

## 1. Newtonian Dynamics

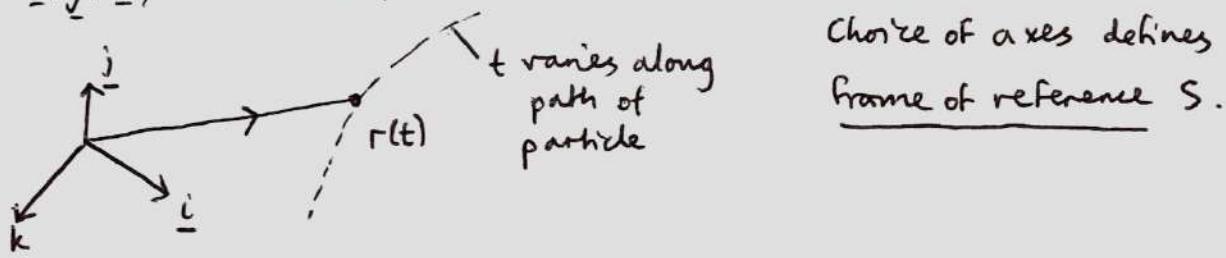
### 1.1 Particles

A particle is an object of negligible size - may have mass  $m > 0$ .

May have charge  $q$ .

Position is described by a position vector  $\underline{r}(t)$  or  $\underline{x}(t)$ , wrt an origin.

The Cartesian components of  $\underline{r}(t)$  are given by  $(x, y, z) : \underline{r} = x\underline{i} + y\underline{j} + z\underline{k}$   
 $(\underline{i}, \underline{j}, \underline{k})$  orthonormal



Choice of axes defines  
frame of reference S.

Velocity  $\underline{u} = \frac{d}{dt} \underline{r}(t) = \dot{\underline{r}}(t)$ , tangent to trajectory

Momentum  $\underline{p} = m\underline{u} = m\dot{\underline{r}}$

Acceleration  $\underline{u} = \ddot{\underline{r}} = \frac{d^2 \underline{r}}{dt^2}$

Product rules : scalar  $f(t)$ , vector  $\underline{g}(t)$ ,  $\underline{h}(t)$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\underline{f}\underline{g}) = \frac{df}{dt} \underline{g} + f \frac{dg}{dt} \quad \frac{d}{dt} (\underline{g} \times \underline{h}) = \frac{dg}{dt} \times \underline{h} + \underline{g} \times \frac{dh}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\underline{g} \cdot \underline{h}) = \frac{dg}{dt} \cdot \underline{h} + \underline{g} \cdot \frac{dh}{dt} \quad (\text{check by components})$$

### 1.2 Newton's Laws

1. There exist inertial frames in which a particle remains at rest or moves at constant velocity unless acted on by a force.  
 (Galileo's law of inertia)

2. In an inertial frame  $\frac{dp}{dt} = \underline{F}$

3. To every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction.

### 1.3 Inertial frames and Galilean transformations

In inertial frame acceleration is zero if force is zero

$$\ddot{\underline{r}} = \underline{0} \Leftrightarrow \underline{F} = \underline{0}$$

Inertial frames are not unique. If  $S$  is an inertial frame, then any other frame  $S'$  moving with constant velocity relative to  $S$  is also an inertial frame.

$S(x, y, z, t)$      $S'(x', y', z', t')$  may take

$$x' = x - vt, \quad y' = y, \quad z' = z, \quad t' = t \quad \text{for relative motion in } x\text{-direction. (speed } v\text{)}$$

in general:  $\stackrel{\rightarrow}{\underline{r}'} = \stackrel{\rightarrow}{\underline{r}} - \stackrel{\rightarrow}{vt}$   
 $S' \qquad S \qquad \uparrow$   
 vel. of  $S'$  relative to  $S$

This transformation is called a boost.

For a particle with position of  $\underline{r}(t)$  in  $S$ , it has position  $\underline{r}'(t')$  in  $S'$ . Then  $\underline{u} = \dot{\underline{r}}(t)$ ,  $\underline{a} = \ddot{\underline{r}}(t)$  in  $S$ .

$$\underline{u}' = \underline{u} - \underline{v}, \quad \underline{a}' = \underline{a} \quad \text{are relationships for velocity / acc'.}$$

$\nwarrow$  inertial frame

A general Galilean transformation preserves inertial frames, and combines boosts with some combination of:

- translation of space  $\underline{r}' = \underline{r} - \underline{r}_0 \leftarrow$  constant

- translation of time  $\underline{t}' = \underline{t} - t_0$

- rotations & reflections in space:  $\underline{r}' = R \underline{r}$   
 $\uparrow$  orthogonal matrix

This set generates the Galilean group

For any Galilean transformation:  $\star \ddot{\underline{r}} = \underline{0} \Leftrightarrow (\ddot{\underline{r}}) = \underline{0}$   
 $S$  inertial  $\Leftrightarrow S'$  inertial

## Galilean relativity

Principle of Galilean relativity is that laws of Newtonian physics are the same in all inertial frames.

Laws of physics look the same at any point in space or time, or facing whatever direction, or moving with whatever constant velocity.

Any set of equations describing Newtonian physics has Galilean invariance.

Measure of acc" is absolute, but measure of velocity is not.

## 1.4 Newton's Second Law

For particle subject to force  $\underline{F}$ , momentum  $\underline{p}$  satisfies  $\underline{F} = \frac{d\underline{p}}{dt}$  ( $\underline{p} = m\underline{u} = m\underline{\dot{r}}$ ) Here assume  $m$  is constant.

$$m \frac{d\underline{u}}{dt} = m\underline{\ddot{r}} = \underline{F} \quad \text{Mass is a measure of inertia.}$$

If  $\underline{F}$  is specified as a function of  $\underline{r}, \underline{\dot{r}}, t$  i.e.  $\underline{F}(\underline{r}, \underline{\dot{r}}, t)$  then have 2nd order DE for  $\underline{r}(t)$ .

$$m\underline{\ddot{r}} = m \frac{d^2\underline{r}}{dt^2} = \underline{F}(\underline{r}, \frac{d\underline{r}}{dt}, t) \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Need initial position } \underline{r}(0) \\ \text{and initial velocity } \frac{d}{dt}\underline{r}(0). \end{matrix}$$

Then have unique solution. Path of particle is determined (at all times,  $>0$  or  $<0$ ).

## 1.5 Examples

### 1) Gravitational force

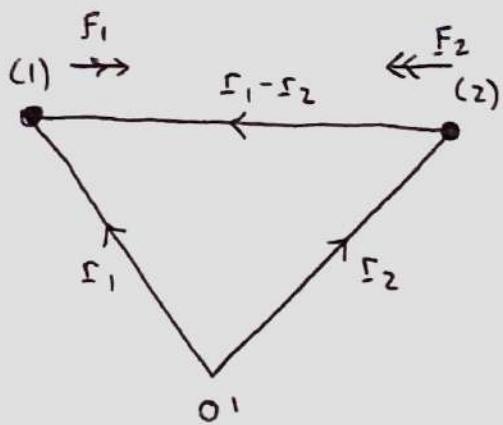
2 particles at  $\underline{r}_1$  and  $\underline{r}_2$  respectively

Force on particle 1 is  $\underline{F}_1 = -\frac{G m_1 m_2 (\underline{r}_1 - \underline{r}_2)}{|\underline{r}_1 - \underline{r}_2|^3} = -\underline{F}_2$

$m_1, m_2$  masses,  $G$  = gravitational constant

$\underline{F}_1 = -\underline{F}_2$  proportional to  $|\underline{r}_1 - \underline{r}_2|^{-2}$  (inverse square law)

note  $(\underline{r}_1 - \underline{r}_2)$  specifies direction; attractive force from - sign  
Newton's 3rd holds here.



$G$  is a dimensional constant  
dimensions  $L^3 M^{-1} T^{-2}$

$F_1, F_2$  don't depend on  
velocities of particles  
but EM forces do.



## 2) Electromagnetic forces

Consider a particle with electric charge  $q$ , in electric field  $\underline{E}(r, t)$  and magnetic field  $\underline{B}(r, t)$

$$\underline{F}(r, \dot{r}, t) = q(\underline{E}(r, t) + \dot{r} \times \underline{B}(r, t)) \quad \text{Lorentz force law}$$

Consider  $\underline{E}, \underline{B}$  as given.

Example  $\underline{E} = 0$ ,  $\underline{B}$  = constant vector

Equation of motion:  $m\ddot{r} = q\dot{r} \times \underline{B}$ , a 2nd order ODE to solve

Choose axes with  $\underline{B} = B\hat{z}$ , hence  $m\ddot{z} = 0 \Rightarrow z = z_0 + ut$

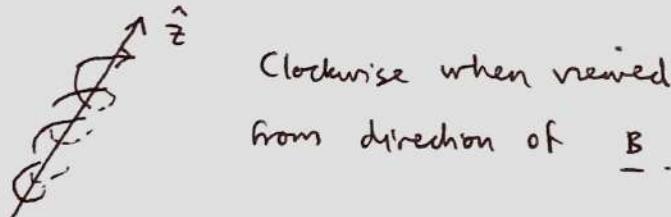
$$m\ddot{x} = qB\dot{y}, \quad m\ddot{y} = -qB\dot{x}$$

convenient to define  $\omega = \frac{qB}{m}$  then get

Circular motion in  $x, y$ ; constant velocity in  $z \Rightarrow$  helical motion.

$x = x_0 - \alpha \cos(\omega(t-t_0))$ $y = y_0 + \alpha \sin(\omega(t-t_0))$
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$x_0, y_0, \alpha, \omega$  to constants from ICs



Clockwise when viewed  
from direction of  $\underline{B}$ .

## 2. Dimensional Analysis

3 main basic quantities : L length, M mass, T time

Dimensions of some quantity  $[x]$  can be expressed in terms of L, M, T

e.g. density  $[\text{density}] = ML^{-3}$

$[\text{force}] = MLT^{-2}$

Only powers of these quantities allowed

Units e.g. SI units: L m (metres), M kg (kilograms), T s (seconds)

Force  $F = \frac{Gm_1 m_2}{r^2} \Rightarrow$  dimensions of G :

$$G = \frac{F \cdot r^2}{m_1 m_2} = \frac{M \cdot L}{T^2} \cdot L^2 \cdot \frac{1}{M^2} = \frac{L^3}{MT^2} \text{ m}^3 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-2}$$

Scaling Dimensional quantity Y depends on other D.Q.s  
 $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$

Let dimensions be  $[Y] = L^a M^b T^c$

$$[x_i] = L^{a_i} M^{b_i} T^{c_i} \quad (i=1, \dots, n)$$

If  $n \leq 3$  then  $Y = C x_1^{p_1} x_2^{p_2} x_3^{p_3}$  and  $p_1, p_2, p_3$

can be determined by balancing dimensions

$$L^a M^b T^c = (L^{a_1} M^{b_1} T^{c_1})^{p_1} \times \dots$$

$$\text{Hence } a = a_1 p_1 + a_2 p_2 + a_3 p_3$$

$$b = b_1 p_1 + b_2 p_2 + b_3 p_3$$

$$c = c_1 p_1 + c_2 p_2 + c_3 p_3$$

unique solution for  $p_1, p_2, p_3$

if dimensions of  $x_1, x_2, x_3$   
are "(linearly) independent".

If  $n > 3$  then  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  are not dimensionally independent

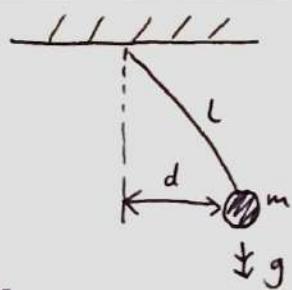
(only 3 - L, M, T). Choose  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  (dim. indep) and

$n-3$  dimensionless quantities  $\lambda_1 = \frac{x_4}{x_1^{q_{11}} x_2^{q_{12}} x_3^{q_{13}}}, \lambda_2 = \frac{x_5}{x_1^{q_{21}} x_2^{q_{22}} x_3^{q_{23}}}$

$q_{mn}$  chosen to balance dimensions. Then  $Y = x_1^{p_1} x_2^{p_2} x_3^{p_3} C(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{n-3})$   
(Bridgman's theorem)

### Example simple pendulum

$n = 4$



How does period of oscillation  $T$  depend on  $m, l, d, g$ ?

$$[T] = T \quad [m] = M \quad [g] = LT^{-2} \quad [l] = [d] = L$$

$$n=4: \text{ form 1 dimensionless group} \quad P = f\left(\frac{d}{l}\right) m^{p_1} L^{p_2} g^{p_3}$$

$$\therefore T = M^{p_1} L^{p_2} \left(\frac{L}{T^2}\right)^{p_3}. \quad M: p_1 = 0 \quad L: p_2 + p_3 = 0$$

$$T: 1 = -2p_3 \Rightarrow p_3 = 0, \quad p_2 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad p_1 = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{so } P = f\left(\frac{d}{l}\right) L^{1/2} g^{-1/2}$$

useful:  $d \rightarrow 2d, l \rightarrow 2l \Rightarrow P \rightarrow \sqrt{2}P$

$d \rightarrow 2d, l \rightarrow l$  can't say -  
don't know form of  $f\left(\frac{d}{l}\right)$

### Example 2 Taylor's estimate of energy of first atomic explosion

$R(t)$  size as function of time : L time  $t$  T

$$\text{air density } \rho \frac{M}{L^3}, \quad \text{energy } E \frac{ML^2}{T^2}$$

$$R = C t^\alpha \rho^\beta E^\gamma T^\delta : L = T^\alpha \frac{M^\beta}{L^{3\beta}} \frac{M^\gamma L^{2\gamma}}{T^{2\gamma}} \quad !$$

$$M: \beta + \gamma = 0, \quad L: -3\beta + 2\gamma = 1, \quad T: \alpha - 2\gamma = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{1}{5}, \quad \beta = -\frac{1}{5}, \quad \alpha = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\text{hence } R(t) = C t^{2/5} \rho^{-1/5} E^{1/5}$$

Taylor verified  $\frac{2}{5}$  power law and estimated value of  $E$

$$E = \frac{\rho R^5}{C^5 t^2} : \text{ if } C \sim 1 \text{ then } E \sim 10^{14} \text{ J}$$

### 3 Forces

#### 3.1 Force and potential energy in 1 spatial dimension

Consider mass  $m$  moving in straight line with position  $x(t)$ .

Force depends only on position  $x$ , not on velocity or on time.

Force  $F(x)$  : define potential energy  $V(x)$  by

$$F(x) = -\frac{dV}{dx} \quad \text{or} \quad V(x) = -\int^x F(x) dx$$

↑  
lower limit omitted - arbitrary constant in  $V$

Eqn of motion - Newton's 2nd :  $m\ddot{x} = -\frac{dV}{dx}$

Define kinetic energy  $T = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2$

Total energy  $E = T + V = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 + V(x)$  (conserved)  $\frac{dE}{dt} = 0$

$$\text{as } \frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 + V(x) \right) = m\dot{x}\ddot{x} \frac{dV}{dx} \dot{x} = \dot{x} \left( m\ddot{x} + \frac{dV}{dx} \right) = 0.$$

For conservation of  $\frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 + \underline{\Phi}$ , require  $\dot{x}F = -\frac{d\underline{\Phi}}{dt}$

( $\underline{\Phi}$  may depend on  $x, \dot{x}, t$ ) but usually there is no such  $\underline{\Phi}$  if  $F$  depends on  $\dot{x}$  or  $t$ .

Example harmonic oscillator  $F(x) = -kx$  (e.g. Hooke's law)

$$\text{so } V(x) = -\int^x (-kx') dx' = \frac{1}{2}kx^2 \text{ (with appropriate +C)}$$

Seek explicit expression for  $x(t)$

$$m\ddot{x}(t) = -kx \Rightarrow x(t) = A\cos\omega t + B\sin\omega t \quad \text{for } \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

$$\dot{x}(t) = -\omega A\sin\omega t + \omega B\cos\omega t \quad A, B \text{ from ICs}$$

Can check  $E = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx^2$  is conserved.

In 1D, conservation of energy gives useful information about motion.

Conservation of energy is a 1<sup>st</sup> integral of Newton's 2nd :

$$E = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 + V(x) \Rightarrow \dot{x} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{m}(E - V(x))} \quad \text{if we know } E \text{ from ICs}$$

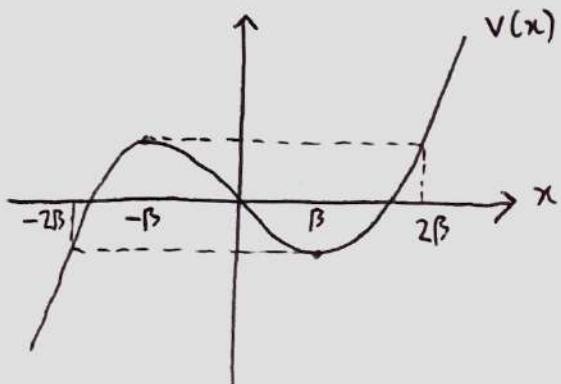
This implies  $\pm \int_{x_0}^x \frac{dx}{\sqrt{\frac{2}{m}(E - V(x))}} = t - t_0$  with  $x = x_0$  when  $t = t_0$ .

This gives an implicit solution for  $x(t)$ .

In principle we can evaluate integral for  $x(t)$  - not as easy in practice

Qualitatively:

Example  $V(x) = \lambda(x^3 - 3\beta^2 x)$   $\lambda, \beta$  constants,  $> 0$



What happens if we release particle from rest at  $x = x_0$  for different choices of  $x_0$ ?

$$\text{From rest} \Rightarrow E = V(x_0)$$

$$\text{so } V(x) \leq V(x_0) \quad \forall x.$$

Case 1  $x_0 < -\beta$  particle moves to left with  $x(t) \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

Case 2  $-\beta < x_0 < 2\beta$  particle confined to  $-\beta \leq x(t) \leq 2\beta$

Case 3  $2\beta < x_0$  particle moves to left, reaches  $x = -\beta$  and continues with  $x(t) \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ .

Special case 1 :  $x_0 = -\beta$   $\frac{dV}{dx} = 0$  so no force  $\Rightarrow$  no acc<sup>n</sup> particle remains at  $x = -\beta$

Special case 2 :  $x_0 = \beta$  : particle remains at  $x = \beta$

Special case 3 :  $x_0 = 2\beta$  : particle moves to left and comes to rest at  $x = -\beta$  ( $E$  conserved).

How long does it take to come to rest?

Write down integral expression relating  $x$  and  $t$ :

$$\int_{x(t)}^{2\beta} \frac{d\tilde{x}}{\sqrt{\frac{2\lambda}{m}(2\beta^3 - \tilde{x}^3 + 3\beta^2 \tilde{x})}} = t \quad (x(0) = 2\beta)$$
$$= \int_{x(t)}^{2\beta} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{2\lambda}{m}}} \frac{1}{\tilde{x} + \beta} \cdot \frac{1}{(2\beta - \tilde{x})^{1/2}} d\tilde{x} \quad \text{diverges as } \tilde{x} \rightarrow -\beta$$

so particle takes "infinite time" to come to rest at  $x = -\beta$ .  
(logarithmic behaviour)

### 3.2 Equilibrium Points

A point at which a particle can stay at rest for all time  
( $x = \pm \beta$  in Lecture 4)

Here  $V'(x) = 0$ . Analyse motion close to eq. point at  $x = x_0$

$V'(x_0) = 0$ . Assume  $x - x_0$  is small - expand  $V(x)$  as Taylor series.

$$V(x) \approx V(x_0) + (x - x_0) V'(x_0) + \frac{1}{2} (x - x_0)^2 V''(x_0) + \dots$$

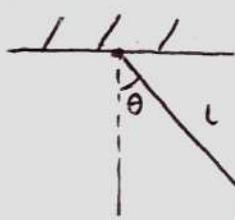
$$\text{so } m\ddot{x} = -V'(x) \approx -\underline{(x - x_0) V''(x_0)}$$

If  $V''(x_0) > 0$ : local minimum, harmonic oscillator eqn, frequency is  $\sqrt{V''(x_0)/m}$  (stable equilibrium - start close  $\Rightarrow$  stay close)

If  $V''(x_0) < 0$ : local maximum, exponentially increasing / decaying solutions - almost always the ICs excite exponential growth with rate  $\gamma = \sqrt{-V''(x_0)/m}$

If  $V''(x_0) = 0$  must take higher terms

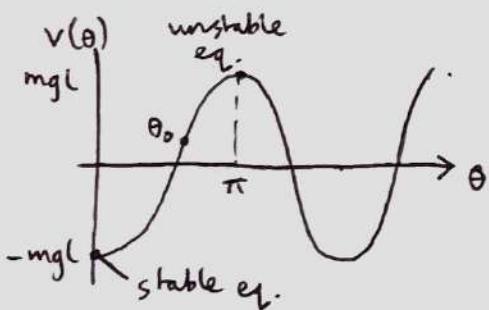
Example Pendulum:



Newton's 2nd:  $m l \ddot{\theta} = -mg \sin \theta$  (see later;  $\propto \perp$  to string)

$$m l \ddot{\theta} = -mg \sin \theta = -\frac{d}{d\theta} (-mg \cos \theta)$$

$$\Downarrow g \Rightarrow E = \frac{1}{2} m l^2 \dot{\theta}^2 - mgl \cos \theta \quad \text{check } \frac{dE}{dt} = 0$$



If  $-mgl < E < mgl$ : oscillates about position of stable equilibrium

$E > mgl$ : either  $\dot{\theta} > 0$  or  $\dot{\theta} < 0$  for all time

What is the period of oscillations?  
oscillates

$\dot{\theta} = 0$  at  $\theta = \theta_0$  - dependence of period on  $\theta_0$ ?

$$\theta_0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow -\theta_0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \theta_0 \Rightarrow P = 4 \int_0^{\theta_0} \frac{d\theta}{\left( \frac{2gl(\cos \theta - \cos \theta_0)}{l^2} \right)^{1/2}} \xleftarrow{E \text{ eqn}} \theta \text{ from}$$

(see lecture 4)

$$= 4 \left(\frac{l}{g}\right)^{1/2} \int_0^{\theta_0} \frac{d\theta}{(2\cos\theta - 2\cos\theta_0)^{1/2}} = 4 \left(\frac{l}{g}\right)^{1/2} F(\theta_0)$$

(Recall  $P = \left(\frac{l}{g}\right)^{1/2} H\left(\frac{d}{l}\right)$  from dim. analysis)

$$\text{If } \theta_0 \text{ is small: } F(\theta_0) \approx \int_0^{\theta_0} \frac{d\theta}{(\theta_0^2 - \theta^2)^{1/2}} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\text{Then } P \approx 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}} \quad \text{for small } \theta_0.$$

### 3.3 Force/potential in 3D

Consider particle in 3D under force  $\underline{F}$ .  $m\underline{\ddot{r}} = \underline{F}$

$$T = \frac{1}{2}m|\dot{\underline{r}}|^2 = \frac{1}{2}m|\underline{u}|^2 \quad \text{then } \frac{dT}{dt} = m\dot{\underline{r}} \cdot \ddot{\underline{r}} = \underline{F} \cdot \dot{\underline{r}} = \underline{F} \cdot \underline{u}$$

rate of working of force on particle

Consider total work done by force on particle along a finite path:

C

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_2 &= \Sigma(t_2) \\ \Sigma_1 &= \Sigma(t_1) \end{aligned}$$

Total work

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \underline{F} \cdot \underline{u} dt$$

$$= \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \underline{F} \cdot \dot{\underline{r}} dt = \int_{\Sigma(t_1)}^{\Sigma(t_2)} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r} \quad \begin{matrix} \leftarrow \text{along } C \\ \text{line integral} \end{matrix}$$

$$\text{Total work} = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r} = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} F_x dx + F_y dy + F_z dz$$

$$(\underline{F} = (F_x, F_y, F_z))$$

Now suppose  $\underline{F}$  is a function of  $\underline{r}$  only i.e.  $F(\underline{r})$  defines a force field

A conservative force field is such that  $\underline{F}(\underline{r}) = -\nabla V(\underline{r})$

for some function  $V(\underline{r})$  (components:  $F_i = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_i}$ )

If  $\underline{F}$  is conservative then  $E$  is conserved.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{\text{Proof}} \quad \frac{dE}{dt} &= \frac{dT}{dt} + \frac{d}{dt} V(r) = m\dot{\underline{r}} \cdot \dot{\underline{r}} + \nabla V \cdot \dot{\underline{r}} \\
 &= \dot{\underline{r}} \cdot (m\dot{\underline{r}} + \nabla V) = \dot{\underline{r}} \cdot (m\dot{\underline{r}} - \underline{F}) = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

To find work done by conservative force:

$$W = \int_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{r} = - \int_C \nabla V \cdot d\underline{v} = \underline{V(r_1) - V(r_2)}$$

follows from properties of  $\nabla$

This is independent of path taken: depends only on endpts  $r_1, r_2$

Corollary: if  $C$  is closed then no net work is done.

In general a given  $\underline{F}(r)$  is not conservative i.e. there is no function  $V(r)$  with  $\underline{F} = -\nabla V$ .

Condition:  $\underline{F}(r)$  is conservative when  $\nabla \times \underline{F}(r) = 0$  see  $\nabla \times$   
 (curl operator)

### 3.4 Gravity

$$\underline{F}(\underline{r}) = -\frac{GMm}{|\underline{r}|^3} \cdot \underline{r} = -\frac{GMm}{r^2} \hat{\underline{r}} \quad (\text{radial direction})$$

$\underline{r}$  is position vector of mass  $m$  relative to  $M$ .

$$\underline{F}(\underline{r}) = -\nabla V \text{ with } V(\underline{r}) = -\frac{GMm}{r} \quad \text{so gravitational force is conservative.}$$

Often define a "gravitational potential"  $\Phi_g(\underline{r}) = -\frac{GM}{r}$   
 "gravitational field"  $\underline{g} = -\nabla \Phi_g(\underline{r}) = -\frac{GM}{r^2} \hat{\underline{r}}$  (easier sometimes to work without  $m$ )

Effect on mass  $m$ :  $V(\underline{r}) = m \Phi_g(\underline{r})$ ,  $\underline{F}(\underline{r}) = mg$

Can generalise to  $N$  grav. potential associated with many masses  $M_i$  at  $\underline{r}_i$ :

$$\Phi_g(\underline{r}) = -\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{GM_i}{|\underline{r}-\underline{r}_i|} \quad \underline{g} = -\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{GM_i(\underline{r}-\underline{r}_i)}{|\underline{r}-\underline{r}_i|^3}$$

Could extend to a continuous distribution: sum  $\rightarrow$  integral

In particular for uniform spherical mass distribution centred at  $0$ :

outside distribution, have  $\Phi_g(\underline{r}) = -\frac{GM}{r}$   $M$  = total mass

behaves as point mass (see VC)

### Gravitational Mass vs Inertial Mass

Inertial:  $m \ddot{\underline{r}} = \underline{F}$  regard as same for this course

Gravitational:  $\underline{F} = -\frac{GMm}{r^2} \hat{\underline{r}}$  ( $\sim$  within  $1/10^{12}$ )  
 see GR

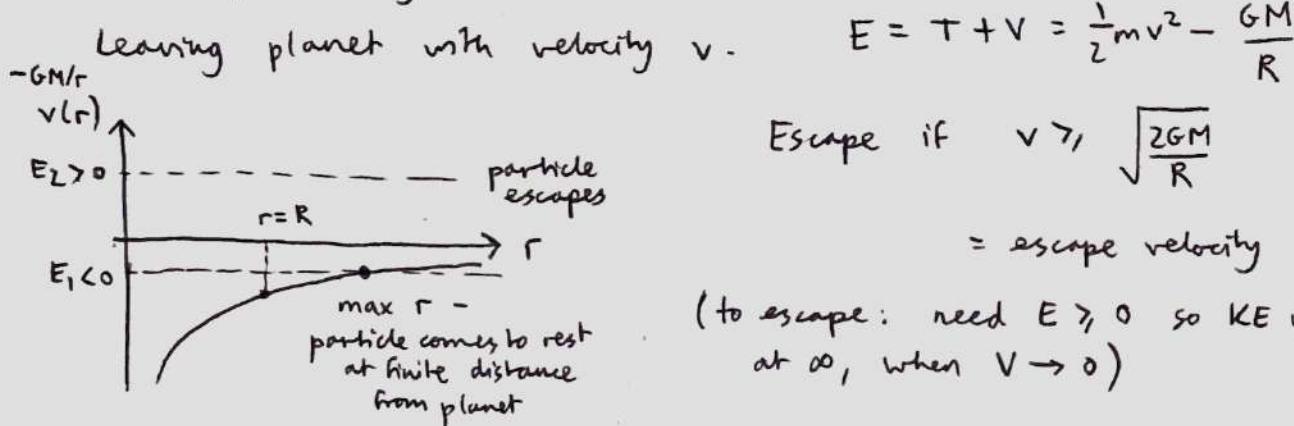
#### (1) 1D approximation

Consider mass  $m$  at height  $z$  above surface of planet mass  $M$ , radius  $R$  ( $z \ll R$ )

potential  $V(R+z) = -\frac{GMm}{R+z} = -\frac{GMm}{R} + \frac{GMmz}{R^2} + \dots$  (binomial exp)

Potential energy in uniform gravitational field with  $g = \frac{GM}{R^2} \approx 9.8 \text{ ms}^{-2}$   
 for Earth

## (2) Escape velocity



E conserved:

$$E = T + V = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 - \frac{GM}{r}$$

Escape if  $v > \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R}}$

= escape velocity

(to escape: need  $E > 0$  so KE is  $\geq 0$  at  $\infty$ , when  $V \rightarrow 0$ )

## 3.5 Electromagnetic Forces

Force  $\underline{F}$  on charge  $q$  particle is  $\underline{F} = q\underline{E} + q\underline{u} \times \underline{B}$

(Lorentz force law)

$\underline{E}$  electric field,  $\underline{B}$  magnetic field

If  $\underline{E}$ ,  $\underline{B}$  time independent then  $\underline{E} = -\nabla \Phi_e(\underline{r})$

electrostatic potential

Then  $q\underline{E}$  is conservative.

Claim for time indep.  $\underline{E}(\underline{r})$ ,  $\underline{B}(\underline{r})$ , energy of particle moving under Lorentz force law is constant.

Proof  $E = \frac{1}{2}m|\dot{\underline{r}}|^2 + q\Phi_e(\underline{r}) = T + V$

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = m\dot{\underline{r}} \cdot \ddot{\underline{r}} + q\dot{\underline{r}} \cdot \nabla \Phi_e(\underline{r}) = \dot{\underline{r}} \cdot (m\ddot{\underline{r}} + q\nabla \Phi_e)$$

$$= \dot{\underline{r}} \cdot (q\underline{E} + q\dot{\underline{r}} \times \underline{B} + q\nabla \Phi_e) = q\dot{\underline{r}} \cdot (\dot{\underline{r}} \times \underline{B}) = 0.$$

i.e. rate of working of magnetic field is 0.

Point charges Charge  $Q$  particle at origin generates potential  $\Phi_e(\underline{r}) = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r}$

$$\underline{E}(\underline{r}) = -\nabla \Phi_e = \frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{\underline{r}}$$

Force on particle with charge  $q$  located at  $\underline{r}$ :

$$\underline{F} = -q\nabla \Phi_e = \frac{Qq}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{\underline{r}} \quad \text{"Coulomb force"}$$

may be attractive or repulsive depending on sign of  $Qq$

### 3.6 Friction

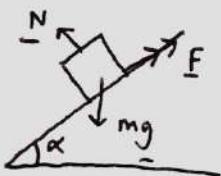
A contact force between two bodies or solid / surrounding fluid

#### Dry friction

Normal force : perpendicular to contact surface

Tangential force : resists tangential motion (sliding / slipping)

Static friction : if no sliding occurs



N normal, F friction

$$|F| \leq \mu_s |N| \quad \mu_s = \text{coeff. of static friction}$$

Block can remain static provided  $\alpha \leq \tan^{-1}(\mu_s)$  (check)

Kinetic friction : if block starts to slide, there is a kinetic frictional force

$$|F| = \mu_k |N| \quad \text{expect } \mu_s > \mu_k > 0$$

$\uparrow$   
coeff of kinetic friction

### Fluid drag solid moving through fluid

$$\text{Linear drag : } F = -k_1 \underline{u} \quad \underline{u} \text{ rel. velocity of solid to fluid}$$

$k_1$ , constant

Relevant to "small" objects moving through viscous fluid.

$$\text{Stokes drag law : } k_1 = 6\pi\eta R \quad \eta \text{ viscosity, } R \text{ radius of sphere}$$

$$\text{Quadratic drag : } F = -k_2 |\underline{u}| \underline{u} \quad \text{for large bodies moving through less viscous fluid}$$

$$\text{typically } k_2 = \rho_{\text{fluid}} C_D R^2 \quad C_D \text{ drag coefficient}$$

A body loses KE as a result of a drag force

$$\text{rate of working } F \cdot \underline{u} = k_1 |\underline{u}|^2 \text{ (linear) or } F \cdot \underline{u} = -k_2 |\underline{u}|^3 \text{ (quadratic)}$$

$$\text{Example 1 damped oscillator : } m\ddot{x} = -kx - \lambda \dot{x}$$

$$\text{Example 2 Projectile under uniform gravity, experiencing linear drag}$$

$$m \frac{d^2 \underline{x}}{dt^2} = mg - k \frac{d\underline{x}}{dt} \quad \underline{x} = 0, \underline{\dot{x}} = \underline{u} = \underline{U} \text{ at } t = 0$$

$$\text{Solve for } \underline{u} : m\ddot{u} = mg - ku \quad \text{I.F. } \frac{d}{dt}(u e^{kt/m}) = mg e^{kt/m}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{u} = \frac{mg}{k} + \frac{C}{k} e^{-kt/m} = \frac{mg}{k} + \left( \underline{U} - \frac{mg}{k} \right) e^{-kt/m}$$

$\frac{C}{k}$  constant

Integrate for  $\underline{x}(t)$  :  $\underline{x}(t) = \frac{mgt}{k} - \frac{m}{k} \left( U - \frac{mg}{k} \right) e^{-kt/m} + \underline{D}$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x}(t) = \frac{mg t}{k} + \frac{m}{k} \left( U - \frac{mg}{k} \right) \left( 1 - e^{-kt/m} \right)$$

↑ by ICS

Consider components : choose  $\underline{U} = (U \cos \theta, 0, U \sin \theta)$ ,  $\underline{g} = (0, 0, -g)$

$$u_1 = U \cos \theta e^{-kt/m} \quad u_2 = 0 \quad u_3 = \left( U \sin \theta + \frac{mg}{k} \right) e^{-kt/m} - \frac{mg}{k}$$

Note terminal velocity is  $(0, 0, -mg/k)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$

$$x = \frac{mU \cos \theta}{k} (1 - e^{-kt/m}) \quad y = 0 \quad z = -\frac{mgt}{k} + \frac{m}{k} \left( U \sin \theta + \frac{mg}{k} \right) (1 - e^{-kt/m})$$

Range : value of  $x$  when  $z$  returns to 0

$$R(U, \theta, m, k, g)$$

Dimensionless group  $\frac{kU}{mg} = \frac{U/g}{m/k}$

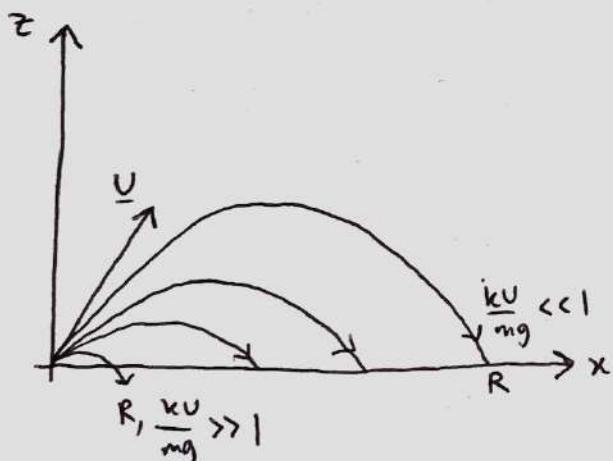
$\frac{U}{g}$  time to reduce initial velocity under gravity

$\frac{m}{k}$  time to achieve terminal velocity

From dimensional analysis :  $R = \frac{U^2}{g} F(\theta, \frac{kU}{mg})$  find  $F$  :

If  $\frac{kU}{mg} \ll 1$  :  $R = \frac{U^2}{g} \cdot 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$  strong friction

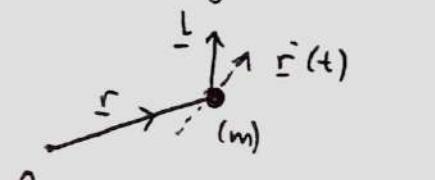
If  $\frac{kU}{mg} \gg 1$  :  $R = \frac{U^2}{g} \left( \frac{mg}{kU} \cos \theta \right)$  weak friction



### 3.7 Angular Momentum

Define angular momentum for particle mass  $m$  moving under force  $\underline{F}$ , position  $\underline{r}(t)$ , velocity  $\dot{\underline{r}}(t)$

$$\underline{L} = \underline{r} \times \underline{p} = \underline{r} \times m\dot{\underline{r}}$$



Then  $\frac{d\underline{L}}{dt} = m\underline{r} \times \ddot{\underline{r}} + m\underline{r} \times \dot{\underline{r}} = \cancel{m\underline{r} \times \dot{\underline{r}}} m\underline{r} \times \ddot{\underline{r}} = \underline{r} \times \underline{F} = \underline{\Omega}$

called torque or moment of force  $\underline{F}$

Values of  $\underline{L}$  and  $\underline{\Omega}$  depend on choice of origin  
so refer to as AM/M about origin.

If  $\underline{r} \times \underline{F} = 0$  then angular momentum is constant.

$\underline{L}$  about some suitably chosen point may be constant.

### 4 Orbits

The basic problem:  $m\ddot{\underline{r}} = -\nabla V(r)$

particle moves in force resulting from potential dependent only on  $r$  distance

#### 4.1 Central forces

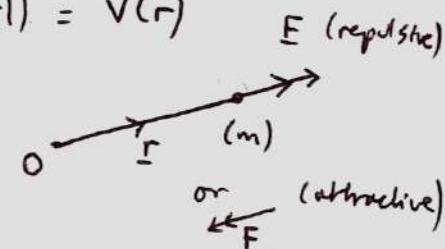
These are conservative forces with  $V(\underline{r}) = V(|\underline{r}|) = V(r)$

$$\underline{F}(r) = -\nabla V(|\underline{r}|) = -\frac{dV}{dr} \hat{\underline{r}}$$

Check:  $r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$

$$2r \nabla r = (2x, 2y, 2z) = 2\hat{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla r = \frac{\hat{x}}{r} = \hat{\underline{r}}$$



Consider  $\underline{L}$ , about  $O$ :  $\frac{d\underline{L}}{dt} = \underline{r} \times \underline{F} = \underline{r} \times \left( -\frac{dV}{dr} \hat{\underline{r}} \right) = 0$   
so  $\underline{L}$  is conserved for a central force.

So  $\underline{L}$  is constant, also  $\underline{L} \cdot \underline{r} = 0$  (from defn of  $\underline{L}$ )

Hence motion is in a plane through the origin and orientation of plane is set by ICs for  $\underline{L}$ .

## 4.2 Polar coordinates

Choose z-axis s.t. orbit lies in  $z=0$ : use  $(x, y)$  plane  $x=r\cos\theta, y=r\sin\theta$

Define unit vectors in direction of increase of  $r, \theta$ :  $\underline{e}_r, \underline{e}_\theta$

$$\underline{e}_r = \hat{\underline{r}} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta \\ \sin\theta \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{e}_\theta = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin\theta \\ \cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Note: } \frac{d}{d\theta} \underline{e}_r = \frac{d}{d\theta} \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta \\ \sin\theta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin\theta \\ \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} = \underline{e}_\theta, \quad \frac{d}{d\theta} \underline{e}_\theta = -\underline{e}_r$$

For moving particle  $\theta$  is a function of position, and hence of time  $r(t), \theta(t)$

$$\frac{d\underline{e}_r}{dt} = \frac{d\theta}{dt} \frac{d\underline{e}_r}{d\theta} = \underline{e}_\theta \frac{d\theta}{dt}, \quad \frac{d\underline{e}_\theta}{dt} = \frac{d\theta}{dt} \frac{d\underline{e}_\theta}{d\theta} = -\underline{e}_r \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$

$$\text{Now: } \underline{\Gamma} = r\underline{e}_r \Rightarrow \dot{\underline{\Gamma}} = \dot{r}\underline{e}_r + r \frac{d\underline{e}_r}{dt} = \dot{r}\underline{e}_r + r\dot{\theta}\underline{e}_\theta$$

$\dot{r}$  radial comp. of velocity,  $r\dot{\theta}$  angular comp. of velocity  
and have  $\dot{\theta} = \text{angular velocity}$

$$\text{Then } \ddot{\underline{\Gamma}} = \frac{d}{dt} (\dot{r}\underline{e}_r + r\dot{\theta}\underline{e}_\theta) = \ddot{r}\underline{e}_r + \dot{r}\dot{\underline{e}}_r + \dot{r}\dot{\theta}\underline{e}_\theta + r\ddot{\theta}\underline{e}_\theta + r\dot{\theta}\dot{\underline{e}}_\theta$$

$$= (\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2)\underline{e}_r + (2\dot{r}\dot{\theta} + r\ddot{\theta})\underline{e}_\theta$$

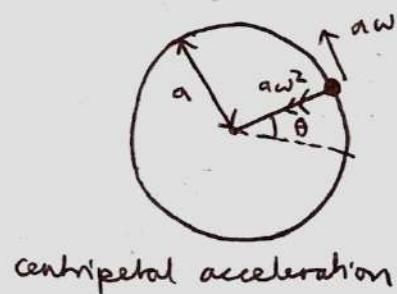
acceleration in  $r$  and  $\theta$  components

Example constant  $\dot{\theta}$  circular motion

$$r = a, \quad \dot{\theta} = \omega, \quad \dot{r} = 0, \quad \ddot{r} = 0, \quad \ddot{\theta} = 0$$

$$\text{Plug in: } \underline{\Gamma} = aw\underline{e}_\theta, \quad \ddot{\underline{\Gamma}} = -aw^2\underline{e}_\theta$$

Newton's 2nd implies force is required to maintain circular motion (centripetal force).



centripetal acceleration

### 4.3 Motion in a central force field

Newton's 2nd:  $m\ddot{r} = F = -\nabla V = -\frac{dV}{dr}\hat{e}_r$

Lecture 8:  ~~$m(\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2)$~~  <sub>radial</sub>  $m(\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2)\hat{e}_r + m(2\dot{r}\dot{\theta} + r\ddot{\theta})\hat{e}_\theta = -\frac{dV}{dr}\hat{e}_r$  <sub>angular</sub> <sub>radial</sub>

Angular component  $m(2\dot{r}\dot{\theta} + r\ddot{\theta}) = 0 = \frac{m}{r} \frac{d}{dt}(r^2\dot{\theta}) = 0$   
equivalent to  $m r^2 \dot{\theta} = \text{constant}$

Recall  $\underline{L} = m\underline{r} \times \dot{\underline{r}} = m r \hat{e}_r \times (\dot{r} \hat{e}_r + r\dot{\theta} \hat{e}_\theta) = m r^2 \dot{\theta} \hat{e}_z$

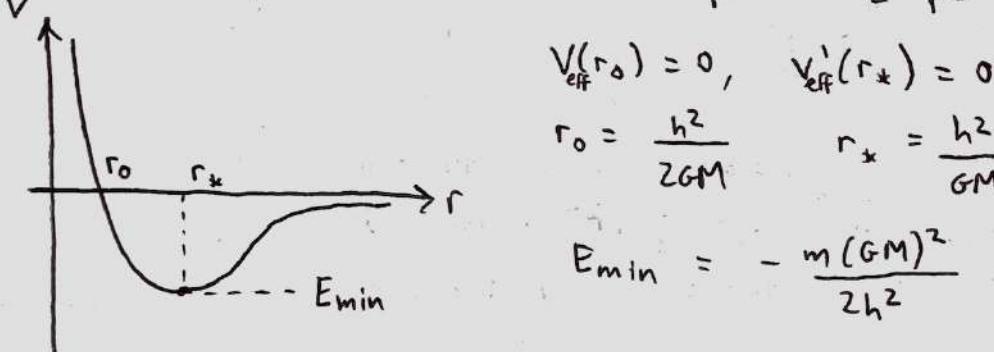
i.e.  $|L|$  is constant:  $r^2\dot{\theta} = h$  (constant).

Radial component:  $m\ddot{r} - mr\dot{\theta}^2 = -\frac{dV}{dr} \Rightarrow m\ddot{r} = -\frac{dV}{dr} + \frac{mh^2}{r^3} = -\frac{dV_{\text{eff}}}{dr}$   
with  $V_{\text{eff}}(r) = V(r) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{mh^2}{r^2}$  effective potential

Consider energy:  $T + V(r) = \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{r}^2 + r^2\dot{\theta}^2) + V(r) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}m\dot{r}^2}_{V_{\text{eff}}(r)} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \frac{mh^2}{r^2}}_{V_{\text{eff}}(r)} + V(r)$

Example inverse square law force

$$V(r) = -\frac{GMm}{r} \quad V_{\text{eff}}(r) = -\frac{GMm}{r} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{mh^2}{r^2} \quad (\text{for given } h)$$



What is possible motion of  $m$ ?

$$E = E_{\min}: \quad r(t) = r_* \quad \dot{\theta} = \frac{h}{r_*^2} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{circular motion,} \\ \text{constant } \dot{\theta} \end{array}$$

$E_{\min} < E < 0$ :  $r(t)$  oscillates between min, max values

$\dot{\theta}$  varies

$0 \leq E, \quad r(t) \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty \text{ - escape to infinity}$

$r_{\min}$  is called the periastron / perihelion (sun), perigee (Earth)

$r_{\max}$  is called the apastron, aphelion, apogee

## 4.5 Stability of orbits (circular)

Consider general  $V(r)$ : is there a circular orbit, and if so is it stable?  
 $L \neq 0$ , given

For circular orbit  $r(t) = r_* = \text{constant}$  requires  $\dot{r} = 0 \Rightarrow V_{\text{eff}}'(r_*) = 0$

Stable if  $V_{\text{eff}}$  is a minimum at  $r_*$ , else unstable for max

Rewrite in terms of  $V(r)$ :  $V'(r_*) - \frac{mh^2}{r_*^3} = 0$  for circular

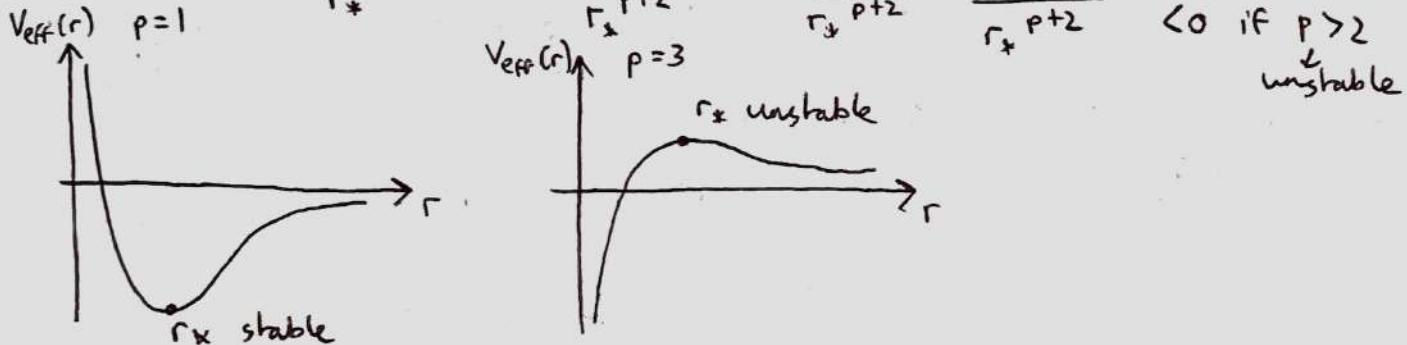
Stable if  $V''(r_*) + \frac{3mh^2}{r_*^4} > 0$ , i.e.  $V''(r_*) + \frac{3V'(r_*)}{r_*} > 0$

Example  $V(r) = -\frac{k\mu}{r^p}$   $\mu > 0, k > 0$

For circular motion:  $\frac{\mu k m}{r_*^{p+1}} - \frac{mh^2}{r_*^3} = 0 \Rightarrow r_*^{p-2} = \frac{\mu k}{h^2}$

$\Rightarrow r_* = \left(\frac{\mu k}{h^2}\right)^{1/(p-2)} r_*^{p+1}$  so circular orbit  $\forall p \neq 2$   $\nearrow$  stable

$V''(r_*) + \frac{3V'(r_*)}{r_*} = -\frac{k\mu p(p+1)}{r_*^{p+2}} + \frac{3k\mu p}{r_*^{p+2}} = \frac{p(p-2)k}{r_*^{p+2}} > 0$  if  $0 < p < 2$



4.6 The orbit equation scalar  $r$  as  $V_{\text{eff}}$  applies to radial  $r$

Could determine  $r(t)$  via  $E = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{r}^2 + V_{\text{eff}}(r) = \text{constant}$

and use  $r(t)^2\dot{\theta} = h$  to deduce  $\theta(t)$  but often not analytically possible

Better:  $\theta$  indep. variable: write  $\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{d\theta}{dt} \cdot \frac{d}{d\theta} = \frac{h}{r^2} \frac{d}{d\theta}$

Newton's 2nd:  $m \frac{h}{r^2} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left( \frac{h}{r^2} \frac{d}{d\theta} r \right) - \frac{mh^2}{r^3} = F(r)$

suggests using  $u = \frac{1}{r}$  as variable: gives

$$mh u^2 \frac{d}{d\theta} \left( -h \frac{du}{d\theta} \right) - mh^2 u^3 = F(u^{-1})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 u}{d\theta^2} + u = -\frac{1}{mh^2 u^2} F(u^{-1}) \quad - \text{orbit equation (Binet eqn)}$$

Solve for  $u(\theta)$  then use  $\dot{\theta} = hu^2$  etc.

## 4.7 The Kepler problem

Orbit problem for special case of gravitational central force

$$F(r) = -\frac{mk}{r^2} \Rightarrow \frac{d^2u}{d\theta^2} + u = \frac{k}{h^2} \quad (u = r^{-1}) \quad \text{linear in } u$$

Solving:  $u = \frac{k}{h^2} + A \cos(\theta - \theta_0)$  WLOG take  $A > 0$ . perihelion  
 $A = 0$ :  $u = \frac{k}{h^2}$  circular orbit,  $A > 0$ :  $u$  max when  $\theta = \theta_0$  (r min)

WLOG let  $\theta_0$  and write in r:  $r = \frac{1}{u} = \frac{l}{1+e \cos \theta} \quad l = h^2/k \quad e = Ah^2/k$

a conic section:  $e = \text{eccentricity}$

Cartesian:  $r(1+e \cos \theta) = l \Rightarrow r = l - ex \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = (l-ex)^2$

$$\Rightarrow (1-e^2)x^2 + y^2 + 2ex = l^2 \quad (+) \quad 0 < e < 1 \quad \underline{\text{ellipse}}: \frac{l}{1+e} \leq r \leq \frac{l}{1-e}$$

Rewrite:  $\frac{(x+ea)^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1 \quad a = \frac{l}{1-e^2}, \quad b = \frac{l}{\sqrt{1-e^2}} \quad e=0 \text{ circle}$

$e > 0$ : origin lies at one focus -  $e''$  and  $l$  determine  $a$  and  $b$ .

$e > 1$ : hyperbola with  $r \rightarrow \infty$  as  $\theta \rightarrow \pm \infty = \pm \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{e}\right) \in (\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$

Rewrite (+):  $\frac{(x-ea)^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1 \quad a = \frac{l}{e^2-1}, \quad b = \frac{l}{\sqrt{e^2-1}}$

Represents incoming body with large velocity - asymptotes  $y = \pm \frac{b}{a}(x-ea)$   
 i.e.  $bx \mp ay = eba$ , normal vectors  $\frac{(b, \mp a)}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}}$

$\perp$  distance between incoming trajectory and mass is  $\Gamma \cdot \underline{n} = (x, y) \cdot \underline{n}$

$$= \frac{bx \mp ay}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} = \frac{eba}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} = b \quad (\text{impact parameter})$$

$e = 1$  parabola:  $r = \frac{l}{1+\cos \theta} \quad r \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } \theta \rightarrow \pm \pi$

$$y^2 = 2l(l-x)$$

Recall  $E = \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{r}^2 + r^2\dot{\theta}^2) - \frac{mk}{r}$

$$= \frac{1}{2}mh^2 \left( \left( \frac{du}{d\theta} \right)^2 + u^2 \right) - mku \quad \left( \dot{r} = -\frac{h du}{d\theta} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}mh^2 (e^2 \sin^2 \theta + (1+e \cos \theta)^2) \frac{1}{e^2} - \frac{mk}{l} (1+e \cos \theta)$$

$$= \frac{mk}{2l} (e^2 - 1) \quad (l = h^2/k) \quad E > 0 \text{ for } e > 1 - \text{unbounded}$$

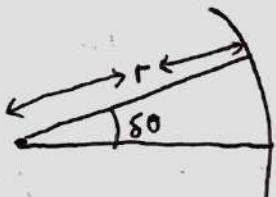
$$E < 0 \text{ for } e < 1 - \text{bounded}$$

## Kepler's Laws of Planetary Motion

- 1) Orbit of planet is ellipse with sun at focus
- 2) Line between planet and sun sweeps out equal area in equal time
- 3) Square of period  $P \propto$  cube of semi-major axis:  $P^2 \propto a^3$

1 - ~~constant~~ consistent with  $\Rightarrow$  the solution for bound orbits

2 -



$\delta\theta$  small change in  $\theta$  in time  $\delta t$

$$\text{area} \approx \frac{1}{2} r^2 \delta\theta : \text{rate of change is } \frac{1}{2} r^2 \dot{\theta}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} h \quad (h = \text{angular momentum})$$

constant

Follows from conservation of angular momentum.

3 - note area of ellipse is  $\pi ab = \frac{h}{2} P$  (see above)

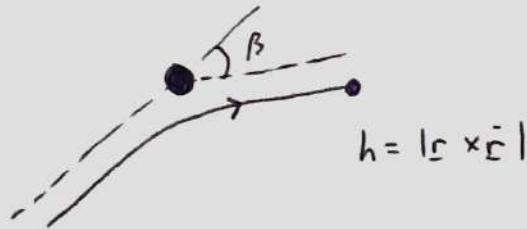
recall  $b^2 = a^2(1-e^2)$     $h^2 = k a = k a (1-e^2)$  - check

now consider  $P^2 = \left(\frac{2\pi ab}{h}\right)^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 a^2 \cdot a^2 (1-e^2)}{k a (1-e^2)}$

$$= \frac{4\pi^2 a^3}{k} \propto a^3. \quad (\text{constant of proportionality indep. of mass})$$

#### 4.8 Rutherford Scattering

one charge fixed towards another fixed  
one charge - what is scattering angle  $\beta$ ?



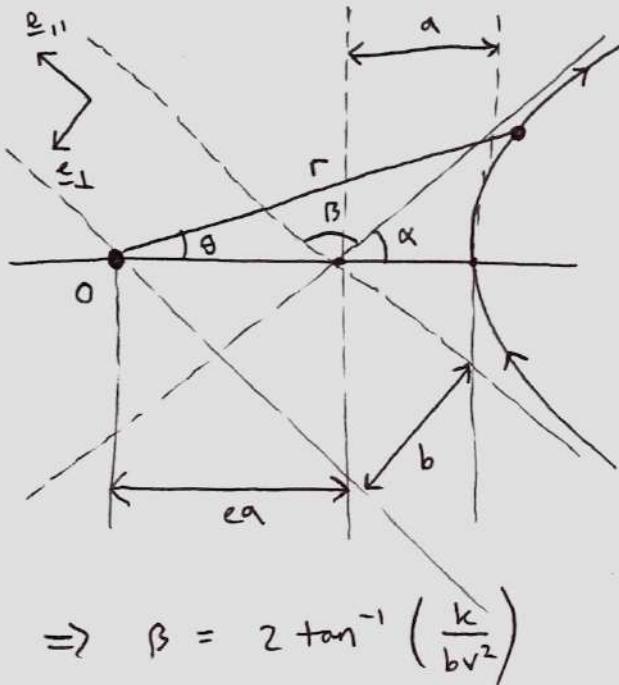
Consider motion in repulsive square law force  $V(r) = \frac{mk}{r}$ ,  $F(r) = \frac{mk}{r^2}$

Solution of orbit eqn  $u = \frac{-k}{h^2} + A \cos(\theta - \theta_0)$  wlog  $\theta_0 = 0$ ,  $A > 0$

Rewrite as  $r = \frac{l}{e \cos \theta - 1}$   $l = \frac{h^2}{k}$   $e = \frac{Ah^2}{k}$  requires  $e > 1$  for  $r > 0$   
for some  $\theta$

Then  $r \rightarrow \infty$  as  $\theta \rightarrow \pm \alpha$  with  $\alpha = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{e}\right) \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$  - hyperbolic

Cartesian:  $\frac{(x-ea)^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ ,  $a = \frac{l}{e^2-1}$ ,  $b = \frac{l}{\sqrt{e^2-1}}$



on incoming asymptote

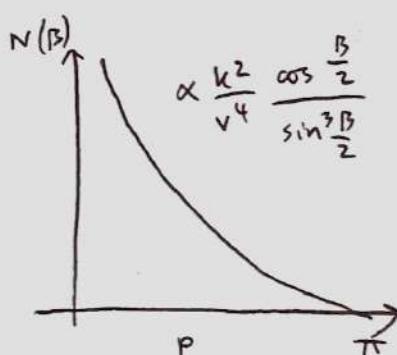
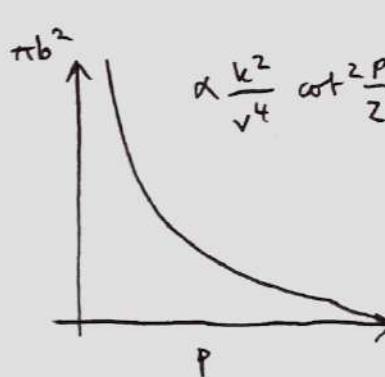
$$\dot{r} \approx v e_{||}$$

$$r \approx l e_{||} + b e_{\perp}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = |\dot{r} \times \dot{r}| = b v$$

$$b = \frac{l}{\sqrt{e^2-1}} = \frac{l}{\tan \alpha}$$

$$= \frac{l}{\tan(\frac{\pi}{2} - \beta)} = \frac{h^2}{k} \tan \frac{\beta}{2} = \frac{v^2 b^2}{k} \tan \frac{\beta}{2}$$



prob. density of  
scattering angle

Cumulative distribution

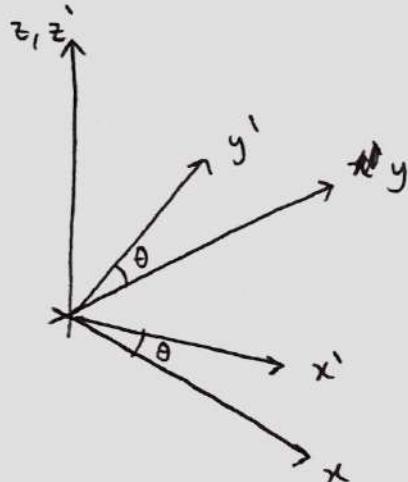
for  $\beta$

## 5 Rotating frames of reference

Newton's laws valid only in inertial frames

A rotating frame is non-inertial - modified eqns of motion

Let  $S$  be an inertial frame, and  $S'$  be a non-inertial rotating frame rotating about  $\hat{z}$  in  $S$  - with angular velocity  $\omega = \dot{\theta}$



$(x, y)$ -plane and  $(x', y')$  plane in same plane

$$\text{Basis for } S: \underline{e}_i = \{\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}\} \\ \underline{e}_1, \underline{e}_2, \underline{e}_3$$

$$\text{Basis for } S': \underline{e}'_i = \{\hat{x}', \hat{y}', \hat{z}'\} \\ \underline{e}'_1, \underline{e}'_2, \underline{e}'_3$$

Consider particle at rest in  $S'$ . Viewed in  $S$  we have

$$\left( \frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} \right)_S = \underline{\omega} \times \underline{r} \quad \text{where } \underline{\omega} = \omega \hat{z}$$

(Angular velocity vector aligned with axis of rotation,  $|\underline{\omega}| = \omega$ , viewed from direction of vector rotation AC if  $\omega > 0$ )

Same formula applies to any vector fixed in  $S'$ , in particular to basis vectors  $\underline{e}'_i$

$$\text{i.e. } \left( \frac{d}{dt} \underline{e}'_i \right)_S = \underline{\omega} \times \underline{e}'_i \quad (\text{note } \frac{d}{dt} \underline{e}'_3 = 0 \text{ here})$$

Consider general time dependent vector  $\underline{a}$   $\underline{a}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^3 a'_i(t) \underline{e}'_i(t)$   
expression of  $\underline{a}$  in terms of components defined in  $S'$

Consider rate of change:

$$\left( \frac{d}{dt} \underline{a}(t) \right)_{S'} = \sum_{i=1}^3 \left( \frac{d}{dt} a'_i(t) \right) \underline{e}'_i(t) \quad \text{as observed in } S'$$

Now about observed in  $S$ ?

$$\left( \frac{d}{dt} \underline{a}(t) \right)_S = \sum_{i=1}^3 \left( \frac{d}{dt} a'_i(t) \right) \underline{e}'_i(t) + \sum_{i=1}^3 a'_i(t) \frac{d}{dt} \underline{e}'_i(t)$$

$\overbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}^{\omega \times \underline{e}'_i}$   
from rate of change of  $\underline{e}'_i$

$$= \left( \frac{d}{dt} \underline{\alpha} \right)_{S'} + \underline{\omega} \times \underline{\alpha}$$

key identity - relates rate of change of vectors seen in  $S'$  to rate of change seen in  $S$ .

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$$\left( \frac{d}{dt} \underline{\alpha}(t) \right)_S = \left( \frac{d}{dt} \underline{\alpha}(t) \right)_{S'} + \underline{\omega} \times \underline{\alpha}$$

Apply to position vector  $\underline{r}$ :

$$\left( \frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} \right)_S = \left( \frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} \right)_{S'} + \underline{\omega} \times \underline{r} \quad (\text{velocity})$$

difference depends on position

Now apply to velocity - allow  $\underline{\omega}(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{d^2 \underline{r}}{dt^2} \right)_S &= \left\{ \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right)_{S'} + \underline{\omega} \times \underline{r} \right\} \left\{ \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right)_{S'} + \underline{\omega} \times \underline{r} \right\} \underline{r} \\ &= \left( \frac{d^2 \underline{r}}{dt^2} \right)_{S'} + 2\underline{\omega} \times \left( \frac{d}{dt} \underline{r} \right)_{S'} + \dot{\underline{\omega}} \times \underline{r} + \underline{\omega} \times (\underline{\omega} \times \underline{r}) \quad (\text{acc'}) \end{aligned}$$

Equation of motion in rotating frame:

$$m \left( \frac{d^2 \underline{r}}{dt^2} \right)_S = \underline{F} = m \left( \left( \frac{d^2 \underline{r}}{dt^2} \right)_{S'} + 2\underline{\omega} \times \left( \frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} \right)_{S'} + \dot{\underline{\omega}} \times \underline{r} + \underline{\omega} \times (\underline{\omega} \times \underline{r}) \right)$$

additional forces are "fictitious forces"

Must take fictitious forces into account in rotating/non-inertial frame

Coriolis force:  $-2m\underline{\omega} \times \left( \frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} \right)_{S'}$

Euler force:  $-m\dot{\underline{\omega}} \times \underline{r}$  - usually 0 e.g. when  $\dot{\underline{\omega}} = 0$

Centrifugal force:  $-m\underline{\omega} \times (\underline{\omega} \times \underline{r})$

Rotating frames cont.

$$\text{Coriolis force} - 2\bar{m}\bar{\omega} \times \left( \frac{d\mathbf{r}}{dt} \right)_{\mathcal{S}}, \quad \text{Euler force} - \bar{m}\bar{\omega} \times \bar{\omega} \times \bar{r} \quad (\text{often } \delta)$$

$$\text{Centrifugal force} - \bar{m}\bar{\omega} \times (\bar{\omega} \times \bar{r})$$

### Centrifugal force

$$-\bar{m}\bar{\omega} \times (\bar{\omega} \times \bar{r}) = -m((\bar{\omega} \cdot \bar{r})\bar{\omega} - \bar{\omega}^2 \bar{r}) = m\bar{\omega}^2(\bar{r} - \hat{\bar{\omega}}(\hat{\bar{\omega}} \cdot \bar{r}))$$

$$\hat{\bar{\omega}} \text{ unit vector in direction of } \bar{\omega} = m\bar{\omega}^2 \bar{r}_{\perp} \quad \bar{r}_{\perp} \text{ part of } \bar{r}$$

Note that  $|\bar{r}_{\perp}|$  is perp. distance from point to axis  $\perp$  to  $\bar{\omega}$



Centrifugal force is  $\perp$  to rotation axis and directed away from it.

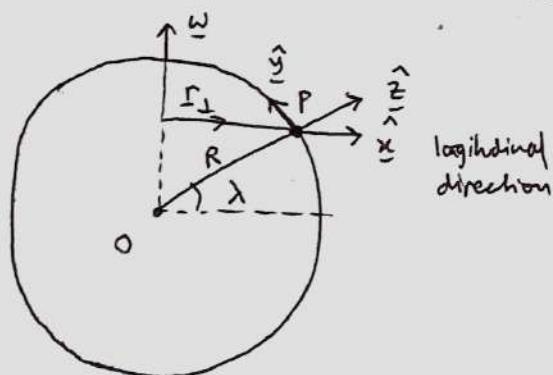
Magnitude  $\propto$  distance from axis

$$\text{Note: } \bar{r}_{\perp}^2 = \bar{r}^2 - (\bar{r} \cdot \hat{\bar{\omega}})^2 = |\hat{\bar{\omega}} \times \bar{r}|^2$$

$$\nabla \bar{r}_{\perp}^2 = 2\bar{r} - 2\hat{\bar{\omega}}(\hat{\bar{\omega}} \cdot \bar{r}) = 2\bar{r}_{\perp} \quad \text{hence } m\bar{\omega}^2 \bar{r}_{\perp} = \nabla \left( \frac{1}{2} m\bar{\omega}^2 \bar{r}_{\perp}^2 \right)$$

centrifugal force conservative

On a rotating planet, convenient to combine CF force and grav. force into "effective gravity":  $\underline{g}_{\text{eff}} = \underline{g} + \omega^2 \bar{r}_{\perp}$



point P at latitude  $\lambda$

$\hat{x}$  horizontal, eastward axis

$\hat{y}$  horizontal, axis northward

$\hat{z}$  vertical

$$\bar{r} = R\hat{z} \quad \bar{\omega} = \omega(\cos \lambda \hat{y} + \sin \lambda \hat{z})$$

$$\underline{g}_{\text{eff}} = -g\hat{z} + \omega^2 \bar{r}_{\perp}$$

$\left( \omega^2 R \cos \lambda (\hat{z} \cos \lambda - \hat{y} \sin \lambda) \right)$

$$= \hat{z} (w^2 R \cos^2 \lambda - g) - \hat{y} w^2 R \cos \lambda \sin \lambda$$

$$\text{Angle between } \underline{g}_{\text{eff}} \text{ and } \hat{z} = \alpha = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{w^2 R \cos \lambda \sin \lambda}{g - w^2 R \cos^2 \lambda} \right)$$

## Coriolis force

$$-2m\omega \times \left( \frac{dr}{dt} \right)_{S^1} = -2m\omega \times \underline{v} \quad \underline{v} \text{ velocity observed in rotating frame}$$

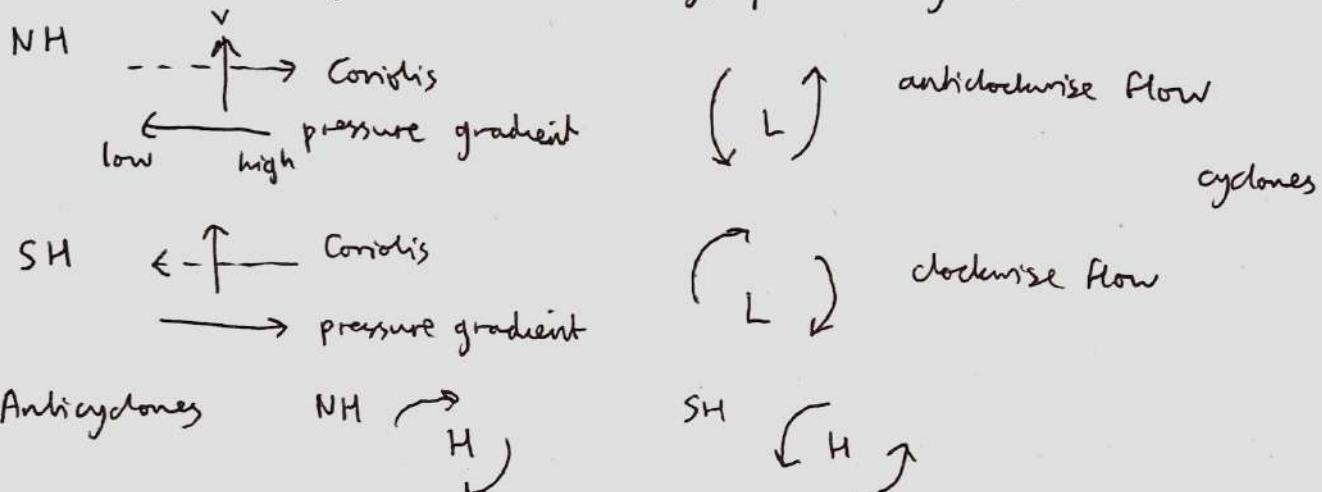
proportional to  $\underline{v}$  and perpendicular to velocity - hence this force does no work on the particle.

On rotating planet,  $\underline{v} = v_x \hat{x} + v_y \hat{y}$  tangential to surface  
 angular velocity  $\omega = \omega(\cos \lambda \hat{y} + \sin \lambda \hat{z})$

hence  $-2m\omega \times \underline{v} = 2m\omega \sin \lambda (v_y \hat{x} - v_x \hat{y}) + 2m\omega \cos \lambda v_x \hat{z}$   
 horizontal vertical

Horizontal Coriolis force gives acc<sup>n</sup> to the right of the horizontal velocity in Northern Hemisphere, left in Southern Hemisphere

Can be balanced by another force e.g. pressure gradient



## Example problem

Ball dropped from top of tower - where does it land?  
 (not horizontal) taking account of rotation,  $m=1$

$$\ddot{\underline{r}} = \underline{g} - 2\omega \times \dot{\underline{r}} - \omega \times (\omega \times \underline{r})$$

rotation slow:  $\omega^2 R/g$  is small

Work to first order in  $\omega$ :  $\ddot{\underline{r}} = \underline{g} - 2\omega \times \dot{\underline{r}} + o(\omega^2)$

$$\dot{\underline{r}} = \underline{g}t - 2\omega \times \underline{r} + o(\omega^2) + \underbrace{2\omega \times \underline{r}(0)}_{\text{constant from ICs}}$$

Hence neglecting  $o(\omega^2)$ :

$$\ddot{\underline{r}} = \underline{g} - 2\omega \times \underline{g}t + o(\omega^2)$$

$$\underline{r} = \underline{g}\frac{t^2}{2} - \frac{1}{3}\omega \times \underline{g}t^3 + \underline{r}(0) + o(\omega^2)$$

Now consider  $\underline{g} = (0, 0, -g)$   $\underline{\omega} = (0, \omega, 0)$  hence  $\underline{r}(0) = (0, 0, R+h)$

Hence  $\underline{r}(t) = (0, 0, -\frac{gt^2}{2}) + \overset{\text{equator}}{(0, 0, R+h)} + \frac{1}{3}\omega g(t^3, 0, 0)$

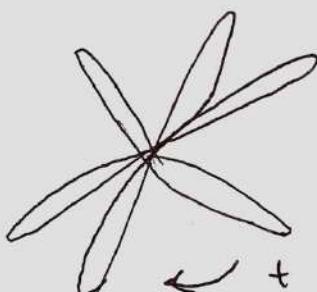
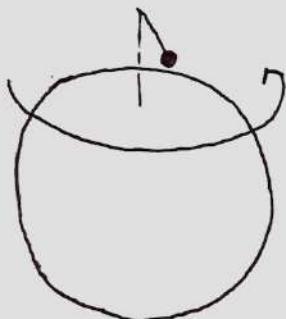
Particle hits ground when  $h = \frac{gt^2}{2}$   $t = (\frac{2h}{g})^{1/2}$

horizontal displacement  $\frac{1}{3}\omega g \left(\frac{2h}{g}\right)^{3/2}$

hits ground to east of base of tower

(consistent with conservation of angular momentum)

### Foucault Pendulum



consider pendulum at

North pole - swings in plane  
fixed in inertial frame, Earth  
rotates relative to this -

observer on Earth sees plane  
of rotation move to west

At North Pole plane of rotation  
observed to rotate once per day -  
explained by fictitious force

At general latitude: plane completes circuit in  $\frac{1}{\sin \lambda}$  days

(consider dynamics of pendulum - include Coriolis force - hence  
latitudinal dependence)

## 6 Systems of particles

We have considered dynamics of particles - now move onto systems of particles.

Consider system of  $N$  particles, mass  $m_i$ , position  $\underline{r}_i(t)$ , momentum  $\underline{p}_i(t) = m_i \dot{\underline{r}}_i$

Newton's 2nd law applies to  $i^{\text{th}}$  particle individually:  $m_i \ddot{\underline{r}}_i = \underline{p}_i = \underline{F}_i$

Distinguish between external and internal force:  $\underline{F}_i = \underline{F}_i^{\text{ext}} + \sum_{j=1}^N \underline{F}_{ij}$

$\underline{F}_{ij}$ : force exerted on  $i^{\text{th}}$  by  $j^{\text{th}}$  particle,  $\underline{F}_{ii} = 0$

$\underline{F}_i^{\text{ext}}$  external force exerted on  $i^{\text{th}}$  particle

$$\boxed{\underline{F}_{ij} = -\underline{F}_{ji}}$$

e.g. gravitation  $\underline{F}_{ij} = -\frac{GM_i M_j (\underline{r}_i - \underline{r}_j)}{|\underline{r}_i - \underline{r}_j|^3}$        $\underline{F}_{ji} = -\frac{GM_i M_j (\underline{r}_j - \underline{r}_i)}{|\underline{r}_i - \underline{r}_j|^3}$

### 6.1 Centre of mass

Total mass  $M = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i$

Centre of mass located at  $\underline{R} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \underline{r}_i$  "weighted"

Total linear momentum

$$\underline{P} = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \dot{\underline{r}}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{p}_i = M \dot{\underline{R}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \dot{\underline{P}} &= M \ddot{\underline{R}} = \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{\underline{p}}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{F}_i^{\text{ext}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \underline{F}_{ij}}_{=0 \text{ (consider pairwise sum)}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{F}_i^{\text{ext}} \end{aligned}$$

Centre of mass moves as if it's position of mass  $M$  under

influence of  $\underline{F}^{\text{ext}} = \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{F}_i^{\text{ext}}$ , extending N's 2nd to system of particles.

If  $\underline{F}^{\text{ext}} = \underline{0}$  then  $\dot{\underline{P}} = \underline{0}$ : total momentum conserved.

There will be a "centre-of-mass" frame with origin at centre of mass - inertial frame.

In this frame  $\dot{\underline{R}} = \underline{0}$ , so can take  $\underline{R} = \underline{0}$

Now consider motion relative to centre of mass.

### 6.2 Motion relative to centre of mass

Let  $\underline{r}_i = \underline{R} + \underline{s}_i$        $\underline{s}_i$  position rel. to CoM

$$\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \underline{s}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i (\underline{r}_i - \underline{R}) = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \underline{r}_i - \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \underline{R} = \underline{0}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \underline{s}_i \right) = \underline{0}$$

Total linear momentum

$$\underline{P} = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i (\dot{\underline{R}} + \dot{\underline{s}}_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \dot{\underline{R}}_i = M \dot{\underline{R}}$$

### 6.3 Angular momentum

$$\text{Total angular momentum } \underline{L} = \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{r}_i \times \underline{p}_i \text{ (about o)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\underline{L}} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \cancel{\underline{r}_i \times \underline{p}_i} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \underline{r}_i \times \underline{p}_i}_{\sum_{i=1}^n \underline{r}_i \times \underline{F}_i^{\text{ext}}} = \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{r}_i \times \underline{F}_i^{\text{ext}} + \\ &\quad \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{r}_i \times \sum_{j=1}^n \underline{F}_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n (\underline{r}_i \times \underline{F}_{ij} + \underline{r}_j \times \underline{F}_{ji})(\underline{r}_i - \underline{r}_j) \underline{F}_{ij}$$

$$= \underline{0} \text{ e.g. if } \underline{F}_{ij} \parallel \underline{r}_i - \underline{r}_j. \quad (*)$$

$$\text{If } (*) \text{ holds: } \underline{L} = \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{r}_i \times \underline{F}_i^{\text{ext}} = \underline{G}^{\text{ext}}$$

total external torque  
sum of moments of ext. forces

Now return to motion / position relative to centre of mass.

Total angular momentum

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{L} &= \sum_{i=1}^n m_i (\underline{R} + \underline{\Sigma}_i) \times (\dot{\underline{R}} + \dot{\underline{\Sigma}}_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n m_i (\underline{R} \times \dot{\underline{R}}) + \sum_{i=1}^n \cancel{m_i \underline{R} \times \dot{\underline{\Sigma}}_i} + \sum_{i=1}^n \cancel{m_i \underline{\Sigma}_i \times \dot{\underline{R}}} + \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \underline{\Sigma}_i \times \dot{\underline{\Sigma}}_i \\ &\quad \text{by } \underline{\Sigma}_i \text{ property earlier} \end{aligned}$$

so  $\underline{L}$  of mass  $M$  at  $\underline{R}$  and moving with  $\dot{\underline{R}}$  + angular momentum associated with motion of particles rel. to CoM.

#### 6.4 Energy

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total KE } T &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} m_i \dot{\underline{\Sigma}}_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} m_i (\dot{\underline{R}} + \dot{\underline{\Sigma}}_i)^2 \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \dot{\underline{R}}^2 \sum_{i=1}^n m_i}_{\text{KE of mass } M} + \sum_{i=1}^n \cancel{m_i \dot{\underline{\Sigma}}_i \cdot \underline{R}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} m_i \dot{\underline{\Sigma}}_i^2}_{\text{KE assoc. with particle motion rel. to CoM}} \\ &\quad \text{moving with rel } \underline{R} \end{aligned}$$

Is energy conserved?

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{\underline{\Sigma}}_i \cdot \underline{F}_i^{\text{ext}} + \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{\underline{\Sigma}}_i \cdot \sum_{j=1}^n \underline{F}_{ij} \\ &\quad \uparrow \\ &\quad \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j>i}^n (\dot{\underline{\Sigma}}_i - \dot{\underline{\Sigma}}_j) \cdot \underline{F}_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

If ext. forces defined by potential  $\underline{F}_i^{\text{ext}} = -\nabla_{\underline{\Sigma}_i} V_i$

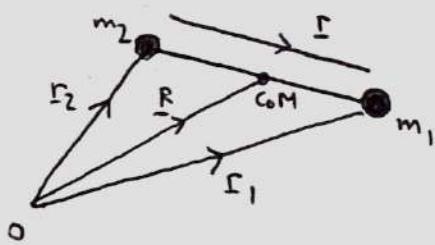
and int. forces defined by potential  $\underline{F}_{ij} = -\nabla_{\underline{\Sigma}_i} V(\underline{\Sigma}_i - \underline{\Sigma}_j)$

$$\text{then } \frac{dT}{dt} = -\frac{d}{dt} \sum_{i=1}^n V^{\text{ext}}(\underline{\Sigma}_i) - \frac{d}{dt} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j>i}^n V(\underline{\Sigma}_i - \underline{\Sigma}_j)$$

so if this holds, then energy is conserved.

### 6.3 Two body problem

No external forces



$$\text{Centre of mass at } \underline{R} = \frac{1}{M} (m_1 \underline{r}_1 + m_2 \underline{r}_2)$$

$$M = m_1 + m_2$$

$$\underline{r} = \underline{r}_1 - \underline{r}_2$$

$$\underline{r}_1 = \underline{R} + \frac{m_2}{M} \underline{r}, \quad \underline{r}_2 = \underline{R} - \frac{m_1}{M} \underline{r}$$

$\underline{F}_{\text{ext}} = \underline{0}$  hence  $\ddot{\underline{R}} = \underline{0}$  centre of mass moves with constant  $v$

$$\text{Consider } \ddot{\underline{r}} = \ddot{\underline{r}}_1 - \ddot{\underline{r}}_2 = \frac{\underline{F}_{12}}{m_1} - \frac{\underline{F}_{21}}{m_2} = \left( \frac{1}{m_1} + \frac{1}{m_2} \right) \underline{F}_{12}$$

$$\text{Equivalent: } M \ddot{\underline{r}} = \underline{F}_{12}, \quad M = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{"reduced mass"} \\ M < m_1, m_2 \end{matrix}$$

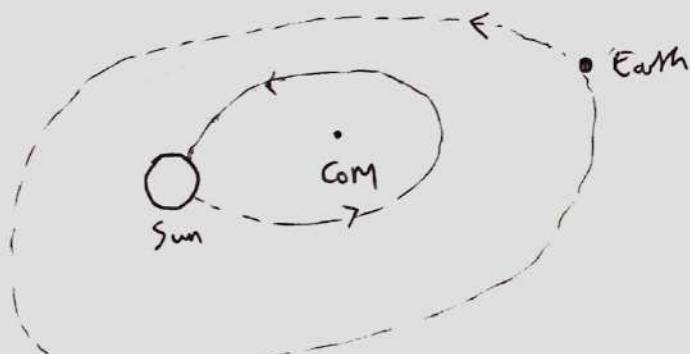
Standard Newton's 2nd, particle mass  $\mu \uparrow$

$$\text{Gravitational force: } \mu \ddot{\underline{r}} = - \frac{G m_1 m_2}{|\underline{r}|^3} \underline{r} \quad \text{hence } \ddot{\underline{r}} = - \frac{G(m_1 + m_2) \underline{r}}{|\underline{r}|^3}$$

This is motion of particle under gravitational force due to mass  $M = m_1 + m_2$  fixed at origin.

Consider Earth-Sun orbit, both move about COM, same shape of orbit with different size

Ratio of masses  $\frac{\text{Earth}}{\text{Sun}} \approx 3 \times 10^{-4}$ , Earth-Sun distance  $\approx 1.5 \times 10^9$  km  
hence Sun's displacement  $\approx 450$  km.



Reduced mass

$$\mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$\text{KE: } T = \frac{1}{2} M \dot{\underline{R}}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mu \dot{\underline{r}}^2$$

$$L = M \underline{R} \times \dot{\underline{R}} + \mu \underline{r} \times \dot{\underline{r}}$$

Special forms of L13 eqns for 2 bodies

## 6-4 Variable mass problems

Rocket problem



Rocket - only system is not closed wrt mass  
cannot apply Newton's 2nd to just rocket  
speed  $v(t)$ , mass  $m(t)$ , expels mass at velocity  $u$   
relative to rocket

Time  $t$

$$\xrightarrow{v(t)}$$

Time  $t + st$

$$v(t) - u + o(st)$$
  

$$m(t) - m(t+st)$$
  

$$v(t+st)$$

Total momentum conserved :

$$\text{Total p at } t + st \text{ is } m(t + st) v(t + st) \\ + (m(t) - m(t + st)) (v(t) - u + o(st))$$

Change in p from  $t$  to  $t + st$  is

$$m(t + st) v(t + st) + (m(t) - m(t + st)) (v(t) - u + o(st)) - m(t) v(t) \\ \approx \left( \frac{dm}{dt} u + m \frac{dv}{dt} \right) st + o(st^2) = 0$$

Let  $st \rightarrow 0$ : 
$$\frac{dm}{dt} u + m \frac{dv}{dt} = 0$$
 rocket equation

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(Generalise to  $\frac{dm}{dt} u + m \frac{dv}{dt} = F_{ext}$ )

If  $F_{ext} = 0$  then  $m \frac{dv}{dt} = - \frac{dm}{dt} u$

hence  $v(t) = v(0) + u \log \left( \frac{m(0)}{m(t)} \right)$  solving (integrating)

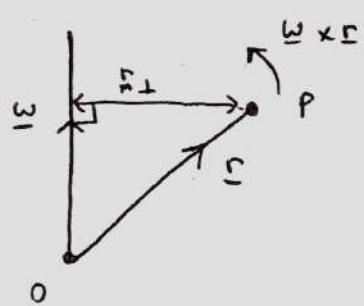
## 7 Rigid bodies

Multiparticle system s.t.  $|\underline{r}_i - \underline{r}_j| = \text{constant } \forall i, j$

Possible motion is translation / rotation (isometries of Euclidean space)

### 7.1 Angular velocity

$$\dot{\underline{r}} = \underline{\omega} \times \underline{r}$$



$$|\dot{\underline{r}}| = \omega r_{\perp}, \quad r_{\perp} \text{ being perp. distance to axis of rotation}$$

If particle has mass  $m$  then

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \frac{1}{2} m \dot{r}^2 = \frac{1}{2} m (\underline{\omega} \times \underline{r}) \cdot (\underline{\omega} \times \underline{r}) \\ &= \underline{\frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 r_{\perp}^2} \end{aligned}$$

Note that if  $\underline{\omega} = \omega \underline{n}$  then  $r_{\perp} = |\underline{n} \times \underline{r}|$ .

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m r_{\perp}^2 \omega^2 = \underline{\frac{1}{2} I \omega^2} \quad \text{where } I \text{ is moment of inertia about axis of rotation : } I = m r_{\perp}^2$$

### 7.2 Moment of inertia for a rigid body

N particle rigid body rotating about axis through origin with angular velocity  $\underline{\omega}$

$$\text{For each particle: } \dot{\underline{r}}_i = \underline{\omega} \times \underline{r}_i$$

$$\text{note } \frac{d}{dt} |\underline{r}_i - \underline{r}_j|^2 = 2(\underline{r}_i - \underline{r}_j) \cdot (\dot{\underline{r}}_i - \dot{\underline{r}}_j)$$

$$= 2(\underline{r}_i - \underline{r}_j) \cdot (\underline{\omega} \times (\underline{r}_i - \underline{r}_j)) = 0 \quad - \text{consistent with rigid body property}$$

Consider KE :

$$T = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2} m_i \dot{r}_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2} m_i |\underline{\omega} \times \underline{r}_i|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2} m_i |\underline{n} \times \underline{r}_i|^2 \cdot \omega^2$$

$$\text{Then } T = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i |\underline{\omega} \times \underline{r}_i|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 \sum_{i=1}^N m_i |\underline{n} \times \underline{r}_i|^2 \\ = \frac{1}{2} \underline{I} \underline{\omega}^2$$

where  $\underline{I}$  = moment of inertia of body for rotation about axis  $\underline{n}$  through origin.

Now consider angular momentum  $\underline{L} = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \underline{r}_i \times (\underline{\omega} \times \underline{r}_i)$

Consider  $\underline{\omega} = \omega \underline{n}$ , then  $\underline{L} = \omega \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \underline{r}_i \times (\underline{n} \times \underline{r}_i)$

Now consider part of  $\underline{L}$  parallel to rotation axis  $\underline{L} \cdot \underline{n}$

$$\underline{L} \cdot \underline{n} = \omega \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \underline{n} \cdot (\underline{r}_i \times (\underline{n} \times \underline{r}_i)) = \omega \sum_{i=1}^N m_i |\underline{n} \times \underline{r}_i|^2 \\ = \omega \sum_{i=1}^N m_i (\underline{r}_i)_{\perp}^2 = \underline{I} \underline{\omega}$$

Component of angular momentum in direction of rotation axis is  $\underline{I} \underline{\omega}$ .

In general  $\underline{L}$  is not parallel to rotation axis

But have  $\underline{L} = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i (|\underline{r}_i|^2 \underline{\omega} - (\underline{r}_i \cdot \underline{\omega}) \underline{r}_i)$  linear function of  $\underline{\omega}$

i.e.  $\underline{L} = \underline{I} \underline{\omega}$

$\underline{I}$ : matrix like object

e.g.  $L_\alpha = I_{\alpha\beta} \omega_\beta$  (Σ convention)

↑  
symmetric tensor  $I_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \{ |\underline{r}_i|^2 \delta_{\alpha\beta} - (\underline{r}_i)_\alpha (\underline{r}_i)_\beta \}$

In general there are 3 directions s.t.  $\underline{I} \cdot \underline{\omega} \parallel \underline{\omega}$  (principle axes of tensor)  
If body rotates about a principle axis then  $\underline{L} \parallel \underline{\omega}$ .

Recap : Rotate in direction s.t.  $\underline{L} \parallel \underline{\omega}$  :  $\underline{L} = I(\underline{\omega}) \underline{\omega}$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2, \quad \underline{L} = I \underline{\omega}$$

### 7.3 Calculating moment of inertia

Consider body occupying volume,  $V$  with mass density  $\rho(\underline{z})$

Total mass  $M = \int_V \rho(\underline{z}) dV$ , centre of mass positive vector

$$\text{is } \underline{R} = \frac{1}{M} \int_V \rho(\underline{z}) dV$$

Moment of inertia about axis  $\underline{n}$  :

$$I = \int_V \rho(\underline{z}) |\underline{z}_\perp|^2 dV = \int_V \rho(\underline{z}) |\underline{n} \times \underline{z}|^2 dV$$

Can be made specific to surfaces / line integrals.

Now calculate  $I$ :

- 1) Uniform thin ring mass  $M$ , radius  $a$ , about axis through centre perpendicular to plane



$$\rho = \frac{M}{2\pi a}, \quad I = \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \frac{M}{2\pi a} \right) \cdot a^2 \cdot a d\theta = \underline{Ma^2}$$

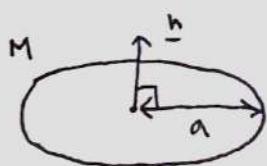
$$\rho \quad r_\perp^2 \quad dl$$

- 2) Uniform thin rod, mass  $M$ , length  $L$ , rotation about axis through one end



$$\rho = \frac{M}{L}, \quad I = \int_0^L \left( \frac{M}{L} \right) x^2 dx = \underline{\frac{1}{3} M L^2}$$

3) uniform thin disc



Use area integral  $dV \rightarrow dA$

$$\rho = \frac{M}{\pi a^2} \quad \text{mass / unit area}$$

$$I = \int_{r=0}^a \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \left( \frac{M}{\pi a^2} \right) r^2 \underbrace{r dr d\theta}_{dA}$$

$$I = \frac{M}{\pi a^2} \int_0^a r^2 \cdot r dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta = \frac{M}{\pi a^2} \frac{a^4}{4} 2\pi = \frac{1}{2} Ma^2$$

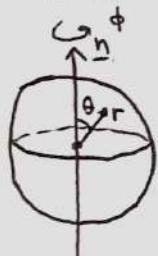
4) Uniform thin disc, mass  $M$ ,  $r=a$ , axis of rotation through centre but in plane of disc



$\perp$  distance to axis for  $(r, \theta)$  is  $r \sin \theta$

$$I = \int_{r=0}^a \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \left( \frac{M}{\pi a^2} \right) r^2 \sin^2 \theta r dr d\theta \\ = \frac{M}{\pi a^2} \int_0^a r^3 dr \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \sin^2 \theta d\theta = \frac{M}{\pi a^2} \cdot \frac{a^4 \pi}{4} = \frac{1}{4} Ma^2$$

5) Uniform sphere



$$\text{Density } \frac{M}{4\pi a^3/3}$$

$$I = \int_{r=0}^a \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi} \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \frac{M}{\frac{4\pi a^3}{3}} r^2 \sin^3 \theta r^2 dr d\theta d\phi$$

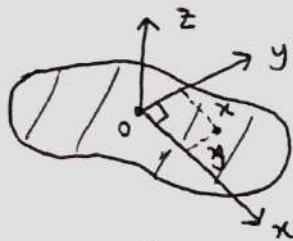
$$= \frac{3M}{4\pi a^3} \int_0^a r^4 dr \int_0^{\pi} \sin^3 \theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi = \frac{3M}{4\pi a^3} \times \frac{a^5}{5} \times \frac{4}{3} \times 2\pi \\ = \frac{2Ma^2}{5}$$

## General results

### Perpendicular Axes Theorem

2D body (lamina) :  $I_z = I_x + I_y$

$I_x, I_y$  are  $I$  about  $x, y$  axes lying in the plane



Proof Let  $A$  be lamina as shown

$$\text{Then } I_x = \int_A \rho y^2 dA, \quad I_y = \int_A \rho x^2 dA$$

$$I_z = \int_A \rho r^2 dA = \int_A \rho (x^2 + y^2) dA = I_x + I_y$$

□

### Example of symmetric case

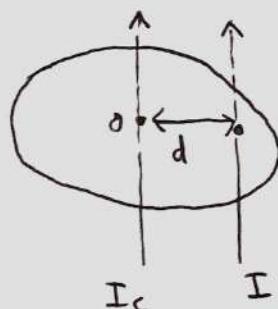
$$I_z = \frac{1}{2} Ma^2 = 2 \left( \frac{1}{4} Ma^2 \right) = 2I_x = 2I_y$$

### Parallel Axes Theorem

Rigid body of mass  $M$  :  $I_c$  about axis through centre of mass

Then  $I$  about a parallel axis a distance  $d$  from the axis

through the centre of mass is  $\underline{I = I_c + Md^2}$



Proof Choose Cartesian axes, origin  $O$  at CoM and  $z$  direction  $\parallel$  axis of rotation.

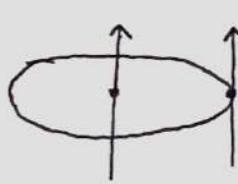
Let 2nd point  $(d, 0, 0)$  be point the 2nd axis passes through.  $\rightarrow$  Denote volume by  $V$

$$\text{Then } I_c = \int_V \rho (x^2 + y^2) dV$$

$$I = \int_V \rho ((x-d)^2 + y^2) dV = \int_V \rho (x^2 + y^2) dV - 2 \int_V \rho x dV + d^2 \int_V \rho dV$$

$$= I_c + Md^2 \text{ as required.}$$

Example uniform thin disc, mass  $M$ , radius  $a$



$\leftarrow I$  about this axis?

$$I = I_c + Ma^2 \quad (a^2 \text{ is } d^2 \text{ with } d \text{ distance between axes})$$

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

$$\text{so } I = \underline{\frac{3}{2}Ma^2}.$$

### 7.3 Motion of rigid body

$$\underline{\Gamma}_i = \underline{R} + \underline{\Sigma}_i \quad \dot{\underline{\Gamma}}_i = \dot{\underline{R}} + \dot{\underline{\Sigma}}_i \quad \left( \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \underline{\Sigma}_i = M\underline{R} \right)$$

If body rotates about CoM with  $\underline{\omega}$  A.V:

$$\dot{\underline{\Sigma}}_i = \underline{\omega} \times \underline{\Sigma}_i, \quad \dot{\underline{\Gamma}}_i = \dot{\underline{R}} + \underline{\omega} \times \underline{\Sigma}_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then kinetic energy is } T &= \frac{1}{2}M\dot{\underline{R}}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \dot{\underline{\Sigma}}_i^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}M\dot{\underline{R}}^2 + \frac{1}{2}I_c \omega^2 \quad (I_c \text{ is } I \text{ about axis } \parallel \underline{\omega} \text{ through CoM}) \end{aligned}$$

$T =$  translation KE + rotational KE

Recall from 6.1:

$$\dot{\underline{P}} = \underline{F}, \quad \dot{\underline{L}} = \underline{G} \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \sum \text{ext. force} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \sum \text{ext. torque} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{determine translational and} \\ \text{rotational motion} \end{matrix}$$

(Can sometimes use E conservation)

$\underline{L}$  and  $\underline{G}$  depend on choice of origin

Take origin to be any point fixed in inertial frame,  
or define  $\underline{L}$  and  $\underline{G}$  wrt centre of mass - eqn still holds

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[ (M\underline{R} \times \dot{\underline{R}}) + \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \underline{\Sigma}_i \times \dot{\underline{\Sigma}}_i \right] = \underline{G} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{ext. torque} \\ \text{about } \underline{0} \end{matrix}$$

$$= M\underline{R} \times \dot{\underline{R}} + M\underline{R} \times \ddot{\underline{R}} + \frac{d}{dt} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \underline{\Sigma}_i \times \dot{\underline{\Sigma}}_i \right)$$

$$= \underline{R} \times \underline{F}_{ext} + \frac{d}{dt} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \underline{s}_i \times \dot{\underline{s}}_i \right)$$

Hence  $\frac{d}{dt} \left( \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \underline{s}_i \times \dot{\underline{s}}_i}_{\text{angular momentum about centre of mass (not including } \frac{d}{dt})} \right) = \underline{G} - \underline{R} \times \underline{F}_{ext}$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{s}_i \times \underline{F}_i^{ext} - \underline{R} \times \underline{F}_{ext}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N (\underline{s}_i - \underline{R}) \times \underline{F}_i^{ext} = \text{ext. torque about CoM}$$

### Uniform gravitational field

Total grav. force + torque acting on rigid body are the same as those that would act on particle of mass  $M$  at CoM.

$$\underline{F} = \sum_{i=1}^N \underline{F}_i^{ext} = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \underline{g} \neq M \underline{g}$$

$$\underline{G} = \sum_{i=1}^N \underline{G}_i^{ext} = \sum_{i=1}^N \underline{s}_i \times m_i \underline{g} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \underline{s}_i \right) \times \underline{g}$$

$$= M \underline{R} \times \underline{g} \quad \text{as expected.} \quad \text{Grav. torque about CoM is 0:}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \underline{s}_i \times m_i \underline{g} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \underline{s}_i \right) \times \underline{g} = 0$$

$$\text{Grav. potential } V^{ext} = \sum_{i=1}^N V_i^{ext} = - \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \underline{r}_i \cdot \underline{g} = - M \underline{R} \cdot \underline{g}$$

Example stick thrown into air

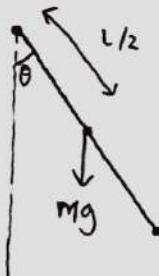


CoM follows parabola

w of stick about CoM is constant as grav. torque about CoM is 0.

Example Rod of length  $l$ , mass  $M$ , fixed at pivot point  $O$ .

Density of rod is uniform.



Consider angular momentum about  $O$ .  $\omega = \dot{\theta}$

$$L = I\dot{\theta} = \frac{1}{3}Ml^2\dot{\theta} \quad (\text{see earlier example})$$

$$L = I\dot{\theta}$$

Gravitational torque about  $O$ :

$$G = -Mg \cdot \frac{l}{2} \sin\theta \quad (\text{torque associated with force at pivot is } 0)$$

$$\ddot{L} = G \Rightarrow I\ddot{\theta} = -Mg \frac{l}{2} \sin\theta \Rightarrow \ddot{\theta} = -\frac{3g}{2l} \sin\theta$$

equivalent to a simple pendulum of length  $\frac{2l}{3}$ ,  $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{3g}{2l}}$ ,  $T \approx 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{2l}{3g}}$

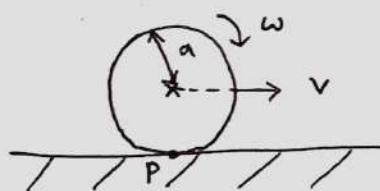
Recap: A Newton's 2nd for CoM +  $\ddot{L}$  about CoM  
or B  $\ddot{L}$  about fixed point  
or C conservation of energy

Alternatively using energy:  $T + V = \frac{1}{2}I\dot{\theta}^2 - \frac{Mgl}{2} \cos\theta = E$

$$E \text{ constant: } \frac{dE}{dt} = I\ddot{\theta}\dot{\theta} + \frac{Mgl\dot{\theta}}{2} \sin\theta = \dot{\theta} \left( I\ddot{\theta} + \frac{Mgl}{2} \sin\theta \right) = 0$$

#### 7.4 Sliding vs Rolling

Consider cylinder or sphere, radius  $a$ , moving along stationary horizontal surface



General motion: combination of rotation of CoM ( $\omega$ ) and translation of CoM ( $v$ )

$P$  = point of contact

The horizontal velocity of point of contact on sphere:  $v_{\text{slip}} = v - aw$

Point of contact  $P$  slips, may be a kinetic frictional force

A pure sliding motion is  $w=0, v_{\text{slip}} = v \neq 0$

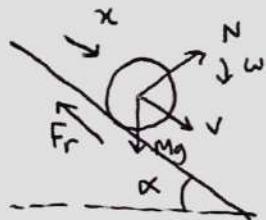
A pure rolling motion is  $v \neq 0, w \neq 0, v_{\text{slip}} = v - aw = 0$

no slip condition

The point of contact P is stationary.

A rolling body can be described instantaneously as rotating about the point of contact with angular velocity  $\omega$ .

Example rolling downhill



Cylinder / sphere of mass  $M$ , radius  $a$ ,  
rolling down ~~at~~ inclined plane at angle  
 $\alpha$  to the horizontal

$x$  distance down slope travelled by CoM:  $v = \dot{x}$

Rolling ~~at~~ or no slip condition:  $v - aw = 0$

Analyse using energy:

$$T = \frac{1}{2} M v^2 + \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( M + \frac{I}{a^2} \right) v^2$$

Normal / frictional forces do no work since they act at point P and  $v_{\text{slip}} = 0$ . Hence energy is conserved, with potential energy

$$V = -Mgx \sin \alpha \quad \text{so} \quad T + V = \frac{1}{2} \left( M + \frac{I}{a^2} \right) v^2 - Mgx \sin \alpha$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (T+V) = \left( M + \frac{I}{a^2} \right) \ddot{x} - Mg \dot{x} \sin \alpha = 0$$

$$\text{Hence } \left( M + \frac{I}{a^2} \right) \ddot{x} = Mg \sin \alpha$$

Rotational contribution implies  $\ddot{x}$  smaller than it would be for a frictionless particle.

e.g. for cylinder  $I = \frac{1}{2} Ma^2 \Rightarrow \ddot{x} = \underline{\frac{2}{3} g \sin \alpha}$

Alternatively: analyse using forces and torques

$$M\ddot{v} = Mg \sin \alpha - F_r$$

$$I \text{ about CoM: } I\ddot{\omega} = aF_r \quad \text{torque due to } F_r$$

$$\text{Rolling condition: } \ddot{v} = a\ddot{\omega} \Rightarrow \frac{I\ddot{\omega}}{a} = aF_r$$

$$\text{Hence } M\dot{v} = Mg \sin \alpha - \frac{I\dot{\omega}}{\alpha^2} \Rightarrow \left(M + \frac{I}{\alpha^2}\right)\dot{v} = Mg \sin \alpha$$

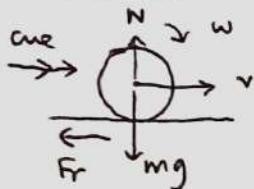
Another alternative: torque about P

$$I_p = I + Ma^2 \text{ (by parallel axis theorem)}$$

$$I_p \dot{\omega} = Mg a \sin \alpha, \quad v = a\omega$$

$$\text{so } (Ma^2 + I) \frac{\dot{v}}{a} = Mg a \sin \alpha \Rightarrow \left(M + \frac{I}{a^2}\right)\dot{v} = Mg \sin \alpha$$

Example Sliding to rolling transition



Ball hit centrally by cue: no torque initially

$$v = v_0, \omega = 0 \text{ at } t = 0$$

Kinetic frictional force:  $F_r = \mu_k N = \mu_k Mg$

Linear:  $M\dot{v} = -F_r$       Angular:  $I\dot{\omega} = aF_r$

Recall  $I = \frac{2}{3}Ma^2$  for sphere. Hence  $v = v_0 - \mu_k gt$

$$\omega = \left(\frac{5}{2a}\right) \mu_k gt$$

combining eqns and solving, using ICS.

Hence  $v_{\text{slip}} = v - a\omega = v_0 - \frac{7}{2} \mu_k gt$  so there is slipping

when  $v_{\text{slip}} > 0$ , for  $0 < t < \frac{2v_0}{7\mu_k g}$

Rolling begins when  $t = \frac{2v_0}{7\mu_k g} = t_{\text{roll}}$ : in this phase E is conserved,  $F_r$  does no work

Note when  $t = t_{\text{roll}}$   $T = \frac{1}{2}Mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$

$$= \frac{1}{2}M\left(1 + \frac{2}{5}\right)v_{\text{roll}}^2 = \underline{\frac{5}{7}\left(\frac{1}{2}Mv_0^2\right)} \quad \frac{2}{7} \text{ energy "lost"}$$

Check this:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{t_{\text{roll}}} F_r v_{\text{slip}} dt &= \int_0^{t_{\text{roll}}} F \left(v_0 - \frac{7}{2} \mu_k gt\right) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{7}Mv_0^2 = \underline{\frac{2}{7}\left(\frac{1}{2}Mv_0^2\right)} \text{ as expected.} \end{aligned}$$

Postulates of Special Relativity:

- 1) The laws of physics are the same in every inertial frame
- 2) The speed of light in a vacuum is the same in every inertial frame

### 8-2 The Lorentz Transformation

Consider  $S, S'$  inertial, coincidental origin  $x=t=0, x'=t'=0$   
 $t=t'=0$

$S'$  moving with speed  $v$  in  $x$  direction relative to  $S$

Constant velocity paths are straight lines in  $(x, t)$  and  $(x', t')$  planes  
 so transformation  $(x, t) \rightarrow (x', t')$  is linear.

$O'$  moves with speed  $v$  in  $S$ , hence  $\underline{x'} = \gamma(x-vt)$   
 for  $\gamma = \gamma(1v)$  (no preferred direction)

$O$  moves with speed  $-v$  in  $S'$  hence  $x = \underline{\gamma(1v)(x'+vt')}$

Consider light ray passing through origin at  $t=t'=0$

Light ray eqn:  $x=ct$  in  $S$ ,  $x'=ct'$  in  $S'$

$$\text{Hence } x=ct = \gamma(x'+vt') = \gamma(c+v)t' \quad (1)$$

$$x'=ct' = \gamma(x-vt) = \gamma(c-v)t \quad (2)$$

$$\text{For consistency, } \gamma^2(1-\frac{v}{c})(1+\frac{v}{c}) = 1 \quad (\text{check by (1) } \times (2))$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma(v) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\frac{v^2}{c^2}}}, \quad \text{the Lorentz factor}$$

$$\text{So we have (1) } x = \gamma(x'-vt') \quad (2) \quad x' = \gamma(x-vt)$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow vt' = \frac{x}{\gamma} - x' = \frac{x}{\gamma} - \gamma(x-vt) \Rightarrow t' = \frac{t-vx/c^2}{\sqrt{1-\frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

$$\text{so have } t' = \gamma(t - \frac{vx}{c^2}) \quad t = \gamma(t' + \frac{vx'}{c^2})$$

These define the Lorentz transformation.

$\gamma(v) \approx 1$  for low velocities,  $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$  as  $|v| \rightarrow c$

Check on speed of light

(A) light ray travelling in x direction

$$\text{In } S: x = ct, y = 0, z = 0$$

$$\text{In } S': x' = \gamma(x - vt) = \gamma(c-v)t$$

$$t' = \gamma(t - \frac{vx}{c^2}), \quad = \gamma(1 - \frac{v}{c})t \quad y' = 0, z' = 0$$

$$\frac{x'}{t'} = \frac{\gamma(c-v)}{\gamma(1-\frac{v}{c})} = c \text{ as required.}$$

(B) light ray travelling in y direction in S

$$\text{In } S: y = ct, x = 0, z = 0$$

$$\text{In } S': x' = \gamma(x - vt), \quad t' = \gamma(t - \frac{vx}{c^2}), \quad y' = y, \quad z' = z$$

$$\text{hence } x' = -\gamma vt, \quad t' = \gamma t, \quad y' = ct, \quad z' = 0$$

Consider speed <sup>of light ray</sup>:  $(\text{speed})^2 = (\text{x comp})^2 + (\text{y comp})^2$

$$= v^2 + \frac{c^2}{\gamma^2} = v^2 + c^2 \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right) = \underline{c^2}$$

speed still c but direction changes.

General property of Lorentz transformations:

$$c^2 t'^2 - r'^2 = c^2 t'^2 - (x'^2 + y'^2 + z'^2)$$

$$= \cancel{c^2 t'^2} - c^2 \gamma^2 \left(t - \frac{vx}{c^2}\right)^2 - (x - vt)^2 \cancel{y^2 - y'^2 - z^2}$$

$$= c^2 \gamma^2 \left(t^2 - \frac{2vxt}{c^2} + \frac{v^2 x^2}{c^2}\right) - \gamma^2 (x^2 - 2vxt + v^2 t^2) \cancel{- y^2 - z^2}$$

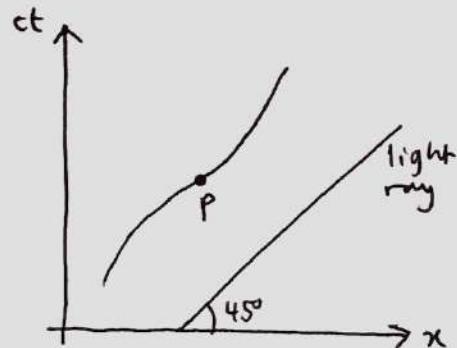
$$= c^2 t^2 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2 = \underline{c^2 t^2 - r^2}$$

$$\text{so } r' = ct' \Leftrightarrow r = ct \quad \text{invariant quantity}$$

### 8-3 Spacetime diagrams

1 spatial dimension  $x$ , time  $t$  in inertial frame S

Plot  $x$  on horizontal axis and  $ct$  on vertical axis



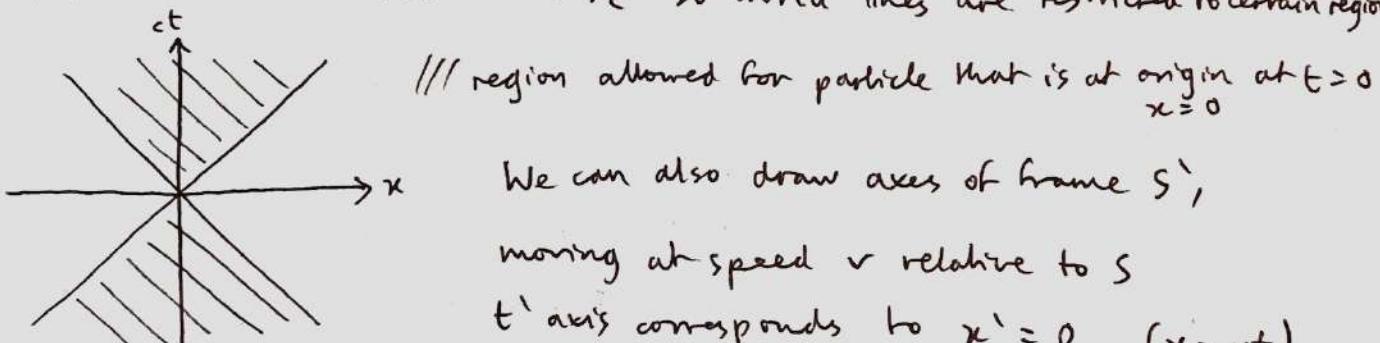
Convention: Minkowski spacetime

Each point P in spacetime represents an event (labelled  $(x, ct)$ )

Moving particle traces out a world line straight line if uniform velocity

Light ray in  $x$ -direction is straight line  $x = ct$  ( $45^\circ$  from axes)

Particles cannot travel at  $v > c$  so world lines are restricted to certain regions

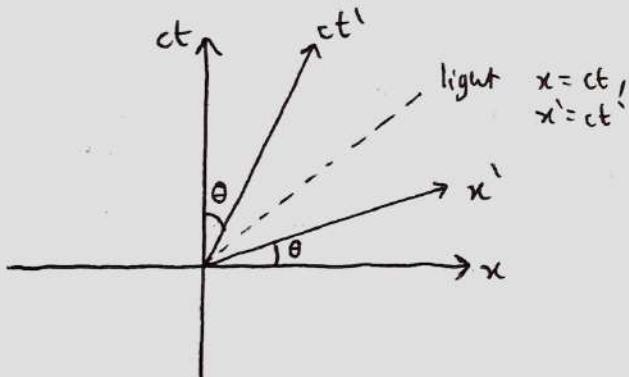


We can also draw axes of frame  $S'$ ,

moving at speed  $v$  relative to S

$t'$  axis corresponds to  $x' = 0$  ( $x = vt$ )

$x'$  axis corresponds to  $t' = 0$  hence  $ct = \frac{vx}{c}$  or  $x = \frac{v}{c} ct$



$x'$  and  $ct'$  axis both symmetric about  $x = ct$   
so  $x = ct \Leftrightarrow x' = ct'$

### Comparison of velocities

Consider particle moving with constant velocity  $u'$  in  $S'$ ,  $S'$  travels at velocity  $v$  wrt S. What is velocity of " $u$ " measured in S?

Consider world line of particle in  $S'$ :  $x' = u't'$  (constant vel. in  $S'$ )  
in S:  $x = ut$

frame corresponds to constant vel. in other-inertial

Lorentz transformation:  $x = \gamma(x' + vt') = \gamma(u' + v)t'$   
 $t = \gamma(t' + vx'/c^2) = \gamma(1 + vu'/c^2)t'$ . Eliminate  $t'$ :

Hence  $u = \frac{u' + v}{1 + \frac{u'v}{c^2}}$

Invert by swapping sign of  $v$ :

$$u' = \frac{u - v}{1 - \frac{uv}{c^2}}$$

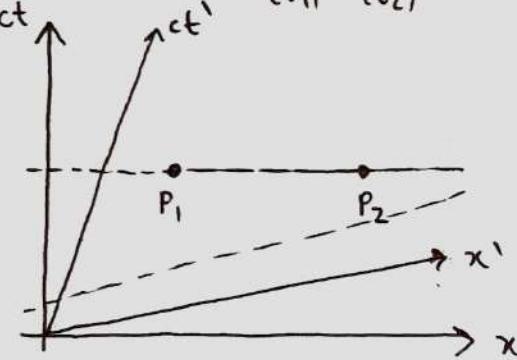
$u', v \ll c$  : recover Galilean result

Note:  $c - u = c - \frac{u' + v}{1 - \frac{u'v}{c^2}} = \frac{(c - u')(c - v)}{1 + \frac{u'v}{c^2}} > 0$  if  $u' < c, v < c$  so  $c > u$

i.e. cannot exceed speed of light through successive boosts.

### 8-3 Simultaneity and causality

two events  $P_1, P_2$  are simultaneous in  $S$  if  $t_1 = t_2$



surface of simultaneity in a frame is parallel to the  $x$  axis or the  $x'$  axis

$P_1, P_2$  simultaneous in  $S$  but not  $S'$

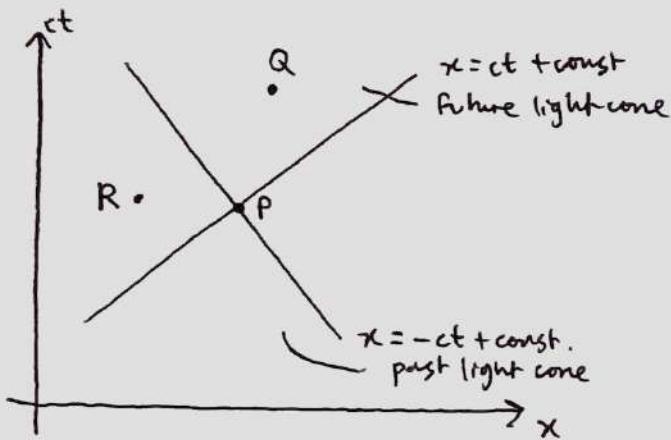
$P_2$  occurs before  $P_1$  in  $S'$ :

$$P_1(x_1, ct), P_2(x_2, ct) \Rightarrow t_1' = \gamma\left(t - \frac{vx_1}{c^2}\right), t_2' = \gamma\left(t - \frac{vx_2}{c^2}\right)$$

$x_2 > x_1 \Rightarrow t_2' < t_1'$  - simultaneity is frame dependent

Causality Different observers may disagree on time ordering of events but we can construct a viewpoint where cause and effect are consistent. Lines of simultaneity cannot be inclined at more than  $45^\circ$  to  $x$ .

Lines / surfaces emerging from an event  $P$  at angle  $45^\circ$  to  $x$  axis form a light cone (past and future)



All observers agree that Q occurs after P, but ordering of P and R in time depends on frame.

(since line QP has slope  $> 45^\circ$  but all "x' axes" must have slope  $< 45^\circ$ )

If no information travels faster than c, then P and R cannot influence each other.

P can only influence events inside its future light cone

P can only be influenced by events inside its past light cone

### Time dilation

Consider a clock stationary in  $S'$  ticking at constant intervals  $\Delta t'$ . What is time interval between ticks viewed in  $S$ ?

Lorentz transf.:  $t = \gamma(t' + \frac{vx'}{c^2})$   $x'$  fixed - stationary in  $S'$

hence  $\Delta t = \gamma \Delta t'$

"moving clocks run slower"

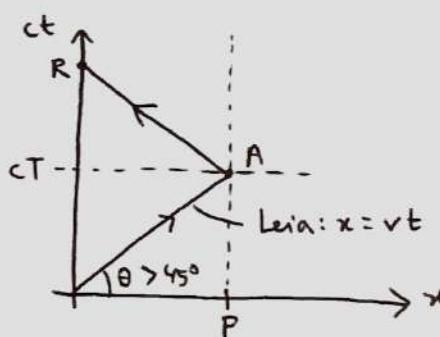
Proper time is time measured in the rest frame of a particular moving object.

# Dynamics and Relativity - Lecture 20

## Time Dilatation - Twin Paradox

2 twins Luke and Leia: Luke stays at home, Leia travels at constant speed to distant planet P then returns home.

In Luke's frame



Leia's arrival at P - event A  
has  $(x, ct) = (\sqrt{T}, cT)$

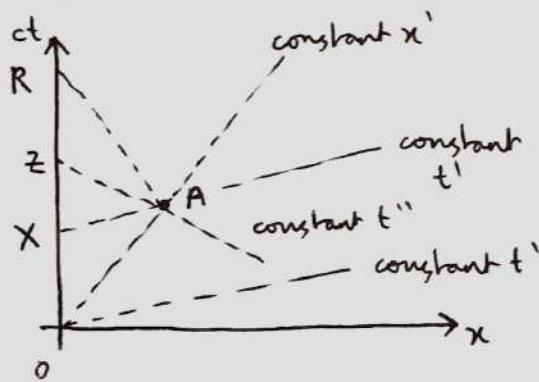
Time experienced by Leia on outward journey:

$$T' = \gamma (T - \frac{v}{c} \cdot vT) = \frac{T}{\gamma}$$

On Leia's return (R) Luke has aged by  $2T$

but Leia has aged by  $\frac{2T}{\gamma} < 2T$ , so Leia is younger than Luke when she returns by time dilatation.

From Leia's perspective, Luke has travelled away at speed  $v$  and returned at speed  $v$ , so he should be younger. Why is it not symmetric?



In frame of Leia's outward journey:

$$A : x' = 0, t' = \frac{T}{\gamma}$$

$$X : x = 0, t' = \frac{T}{\gamma}$$

$$t' = \gamma (t - \frac{vx}{c^2}) \Rightarrow t' = t\gamma \quad (x=0)$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{t'}{\gamma} = \frac{T}{\gamma^2}$$

Each thinks the other has aged less by factor  $\frac{1}{\gamma}$ .

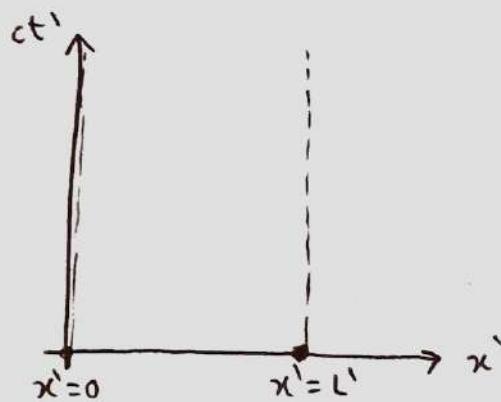
Return journey:

Luke sees Leia aging from  $A \rightarrow R$ , Leia sees Luke aging from  $Z \rightarrow R$ . ( $Z$  is simultaneous with  $A$  in frame moving with Leia on her return journey, i.e. moving speed  $-v$  relative to Luke's frame)

Leia's change of speed makes her see Luke age instantaneously from  $X$  to  $Z$  - the frame is not inertial.

## Length Contraction

A rod of length  $L'$  is stationary in  $S'$ . What is its length in  $S$ ?



Length is distance between the two ends at the same instant in time.

$$x' = 0 \Rightarrow \gamma(x - vt) = 0$$

$$x' = L' \Rightarrow \gamma(x - vt) = L'$$

$$\text{Hence } L = \text{length in } S = \frac{L'}{\gamma} < L'$$

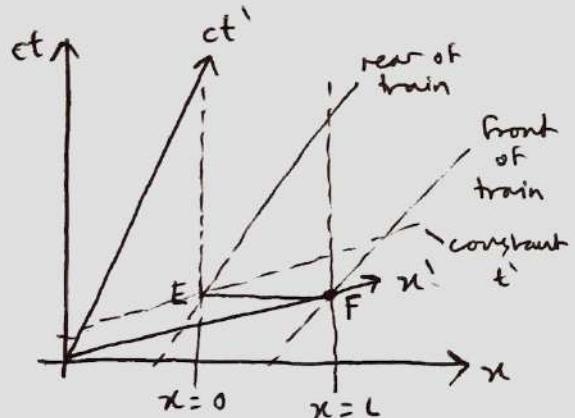
Moving objects appear contracted in length along direction of travel.

Proper length is length measured in rest frame of object.

Example: Does a train of length  $2L$  fit alongside a platform of length  $L$  if it is travelling at a speed such that  $\gamma=2$ ?

For observers on platform, train contracts to length  $L$  - it fits

For observers on train, the platform contracts from  $L$  to  $L/2$  - doesn't fit



$S$ : platform     $S'$ : train

Platform :  $x=0$  (rear),  $x=L$  (front)

Train :  $x'=0$  (rear),  $x'=2L$  (front)

E is event when rear of train  
is coincident with rear of platform:  
assume this occurs at  $t = t' = 0$

Front of train is  $x' = 2L$ , front of platform is  $x = L$

E and F are simultaneous in  $S$  :  $x' = \gamma(x - vt)$ ,  $2L = \gamma(x - vt)$ ,  
 $x = L$  so  $2L = \gamma(L - vt)$   
 $\Rightarrow t = 0$  ( $\gamma = 2$ )

and  $x = \gamma(x' + vt')$ ,  $L = \gamma(2L + vt')$ ,  $\Rightarrow t' = \frac{L-2\gamma L}{v} = -\frac{3L}{2v} < 0$   
F occurs before E in  $S'$

i.e. rear of train coincident with rear of platform after front of

train is coincident with front of platform, i.e. doesn't fit.

Problem: simultaneity is frame dependent.

# Dynamics and Relativity - Lecture 21

## Geometry of spacetime

Invariant interval - 2 events  $P, Q$   $(ct_1, x_1), (ct_2, x_2)$  respectively

Time separation  $\Delta t = t_1 - t_2$ , space separation  $\Delta x = x_1 - x_2$

Invariant interval between  $P, Q$  defined by  $\underline{(\Delta s)^2 = c^2 \Delta t^2 - \Delta x^2}$

All inertial observers measure the same  $\Delta s$

In 3D space:  $\underline{\Delta s^2 = c^2 \Delta t^2 - \Delta x^2 - \Delta y^2 - \Delta z^2}$

If separation is very small - have expression for infinitesimal:

$$ds^2 = c^2 dt^2 - (dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2)$$

Spacetime topologically equivalent to  $\mathbb{R}^4$  with distance measure  $ds^2$   
(Minkowski spacetime - 1+3)

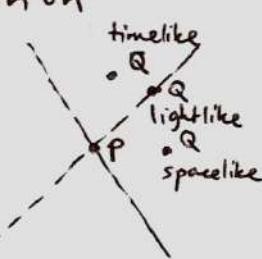
Invariant interval  $\Delta s^2 = c^2 \Delta t^2 - \Delta x^2$

If  $\underline{\Delta s^2 > 0}$ , then events are time-like separated - There exists a frame where they occur at the same space position  
(inside light cone of  $P$  - time ordering unambiguous)

If  $\underline{\Delta s^2 < 0}$ , then events are space-like separated -

There exists a frame where they occur at the same time  
(outside light cone of  $P$  - time ordering observer dependent)

If  $\underline{\Delta s^2 = 0}$ , then events are light-like separated -  
each lies on the light cone of the other



## The Lorentz group

The coordinates of an event  $P$  in frame  $S$  can be written as a 4-vector

$$X^M = \begin{pmatrix} ct \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} -\mu=0 \\ -\mu=1 \\ -\mu=2 \\ -\mu=3 \end{matrix}$$

Invariant interval between  $P$  and  $Q$  can be written as  $X \cdot X = X^T \eta X = \sum_{\mu=0}^3 \eta_{\mu\mu} X^\mu$

$$\text{where } \eta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ - Minkowski metric}$$

$$X \cdot X > 0 \text{ timelike, } X \cdot X = 0 \text{ lightlike, } X \cdot X < 0 \text{ spacelike}$$

Lorentz transformation is a linear transformation taking comp. of  $X$  in  $S$  to comp.  $X'$  in  $S'$ .

Represented by  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $\Lambda$  :  $X' = \Lambda X$

Lorentz transformations can be defined as the set of  $\Lambda$  that leaves  $X \cdot X = X' \cdot X'$  &  $\Lambda \Rightarrow X^T \eta \Lambda = \eta$ .

Two classes of possible  $\Lambda$  are

$$\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & R & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R^T R = I \quad \text{or} \quad \Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 \\ -\gamma\beta & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \beta = \frac{v}{c} \quad \gamma = (1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2})^{-1/2}$$

(Lorentz boost)

The set of all possible  $\Lambda$  satisfying the condition is the Lorentz group  $O(1,3)$ . Subgroup with  $\det \Lambda = 1$  is proper Lorentz group  $SO(1,3)$ .

Subgroup preserving time direction and spatial orientation is restricted Lorentz group  $SO^+(1,3)$  - generated by rotations, boosts

Rapidity - way of representing Lorentz transformations

Focus on  $2 \times 2$  submatrix operating on  $(ct, x)$

$$\Lambda(\beta) = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta \\ \gamma\beta & \gamma \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Consider combining 2 boosts.}$$

$$\Lambda(\beta_1) \Lambda(\beta_2) = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_1 \gamma_2 (1 + \beta_1 \beta_2) & -\gamma_1 \gamma_2 (\beta_1 + \beta_2) \\ -\gamma_1 \gamma_2 (\beta_1 + \beta_2) & \gamma_1 \gamma_2 (1 + \beta_1 \beta_2) \end{pmatrix} = \Lambda \left( \frac{\beta_1 + \beta_2}{1 + \beta_1 \beta_2} \right)$$

$$\text{Recall for spatial relations } R(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad R(\theta_1) R(\theta_2) \\ = R(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$

For Lorentz boosts define  $\phi$  s.t.  $\underline{\beta = \tanh \phi}$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma = \cosh \phi, \quad \gamma\beta = \sinh \phi$$

Then composition law is  $\lambda(\phi_1) \lambda(\phi_2) = \lambda(\phi_1 + \phi_2)$

Suggests Lorentz boosts can be regarded as "hyperbolic rotations" in spacetime.

### 8-6 Relativistic Kinematics

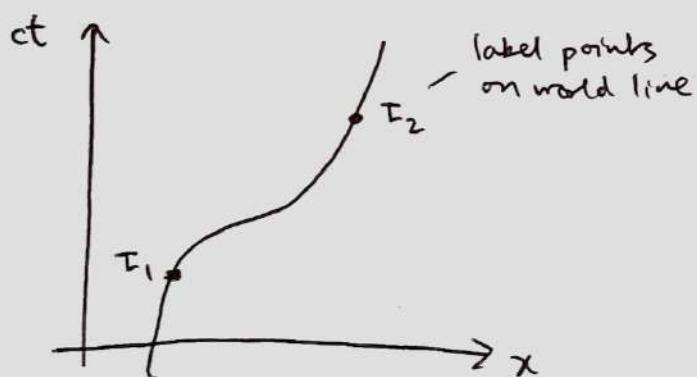
A particle moves along a trajectory  $\underline{x}(t)$ . Its velocity is  $\dot{\underline{x}}(t) = \underline{u}(t)$ . Path in spacetime parametrised by  $t$ . But both  $\underline{x}$  and  $t$  vary under Lorentz transformation.

Proper time First consider a particle at rest in  $S'$  with  $\underline{x}' = 0$ . The invariant interval between points on its world line is  $\Delta s^2 = c^2 \Delta t'^2$  (no  $\Delta \underline{x}'^2$ )

Define proper time by  $\Delta \tau = \frac{1}{c} \Delta s$ . This is the change in time experienced in the rest frame of the particle. But  $\Delta \tau = \frac{1}{c} \Delta s$  holds in all frames ( $\Delta s$  invariant).

Note  $\Delta s$  is real in all frames - the interval is timelike.

The world line of the particle can now be parametrised in terms of  $\tau$ .



Infinitesimal changes :

$$\begin{aligned} d\tau &= \frac{ds}{c} = \frac{1}{c} \sqrt{c^2 dt^2 - d\underline{x}^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{c} \sqrt{c^2 dt^2 - |\underline{u}|^2 dt^2} \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{|\underline{u}|^2}{c^2}\right)^{1/2} dt \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\frac{dt}{d\tau} = \gamma_u$  with  $\gamma_u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{|\underline{u}|^2}{c^2}}}$

Total time observed by particle moving along world line is

$$T = \int dt = \int \frac{dt}{\gamma_u}$$

### 4-velocity

Position 4-vector is  $X(\tau) = \begin{pmatrix} ct(\tau) \\ \underline{x}(\tau) \end{pmatrix}$

4-velocity is  $\frac{d}{d\tau} X(\tau) = U = \begin{pmatrix} c dt/d\tau \\ d\underline{x}/d\tau \end{pmatrix} = \frac{dt}{d\tau} \left( \frac{c}{\gamma_u} \right) = \gamma_u \left( \frac{c}{\gamma_u} \right)$

Another notation:  $(ct, \underline{x})$ ,  $(\gamma_u c, \gamma_u \underline{u})$

$\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \text{position} \end{matrix}$   
4-vector

$\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \text{velocity} \end{matrix}$   
4-velocity

If frames  $S$  and  $S'$  are such that  $X$  and  $X'$  are components of position vector, then  $\underline{X}' = X \underline{X}$ ,  $\underline{U}' = X \underline{U}$  relates components.

(Any quantity that transforms this way is a 4-vector).

$U$  is a 4-vector since  $X$  is a 4-vector and  $\tau$  is invariant, i.e.  $\frac{dX}{d\tau}$  is a 4-vector, but not  $\frac{dX}{dt}$  -  $t$  not invariant

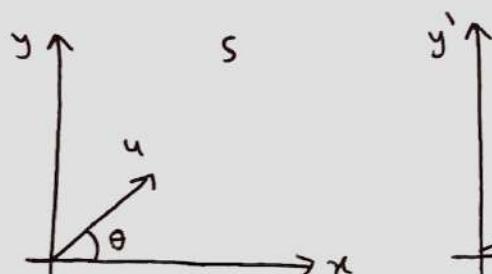
The scalar product  $U \cdot U$  is invariant under Lorentz transformations  
 $U \cdot U = U' \cdot U'$

In the rest frame of a particle moving with 4-velocity  $U$ ,  $U = \begin{pmatrix} c \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , hence  $U \cdot U = c^2 \Rightarrow U \cdot U = c^2$  in all frames.

$$(c^2 = \gamma^2(c^2 - \underline{u}^2) = c^2)$$

### Transformations of velocities as 4-vectors

Consider example: transformation  $S \rightarrow S'$ ,  $S'$  moving at speed  $v$  in  $x$ -direction relative to  $S$ .



$$U' = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_{u'} c \\ \gamma_{u'} u' \cos \theta' \\ \gamma_{u'} u' \sin \theta' \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{with } \underline{U}' = X \underline{U}$$

$$\text{where } X = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma v & -\gamma v v/c & 0 & 0 \\ -\gamma v \frac{v}{c} & \gamma v & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{In frame } S, \text{ 4-velocity } U \text{ is } \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_u c \\ \gamma_u u \cos \theta \\ \gamma_u u \sin \theta \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

From  $\underline{U'} = \underline{X} \underline{U}$  we get

$$u' \cos \theta' = \frac{u \cos \theta - v}{1 - \frac{uv \cos \theta}{c^2}}, \quad \tan \theta' = \frac{u \sin \theta}{v(ucos\theta - v)}$$

(check - compare 2nd and 3rd components)

This corresponds to rules for velocity addition - see earlier

There is change in perceived angle of velocity - aberration

Applies when  $u=c$ , i.e. aberration applies to light rays -  
apparent direction of stars changes as result of Earth's orbital motion.

### 8.7 Relativistic physics

4-momentum of particle of mass  $m$ , 4-velocity  $\underline{v}$  is  $\underline{P} = m\underline{v} = \gamma_{\underline{v}} \underline{m} \begin{pmatrix} c \\ \underline{v} \end{pmatrix}$   
 4 components  $P^0, P^1, P^2, P^3$

For  $\underline{P}$  to be a 4-vector,  $m$  must be an invariant -  $m$  is rest mass (mass measured in rest frame)

4-momentum of system =  $\sum$  4-momentum of particles

Spatial components of  $\underline{P}$  ( $\mu = 1, 2, 3$ ) are relativistic 3-momentum  $\underline{p} = \gamma_{\underline{v}} m \underline{v}$   
 Apparent / relativistic mass  $\gamma_{\underline{v}} m$  ( $\rightarrow \infty$  as  $|\underline{v}| \rightarrow c$ )

$$P^0 = \gamma_{\underline{v}} mc = \frac{mc}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{\underline{v}^2}{c^2}}} = \frac{1}{c} \left( mc^2 + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} m \underline{v}^2}_{KE} + \dots \right)$$

Natural interpretation of  $P^0$  is as an energy :  $\underline{P} = \begin{pmatrix} E/c \\ \underline{p} \end{pmatrix}$

with  $E = \gamma_{\underline{v}} mc^2 = mc^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \underline{v}^2 + \dots$  ( $E \rightarrow \infty$  as  $|\underline{v}| \rightarrow c$  for  $m \neq 0$ )

$\underline{P}$  sometimes called energy-momentum 4-vector

For a stationary particle with rest mass  $m$ , have  $\underline{E} = mc^2$

Implication: mass is a form of energy

$$E = mc^2 + \underbrace{(\gamma_{\underline{v}} - 1)mc^2}_{\text{Relativistic KE}}$$

Since  $\underline{P} \cdot \underline{P} = \frac{E^2}{c^2} - |\underline{p}|^2$  is Lorentz invariant  $\Rightarrow \underline{P} \cdot \underline{P} = m^2 c^2$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{E^2}{c^2} = p^2 + m^2 c^2 \quad \text{- useful relation between 3-momentum and energy.}$$

Summary: 4-momentum  $\underline{P} = \begin{pmatrix} E/c \\ \underline{p} \end{pmatrix}$

$E$  relativistic energy,  $\underline{P} \cdot \underline{P}$  invariant  $\Rightarrow \underline{P} \cdot \underline{P} = \frac{E^2}{c^2} - |\underline{p}|^2 = m^2 c^2$

$m$  = rest mass, mass is a form of energy

## Massless particles

Zero rest mass particles, e.g. photons

These can have nonzero momentum/nonzero energy, as they travel at the speed of light - " $\gamma_u$  infinite"

In this case  $\underline{P} \cdot \underline{P} = 0$  ( $m=0$ )

These particles travel along light-like trajectory and hence they have no proper time (can't transform to rest frame)

$$\frac{E^2}{c^2} = |\underline{p}|^2 \Rightarrow E = |\underline{p}|c$$

Then  $\underline{P} = \frac{E}{c} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \underline{n} \end{pmatrix}$  with  $\underline{n}$  in direction of travel.

## Newton's 2nd in SR

$$\frac{d\underline{P}}{d\tau} = \underline{F} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \underline{F} \text{ is also a 4-vector}$$

(check)

Relation between 4-force  $\underline{F}$  and 3-vector force  $\underline{F}$  is  $\underline{F} = \gamma_u \begin{pmatrix} \underline{F} \cdot \underline{u} / c \\ \underline{F} \end{pmatrix}$

then  $\frac{dE}{d\tau} = \gamma_u \frac{\underline{F} \cdot \underline{u}}{c}$ ,  $\frac{d\underline{P}}{d\tau} = \gamma_u \underline{F}$  ← (gamma factor added to classical eqns)

$$\text{so } \frac{dE}{dt} = \underline{F} \cdot \underline{u}, \quad \frac{d\underline{P}}{dt} = \underline{F}$$

Equivalently for rest mass  $m$ ,  $\underline{F} = m \underline{A}$  with  $\underline{A} = \frac{d\underline{v}}{d\tau}$  4-acceleration

## 8.8 Applications to particle physics

Consider conservation of  $\underline{P} = \begin{pmatrix} E/c \\ \underline{p} \end{pmatrix}$  for a system of particles

Often convenient to write down conservation of 4-momentum in the centre of momentum frame (CM) i.e. the frame in which

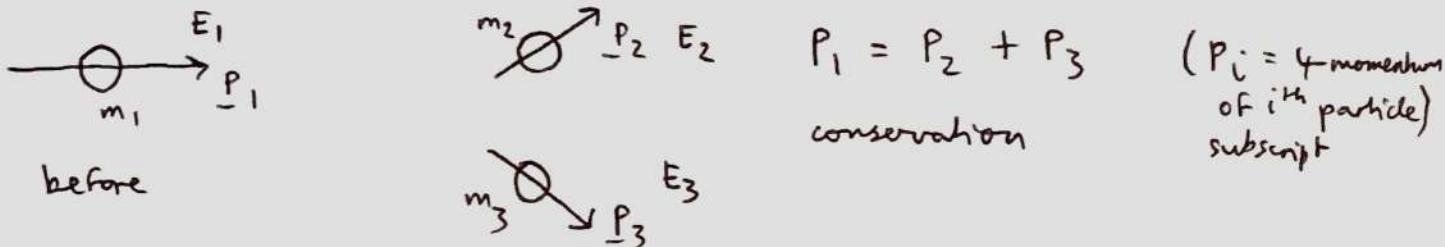
$$\underline{P}^1 = \underline{P}^2 = \underline{P}^3 = 0. \quad (\text{May be problematic for massless particles})$$

### 8.8 Application to particle physics

- Consider conservation of 4-momentum -  $\underline{P} = \begin{pmatrix} E/c \\ \underline{p} \end{pmatrix}$  for system
- Convenient to write down in centre of momentum frame  $P^1 = P^2 = P^3 = 0$

#### Example 1 Particle Decay

Particle of mass  $m_1$  decays into 2 particles of mass  $m_2$  and  $m_3$



$$0 \text{ component: } E_1 = E_2 + E_3$$

$$1, 2, 3 - \text{components: } \underline{p}_1 = \underline{p}_2 + \underline{p}_3$$

Centre of momentum frame:  $\underline{p}_1 = \underline{0}$  (frame in which  $m_1$  is initially at rest)

Hence  $\underline{p}_2 = -\underline{p}_3$ .  $E = mc^2$ , rest

$$\text{Then in this frame } \frac{E_1}{c} = m_1 c = \frac{E_2}{c} + \frac{E_3}{c} \quad (*)$$

$$\text{We have } \frac{E_2}{c} = \sqrt{\underline{p}_2^2 + m_2^2 c^2}, \quad \frac{E_3}{c} = \sqrt{\underline{p}_3^2 + m_3^2 c^2}$$

$$\text{Then } (*) = \sqrt{\underline{p}_2^2 + m_2^2 c^2} + \sqrt{\underline{p}_3^2 + m_3^2 c^2} \geq m_2 c + m_3 c$$

$$\text{i.e. } \underline{m_1} > \underline{m_2} + \underline{m_3} \quad (\text{recall mass may not be conserved}) \quad (\text{as } \underline{p}_2^2, \underline{p}_3^2 \gg 0)$$

#### Example 2 Higgs to photon decay

$$h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \text{ (2 photons)}$$

$$\text{Conservation of 4-momentum: } \underline{P}_h = \underline{P}_{\gamma_1} + \underline{P}_{\gamma_2}$$

$$\text{In the rest frame of } h: \quad P_h = \begin{pmatrix} m_h c \\ \underline{0} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E_{\gamma_1}/c \\ \underline{p}_{\gamma_1} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} E_{\gamma_2}/c \\ \underline{p}_{\gamma_2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(1, 2, 3 \text{ comp}): \underline{\Omega} = \underline{p}_{\gamma_1} + \underline{p}_{\gamma_2} \quad \text{Recall } \frac{E^2}{c^2} = \underline{p}^2 + m^2 c^2$$

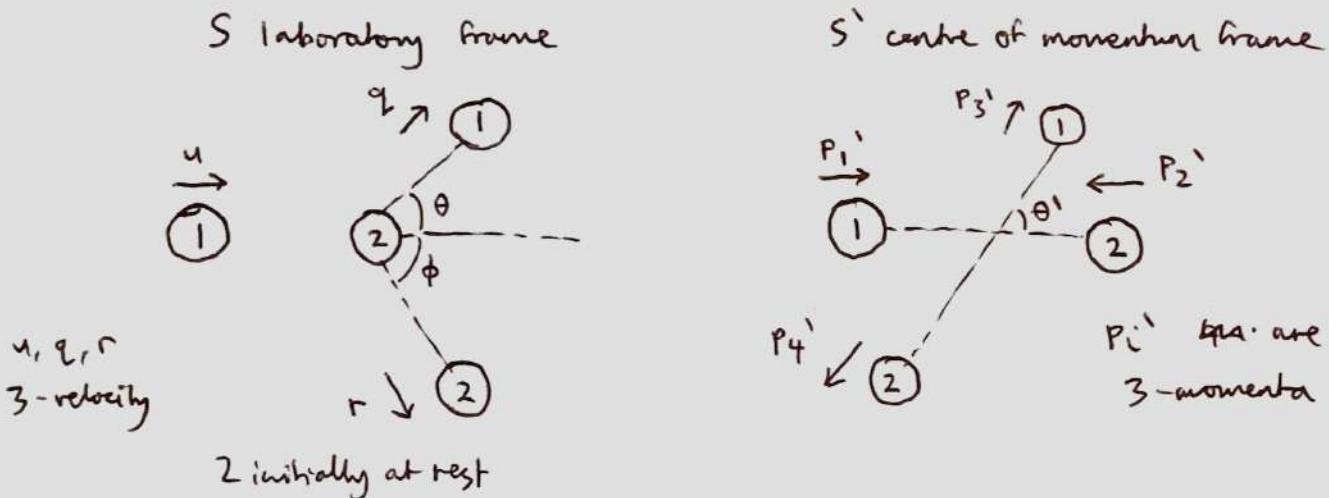
$$(\text{0 comp}) \quad \frac{E_{\gamma_1}}{c} = |\underline{p}_{\gamma_1}|, \quad \frac{E_{\gamma_2}}{c} = |\underline{p}_{\gamma_2}| \quad \text{by } m=0 \text{ for } \gamma \text{ (rest)}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{\gamma_1} = E_{\gamma_2} \Rightarrow E_{\gamma_1} = E_{\gamma_2} = \frac{1}{2} m_h c^2 \quad (\text{0 comp}).$$

Note: mass not conserved

### Example 3 Particle scattering

2 identical particles collide (no decay)



$$\text{Conservation of 4-momentum: } \underline{p}_1 + \underline{p}_2 = \underline{p}'_1 + \underline{p}'_2$$

What's relation between  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ ?

1 after collision      2 after collision

Because 1 and 2 have the same mass, their speeds are equal both before and after the collision.

Let speeds before and after be  $v$  and  $w$  respectively.

$$\text{Using } S' \text{ frame: } \underline{p}'_1 + \underline{p}'_2 = \underline{p}''_1 + \underline{p}''_2$$

$$\underline{p}'_1 = \begin{pmatrix} m\gamma v c \\ m\gamma v v \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{p}'_2 = \begin{pmatrix} m\gamma v c \\ -m\gamma v v \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{before}$$

$$\underline{p}''_1 = \begin{pmatrix} m\gamma w c \\ m\gamma w w \cos\theta' \\ m\gamma w w \sin\theta' \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{p}''_2 = \begin{pmatrix} m\gamma w c \\ -m\gamma w w \cos\theta' \\ -m\gamma w w \sin\theta' \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Consider 0 component:  $2m\gamma_v c = 2m\gamma_w c \Rightarrow \underline{v=w}$ .

Apply Lorentz transformation to go  $S' \rightarrow S$ :

$$\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_v & \gamma_v v/c & 0 & 0 \\ \gamma_v v/c & \gamma_v & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

determined by requirement that particle 2 before collision in lab frame, so must go to a frame moving at  $v$  relative to  $S'$

$$P_1 = \Lambda P_1' = \begin{pmatrix} m\gamma_v^2(c+v^2/c) \\ m\gamma_v^2(v+v) \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m\gamma_u c \\ m\gamma_u u \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Particle 1 after collision as seen in  $S$ :

$$P_3 = \begin{pmatrix} m\gamma_u c \\ m\gamma_u v \cos \theta \\ m\gamma_u v \sin \theta \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} m\gamma_v^2(c + \frac{v^2}{c} \cos \theta') \\ m\gamma_v^2(v + v \cos \theta') \\ m\gamma_v v \sin \theta' \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

↑  
from specification of problem in  $S$   
↑  
Lorentz on  $P_3'$

Hence from 1 and 2 components:

$$\tan \theta = \frac{m\gamma_v v \sin \theta'}{m\gamma_v^2 v(1+\cos \theta')} = \frac{1}{\gamma_v} \cot \left( \frac{\theta'}{2} \right)$$

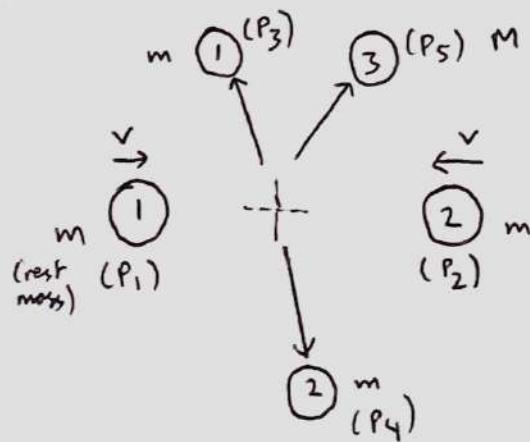
(note  $\frac{1}{2}$  angle identity)

by going through same process with  $P_2$  and  $P_4$  rather than  $P_1$  and  $P_3$ .

$$\text{Hence } \tan \theta \tan \phi = \frac{1}{\gamma_v^2} = \frac{2}{1+\gamma_u} \stackrel{\text{see (+) in Ex 4}}{\leq 1}$$

(Newtonian limit:  $\gamma_v = 1 \Rightarrow \tan \theta \tan \phi = 1 \Rightarrow$  angle between trajectories is  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ ) - relativistic: less than  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

#### Example 4 Particle creation



Use centre of momentum frame

Conservation of 4-momentum:

$$P_1 + P_2 = P_3 + P_4 + P_5$$

(1) (2) (3)

Let  $v_1 - v$  be velocities of 1, 2 before collision

$$\text{Hence } P_1 + P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2m\gamma_v c \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E_3/c + E_4/c + E_5/c \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underbrace{E_3 + E_4 + E_5}_{2m\gamma vc} \geq (m+m+M)c^2 = (2m+M)c^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma v \geq \left(1 + \frac{M}{2m}\right) \quad \text{for particle creation to be possible}$$

i.e. initial KE in CM frame must satisfy  $2m(\gamma v - 1)c^2 \geq Mc^2$

Now transform to a frame where one particle moves with velocity  $u$  and the other is at rest.

$$\text{Then } u = \frac{2v}{1 + \frac{v^2}{c^2}} \quad (\text{velocity composition rule}) \quad (+)$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_u = 2\gamma_v^2 - 1 \quad (\text{check } \underline{\text{algebraically}})$$

$$\text{so } \gamma_u = 2\gamma_v^2 - 1 \geq 2\left(1 + \frac{M}{2m}\right)^2 - 1 = 1 + \frac{2M}{m} + \frac{M^2}{2m^2}$$

Hence in this frame,  $\text{KE } mc^2(\gamma_u - 1) \geq mc^2\left(\frac{2M}{m} + \frac{M^2}{2m^2}\right) \geq 2Mc^2 + \frac{M^2c^2}{2m} \geq Mc^2$   
may be significantly greater than  $mc^2$

Hence it is much easier to create new particles by colliding particles in beams than colliding one beam with a fixed target.