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Theoretical Physics I

Problem 6.1 Properties of cross product

a) $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, a, b \in \mathbb{R}^3: b = \lambda a \rightarrow a \times b = \vec{0}$ 1.1

$$a \times b = a \times (\lambda a) = \lambda \cdot (a \times a) = \lambda \cdot \vec{0} = \vec{0}.$$

b) Geometrically: \vec{b}, \vec{a} on same line, area of parallelogram is 0.

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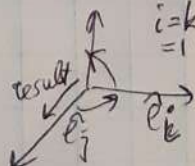
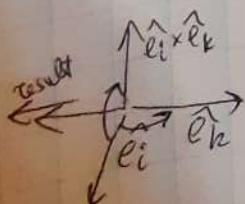
It is enough to prove 1, because if $\vec{c} = \lambda \vec{a} + \beta \vec{b} \rightarrow \vec{a} = \frac{-\beta}{\lambda} \vec{c} - \frac{1}{\lambda} \vec{b}$
 or $\vec{b} = -\frac{1}{\beta} \vec{c} - \frac{\lambda}{\beta} \vec{a} = \vec{b}$ (cases where λ or $\beta = 0$ are trivial)

So without gener. loss, $\vec{c} = \lambda \vec{a} + \beta \vec{b}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } (a \times b) \cdot c &= (a \times b) \cdot (\lambda a + \beta b) = [\vec{c} = a \times b] = \\ &= \vec{0} \cdot (\lambda a + \beta b) = \lambda (\vec{0} \cdot a) + \beta (\vec{0} \cdot b) = \lambda (\vec{0}) + \beta (\vec{0}) = \\ &= \lambda (\underbrace{a \cdot (a \times b)}_{\text{Jacobi cyclic permutations}}) + \beta (\underbrace{b \cdot (a \times b)}_{\text{Jacobi cyclic permutations}}) = \lambda (\underbrace{b \cdot (a \times a)}_{\vec{0}}) + \beta (\underbrace{a \cdot (b \times b)}_{\vec{0}}) = \vec{0}. \end{aligned}$$
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c) $a \times (b \times c) = b \cdot (a \cdot c) - c \cdot (a \cdot b) =$

$$\begin{aligned} a \times (b \times c) &= \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i \hat{e}_i \times \left(\sum_{j=1}^3 b_j \hat{e}_j \times \sum_{k=1}^3 c_k \hat{e}_k \right) = \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i \hat{e}_i \times \left(\sum_{j,k=1}^3 b_j c_k \hat{e}_j \times \hat{e}_k \right) \\ &= \left(\text{expanding to 27 combinations using distributivity} \right) = \sum_{j,k=1}^3 a_i b_j c_k (\hat{e}_i \times (\hat{e}_j \times \hat{e}_k)) = \left[\text{expanding everything to 9 values} \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=j,k=1}^3 a_i b_i c_k (-\hat{e}_k) + \sum_{i=k,j=1}^3 a_i c_i b_j (\hat{e}_j) = \sum_{i=1}^3 (a_i b_i) \sum_{k=1}^3 c_k (-\hat{e}_k) + \sum_{i=1}^3 (a_i c_i) \sum_{j=1}^3 b_j (\hat{e}_j) \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^3 (a_i b_i)}_{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}} \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^3 c_k (-\hat{e}_k)}_{-\vec{c}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^3 (a_i c_i)}_{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}} \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^3 b_j (\hat{e}_j)}_{\vec{b}} \end{aligned}$$



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$$\sum_{i=1}^3 (a_i c_i) \sum_{j=1}^3 b_j \hat{e}_j = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}) \vec{b} + (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) (-\vec{c}) = \vec{b}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}) - \vec{c}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}).$$

d) $\forall \vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}, \vec{d} \in \mathbb{R}^3:$

$$(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{c} \times \vec{d}) = \vec{c} \cdot (\vec{d} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})) = \vec{c} \cdot (\vec{a}(\vec{d} \cdot \vec{b}) - \vec{b}(\vec{d} \cdot \vec{a})) =$$

cyclic perm. of these three vectors bac-cab rule

$$= (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a})(\vec{d} \cdot \vec{b}) - (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c})(\vec{d} \cdot \vec{a}) = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{d}) - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{d})(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}).$$

Problem 6.2. Pauli Matrices ~~are~~ VS of matrices over \mathbb{R} field

$$\hat{G}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{G}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{G}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \hat{G}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

form basis for 4D vector space of 2×2 matrices: $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$,
where $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{C}$, $a_{ij} = \hat{a}_{ji}^*$ — meaning $a_{11} = a_{11}^*$, $a_{22} = a_{22}^*$ are real elements.

a) Linear Independence.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \sum_i c_i \hat{G}_i = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & c_1 \\ c_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -c_2 i \\ c_2 i & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} c_3 & 0 \\ 0 & -c_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 + c_3 & c_1 - c_2 i \\ c_1 + c_2 i & c_0 - c_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solving $\begin{cases} c_0 + c_3 = 0 \\ c_1 - c_2 i = 0 \\ c_1 + c_2 i = 0 \\ c_0 - c_3 = 0 \end{cases} \xrightarrow{c_1=c_2=0} \begin{cases} c_0 = 0 \\ c_3 = 0 \end{cases}$ the only solutions are

There is unique $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow$ matrices are independent.

b) Show that all their combinations are matrices like A.

$$\sum_i x_i \hat{G}_i = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 & 0 \\ 0 & x_0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x_1 \\ x_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -x_2 i \\ x_2 i & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} x_3 & 0 \\ 0 & -x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 + x_3 & x_1 - x_2 i \\ x_1 + x_2 i & x_0 - x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

exactly of type of A ($x_0 \pm x_3$ are their own $*$,
and $x_1 \pm x_2 i = (x_1 \mp x_2 i)^*$). $\rightarrow \in \mathbb{H}$.

c) Show that all matrices in \mathbb{H} are "resolvable" by Pauli m.

General matrix in \mathbb{H} is of type $\begin{pmatrix} a & c-di \\ c+di & b \end{pmatrix} = x_0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} +$

$$+ x_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} + x_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{need find} \\ x_i \end{bmatrix}.$$

Take $x_0 = \frac{a+b}{2}$, $x_3 = \frac{a-b}{2}$, $x_1 = c$, $x_2 = d$, then indeed

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & c-di \\ c+di & b \end{pmatrix} = \frac{a+b}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + d \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{a-b}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

indeed, each matrix can be resolvable by Pauli matrices if taking coefficients ^{in \mathbb{H}} like this. So the coordinate of such matrix ~~in~~ $\begin{pmatrix} a & c-di \\ c+di & b \end{pmatrix}$ in Pauli base will be $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{a+b}{2} \\ c \\ d \\ \frac{a-b}{2} \end{pmatrix}$.

d) $\sum_{i=0}^3 z_i \sigma_i \in \mathbb{H}$? where $z_i \in \mathbb{C}$

No! Let me show it in generic way:

$$* M = z_0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + z_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + z_2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} + z_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} z_0+z_3 & z_1-z_2i \\ z_1+z_2i & z_0-z_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Neither element pairs have to be conjugates.

Example: $z_1 = i, z_2 = 0, i \neq i^*, z_1 - z_2i \neq (z_1 + z_2i)^*$.

No.

But they do form their own vector space (if defining $+$, \cdot as usual):

* Show that $(V, +)$ is commutative group.

** Closure $\begin{pmatrix} z_0+z_3 & z_1+z_2i \\ z_1+z_2i & z_0-z_3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{z}_0+\tilde{z}_3 & \tilde{z}_1-\tilde{z}_2i \\ \tilde{z}_1+\tilde{z}_2i & \tilde{z}_0-\tilde{z}_3 \end{pmatrix} =$ just some complex number, not z^*

$$= \begin{pmatrix} (z_0+\tilde{z}_0) + (z_3+\tilde{z}_3) & (z_1+\tilde{z}_1) - (z_2+\tilde{z}_2)i \\ (z_1+\tilde{z}_1) + (z_2+\tilde{z}_2)i & (z_0+\tilde{z}_0) - (z_3+\tilde{z}_3) \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{H}$$

of same kind (see *)

** Neutral is $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ which is trivially checked

** Inverse for $\begin{pmatrix} z_0+z_3 & z_1-z_2i \\ z_1+z_2i & z_0-z_3 \end{pmatrix}$ is $\begin{pmatrix} -z_0-z_3 & -z_1+z_2i \\ -z_1-z_2i & -z_0+z_3 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{H}$

** Associativity/Commutativity follow from the respective properties of general 2×2 matrices.

* Show $L(\beta, M) = (L\beta)M$ where M is matrix of such type. This also follows from respective property of all 2×2 matrices.

* $(L+\beta)M = LM + \beta M$ also directly results from 2×2 matrices.

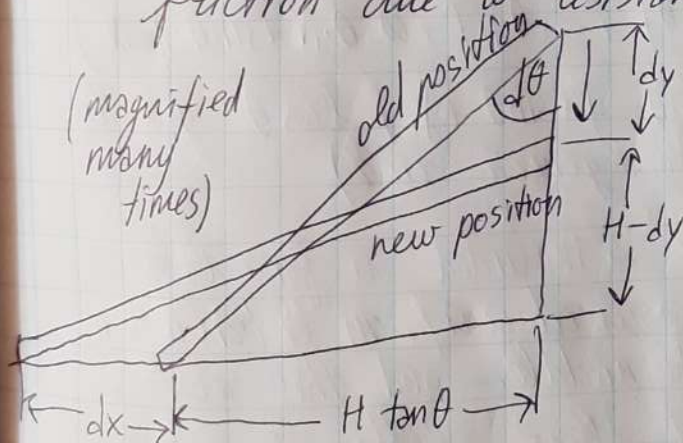
* $L(M_1 + M_2) \stackrel{?}{=} LM_1 + LM_2$ also directly results from 2×2 matrices.

Hence, if we scale Pauli matrices by complex numbers, they are not Hermitian, but they form vector space.

Problem 6.3 Forces/Torques on ladder

*a) Reason one to neglect — purely geometrical + nature of friction due to resistance of irregularities of surface.

L of Ladder is parameter, constant.



$$L^2 = \left(\frac{H}{\cos \theta}\right)^2 = (dx + H \tan \theta)^2 + (H - dy)^2$$

$$\frac{H^2}{\cos^2 \theta} = dx^2 + H^2 \tan^2 \theta + 2dxH \tan \theta + H^2 + dy^2 - 2Hdy$$

(since $\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} = 1 + \tan^2 \theta$)

$$0 = dx^2 + 2dxH \tan \theta + dy^2 - 2Hdy$$

dx^2, dy^2 are second order $\rightarrow 0$,

$$0 = 2dxH \tan \theta - 2Hdy \quad \left| \cdot \frac{1}{2H} \right.$$

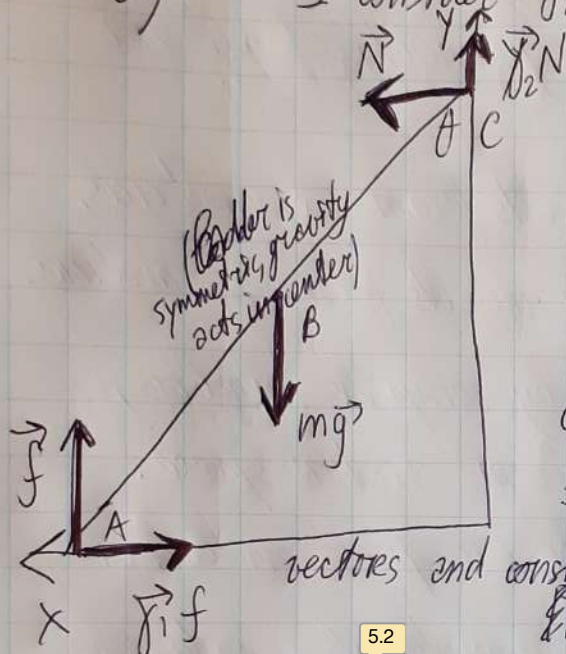
$$dx \tan \theta = dy$$

Since it is tiny-tiny shift (which friction opposes), $d\theta \rightarrow 0$, $\tan \theta \rightarrow d\theta$,

$dx d\theta = dy$, so dy is much-much smaller than dx , it does not cause such resistance to motion from wall irregularities as bottom part has from ground. It is negligible.

Reason 2 to neglect γ_2 is very small compared to γ_1 due to less irregularities in wall than in ground. Also (will be shown below) $N = \gamma_1 f$, so $\gamma_2 N = \gamma_2 \gamma_1 f$. (But for this claim This effect can differ 2 small values, actual & widely if being honest.

b) I consider γ_1, γ_2 also changing in some limits ($\gamma_1 \leq \mu_s$)



Horizontal: $N = \gamma_1 f$

Vertical: $mg = f + \gamma_2 N$ } two many solutions

Need to consider angles and torques.

c) Add torque in consideration:

$\vec{T}_A = \vec{r}_{AB} \times m\vec{g} + \vec{r}_{AC} \times \vec{N} + \vec{r}_{AC} \times (\gamma_2 N)$, in 2 dropping vectors and considering torque > 0 if counterclockwise.

$T_A = -\left(\frac{l}{2} \sin \theta\right) \cdot mg + (l \cos \theta) N + (l \sin \theta) \gamma_2 N$ (*)

Other torques $T_B = \frac{l}{2} (-\sin \theta f + \cos \theta \gamma_1 f + \cos \theta \cdot N + \sin \theta \cdot \gamma_2 N)$ and $T_C = mg \frac{l}{2} \sin \theta - fl \sin \theta + \gamma_1 f l \cos \theta$ give the same values (this is also a generic rule)

d) Mass of the ladder is included in force balance, and in torque calculation — assumed uniform distribution, so center of mass is in the middle — and this ~~was~~ used in torque calculation. It is not clear whether I understood the question...

e) Now use three equations: (there could be way to draw lines to intersection but still with γ_1, γ_2 varying there are too many parameters) Since many unknowns and due to a) drop $\gamma_2 = 0$.

$$\begin{cases} N = \gamma_1 f \\ mg = f + \gamma_2 N \\ (*) 0 = N \cos \theta + \gamma_2 N \sin \theta - \frac{mg \sin \theta}{2} \end{cases}$$

Simplified system:

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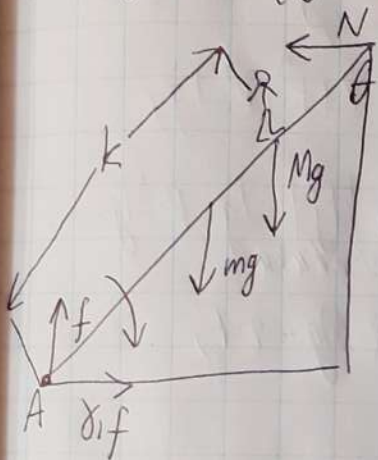
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} N = \mu f \\ mg = f \\ 0 = N \cos \theta - \frac{mg \sin \theta}{2} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} N = \mu mg \\ 0 = \mu mg \cos \theta - \frac{mg \sin \theta}{2} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \mu \cos \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{2}$$

$$2\mu = \tan \theta,$$

$$\text{so } \theta = \arctan(2\mu),$$

When we consider critical value, $\theta = \arctan(2\mu_s) \approx \arctan 4 \approx 76^\circ$.

* f) To analyze impact of walking men, consider simplified version ($\mu_2 = 0$).



$k \in [0, 1]$ Equations:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (M+m)g = f \\ N = \mu f = \mu f \text{ (take critical case)} \\ -mg \sin \theta \frac{L}{2} - kL Mg \sin \theta + N L \cos \theta = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\mu(M+m)g \cos \theta - mg \sin \theta \frac{L}{2} = kL Mg \sin \theta$$

$$\mu M \cos \theta + \mu m \cos \theta - \frac{1}{2} m \sin \theta = k M \sin \theta$$

If k (relative position on ladder) increases, μ must also increase to maintain equilibrium for.

Other way to say: $\mu M + \mu m = \frac{1}{2} m \tan \theta + k M \tan \theta$,

$$\tan \theta \left(\frac{m}{2} + k M \right) = \mu (M + m)$$

$$\theta = \arctan \frac{\mu (M + m)}{\frac{m}{2} + k M} \rightarrow \arctan 2\mu \text{ in old case when no man}$$

If $k \uparrow$, θ must become smaller as possible.

Suppose $m = M$, $\mu = 2$.

$$2m + 2m = \frac{m}{2} \tan \theta + k m \tan \theta,$$

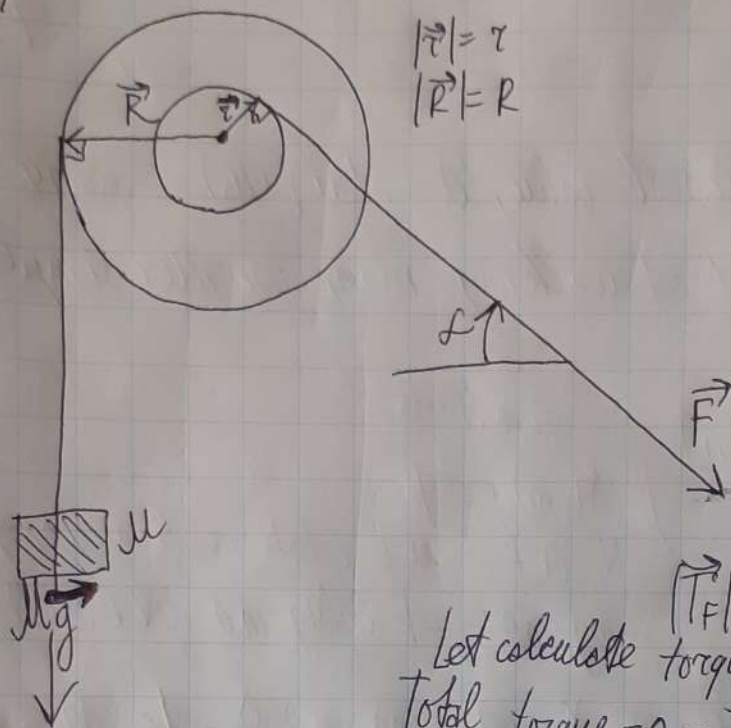
$$4 - \frac{\tan \theta}{2} = k \tan \theta$$

$\frac{4}{\tan \theta} - \frac{1}{2} = k$ - knowing the vertical angle how to put ladder, so that man can climb for the given $k [0 \text{ to } 1]$ without fall.

It is not just urban legend.

Problem 6.4. Differential pulley

a)



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

$$|\vec{R}| = R$$

Calculating relative to axis.
b) Torque
 $\vec{T}_F = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$ by man pulling

Torque

$$\vec{T}_g = \vec{R} \times (M\vec{g}) \text{ by gravity.}$$

Since $\vec{r} \perp \vec{F}$, $\vec{R} \perp \vec{g}$,

$$|\vec{T}_F| = T_F = rF, |\vec{T}_g| = T_g = R \cdot Mg.$$

Let calculate torque counterclockwise.

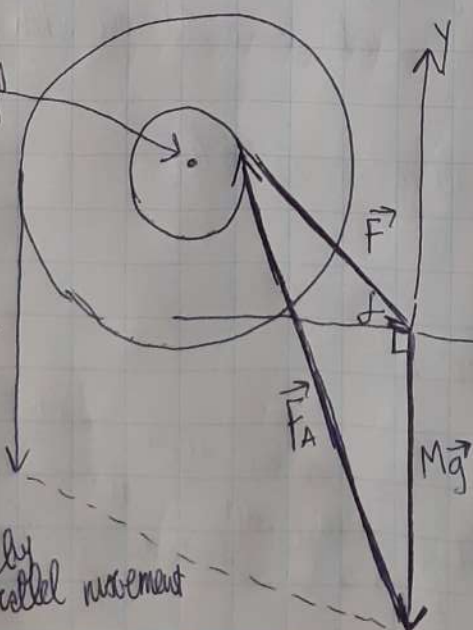
$$\text{Total torque} = 0 = T_F + T_g = R \cdot Mg - r \cdot F,$$

$$F = \frac{R}{r} Mg.$$

c) $F = 3 \cdot 30 \text{ kg} \cdot 10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} = 900 \text{ N} > \text{my weight}$, no I wouldn't. It also can create large pressure on skin etc.

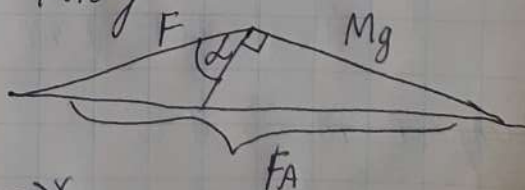
d) 1) Geometric approach to find F_A .

\vec{F} is applied through axle
 \vec{F}_A is applied there
since axle resists,
triangle is built by parallel movement



$$\vec{F}_A + \vec{F} + M\vec{g} = \vec{0}.$$

Triangle



Cosine law:

$$F_A^2 = F^2 + (Mg)^2 - 2F \cdot Mg \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \alpha\right)$$

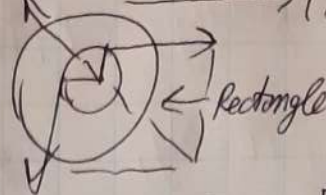
$$= F^2 + (Mg)^2 + 2F \cdot Mg \sin \alpha \rightarrow$$

$$F_A = \sqrt{F^2 + (Mg)^2 + 2FMg \sin \alpha}$$

Test special cases

$$\sin \alpha = 0$$

$$F_A = \sqrt{F^2 + (Mg)^2}$$



$$\sin \alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$F_A = \sqrt{F^2 + (Mg)^2 + 2F \cdot Mg} = F + Mg$$



\vec{F}_A is applied at axle and does not create torque.

2) Algebraic approach to find \vec{F}_A .

8.1

$$\vec{F} = \begin{pmatrix} F \cos \alpha \\ -F \sin \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M\vec{g} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -Mg \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{F}_A = -(\vec{F} + M\vec{g}) = \begin{pmatrix} -F \cos \alpha \\ F \sin \alpha + Mg \end{pmatrix}$$

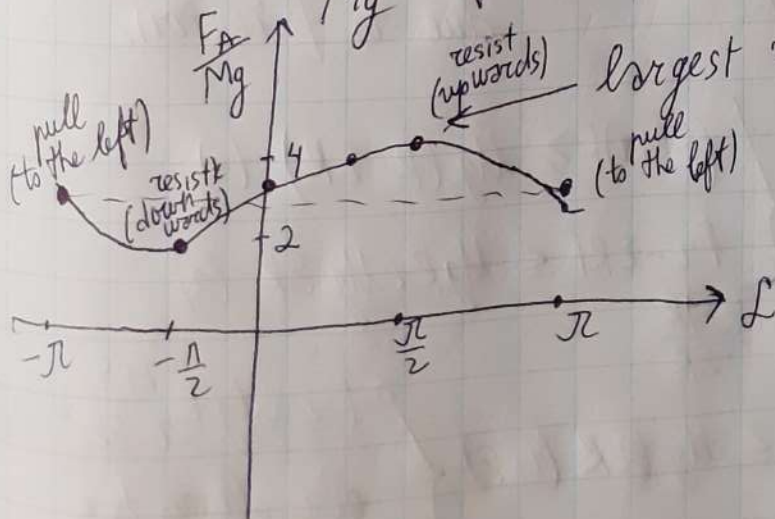
then direction is $\pi + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-F \cos \alpha}{F \sin \alpha + Mg}\right)$

and value is $\sqrt{(F \cos \alpha)^2 + (F \sin \alpha + Mg)^2} = \sqrt{F^2 + (Mg)^2 + 2MgF \sin \alpha}$ which matches geometric way.

Plotting $F_A(\alpha) = \sqrt{F^2 + (Mg)^2 + 2FMg \sin \alpha}$, $\frac{F}{Mg} = 3 \rightarrow F = Mg \frac{F}{Mg} = 3Mg$

$$|\vec{F}_A|(\alpha) = F_A(\alpha) = \sqrt{10(Mg)^2 + 6(Mg)^2 \sin \alpha} = Mg \sqrt{10 + 6 \sin \alpha}$$

$$\frac{F_A(\alpha)}{Mg} = \sqrt{10 + 6 \sin \alpha} \text{ — note it is possible to use any angle.}$$



$$T = 2\pi$$

8.2



*e) When not pulling, $\epsilon R / |\vec{F}_A| = MgR$ (compensate gravity torque)

$$F_A = \sqrt{(Mg)^2 + 0} = Mg, \quad \epsilon R Mg = MgR, \quad \underline{\epsilon \geq 1}$$

If $L = \frac{\pi}{2}$,

The net torque is

$|MgR - rF|$, if it is not enough large — roll does not rotate in any direction.

Condition:

$$|MgR - rF| \leq \epsilon R |\vec{F}_A|,$$

Where $F_A = \sqrt{(Mg)^2 + F^2 + 2MgF \cos L} = \sqrt{(Mg+F)^2} = Mg+F$

Therefore

$$|MgR - Fr| \leq \epsilon R (Mg+F).$$

$$- \epsilon R (F+Mg) \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} MgR - rF \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \epsilon R (Mg+F)$$

Flies in solution range
→ and roll does not rotate due to friction.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -rF + RMg \leq \epsilon R (Mg+F) \\ -rF \leq \epsilon R (Mg+F) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\epsilon R + r)F \geq Mg(R - \epsilon R) \quad (1) \\ Fr - \epsilon RF \leq MgR + Mg \epsilon R \quad (2) \end{array} \right.$$

$$F \geq Mg \frac{(1-\epsilon)R}{r+\epsilon R}$$

$$F(r-\epsilon R) \leq MgR(1+\epsilon)$$

$F \leq MgR \frac{1+\epsilon}{r-\epsilon R}$ if $r > \epsilon R$
else always true (any force works)

Case 1 $F \in \left[Mg \frac{(1-\epsilon)R}{r+\epsilon R}; MgR \frac{1+\epsilon}{r-\epsilon R} \right]$ if $r > \epsilon R$ → if the force

is less, it rolls counterclockwise due to gravity, if more-clockwise due to this force, otherwise stuck by friction.

Case 2 if $\varepsilon \leq \varepsilon R$, $F \in [\frac{(1-\varepsilon)R}{\varepsilon + \varepsilon R}, +\infty)$ - so if the force is less (e.g. absent) it can roll counterclockwise due to gravity, otherwise however strong pull is, due to small lever and large friction, roll does not rotate.

If $\varepsilon \rightarrow 1$, case 1 is not working, $F \in [0, +\infty)$. So no force can roll this. Intuitively: whatever force is applied and even if on distance R , "friction compensation" is $\varepsilon R / |\vec{F}_A| = R(F + Mg)$, that is full compensation.

Bonus problems: to be covered with the professor, or later.

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