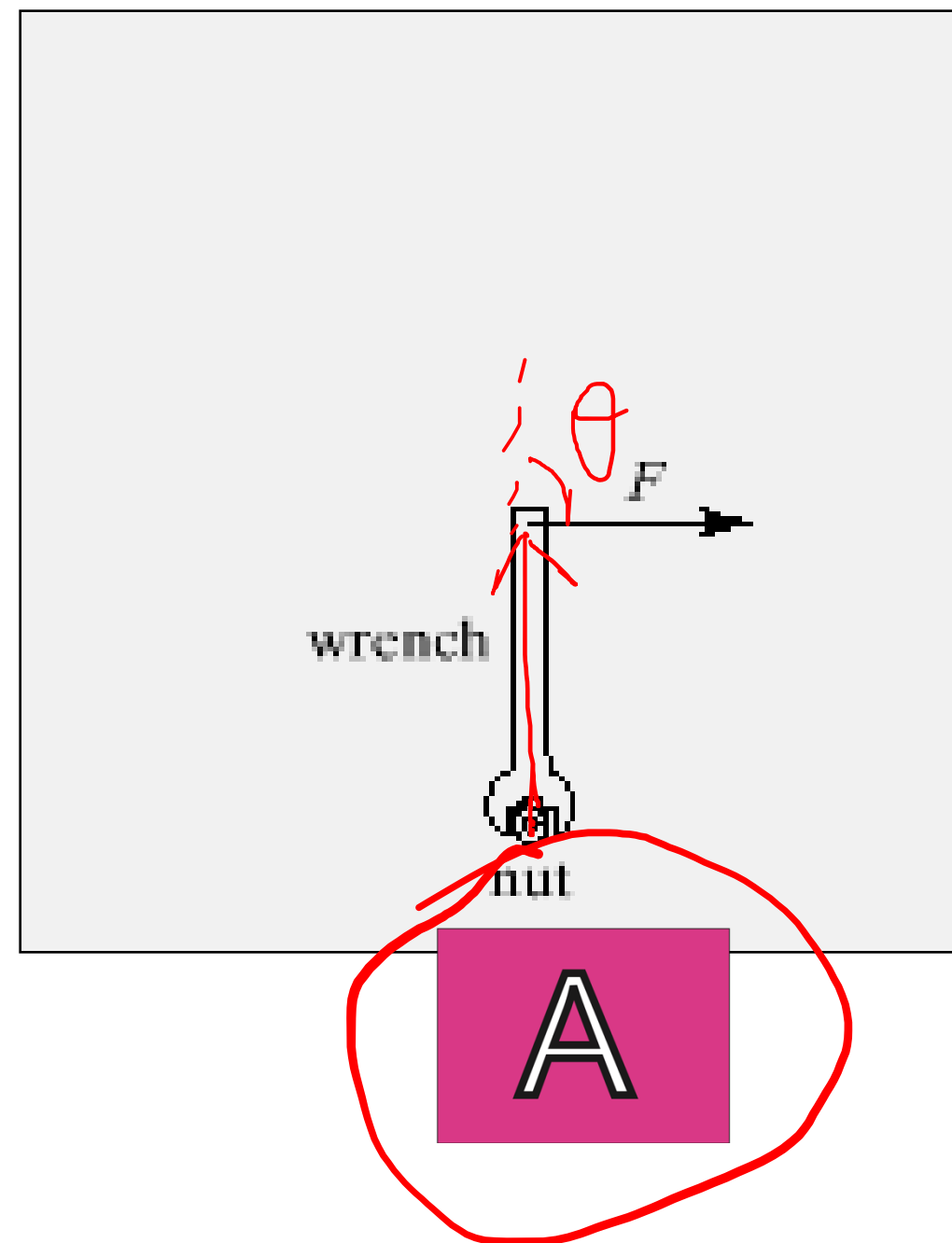
- Tools: screwdrivers and wrenches
- Knobs & handles



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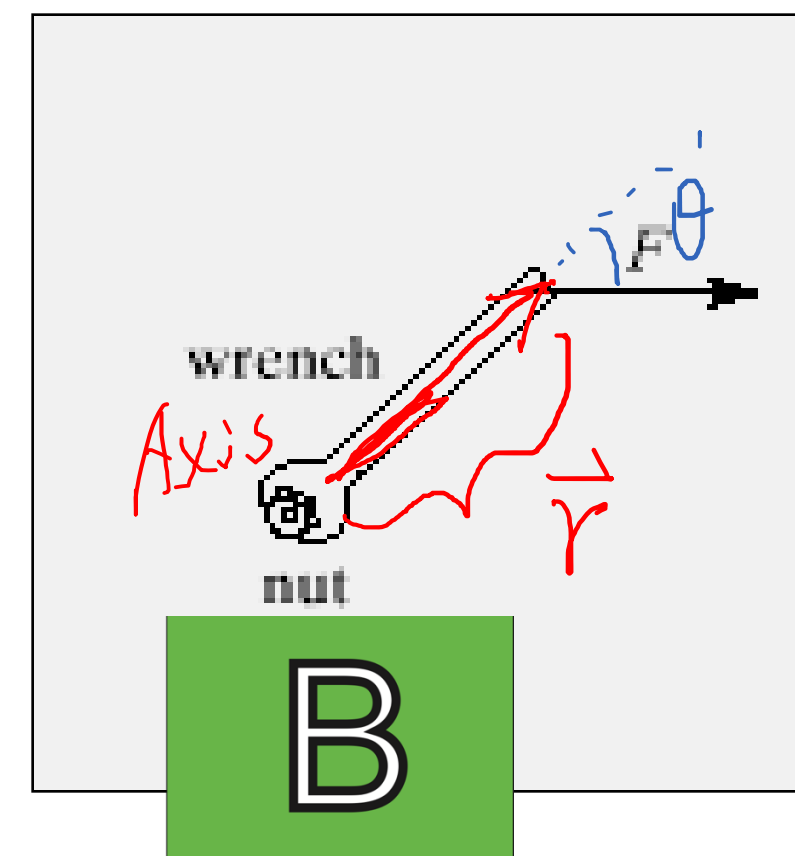
$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$$

- You are using the same wrench to loosen a rusty nut. Which of the following arrangement will be more effective in loosening the nut?



$$|\vec{\tau}| = |\vec{r}| |\vec{F}| \sin \theta - 90^\circ$$

$$= |\vec{r}| |\vec{F}|$$



$$0 < \theta_2 < 90^\circ \quad \therefore \sin \theta_2 < 1$$

$$|\vec{\tau}_2| = |\vec{r}| |\vec{F}| \sin \theta_2$$

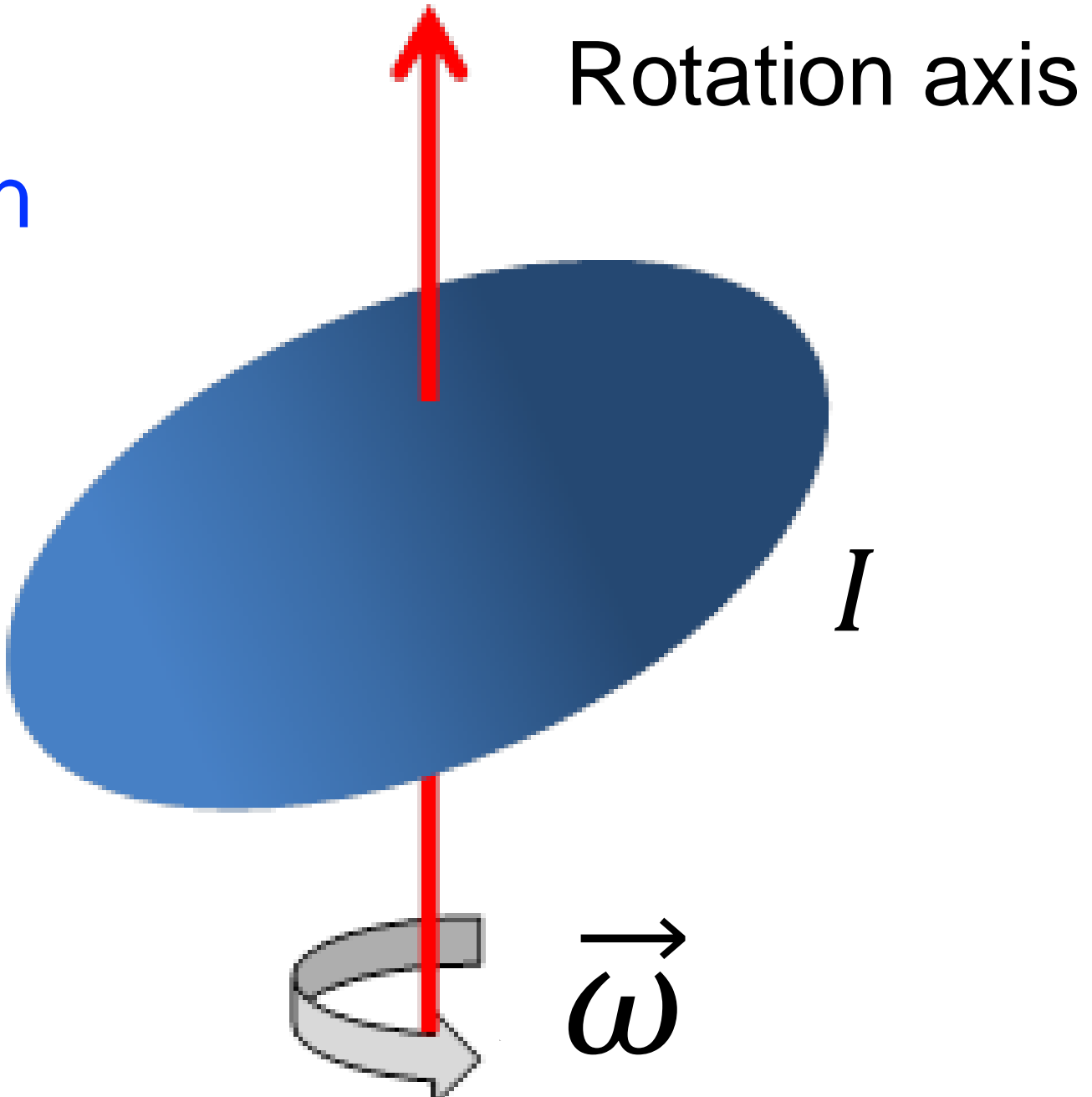
$$< |\vec{r}| |\vec{F}|$$

6. Newton's 2nd law for rotation

- Newton's 2nd law for **rotation**:

net Torque $\vec{\tau}_{net} = I \vec{\alpha}$ Angular acceleration

Moment of inertia w.r.t. the axis



Rotation axis

I

$\vec{\omega}$

The diagram illustrates a rigid body, represented by a blue oval, rotating about a vertical red axis. The axis is labeled 'Rotation axis'. The moment of inertia of the body about this axis is denoted by the symbol I . A grey curved arrow at the bottom of the axis indicates the direction of rotation, and the angular velocity vector is labeled $\vec{\omega}$.

Example 2

Given: $r, m, \vec{F}_1, \vec{F}_2$
Goal: $\vec{\alpha}$

$+z$: out of screen

- The figure shows a uniform disk that can rotate around its center. The disk has a radius of $r = 2.0$ cm and a mass of $m = 20$ grams and is initially at rest. Starting at time $t = 0$, two forces are to be applied tangentially to the rim as indicated. Force \vec{F}_1 has a magnitude of 0.10 N, and magnitude \vec{F}_2 is 0.20 N. What is the angular acceleration of the disk? (**Hint:** The moment of inertia of the disk w.r.t. the central axis is $I = \frac{1}{2}mr^2$)

Step 1: Newton's 2nd law for Rot.

$$\vec{\tau}_{\text{net}} = I \vec{\alpha}$$

Step 2:

$$\vec{\tau}_1 + \vec{\tau}_2 = \frac{1}{2}mr^2 \vec{\alpha}$$

$$\vec{r}_1 \times \vec{F}_1 + \vec{r}_2 \times \vec{F}_2 = \frac{1}{2}mr^2 \vec{\alpha}$$

$$-r|F_1|\hat{k} + r|F_2|\hat{k} = \frac{1}{2}mr^2 \vec{\alpha}$$

Step 3:

$$\vec{\alpha} = \frac{2(|F_2| - |F_1|)}{mr} \hat{k} = \frac{2(0.2\text{ N} - 0.1\text{ N})}{0.02\text{ kg} \cdot 0.02\text{ m}} \hat{k} = 500\text{ s}^{-2} \hat{k}$$

