

# Lecture 14

*Rigid body kinetics: Inertial CS; Linear momentum balance; Angular momentum balance.*

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# Inertial CS

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- I. The **laws of motion** are written in an *Inertial Coordinate System*.
- II. **Definition.** An *inertial coordinate system* is one in which the laws of motion hold.
- III. No inertial CS has yet been found.
  1. Ref.: *Science of Mechanics* by E. Mach
- IV. **However**, laws of mechanics hold excellently in a given CS, provided that the non-inertial nature of the CS is small compared to the motion being studied. For example, when studying a
  1. satellite around the Earth ( $a_{sat} \sim 1 \text{ m-s}^{-2}$ ), we can ignore the Earth's acceleration around the sun ( $\approx 0.006 \text{ m-s}^{-2}$ ).
  2. car ( $a_{car} \sim 1 \text{ m-s}^{-2}$ ), the Earth's centripetal acceleration ( $\approx 0.034 \text{ m-s}^{-2}$ ) due to its rotation may be ignored.



# Balance laws

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- I. All mechanical system must satisfy
  1. Mass balance.
  2. Linear momentum balance (LMB)
  3. Angular momentum balance (AMB)
- II. **Two** ways to study a mechanical system:
  1. *Control mass*: Follow evolution of the same set of bodies and material points.
    - i. Good for systems with solids.
  2. *Control volume*: Follow evolution of only those bodies and material points that occupy a given volume.
    - i. Good for systems with fluids.
- III. Rigid body system has no mass exchange
  1. Follow a *control mass* analysis, i.e. focus on the same set of rigid bodies.
  2. Mass balance is trivially true.



# LMB for particles

वैशेषिक सूत्र (Vaiśeṣika Sūtra) — कणाद (Kaṇāda) in about 600 BC (300 years before Aristotle).

1. संयोगाभावे गुरुत्वात् पतनम् — *In the absence of conjunction, gravity [causes] fall.* [Newton's 1<sup>st</sup>]
2. नोदनविशेषाभावान्नोर्ध्वं न तिर्य्यग्गमनम् — *In the absence of a force, there is no upward motion, sideward motion or motion in general.*
3. नोदनादाद्यमिषोः कर्म तत्कर्मकारिताच्च संस्कारादुत्तरं तथोत्तरमुत्तरञ्च — *The initial pressure [on the bow] leads to the arrow's motion; from that motion is momentum, from which is the motion that follows and the next and so on similarly.* [≤ Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup>]
4. कार्य्यविरोधि कर्म — *Action (kārya) is opposed by reaction (karman)* [Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup>]

## Further reading

1. Kaṇāda, Great Physicist and Sage of Antiquity — Subhash Kak ([Link](#))
2. Matter and Mind: The Vaisheshika Sutra of Kanada — Subhash Kak ([Link](#) to Amazon)



# LMB

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- I. (**Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law, 1686 AD**) Rate of change of linear momentum of a particle equals the total applied force.
- II. (**Euler's 1<sup>st</sup> law, ~1730 AD**) Rate of change of linear momentum of a rigid body equals the total applied force.

1. Cannot derive this from Newton's law

III. Linear momentum of a rigid body

$$\mathbf{p} = \int_V \rho(\mathbf{r})\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r})dV = m\mathbf{v}^G .$$

IV. Then, LMB gives:  $\sum \mathbf{F}^i = \frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = m\mathbf{a}^G .$



# AMB

- I. (Euler's 2<sup>nd</sup> law, ~1730 AD) Rate of change of angular momentum of a rigid body about a non-accelerating point  $P$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{a}^P = \mathbf{0}$  in an inertial CS, equals the total applied moment about  $P$ .
1. Newton had no such law.
  2. Cannot derive from LMB.

II. *Angular momentum* about a point  $P$  :

$$\mathbf{h}^P = \mathbf{r}^{G/P} \times m\mathbf{v}^G + \underbrace{\mathbf{I}^G \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}}}_{\mathbf{h}^G}.$$

III. Total moment about  $P$ :

$$\mathbf{M}^P = \sum \mathbf{r}^{i/P} \times \mathbf{F}^i + \sum \mathbf{M}^j$$

IV. AMB about  $P$  :  $\mathbf{M}^P = \frac{d\mathbf{h}^P}{dt} \implies$

$$\mathbf{M}^P = \mathbf{r}^{G/P} \times m\mathbf{a}^G + \boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}} \times (\mathbf{I}^G \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}}) + \mathbf{I}^G \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{\mathcal{B}}$$



# AMB

I. AMB about non-accelerating  $P$  ( $\mathbf{a}^P = \mathbf{0}$ ):

$$\mathbf{M}^P = \mathbf{r}^{G/P} \times m\mathbf{a}^G + \boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}} \times (\mathbf{I}^G \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}}) + \mathbf{I}^G \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{\mathcal{B}}$$

II. Special cases.

1.  $P = G$ , and  $\mathbf{a}^G$  arbitrary :

$$\mathbf{M}^G = \boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}} \times (\mathbf{I}^G \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}}) + \mathbf{I}^G \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{\mathcal{B}}.$$

2.  $P$  lying on rigid body, and  $\mathbf{a}^P$  arbitrary:

$$\mathbf{M}^P = \mathbf{r}^{G/P} \times m\mathbf{a}^P + \boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}} \times (\mathbf{I}^P \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}}) + \mathbf{I}^P \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{\mathcal{B}}$$

3. *2D rigid body kinetics*. If  $\boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}}$  is always along (say)  $\hat{\mathbf{e}}_3$  principal axis of  $\mathbf{I}^G$ :

$$\mathbf{M}^P = \mathbf{r}^{G/P} \times m\mathbf{a}^G + I_3^G \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{\mathcal{B}}.$$

i. 2D kinematics  $\not\supseteq$  2D kinetics.



# Example 1

*Find angle  $\theta$  given  $\omega_0$ .*

**Important.** The most crucial thing is to draw neat and correct *Free Body Diagrams* (FBD).

1. LMB:  $\sum \mathbf{F}^i = m\mathbf{a}^G$
2. AMB about O: Point O lies on rod, so use

$$\mathbf{M}^O = \mathbf{r}^{G/O} \times m\mathbf{a}^O + \boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}} \times (\mathbf{I}^O \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}}) + \mathbf{I}^O \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{\mathcal{B}}$$

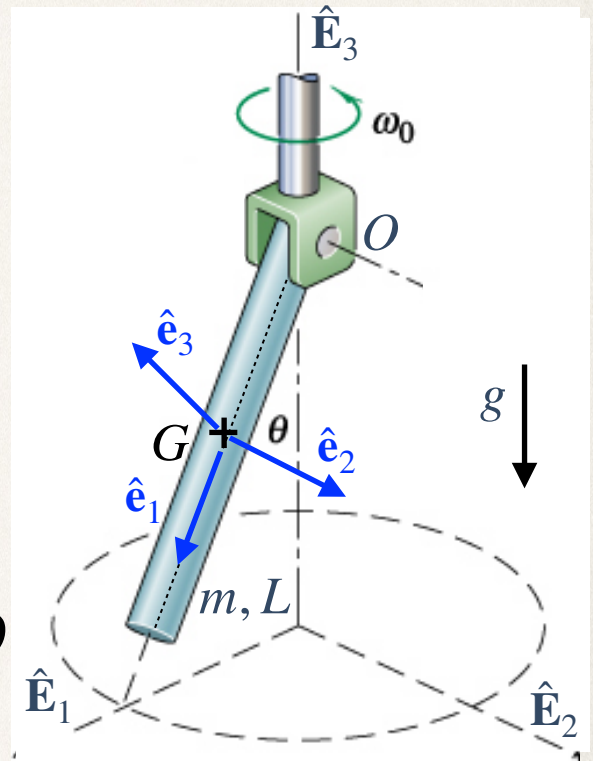
3. Kinematic analysis  $\implies \boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}^{\mathcal{B}}, \mathbf{a}^G$ .
4. Use *parallel axis theorem* to get  $\mathbf{I}^O$ :

$$\mathbf{I}^O = \mathbf{I}^G + m \left( \left| \mathbf{r}^{G/O} \right|^2 \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{r}^{G/O} \otimes \mathbf{r}^{G/O} \right).$$

5. **Answer:**  $\cos \theta = 3g / (2\omega_0^2 L)$ .

i. When  $\omega \rightarrow \infty, \theta \rightarrow 90^\circ$ .

ii. Non-zero  $\theta$  only if  $\omega_0 \geq \sqrt{3g / (2L)}$ .





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*Punch magazine 1924*

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