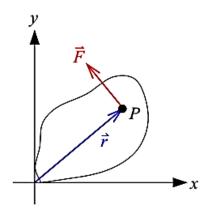
Chapter 9

Rotational Dynamics

9.1 Torque

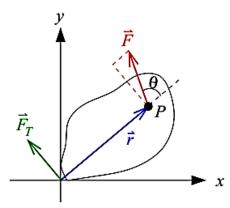
Definition



A force \vec{F} was acting on a body at a point P. The torque about the point O is defined as:

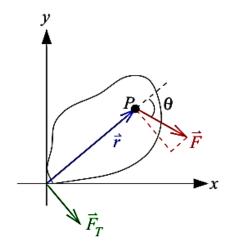
$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$$

where $\vec{r} = \vec{OP}$.



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

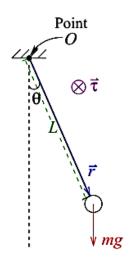
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 $\tau = rF\sin\theta$

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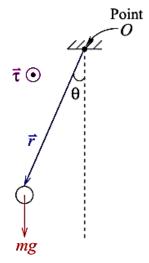
Example:



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

 $\therefore \ \tau = Lmg\sin\theta$

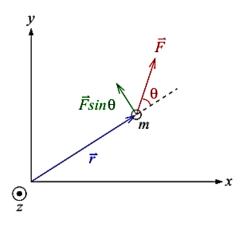
with direction pointing inward



 $\tau = Lmg\sin\theta$

with direction pointing outward

9.2 Rotational Inertia and Newton's 2nd Law in Rotation



But

 $F_T = F \sin \theta$

Single particle

• A particle is connected to the z-axis by a massless rod of length r.

From previous results (in the last chapter),

$$a_T = \alpha r$$

$$\therefore F_T = ma_T = m\alpha_z r$$

 $\therefore F\sin\theta = m\alpha_z r$

As $\tau_z = Fr \sin \theta$,

$$\tau_z = m\alpha_z r^2$$

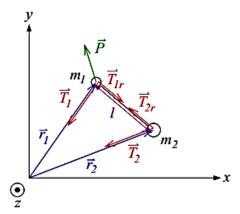
N. B. Subscript z is added to specify the axis of rotation.

Define $I = mr^2$ for single particle so that

$$\tau_z = I\alpha_z$$

- Newton 2nd law for rotation.

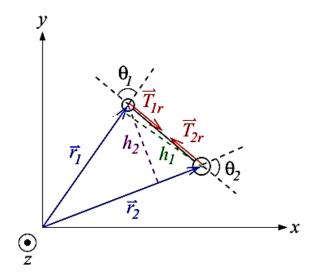
More than one particle



- Two masses m_1 and m_2 are linked by massless rods to the z-axis. m_1 and m_2 are linked to each other by a similar rod.
- Rotation axis: z-axis.
- \vec{P} is an external force.

Total force on m_1 : $\sum \vec{F}_1 = \vec{P} + \vec{T}_1 + \vec{T}_{1r}$

Total force on m_2 : $\sum \vec{F}_2 = \vec{T}_2 + \vec{T}_{2r}$



Total torque on the system about z-axis:

$$\tau_{z} = (\vec{r}_{1} \times \sum_{r} \vec{F}_{1}) + (\vec{r}_{2} \times \sum_{r} \vec{F}_{2})
= (\vec{r}_{1} \times \vec{P}) + \underbrace{(\vec{r}_{1} \times \vec{T}_{1})}_{\to 0} + (\vec{r}_{1} \times \vec{T}_{1r})
+ \underbrace{(\vec{r}_{2} \times \vec{T}_{2})}_{\to 0} + (\vec{r}_{2} \times \vec{T}_{2r})
(\because \vec{r}_{1} // \vec{T}_{1} \text{ and } \vec{r}_{2} // \vec{T}_{2})
= (\vec{r}_{1} \times \vec{P}) + (\vec{r}_{1} \times \vec{T}_{1r}) + (\vec{r}_{2} \times \vec{T}_{2r})$$

Notice that:

$$|\vec{r}_1 \times \vec{T}_{1r}| = r_1 T_{1r} \sin \theta_1$$

 $|\vec{r}_2 \times \vec{T}_{2r}| = r_2 T_{2r} \sin \theta_2$ (9.1)

 $(\vec{r}_1 \times \vec{T}_{1r})$ and $(\vec{r}_2 \times \vec{T}_{2r})$ are in opposite direction.

Let the distance between m_1 and m_2 be ℓ .

$$\therefore h_1 = \ell \sin \theta_1 \quad \& \quad h_2 = \ell \sin \theta_2$$

But area of triangle Om_1m_2 is equal to:

$$\frac{1}{2}h_1r_1 = \frac{1}{2}h_2r_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \ell \sin \theta_1 r_1 = \ell \sin \theta_2 r_2$$

$$\Rightarrow r_1 \sin \theta_1 = r_2 \sin \theta_2 \tag{9.2}$$

Since action-reaction forces are equal in magnitude

$$T_{1r} = T_{2r}$$
 (9.3)

Substitute eq. (9.2) and (9.3) into eq. (9.1), we obtain:

$$|\vec{r}_1 imes \vec{T}_{1r}| = |\vec{r}_2 imes \vec{T}_{2r}|$$

∴ Total torque:

$$au_z = \vec{r}_1 imes \vec{P}$$

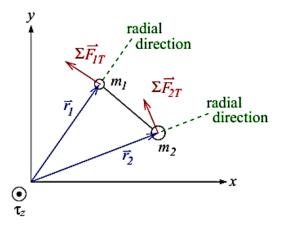
which is only dependent on external force. Torque created by internal force are cancelled out.

Or

$$\tau_z = \sum_i \tau_{\text{ext},i}.$$

Consider the total force $\sum \vec{F_i}$ on mass m_i with i = 1 or 2.

- $\sum \vec{F_i}$ can be decomposed into two components, namely the tangential and the radial.
- $\bullet \ \tau_z = (\vec{r}_1 \times \sum \vec{F}_1) + (\vec{r}_2 \times \sum \vec{F}_2)$ $= r_1 \underbrace{(\sum F_{1T})}_{m_1 a_{1T}} + r_2 \underbrace{(\sum F_{2T})}_{m_2 a_{2T}}$



: Radial components has no contribution to torque, i. e.

$$\tau_z = r_1(m_1 \underbrace{a_{1T}}) + r_2(m_2 \underbrace{a_{2T}})$$
$$= (m_1 r_1^2 + m_2 r_2^2) \alpha_z$$

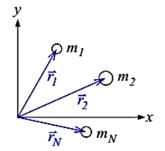
where a_{iT} are tangential acceleration of m_i and α_z is the angular acceleration of the system about the z axis.

Or

$$\tau_z = I\alpha_z$$

where $I = m_1 r_1^2 + m_2 r_2^2$.

Or in general for a N-particle rigid body:



Masses m_1, m_2, \ldots, m_N located at $\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \ldots, \vec{r}_N$. Moment of inertia is defined:

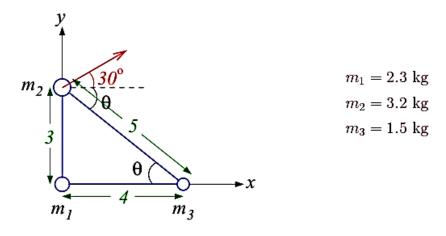
$$I = \sum_{i} m_{i} r_{i}^{2}$$

The total torque acting on this system:

$$\tau_z = \sum_i \vec{r}_i \times \vec{F}_i = I\alpha_z$$

N. B. Rigid body means the particles within the body have fixed relative position with respect to each others, i. e. as if linked by massless rods.

Example



- (a) Find moment of inertia of the system about axis perpendicular to xy plane and passing m_1 , m_2 and m_3 respectively.
- (b) If a 4.5 N force is applied to m_2 as shown and the system is free to rotate about the axis perpendicular to the xy plane and passing through m_3 . What is the angular acceleration?

Answer:

(a) By definition,

$$I_1 = \sum_i m_i r_i^2 = (2.3 \text{ kg})(0 \text{ m})^2 + (3.2 \text{ kg})(3 \text{ m})^2 + (1.5 \text{ kg})(4 \text{ m})^2$$

= 53 kg m²

Similarly,

$$I_2 = (2.3 \text{ kg})(3 \text{ m})^2 + (3.2 \text{ kg})(0 \text{ m})^2 + (1.5 \text{ kg})(5 \text{ m})^2 = 58 \text{ kg m}^2$$

 $I_3 = (2.3 \text{ kg})(4 \text{ m})^2 + (3.2 \text{ kg})(5 \text{ m})^2 + (1.5 \text{ kg})(0 \text{ m})^2 = 117 \text{ kg m}^2$

(b)
$$\theta = \sin^{-1}(3/5) \implies \theta = 37^{\circ}$$

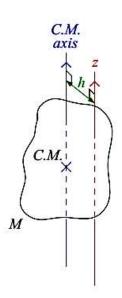
$$\tau_z = 4.5 \text{ N} \times 5 \text{ m} \times \sin(30^\circ + 37^\circ) = 20.7 \text{ N m}$$

But

$$\tau_z = I\alpha_z$$

 $\alpha_z = \tau_z/I_3 = 0.18 \text{ rad s}^{-2}$ in clockwise direction

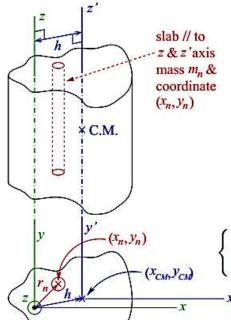
8.3 Parallel axis theorem



$$I_z = I_{\rm CM} + Mh^2$$

 $I_z=$ Moment of inertia rotating about z-axis, $I_{\rm CM}=$ Moment of inertia rotating about the axis passing through C. M., z-axis is parallel to the C. M. axis and h is the distance between the two parallel axes.

Proof



For the I_z about the z-axis:

$$I_z = \sum_i m_i r_i^2 = \sum_i m_i (x_i^2 + y_i^2)$$

Let $(x_{\text{CM}}, y_{\text{CM}})$ be the x, y coordinates of the C. M. measured from the x, y coordinate system.

$$\begin{cases} x_i = x_i' + x_{\text{CM}} \\ y_i = y_i' + y_{\text{CM}} \end{cases}$$

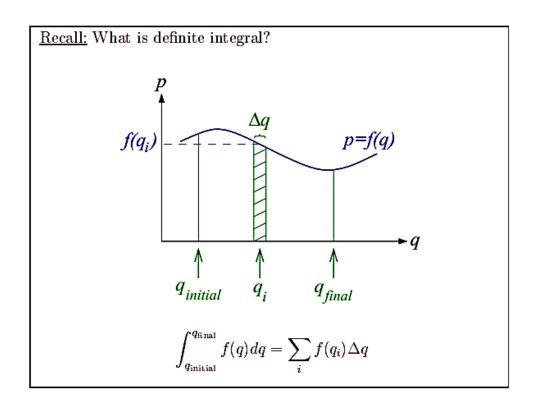
N. B. The axis passing through the CM is the axis that has the smallest moment of inertia as compared to other parallel axis.

9.4 Rotational inertia of solid bodies

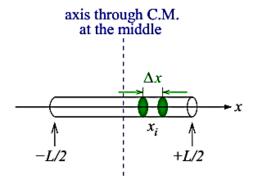
$$I = \sum_{i} m_i r_i^2$$

Integral form:

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



Example:



Uniform rod with mass M and length L.

Partition the whole rod into segments with length Δx .

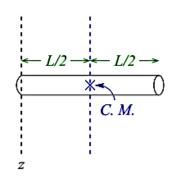
Consider the segment at x_i :

$$\Delta m_i = \lambda \Delta x$$
, $\lambda = \text{density (i. e. kg m}^{-1})$

$$I = \sum_{i} \Delta m_{i} x_{i}^{2} = \int_{-L/2}^{+L/2} x^{2} dm = \int_{-L/2}^{+L/2} x^{2} \lambda dx$$

But $\lambda = M/L$.

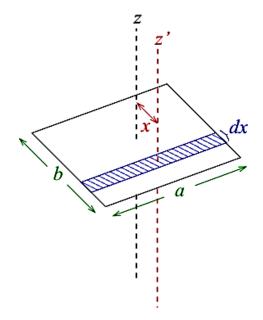
$$\therefore \ I = \frac{1}{3} [x^3]_{-L/2}^{+L/2} \times \left(\frac{M}{L}\right) = \frac{M}{3L} \left(\frac{L^3}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{12} M L^2$$



By parallel axis theorem,

$$\begin{split} I_z &= I_{\rm CM} + Mh^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{12}ML^2 + M\left(\frac{L}{2}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{3}ML^2 \end{split}$$

Example:



An uniform rectangular plate rotating about an axis through the center.

Partition the plate into strips with width dx.

Mass at each of these strip:

$$dm = (adx)\sigma$$
, $\sigma = density$

Moment of inertia at the strip about z':

$$dI_{\rm CM} = \frac{1}{12}dma^2 = \frac{1}{12}\sigma a^3 dx$$

Moment of inertia of the strip about z:

$$dI = dI_{\rm CM} + x^2 dm = \frac{1}{12} \sigma a^3 dx + a \sigma x^2 dx$$

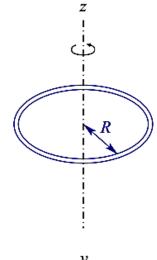
But $\sigma = M/(ab)$.

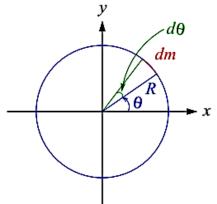
$$dI = \frac{1}{12} \frac{M}{ab} a^3 dx + a \frac{M}{ab} x^2 dx = \left(\frac{1}{12} \frac{M}{b} a^2 + \frac{M}{b} x^2 \right) dx$$

 \therefore Total moment of inertia about z-axis:

$$\begin{split} I_z &= \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} dI &= \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} \frac{M}{b} \left(\frac{1}{12} a^2 + x^2 \right) dx \\ &= \frac{M}{b} \frac{1}{12} a^2(b) + \frac{M}{b} \frac{1}{3} [x^3]_{-b/2}^{b/2} \\ &= \frac{M}{12} a^2 + \frac{M}{12} b^2 \\ &= \frac{M}{12} (a^2 + b^2) \end{split}$$

Example:





An uniform circular ring rotating about the circle center.

Consider the segment at angle θ .

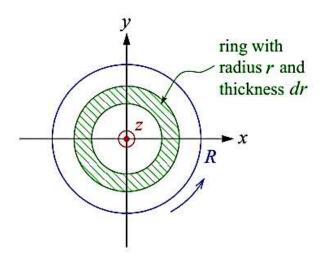
$$dm = (Rd\theta)\lambda$$
, $\lambda = \text{linear density (kg m)}^{-1}$

Hence, its moment of inertia is given by

$$I = \int r^2 dm = \int_0^{2\pi} R^2 R \lambda d\theta$$
$$= \int_0^{2\pi} R^3 \underbrace{\left(\frac{M}{2\pi R}\right)}_{=\lambda} d\theta$$
$$= \frac{MR^2}{2\pi} 2\pi$$
$$= MR^2$$

Example:

An uniform circular disk rotating about the circle center.



Consider the ring with radius r and thickness dr.

$$dm = \underbrace{\left(\frac{M}{\pi R^2}\right)}_{\text{surface density (kg s}^{-1})} [\pi(r+dr)^2 - \pi r^2]$$

$$= \frac{M}{\pi R^2} \underbrace{\left[\pi dr^2 + 2\pi r dr\right]}_{\to 0}$$

$$\approx \frac{M}{\pi R^2} 2\pi r dr$$

$$= \frac{2Mr}{R^2} dr$$

Moment of inertia of the ring rotating about the center:

$$dI = (dm)r^2 = \frac{2Mr^3}{R^2} dr$$

... Total moment of inertia of the disk about the center:

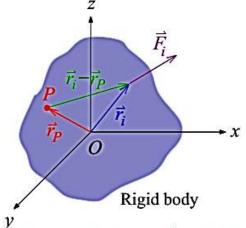
$$I = \sum dI = \int_0^R \frac{2Mr^3}{R^2} dr = \frac{2M}{R^2} \frac{R^4}{4} = \frac{1}{2}MR^2$$

9.5 Equilibrium of rigid body

For a rigid body to stay at equilibrium, the following conditions must be satisfied:

- 1) $\sum \vec{F}_{\mathrm{ext}} = 0$
- 2) $\sum \vec{\tau}_{\text{ext}} = 0$ about choice of reference point

Question: If we know $\sum \vec{F}_{\text{ext}} = 0$ and $\sum \vec{\tau} = 0$ about one particular point, say O, can we conclude the total torque about any other choice of point?



Refer to point O,

$$\vec{\tau}_o = \vec{\tau}_1 + \vec{\tau}_2 + \dots \vec{\tau}_N$$

$$= (\vec{r}_1 \times \vec{F}_1) + (\vec{r}_2 \times \vec{F}_2) + \dots + (\vec{r}_N \times \vec{F}_N)$$

$$= 0$$

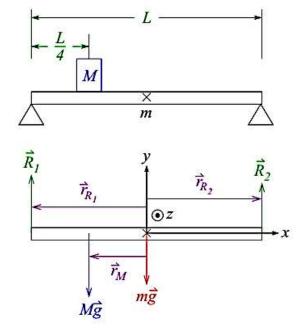
Now, we consider the torque about another point P.

$$\vec{\tau}_{P} = (\vec{r}_{1} - \vec{r}_{P}) \times \vec{F}_{1} + (\vec{r}_{2} - \vec{r}_{P}) \times \vec{F}_{2} + \dots + (\vec{r}_{N} - \vec{r}_{P}) \times \vec{F}_{N}$$

$$= \underbrace{[(\vec{r}_{1} \times \vec{F}_{1}) + (\vec{r}_{2} \times \vec{F}_{2}) + \dots + (\vec{r}_{N} \times \vec{F}_{N})]}_{\text{Given condition}} - \underbrace{[\vec{r}_{P} \times (\vec{F}_{1} + \vec{F}_{2} + \dots + \vec{F}_{N})]}_{\sum_{i} \vec{F}_{i} = 0}$$

i. e. if $\sum_i \vec{F}_i = 0$ (i. e. translational equilibrium established) and $\sum \vec{\tau}_{\rm ext} = 0$ about a given point, then $\sum \vec{\tau}_{\rm ext} = 0$ about any point and thus, equilibrium must be established.

Example:



As the bar is in equilibrium,

$$\sum_i \vec{F}_i = 0$$

$$\vec{R}_1 + \vec{R}_2 + M\vec{g} + m\vec{g} = \vec{O}$$
or $\vec{R}_1 + \vec{R}_2 + (M + m)\vec{g} = \vec{O}$

Take upward as positive:

$$R_1 + R_2 - (M+m)g = 0 (9.4)$$

Take moment about O,

$$\begin{split} \vec{\tau} &= \vec{r}_{R_1} \times \vec{R}_1 + \vec{r}_M \times (M\vec{g}) + \vec{r}_{R_2} \times \vec{R}_2 \\ \Rightarrow &\tau &= -\frac{L}{2}R_1 + \frac{L}{4}Mg + \frac{L}{2}R_2 = 0 \end{split}$$

Therefore,

$$R_1 - R_2 - \frac{1}{2}Mg = 0 (9.5)$$

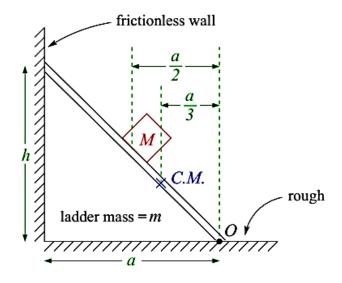
(9.4) + (9.5):

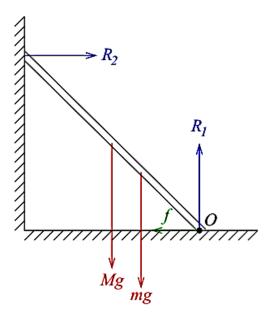
$$2R_{1} = (M+m)g + \frac{1}{2}Mg = mg + \frac{3}{2}Mg$$

$$R_{1} = \frac{1}{2}mg + \frac{3}{4}Mg$$

$$R_{2} = R_{1} - \frac{1}{2}Mg = \frac{1}{2}mg + \frac{1}{4}Mg$$

Example:





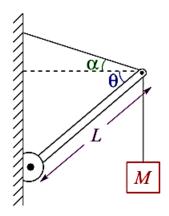
To obtain equilibrium, $\sum_i \vec{F}_i = 0.$

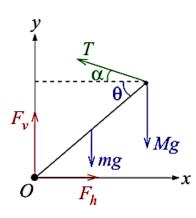
$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} R_2 = f \\ R_1 = (m+M)g \end{array} \right.$$

Finding torque about the axis through O and perpendicular to the paper.

$$\begin{split} Mg \frac{a}{2} + mg \frac{a}{3} &= R_2 h \\ \Rightarrow R_2 &= f = \frac{a}{2h} Mg + \frac{a}{3h} mg \end{split}$$

Example:





Consider a uniform beam of mass m.

Let the reaction at the hinge has x, y components of F_v and F_h .

$$F_v - mg - Mg + T\sin\alpha = 0 \qquad (9.6)$$

$$F_h - T\cos\alpha = 0 \tag{9.7}$$

Take the torque about the axis passing through O and perpendicular to the paper:

$$TL\sin(\alpha + \theta) - MgL\cos\theta - mg\frac{L}{2}\cos\theta = 0$$

$$\therefore T = \frac{g(M + m/2)\cos\theta}{\sin(\alpha + \theta)}$$

From (9.6):

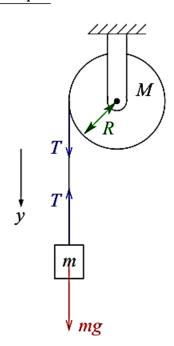
$$F_v = (m+M)g - \frac{g(M+m/2)\cos\theta\sin\alpha}{\sin(\alpha+\theta)}.$$

From (9.7):

$$F_h = \frac{g(M+m/2)\cos\theta\cos\alpha}{\sin(\alpha+\theta)} \ .$$

9.6 Non-equilibrium situation: pure rotation

Example:



Frictionless pulley with mass M and radius R.

$$mg - T = m\frac{d^2y}{dt^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow T = mg - m\frac{d^2y}{dt^2}$$

Torque acting on pulley:

$$\tau = TR = I\alpha$$

where $I = \frac{1}{2}MR^2$ for disk rotating about its center.

$$\therefore \left(mg - m\frac{d^2y}{dt^2}\right)R = \frac{1}{2}MR^2\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2mg - 2m\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = MR\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2}$$
(9.8)

But if the rope run through the pulley without slipping:

$$\theta R = y \ \Rightarrow \ R \frac{d^2 \theta}{dt^2} = \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2}$$

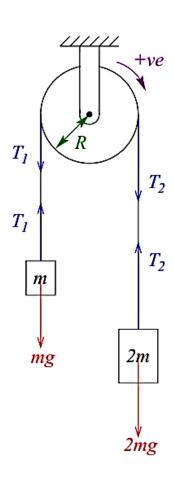
∴ (9.8) becomes:

$$2mg - 2mR\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = MR\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2}$$

Hence,

$$\alpha = \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = \frac{2mg}{MR + 2mR}$$
$$a = \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = \frac{2mg}{M + 2m}$$

Example:



Frictionless pulley with mass M and radius R.

$$T_1 - mg = ma (9.9)$$

$$2mg - T_2 = 2ma (9.10)$$

Total torque on pulley:

$$\tau = T_2 R - T_1 R = (\frac{1}{2} M R^2) \alpha \tag{9.11}$$

$$a = R\alpha \tag{9.12}$$

Put (9.9) and (9.10) into (9.11):

$$(2mg - 2ma)R - (ma + mg)R = \frac{1}{2}MR^2\alpha$$
 (9.13)

Substitute (9.12) into (9.13), we obtain

$$2mg - 2m(R\alpha) - m(R\alpha) - mg = \frac{1}{2}MR\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow mg = \frac{1}{2}MR\alpha + 3mR\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{mg}{MR/2 + 3mR} \text{ and } a = R\alpha = \frac{mg}{M/2 + 3m}$$

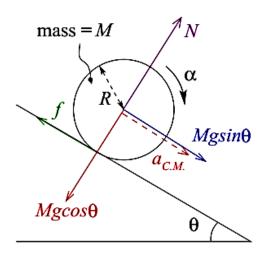
9.7 Non-equilibrium situation: rotational and translational motion

If $\sum_i \vec{F}_i \neq 0$ and $\sum_i \vec{\tau}_i \neq 0$ about any axis, the motion of the rigid body has both self-rotation and the motion of the C.M.

For the present course, we only focus on cases such that:

- a) Axis of rotation passes through C.M.
- b) Rotating axis always has the same direction in space.

Example:



Consider a solid cylinder with mass M and radius R.

$$N = Mg\cos\theta$$

$$Mg\sin\theta - f = Ma_{\text{C.M.}} \tag{9.14}$$

Total torque on the cylinder:

$$\tau = fR = I\alpha = \frac{1}{2}MR^2\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow f = \frac{1}{2}MR\alpha \qquad (9.15)$$

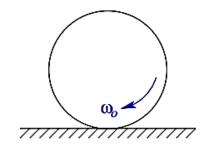
Put (9.15) into (9.14):

$$Mg\sin\theta - \frac{1}{2}MR\alpha = Ma_{\text{C.M.}}$$

But $R\alpha = a_{\text{C.M.}}$, thus

$$Mg\sin\theta - rac{1}{2}Ma_{
m C.M.} = Ma_{
m C.M.}$$
 $\Rightarrow a_{
m C.M.} = rac{2}{3}g\sin\theta \quad {
m and} \quad \alpha = rac{a_{
m C.M}}{R} = rac{2g}{3R}\sin\theta$

Example:

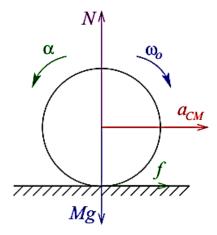


A uniform solid cylinder of radius R and mass M is given an initial velocity ω_0 and then lowered on a uniform horizontal surface. The coefficient of kinetic friction between the cylinder and the surface is μ_k . Initially the cylinder slips as it moves along the surface, but after a time t, pure rolling without slipping begins.

- (a) What is the velocity v_{CM} at time t?
- (b) What is the value of t?

Solutions:

(a) During the interval $0 \to t$:



$$f = \mu_k N = \mu_k Mg \tag{9.16}$$

f is constant within this period. We know that just at t=0, velocity of C. M. is equal to zero.

$$\therefore a_{\rm CM} = \frac{v_{\rm CM}}{t}$$

$$f = Ma_{\rm CM} = M \frac{v_{\rm CM}}{t} \tag{9.17}$$

(9.16) and (9.17) gives:

$$\mu_k M g = M \frac{v_{\text{CM}}}{t} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mu_k g = \frac{v_{\text{CM}}}{t}$$
 (9.18)

Besides,

$$I\alpha = fR$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}MR^{2}\alpha = fR$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{2f}{MR}$$
(9.19)

Let ω_f be the angular velocity at t, where ω_f rotates in clockwise direction.

$$-\omega_f = -\omega_0 + \alpha t \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{\omega_0 - \omega_f}{t}$$

At time t, no slipping occurs.

$$\therefore v_{\rm CM} = \omega_f R \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha = \frac{\omega_0 - v_{\rm CM}/R}{t} \tag{9.20}$$

Put (9.19) into (9.20), we have:

$$\frac{2f}{MR} = \frac{\omega_0 - v_{\text{CM}}/R}{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2ft = MR\omega_0 - Mv_{\text{CM}}$$
(9.21)

Put (9.16) into (9.21), we have:

$$2t\mu_k Mg = MR\omega_0 - Mv_{\text{CM}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2t\mu_k g = R\omega_0 - v_{\text{CM}}$$
(9.22)

Put (9.18) into (9.22), we have:

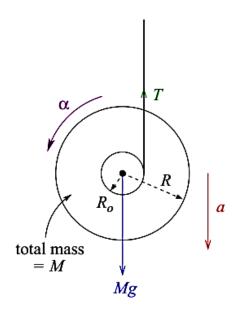
$$2\mu_k g \left(\frac{v_{\rm CM}}{\mu_k g}\right) = R\omega_0 - v_{\rm CM}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{\rm CM} = \frac{1}{3}\omega_0 R \tag{9.23}$$

(b) From (9.18),

$$t = \frac{v_{\rm CM}}{\mu_k g} = \frac{\omega_0 R}{3\mu_k g}$$

Example:



Two solid cylinders are sticked together and string is winded on the cylinder with the smaller radius. Assume the thin slab is very light as compared to the large cylinder.

$$Mg - T = Ma$$

$$\tau = TR_0 = m(g - a)R_0 \qquad (9.24)$$

$$\tau = I\alpha = \frac{1}{2}MR^2\alpha \qquad (9.25)$$

(9.24) and (9.25) gives:

$$m(g-a)R_0 = \frac{1}{2}MR^2\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = 2(g-a)\frac{R_0}{R^2}$$
(9.26)

For no slipping,

$$a = R_0 \alpha \tag{9.27}$$

Substituting (9.27) into (9.26), we obtain:

$$\frac{a}{R_0} = 2(g-a)\frac{R_0}{R^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{2gR_0^2}{R^2 + 2R_0^2}$$

Hence,

$$\alpha=\frac{a}{R_0}=\frac{2gR_0}{R^2+2R_0^2}$$