



# Announcements, Goals, and Reading

## Announcements:

- HW11 due Tuesday 12/06
- HW12 due Monday 12/12
- MT2 solutions will be posted at end of *this* week.
- Forward FOCUS survey is now open—please provide feedback.

## Goals for Today:

- Moment of Intertia
- Rolling

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## Reading (Physics for Scientists and Engineers 4/e by Knight)

- Chapter 12: Rotation of a Rigid Body

## Center of mass is important. How do we determine it?

For a system of discrete point masses

N particles                      masses      $m_i$       $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$

   positions    $\vec{x}_i$

$$\vec{x}_{cm} = \frac{m_1 \vec{x}_1 + m_2 \vec{x}_2 + \dots + m_N \vec{x}_N}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_N}$$

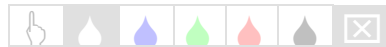
In terms of components...

$$x_{cm} = \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2 + \dots + m_N x_N}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_N}$$

$$y_{cm} = \frac{m_1 y_1 + m_2 y_2 + \dots + m_N y_N}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_N}$$

$$z_{cm} = \frac{m_1 z_1 + m_2 z_2 + \dots + m_N z_N}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_N}$$

Weighted average of  
positions of particles  
Positions of most  
massive particles will  
dominate



## Center of mass of continuous distribution of mass

Divide object up into  $N$  small blocks

masses  $m_i$   $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$

positions  $\vec{x}_i$

$$\text{Center of mass } \vec{x}_{cm} = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \vec{x}_i / M$$

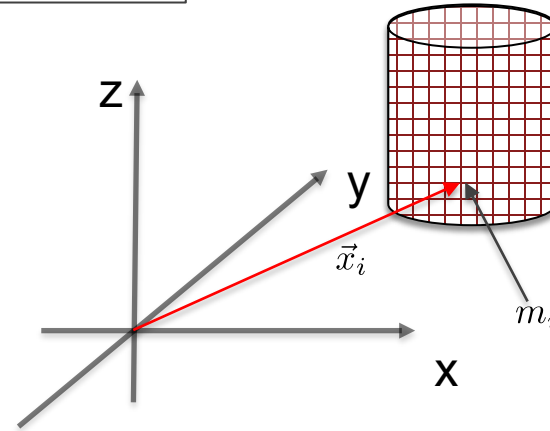
To accurately model shape

Keep making blocks smaller and smaller  $\rightarrow N \rightarrow \infty$

$$\vec{x}_{cm} = \int \vec{x} \rho(\vec{x}) d^3x / M$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N m_i = M$$

solid cylinder with mass  $M$



Sum turns into integral over volume of object!

$\rho(\vec{x})$  = mass density = mass / volume  
 $\rho(\vec{x}) d^3x = m_i$  = mass in an infinitesimal volume

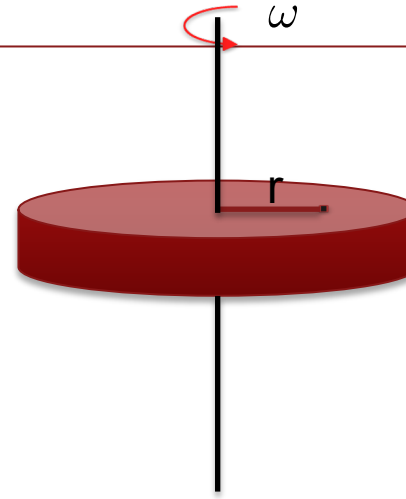
# Need to determine *kinetic energy associated with rotation*

## Recall rotational kinematics

$\omega$  angular velocity

all parts of a rigid body rotate with same angular velocity and same angular acceleration

$\alpha = \frac{d\omega}{dt}$  angular acceleration



A point distance  $r$  from axis moves with

tangential velocity

$$v_t = \omega r$$

tangential acceleration

$$a_t = \alpha r$$

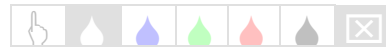
radial velocity

$$v_r = 0$$

radial acceleration

$$a_r = -\omega^2 r$$

centripetal acceleration



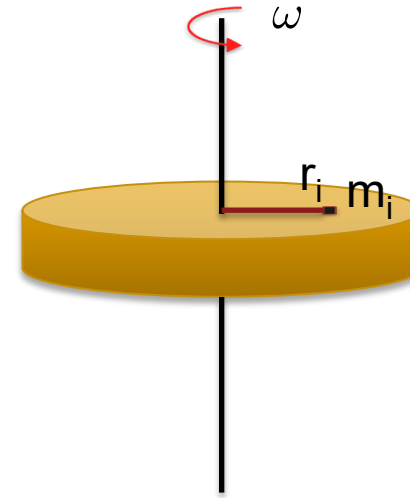
# Important: What is kinetic energy of a rotating object?

All points in object rotate with same angular velocity  $\omega$

But may have different **speeds**  $v = \omega r$

Need to add up kinetic energies of all points at different distances from axis

For one small chunk of mass  $m_i$  a distance  $r_i$  from axis



$$K_i = \frac{1}{2} m_i v_i^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_i (\omega r_i)^2 = \frac{1}{2} (m_i r_i^2) \omega^2$$

Kinetic energy of all parts of object will have same factor of  $\omega^2$

Can write kinetic energy of whole object as:

$$K = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2$$

Moment of inertial is given by

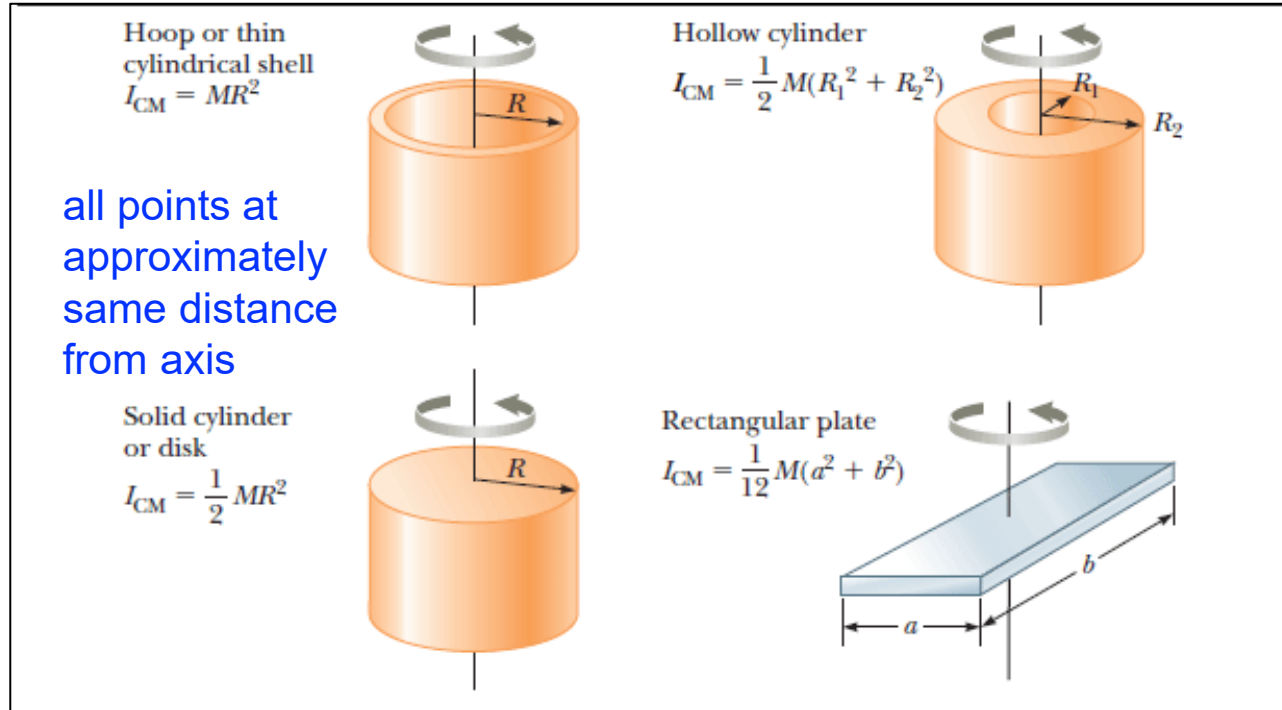
$$I = \sum_i m_i r_i^2$$

or more precisely by an integral

**Remember this result!**

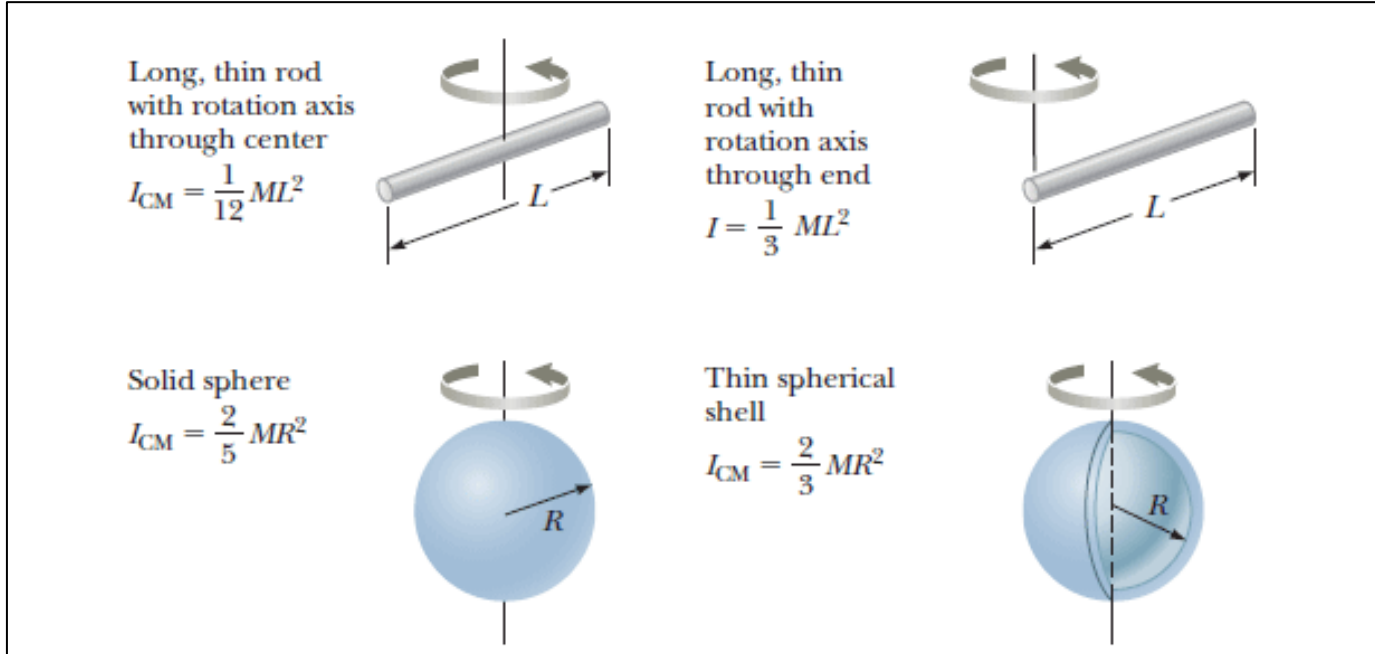
**"Moment of Inertia"**


## Moment of Inertia of different solid shapes



- You don't need to remember these moments of inertia
- They will be given to you on the final if necessary
- We will learn how to calculate  $I$  for simple shapes

## Moment of Inertia of different solid shapes



Important note  **moment of inertia depends on choice of rotational axis**

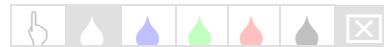
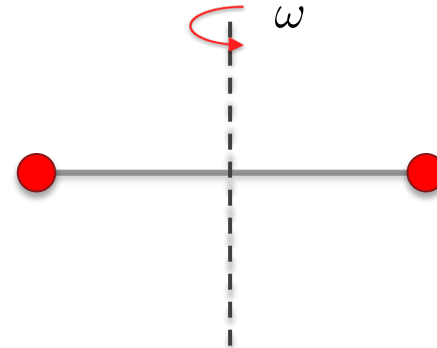
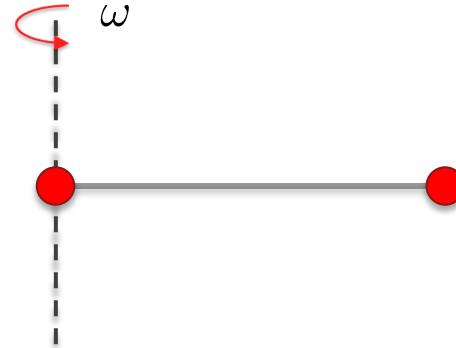


## Moment of Inertia: Depends on choice of rotational axis

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connected by a 1m massless bar

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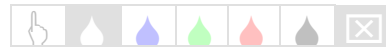
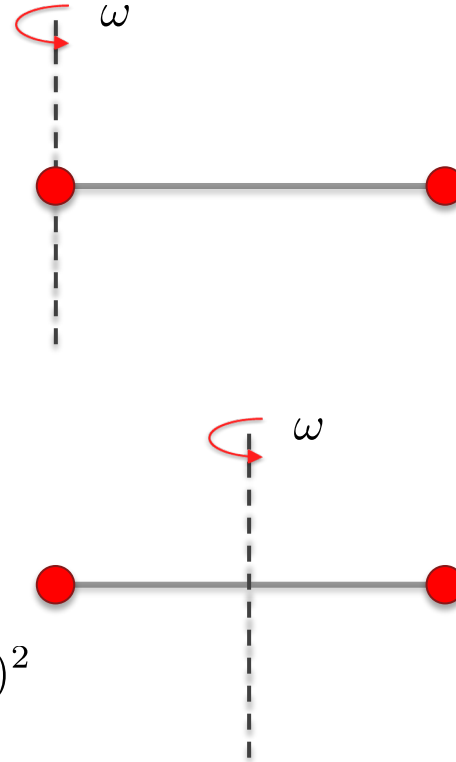
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$$\begin{aligned} I_{\text{end}} &= (5\text{kg})(0)^2 + (5\text{kg})(1\text{m})^2 \\ &= 5\text{kgm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\text{mid}} &= (5\text{kg})(0.5\text{m})^2 + (5\text{kg})(0.5\text{m})^2 \\ &= 2.5\text{kgm}^2 \end{aligned}$$



## Example

An axe has  $L=0.5$  m handle of mass  $M=0.25$  kg attached to a head of mass  $m=1.5$  kg

Find its moment of inertial *about its handle end*

Moment of inertia gets contributions from  
axe handle and head

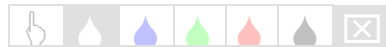
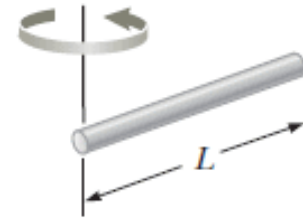
$$\begin{aligned}\text{Head } I_1 &= mL^2 = (1.5\text{kg})(0.5\text{m})^2 \\ &= 0.38 \text{ kgm}^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Handle } I_2 &= \frac{1}{3}ML^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{3}(0.25\text{kg})(0.5\text{m})^2 \\ &= 0.02 \text{ kgm}^2\end{aligned}$$

➔  $I = I_1 + I_2 = 0.40 \text{ kgm}^2$



Long, thin  
rod with  
rotation axis  
through end  
 $I = \frac{1}{3} ML^2$



## Kinetic energy example

Metal rod with  $m=0.5$  kg and length  $L=1.0$  m can pivot about a hinge at one end.

Released from horizontal position

**What is its angular velocity as it passes through a vertical position?**

Use conservation of energy

$$E = K + U$$

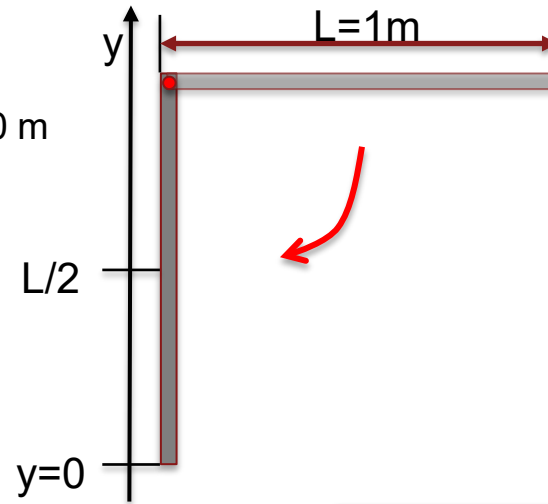
$$K = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2 \quad U = mgy_{cm}$$

vertical position  
of center of  
mass

Initial energy  $E_i = 0 + mgL$

Final energy  $E_f = \frac{1}{2} I \omega_f^2 + mg \frac{L}{2}$

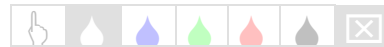
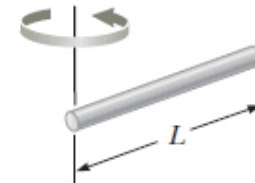
$$E_i = E_f \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} I \omega_f^2 = mg \frac{L}{2}$$



moment of inertia

$$I = \frac{1}{3} mL^2$$

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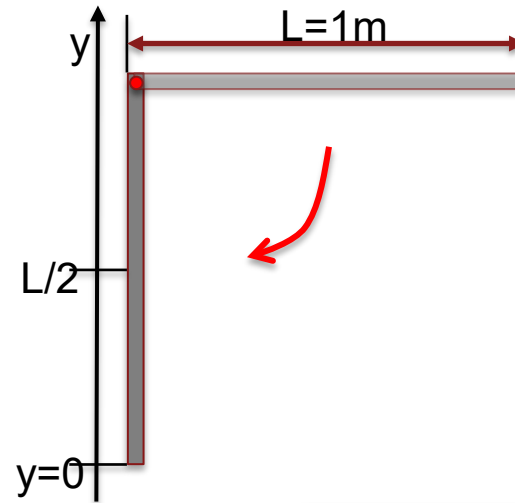
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$$E_i = E_f \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{2}I\omega_f^2 = mg\frac{L}{2}$$

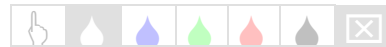
$$\rightarrow \omega_f^2 = \frac{mgL}{I} = \frac{mgL}{\frac{1}{3}mL^2} = \frac{3g}{L}$$

$$\rightarrow \omega_f = \sqrt{\frac{3g}{L}} = \sqrt{\frac{3(9.8\text{m/s}^2)}{1.0\text{m}}} = 5.4\text{ rad/s}$$



moment of inertia

$$I = \frac{1}{3}mL^2$$



## Compute moments of inertia for some shapes

Thin rod of mass  $M$  and length  $L$  pivoted at one end

Break rod up into infinitesimal segments of width  $dx$

Amount of mass in each segment

$$dm = \left( \frac{dx}{L} \right) M = \frac{M}{L} dx$$

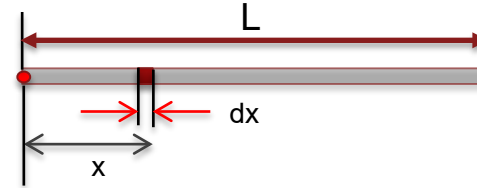
mass per unit length

Moment of inertia of each segment

$$dI = x^2 dm = \left( \frac{M}{L} \right) x^2 dx$$

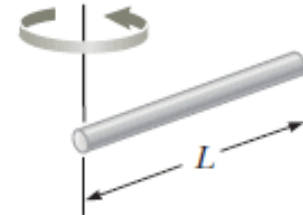
Add these all up

$$I = \int dI = \frac{M}{L} \int_{x=0}^{x=L} x^2 dx = \frac{M}{L} \left( \frac{L^3}{3} \right) = \frac{1}{3} ML^2 \quad \checkmark$$



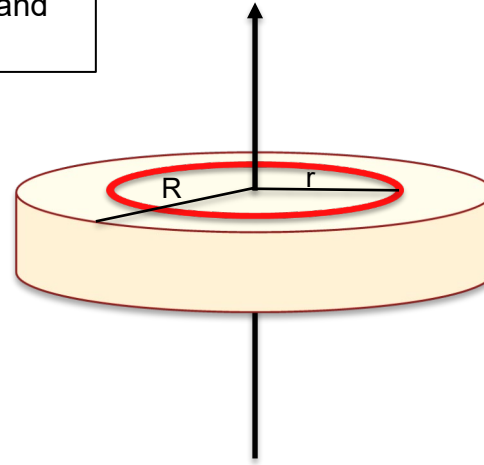
Long, thin rod with rotation axis through end

$$I = \frac{1}{3} ML^2$$



Determine moment of inertia of solid disk of mass  $M$  and radius  $R$  about axis through center of mass

Divide disk into infinitesimally thick cylindrical shells of thickness  $dr$



$$A = \pi R^2 \quad \text{area of entire disk}$$

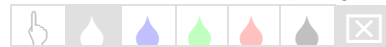
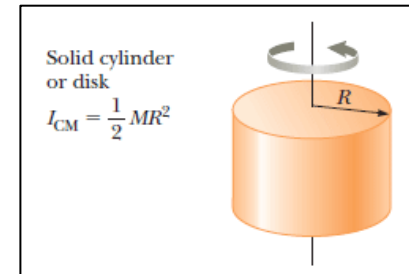
$$\frac{M}{A} = \text{mass per unit area of disk}$$

$$dA = 2\pi r dr \quad \text{area of cylindrical shell}$$

$$dm = \frac{M}{A} dA = \frac{M}{A} (2\pi r) dr \quad \text{mass in cylindrical shell}$$

$$dI = r^2 dm = \frac{2\pi M}{A} r^3 dr \quad \text{moment of inertia of infinitesimal shell}$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \int dI = \frac{2\pi M}{\pi R^2} \int_{r=0}^{r=R} r^3 dr = \frac{2M}{R^2} \left( \frac{R^4}{4} \right) = \frac{1}{2} M R^2 \quad \checkmark$$



16) A uniform disk, a uniform hoop, and a uniform solid sphere are released at the same time at the top of an inclined ramp. They all roll without slipping. In what order do they reach the bottom of the ramp?

- A) disk, hoop, sphere
- B) hoop, sphere, disk
- C) sphere, disk, hoop
- D) sphere, hoop, disk
- E) hoop, disk, sphere

$$I_{\text{sphere}} = \frac{2}{5}mR^2$$

$$I_{\text{disk}} = \frac{1}{2}mR^2$$

$$I_{\text{hoop}} = mR^2$$

Conservation of Energy

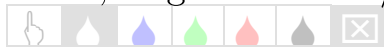
$$mgh = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv^2, \text{ where } v = R\omega, I = f m R^2$$

$$mgh = \frac{1}{2}f m R^2 \frac{v^2}{R^2} + \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

$$gh = \frac{1}{2}fv^2 + \frac{1}{2}v^2 \Rightarrow v^2 = \frac{2gh}{1+f}$$

Smaller is f, larger is v.  $f=2/5$  for sphere,  $f=1/2$  for disk,  $f=1$  for hoop

## Rolling Sphere, Disk, Hoop Demo





## Conservation of Energy

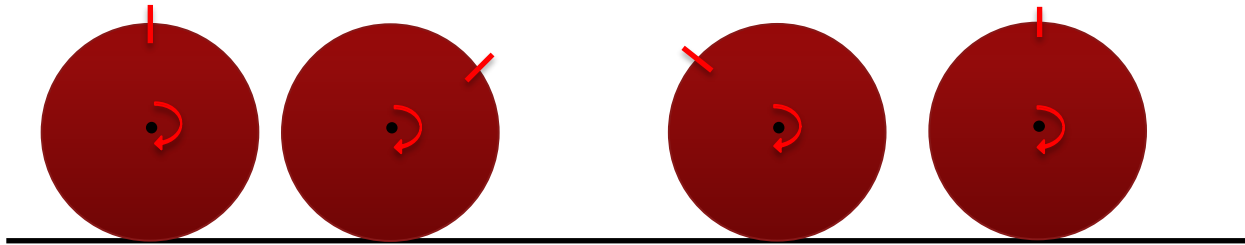
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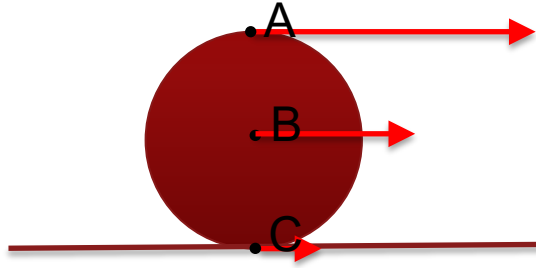
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Why does  $v=R\omega$  (the velocity of a point on the circumference) = velocity of center of mass?



Center of mass will travel 1 full circumference in 1 period:  $v_{cm} = \text{circumference} / T$

$$v_{cm} = \frac{2\pi R}{T} = 2\pi R \frac{1}{T} = 2\pi R\nu = 2\pi\nu R = \omega R = R\omega$$



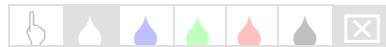
The ball of radius  $R$  is rolling (i.e. not skidding) at angular velocity  $\omega$ .

What are the velocities of points A, B, C?

A)  $V_A = V_B = V_C = R\omega$

B)  $V_A = 2R\omega$ ,  $V_B = R\omega$ ,  $V_C = 0$

C)  $V_A = R\omega$ ,  $V_B = 0$ ,  $V_C = -R\omega$

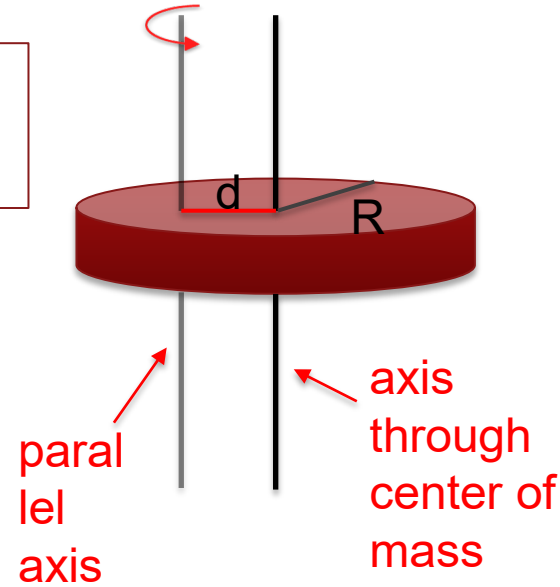


## Parallel Axis Theorem

**Moment of inertia depends both on the object *and the choice of axis of rotation***

Assume moment of inertia  $I_{cm}$  of an object of mass  $M$  is known for an axis that passes through the center of mass

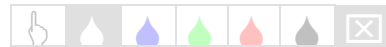
Parallel axis theorem gives moment of inertia  $I_{par}$  through any parallel choice of axis



$$I_{par} = I_{cm} + Md^2$$

For disk  $I_{cm} = \frac{1}{2}MR^2$

$$d = \frac{R}{2} \rightarrow I_{par} = \frac{1}{2}MR^2 + M\left(\frac{R}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{3}{4}MR^2$$



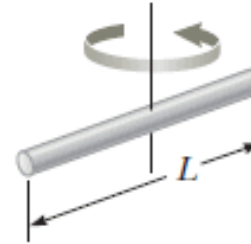
# Parallel Axis Theorem

Parallel axis theorem relates two moment of inertia results for a thin rod

$$\begin{aligned} I_{end} &= I_{cm} + M\left(\frac{L}{2}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{12}ML^2 + \frac{1}{4}ML^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{3}ML^2 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

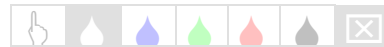
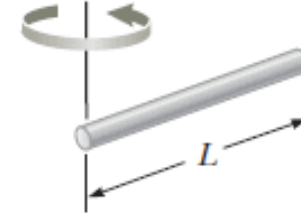
Long, thin rod  
with rotation axis  
through center

$$I_{CM} = \frac{1}{12}ML^2$$



Long, thin rod  
with rotation axis  
through end

$$I = \frac{1}{3}ML^2$$




## Torque: Chapter 10.6

Measure of the effectiveness of a force in causing rotation of an object

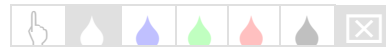
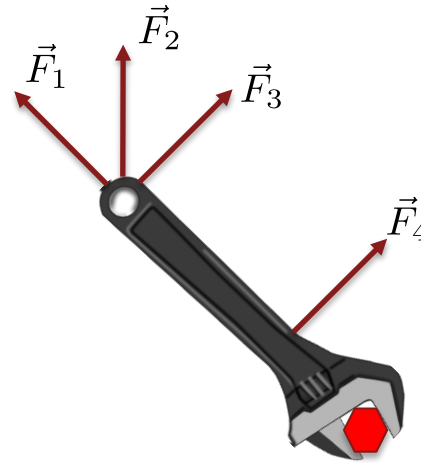
Try turning wrench and screw with different applications of the same magnitude force

$$|\vec{F}_1| = |\vec{F}_2| = |\vec{F}_3| = |\vec{F}_4|$$

Experience   $\vec{F}_3$  is most effective

Longer “lever arm” and applied at right angle to wrench

Component of force that pulls on wrench along its length, doesn't contribute to rotation

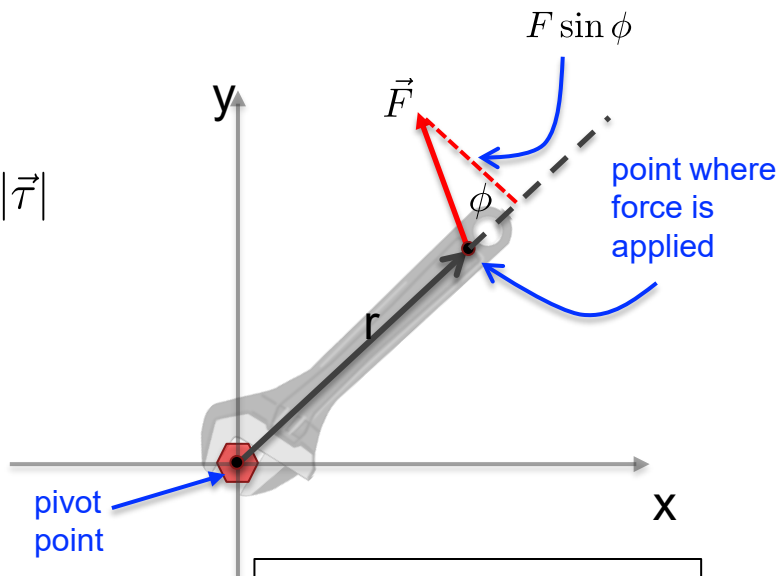


## Computing Torque

Torque is a vector  $\vec{\tau}$

First deal with its magnitude  $\tau = |\vec{\tau}|$

$$\tau = rF \sin \phi$$



Torque depends on...

- Magnitude of applied force
- Distance from pivot point (rotational axis)
- Angle at which force is applied

only component of force orthogonal to radial direction contributes

SI Units of torque  $\rightarrow$  Newton-meters (force) x (distance)

English units  $\rightarrow$  Foot-pounds

## Computing Torque

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Can see directionality of torque by looking at direction of resulting rotation

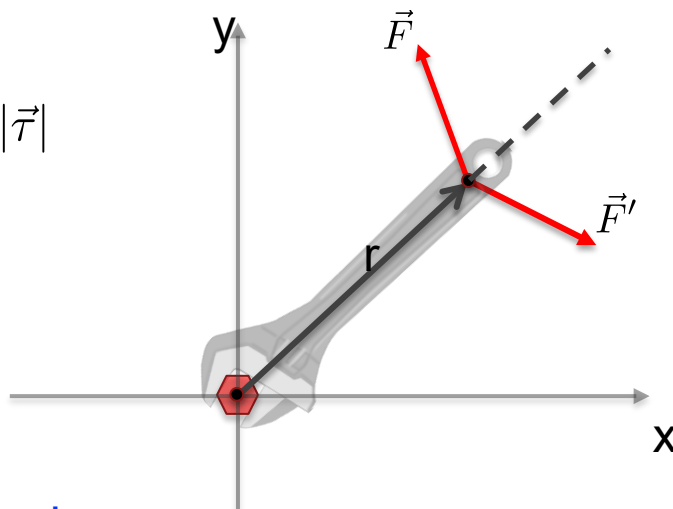
$\vec{F}$  will cause bolt to rotate counterclockwise about z-axis

z-axis points out from slide

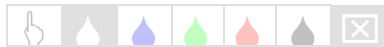
$\vec{\tau}$  points in + z direction

$\vec{F}'$  will cause bolt to rotate clockwise about z-axis

$\vec{\tau}'$  points in - z direction



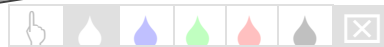
See how this comes out from formula for torque vector



SI Units of torque → Newton-meters

English units → Foot-pounds

Torque wrench shows  
magnitude of torque  
applied





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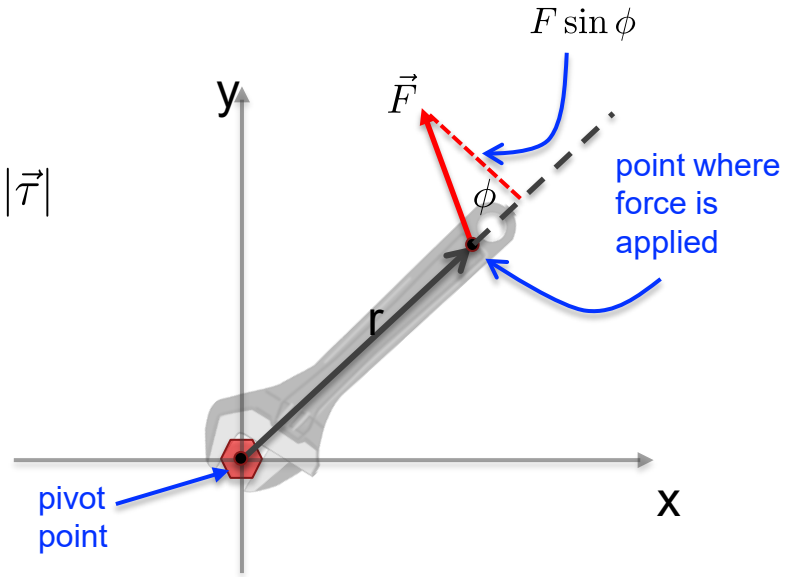
$$\tau = rF \sin \phi$$

Example

Force of magnitude 100 N is applied to 20 cm long wrench at angle  $75^\circ$  with respect to radial vector

What is the magnitude of the torque exerted by the force?

$$\tau = (0.2m)(100N) \sin 75^\circ = 19Nm$$



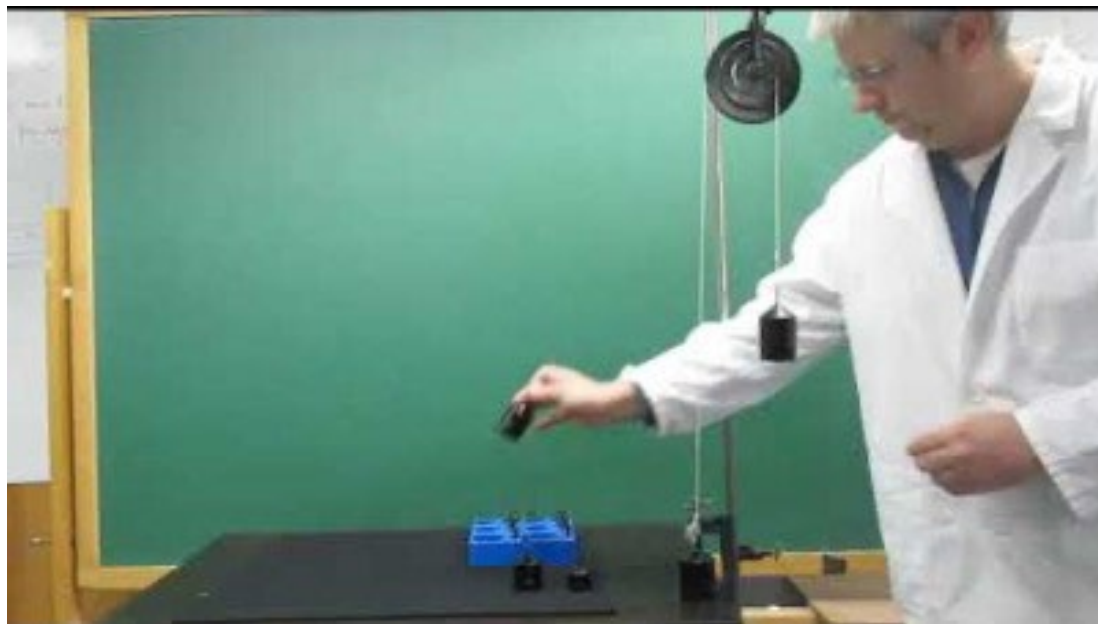
## Torque Works: Large Wrench Demo



Try with hands, then try with wrench

$$\tau = rF \sin \phi$$

## Torque Wheel Demo: How can small mass balance larger mass?



Small mass exerts same torque as larger mass if force from weight applied at larger radius

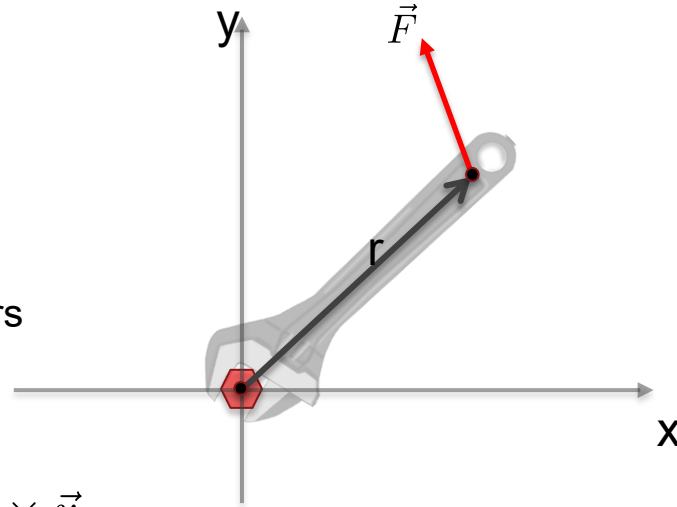
# Computing Torque

Definition of **torque vector**

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

Based on “cross product” of vectors

Result of cross product is always  
orthogonal to original two vectors



Definition of cross product  $\vec{w} = \vec{u} \times \vec{v}$

for arbitrary vectors

$$\vec{u} = u_x \hat{x} + u_y \hat{y} + u_z \hat{z}$$
$$\vec{v} = v_x \hat{x} + v_y \hat{y} + v_z \hat{z}$$


$\vec{w} = w_x \hat{x} + w_y \hat{y} + w_z \hat{z}$  with

$$w_x = u_y v_z - u_z v_y$$

$$w_y = u_z v_x - u_x v_z$$

$$w_z = u_x v_y - u_y v_x$$

# Cross Product – basic properties

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$$

$$w_x = u_y v_z - u_z v_y$$

$$w_y = u_z v_x - u_x v_z$$

$$w_z = u_x v_y - u_y v_x$$

Cross product is orthogonal to input vectors

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w} = 0 = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w}$$

Easy to show...

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w} &= u_x w_x + u_y w_y + u_z w_z \\ &= u_x (u_y v_z - u_z v_y) + u_y (u_z v_x - u_x v_z) + u_z (u_x v_y - u_y v_x) \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

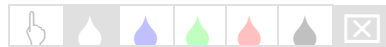
Result of cross product is anti-symmetric in two input vectors

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = -\vec{v} \times \vec{u}$$

Can see by inspection of definition

Implies that crossing a vector with itself gives zero

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{u} = -\vec{u} \times \vec{u} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{u} \times \vec{u} = 0$$



## Cross Product

$$\vec{w} = \vec{u} \times \vec{v}$$

$$w_x = u_y v_z - u_z v_y$$

$$w_y = u_z v_x - u_x v_z$$

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**Result of cross product is  
orthogonal to original vectors**

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w} &= (3)(-25) + (-4)(60) + (9)(35) \\ &= 0 \quad \checkmark\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} &= (5)(-25) + (5)(60) + (-5)(35) \\ &= 0 \quad \checkmark\end{aligned}$$

**Example**  $\vec{u} = 3\hat{x} - 4\hat{y} + 9\hat{z}$

$$\vec{v} = 5\hat{x} + 5\hat{y} - 5\hat{z}$$

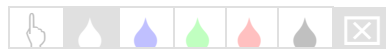
**Formula gives**  $w_x = (-4)(-5) - (9)(5) = -25$

$$w_y = (9)(5) - (3)(-5) = 60$$

$$w_z = (3)(5) - (-4)(5) = 35$$



$$\vec{w} = -25\hat{x} + 60\hat{y} + 35\hat{z}$$




## Cross Product

More important example

Cross product of basis vectors

$$\vec{u} = \hat{x} = 1\hat{x} + 0\hat{y} + 0\hat{z}$$

$$\vec{v} = \hat{y} = 0\hat{x} + 1\hat{y} + 0\hat{z}$$


$$\vec{w} = 0\hat{x} + 0\hat{y} + 1\hat{z} = \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{w} = \vec{u} \times \vec{v}$$

$$w_x = u_y v_z - u_z v_y$$

$$w_y = u_z v_x - u_x v_z$$

$$w_z = u_x v_y - u_y v_x$$

Altogether one finds...

$$\hat{x} \times \hat{y} = \hat{z}$$

$$\hat{y} \times \hat{z} = \hat{x}$$

$$\hat{z} \times \hat{x} = \hat{y}$$

Another useful property of cross product

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{u} = -\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$$



$$\hat{x} \times \hat{x} = 0$$

$$\hat{y} \times \hat{y} = 0$$

$$\hat{z} \times \hat{z} = 0$$

## Cross product

Useful property

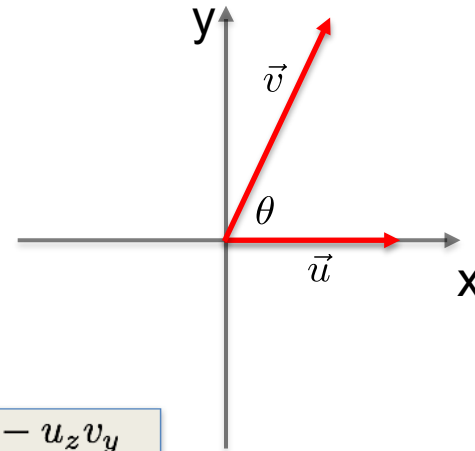


Magnitude of cross product doesn't change if we rotate both input vectors in same way

Get standard expression for magnitude of cross product using this property

Rotate both vectors into xy-plane with one vector aligned in x-direction

Let  $u = |\vec{u}|$      $v = |\vec{v}|$



Component forms of vectors are then

$$\vec{u} = u \hat{x}$$

$$\vec{v} = v \cos \theta \hat{x} + v \sin \theta \hat{y}$$

$$\vec{w} = \vec{u} \times \vec{v}$$

$$= u v \sin \theta \hat{z}$$

$$w_x = u_y v_z - u_z v_y$$

$$w_y = u_z v_x - u_x v_z$$

$$w_z = u_x v_y - u_y v_x$$



$$|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}| = uv \sin \theta$$



## Summary: Cross Product

$$\vec{w} = \vec{u} \times \vec{v}$$

$$w_x = u_y v_z - u_z v_y$$

$$w_y = u_z v_x - u_x v_z$$

$$w_z = u_x v_y - u_y v_x$$

Can show

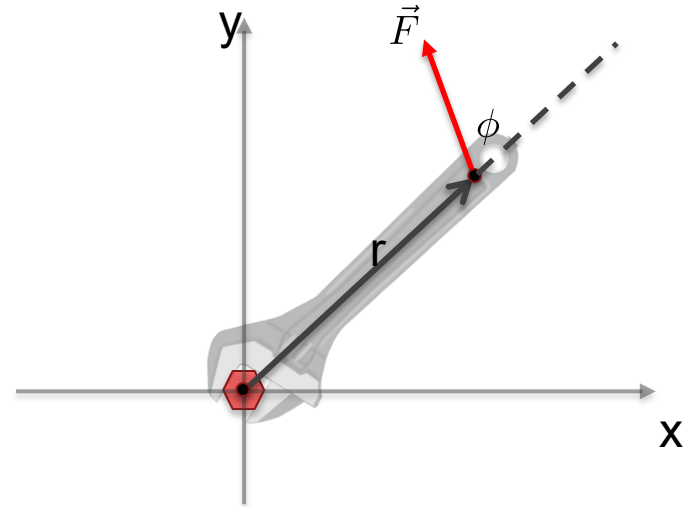
$$|\vec{w}| = |\vec{u}| |\vec{v}| \sin \phi$$

angle  
between  
vectors

Direction of  $\vec{w}$  given by “right hand rule”

Point fingers of right hand in direction of  $\vec{u}$   
and then wrap them in direction of  $\vec{v}$   
Thumb will then point in direction of  $\vec{w}$

using left hand gives opposite direction!

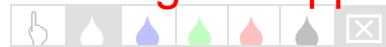


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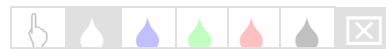
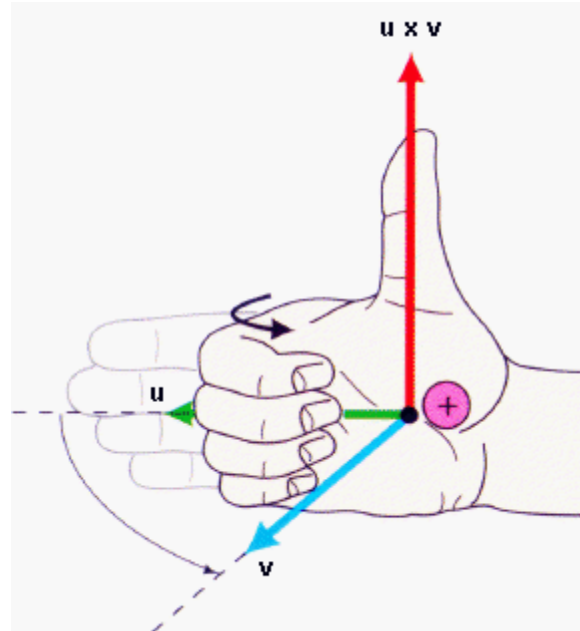
$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$$

$$\tau = r F \sin \phi$$

right hand rule  
gives torque  
pointing in + z



## Right hand rule correctly applied



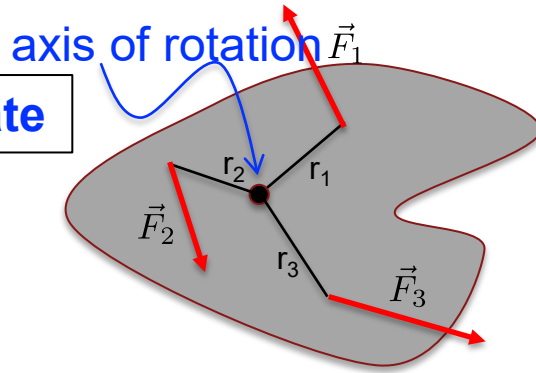
# Rotational Dynamics

## Torque causes things to rotate

What is relation between torque and rotational motion?

Can generally be some number of torques acting on object

$$\vec{\tau}_i = \vec{r}_i \times \vec{F}_i \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$



Net torque on an object around a given axis is the sum of the individual torques

$$\vec{\tau}_{net} = \vec{\tau}_1 + \dots + \vec{\tau}_N \quad \tau_{net} = |\vec{\tau}_{net}|$$

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e of  
 $F_{net} = ma$

Can show that Newton's second law

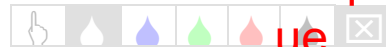


$$\tau_{net} = I\alpha$$

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# Rotational Dynamics

$$\tau_{net} = I\alpha$$

In the absence of a net torque, object will rotate with constant angular velocity (possibly zero)

Show this follows from Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> law in a simple case

Mass  $m$  attached to massless string of length  $r$  with tangential force  $F$

→ Tangential acceleration  $F = ma_t$

Now say...

Torque  $\tau = rF$

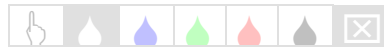
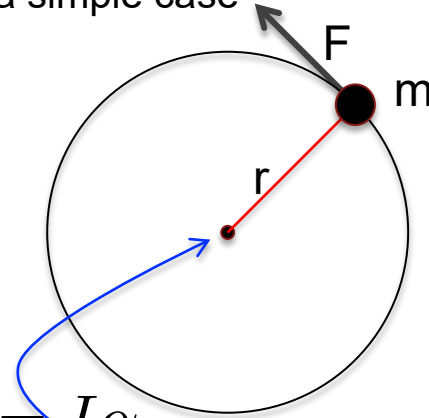
angular acceleration  $a_t = r\alpha$

→  $\tau = mra_t = (mr^2)\alpha = I\alpha \quad \checkmark$

moment of inertia

$$\tau_{net} = I\alpha$$

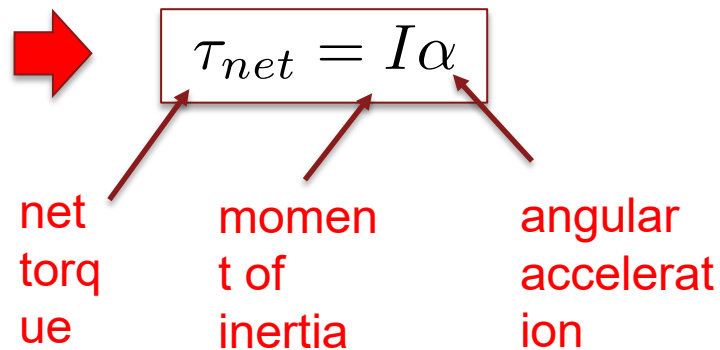
axis of rotation



## Rotational Dynamics: Summary

**Torque causes things to rotate**

**Q: What is relation between torque and rotational motion?**



$$\tau = rF \sin \phi$$

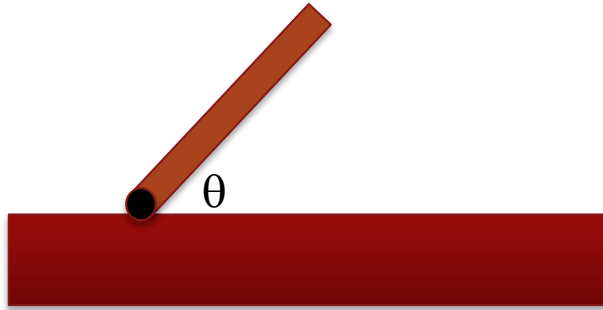
$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$$

## Rotational Dynamics

$$\tau_{net} = I\alpha$$

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$$\tau = rF \sin \phi$$



- Hold a rod of mass M, length L, at angle  $\theta$  from the horizontal.
- The pivot point is fixed.
- We release the rod.
- What is initial angular acceleration?
- What do we expect when  $\theta=0$ ,  $\theta=90^\circ$ ?

$$\tau = I\alpha = rF \sin \phi$$

$$= r_{cm}mg \sin \bar{\theta} \quad \text{where } \bar{\theta} = (90 - \theta)$$

$$\therefore \alpha = \frac{r_{cm}mg \sin \bar{\theta}}{I} = \frac{(L/2)mg \sin(90 - \theta)}{(1/3)mL^2}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{3g \sin(90 - \theta)}{2L}$$



# Rotational Motion: Walking the Spool

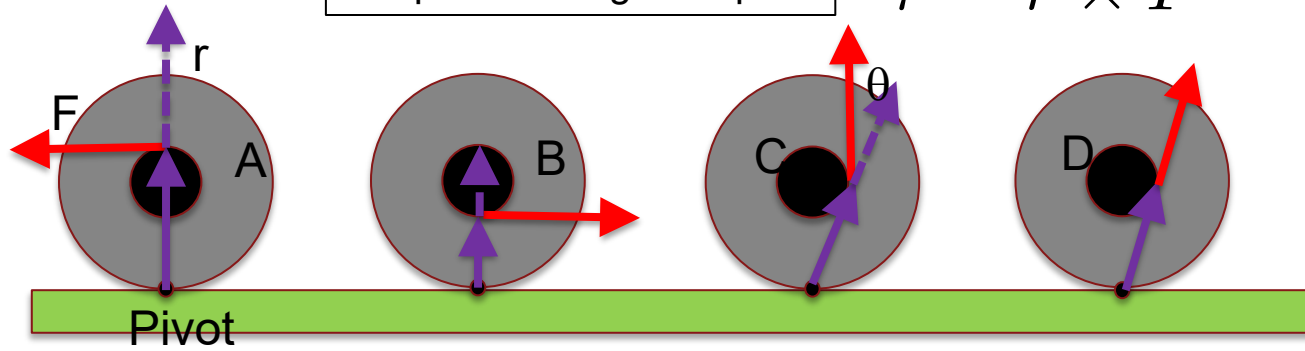


Which way does spool roll if I pull string from top of spool? Bottom?



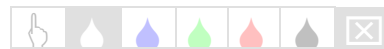
# Torque: Walking the Spool

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



In each scenario, A-D, **in what direction** is the torque about the point of due to the force F? Which way does the spool roll?

	A	B	C	D
Direction of Torque	Out of page	Into page	Out of page	None
Direction of Roll	CCW, left	CW, right	CCW, left	None





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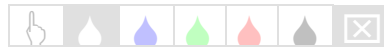
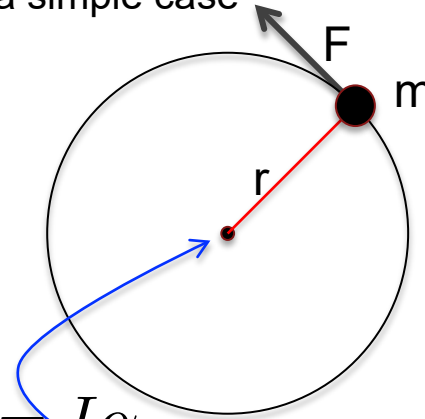
angular acceleration  $a_t = r\alpha$

→  $\tau = mra_t = (mr^2)\alpha = I\alpha \quad \checkmark$

moment of inertia

$$\tau_{net} = I\alpha$$

axis of rotation



## Rotational dynamics example

A bicycle wheel has radius  $R=0.35\text{m}$  and mass  $M=0.44\text{kg}$  is initially spinning at 100rpm on a truing stand

Make approximation that all mass is at the rim

Torque comes from 0.8N force of ball bearings rubbing on edge of axle at  $r=0.0026\text{m}$

How long does wheel take to come to rest?

Moment of inertia

$$I = MR^2 = (0.44\text{kg})(0.35\text{m})^2 = 0.054\text{kgm}^2$$

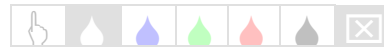
opposing rotational motion

Torque

$$\tau = Fr = -(0.8\text{N})(0.0026\text{m}) = -0.0021\text{Nm}$$

Find angular acceleration

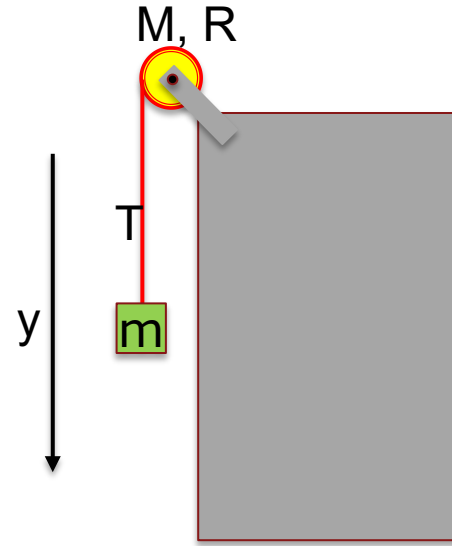
$$\tau = I\alpha \quad \rightarrow \quad \alpha = \frac{\tau}{I} = \frac{-0.0021\text{Nm}}{0.054\text{kgm}^2} = -0.038\text{rad/s}^2$$



A solid disk with mass  $M=2.5\text{kg}$  and radius  $R=0.2\text{m}$  has massless rope wrapped around it

Block of mass  $m=1.2\text{kg}$  descends with rope as it unravels from disk

Find the acceleration of the block and the tension in the rope



Block  $\rightarrow$   $mg - T = ma$

Disk  $\rightarrow$  Feels torque from rope  
Moment of inertia of disk  
Angular acceleration

$$\tau = TR$$

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

$$\alpha R = a \rightarrow \alpha = \frac{a}{R}$$

as rope unspools, key point!  
disk spins

Subtlety Alert  $\rightarrow$  Positive rotation is counter-clockwise  
Made the y-axis point down so that  $a>0$

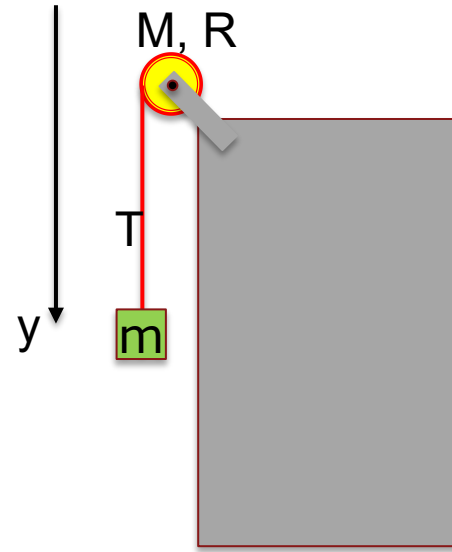
counterclockwise coincides with  $\alpha>0$



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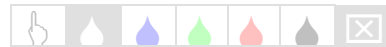
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$$\tau = I\alpha \rightarrow TR = \left(\frac{1}{2}MR^2\right)\left(\frac{a}{R}\right) \rightarrow T = \frac{1}{2}Ma$$



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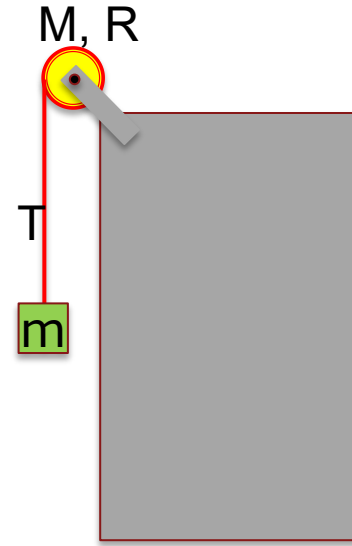
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$$T = \frac{1}{2}Ma$$

2 equations  
with 2  
unknowns

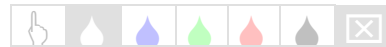


Solve to find...

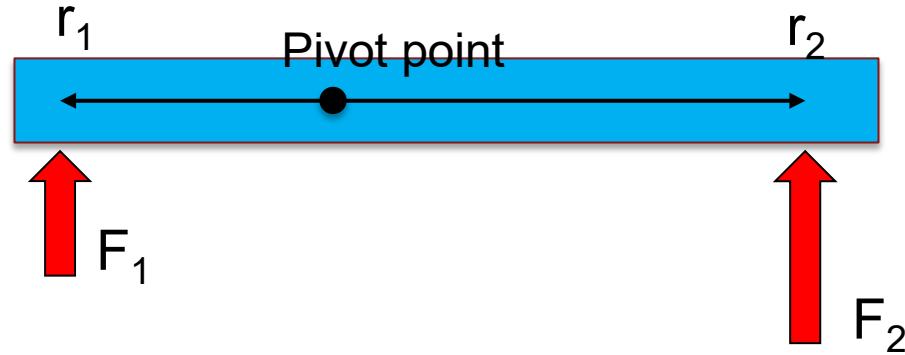
$$a = \frac{m}{m + \frac{1}{2}M}g$$
$$T = \frac{2mM}{2m + M}g$$

$M=0$   $\Rightarrow$  Nothing restrains  
block from falling

$$a = g$$
$$T = 0$$



## Torque and Static Equilibrium



- Apply a force  $F_1$  at distance  $r_1$  from a pivot point.
- Apply a force  $F_2$  at distance  $r_2$  from a pivot point.

Does the bar rotate?

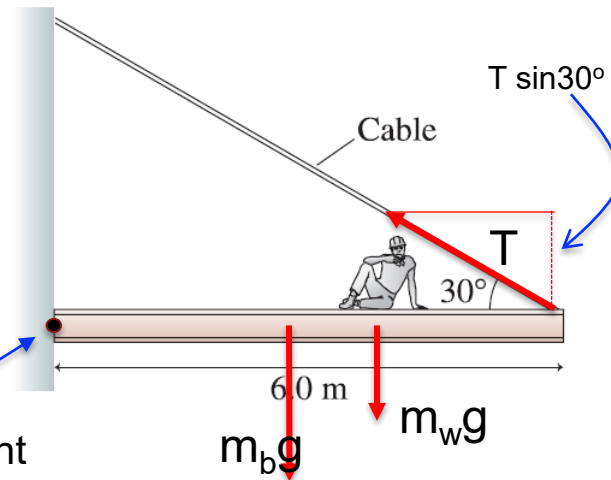
Static equilibrium (won't rotate) if sum of torques = 0


## Torque and Static Equilibrium


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The cable supporting the beam is rated to have a maximum tension of 15,000N


Should the worker be worried?

Consider sum of torques around pivot point



Beam   $\tau_1 = -(m_b g)x_{cm} = -(1450kg)(9.8m/s^2)(3m)$   
 $= -42,600 \text{ Nm}$   
clockwise

Worker   $\tau_2 = -(m_w g)x_{cm} = -(80kg)(9.8m/s^2)(4m)$   
 $= -3100 \text{ Nm}$

Cable   $\tau_3 = +T \sin 30^\circ (6m) = T(3m)$

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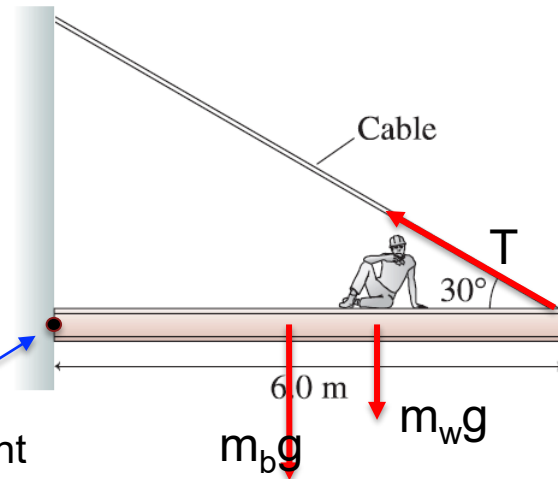
Consider sum of torques around pivot point

$$\tau_1 = -42,600 \text{ Nm} \quad \tau_2 = -3100 \text{ Nm} \quad \tau_3 = T(3m)$$

Static  Net torque must vanish

$$\tau_{net} = -42,600 \text{ Nm} - 3100 \text{ Nm} + T(3m) = 0$$

  $T = \frac{45,700 \text{ Nm}}{3m} = 15,200 \text{ N} > 15,000 \text{ N}$



Yes!  
He should be

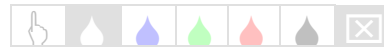
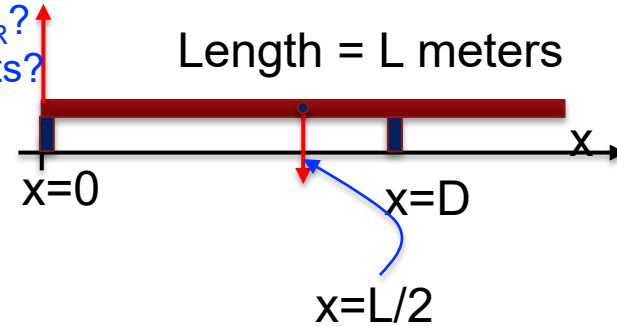


A uniform beam  $L$  meters long and mass  $M$  kg rests on two posts.

One post is at the left end  $x=0$ , the other is at  $x= D$ .

What is the force on each post,  $F_L$  and  $F_R$ ?

What is the sum of the forces on the posts?

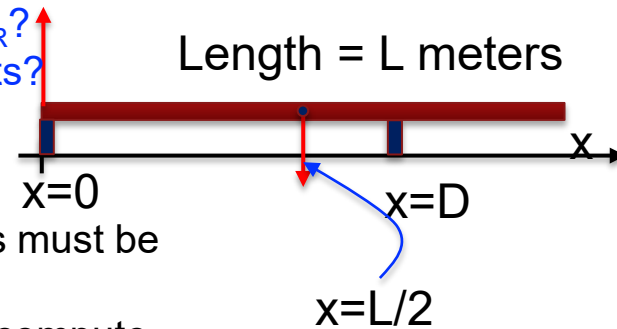


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The beam is not rotating: sum of torques must be zero about *any axis/pivot point*.

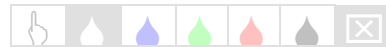
Pick pivot point at right hand post,  $x=D$ , compute torques.

$$\tau = -F_L D + Mg(D - L/2) = 0, \text{ and } F_L + F_R = Mg$$

$$F_L D = Mg(D - L/2) \Rightarrow F_L = \frac{Mg}{D}(D - L/2) = Mg(1 - \frac{L}{2D})$$

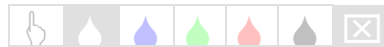
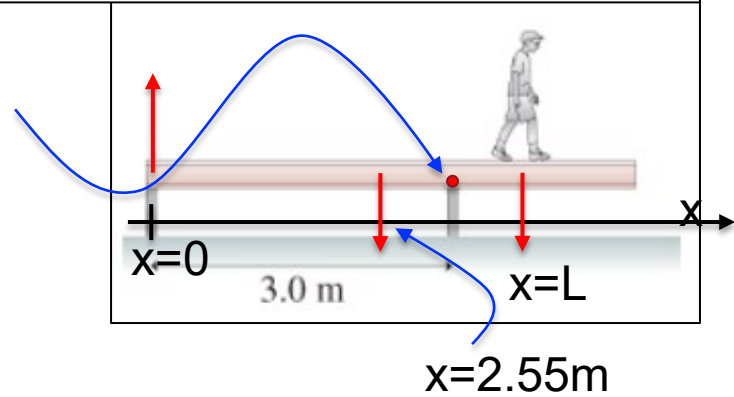
$$F_R = Mg - F_L = Mg - Mg(1 - \frac{L}{2D}) = Mg \frac{L}{2D}$$

Note when  $D = L/2$ ,  $F_R = Mg$ ,  $F_L = 0$



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How close can he get to the right end of the beam without it falling over?



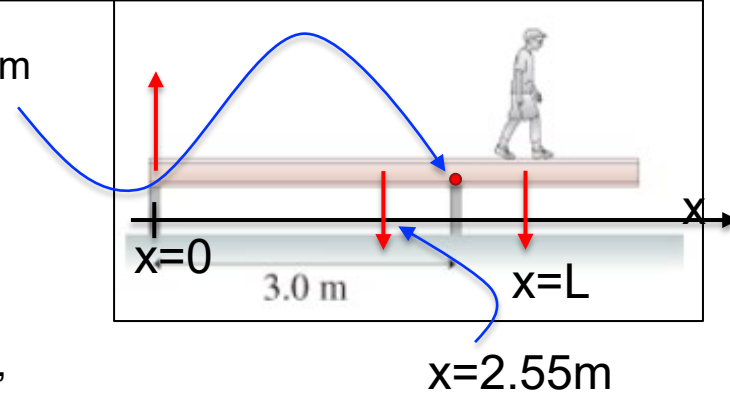
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Compute torques from mass of beam and boy about axis above right support post

If net torque is positive (counterclockwise), it can be countered by negative (clockwise)

torque from left support post. If net torque is negative (clockwise), beam will fall over



Gravity acts on beam at center of mass @  $x=2.55$  m

Boy's center of mass @  $x=L$

$$\tau_{net} = +(3m - 2.55m)(40kg)g - (L - 3m)(20kg)g > 0$$

↑  
distance of  
beam cm from  
pivot point

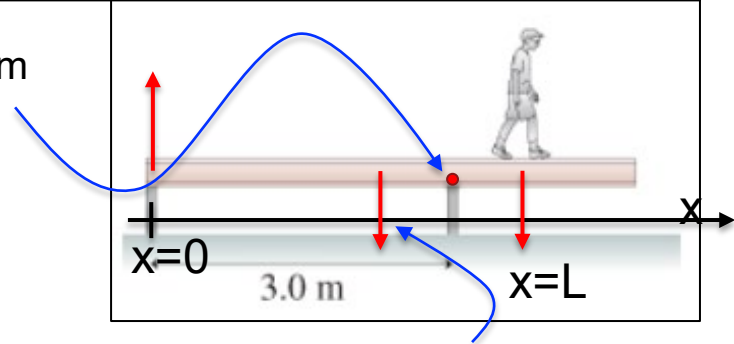
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$x=2.55m$

$$\tau_{net} = +(3m - 2.55m)(40kg)\cancel{g} - (L - 3m)(20kg)\cancel{g} > 0$$

$$18\,kgm - (20kg)L + 60\,kgm > 0$$

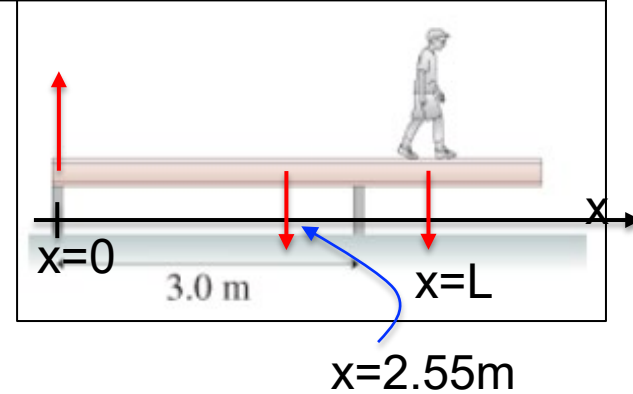
$$3.9\,m > L$$

Minimum safe distance from end

$$d = 5.1\,m - 3.9\,m = 1.2\,m$$

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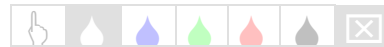
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### Slightly alternative reasoning

Find center of mass  $x_{\text{cm}}$  of combined beam and boy system

If  $x_{\text{cm}} < 3\text{m}$  then the torque around the right post will be positive and can be countered by torque from left post



## Angular momentum

Rotational analogue of momentum

Recall – if no net external forces act on a system, then momentum is conserved

Angular momentum is conserved if no net external torques act on system

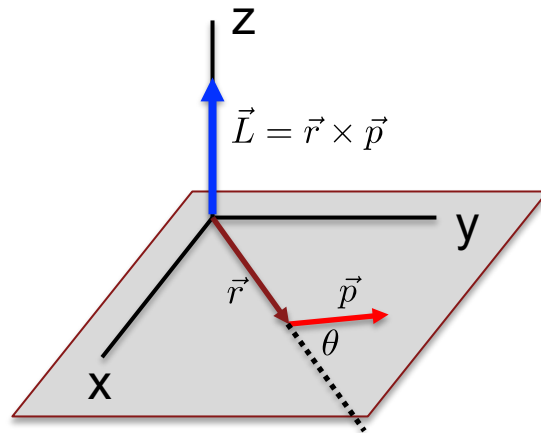
For a particle at position  $\vec{r}$  with momentum  $\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$

Angular momentum is defined to be

$$\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$$



$$|\vec{L}| = rmv \sin \theta$$

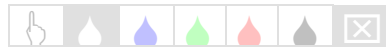


By “right hand rule” see that angular momentum is perpendicular to plane of motion

Counterclockwise rotation



Angular momentum in + z-direction

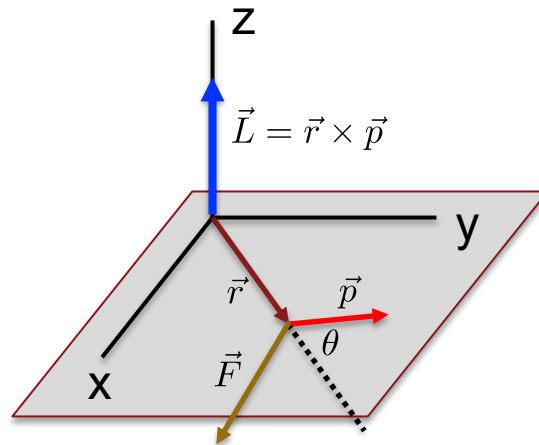


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If forces acts on the particle, can show  
from Newton's laws that

$$\frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = \vec{\tau}_{net}$$

Rotational  
analogue of  $\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = \vec{F}_{net}$

Net torque gives rate of change of angular momentum

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torque

$$\vec{\tau}_{net} = 0 \rightarrow \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = 0$$

Angular momentum  
of particle is  
conserved



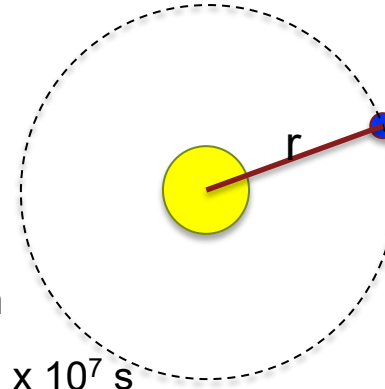
## Angular momentum example

What is the angular momentum associated with the Earth's orbit around the sun?

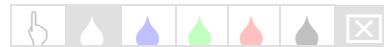
Mass of earth  $m = 6 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$

Radius of Earth's orbit  $r = 1.5 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$

Period of Earth's orbit  $T = 1 \text{ year} = 3.2 \times 10^7 \text{ s}$



$$L = rp = rmv = rm\left(\frac{2\pi r}{T}\right) = \left(\frac{2\pi mr^2}{T}\right) = 2.7 \times 10^{40} \text{ Js}$$



# Angular Momentum of Rigid Body

Need to add up the angular momenta of all parts of the body to get the total angular momentum

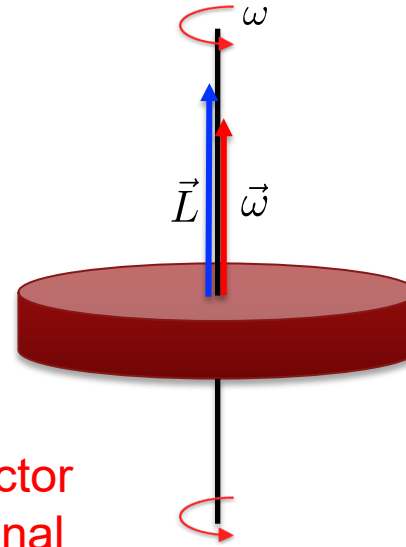
Result

$$\vec{L} = I\vec{\omega}$$

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inertia

angular velocity vector  
points along rotational  
axis in direction given

$$\vec{\omega} = \frac{\vec{r} \times \vec{v}}{r^2}$$

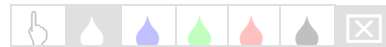


Rotational analogue of  $\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$  and rule

Relation between torque and angular momentum still holds for rigid bodies

$$\frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = \vec{\tau}_{net}$$

For vanishing net torque angular momentum is conserved  $\frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = 0$



### Example

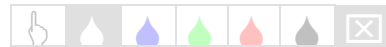
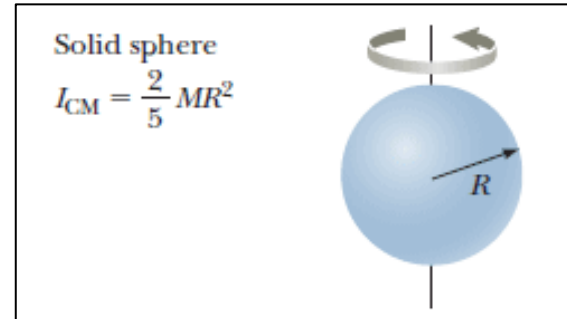
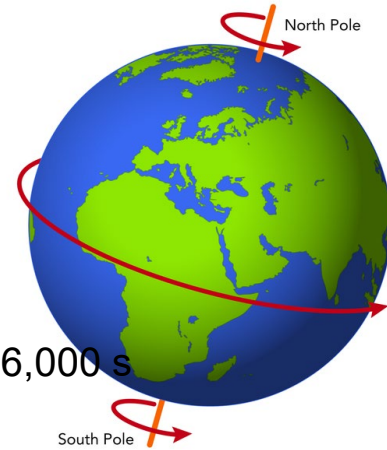
What is the angular momentum associated with the Earth's spin about its axis?

Mass of earth  $m = 6 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$

Radius of earth  $r = 6.4 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$

Period of rotation  $T = 1 \text{ day} = 86,000 \text{ s}$

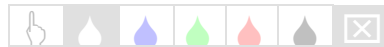
$$\begin{aligned} L &= I\omega \\ &= \left(\frac{2}{5}mr^2\right)\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}\right) \\ &= 7.2 \times 10^{33} \text{ J s} \end{aligned}$$



## Demo: Conservation of Angular Momentum



Why does the angular velocity change as the weights are moved in/out?



## Classic example: Conservation of Angular Momentum

As an ice skater spins, external torque is small, so her angular momentum is almost constant.

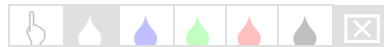
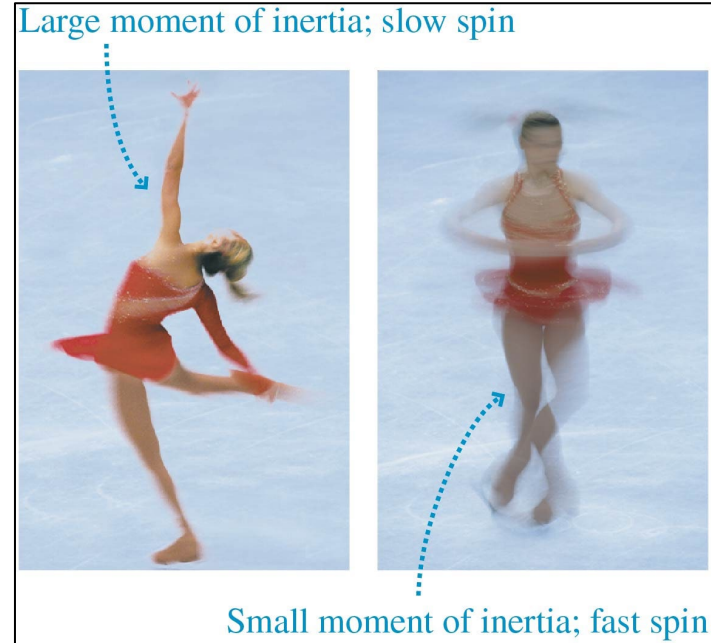
By drawing in her arms and legs to reduce her moment of inertia, she increases her angular velocity

$$L = I\omega$$

$$\frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = 0 \rightarrow I_i\omega_i = I_f\omega_f$$

$$\omega_f = \omega_i \left( \frac{I_i}{I_f} \right)$$

$$I_f < I_i \rightarrow \omega_f > \omega_i$$



## Angular momentum example

A figure skater has moment of inertia  $I_i = 2 \text{ kgm}^2$  when her arms are extended and  $I_f = 1 \text{ kgm}^2$  when her arms are fully pulled in.

She is initially spinning at 20rpm with her hands out

What is her angular velocity when she pulls them in?

$$I_i \omega_i = I_f \omega_f \quad \rightarrow \quad \omega_f = \omega_i \left( \frac{I_i}{I_f} \right)$$

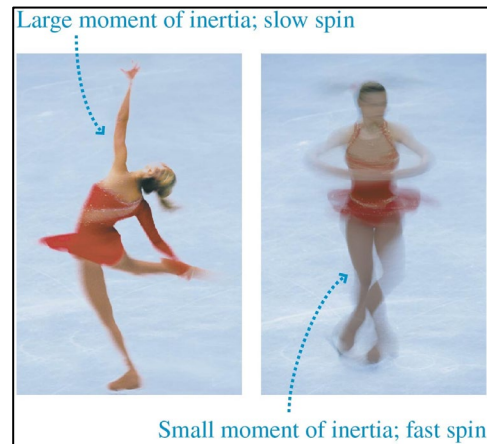
$$\omega_f = (20 \text{ rpm}) \left( \frac{2 \text{ kgm}^2}{1 \text{ kgm}^2} \right) = 40 \text{ rpm}$$

Does her kinetic energy change in this process?

$$K_i = \frac{1}{2} I_i \omega_i^2 = \frac{1}{2} (2 \text{ kgm}^2) (2.1 \text{ rad/s})^2 = 4.4 \text{ J}$$

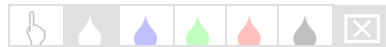
$$K_f = \frac{1}{2} I_f \omega_f^2 = \frac{1}{2} (1 \text{ kgm}^2) (4.2 \text{ rad/s})^2 = 8.8 \text{ J}$$

**Yes**



$$20 \text{ rpm} = 2.1 \text{ rad/s}$$

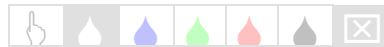
Skater must do work to pull her arms in!



## Demo: Conservation of Angular Momentum: Your turn!



What should happen when the spinning wheel is slowly flipped over?



## Bicycle Wheel Gyroscope



What is going on here? Is there a torque on this system?

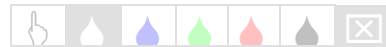
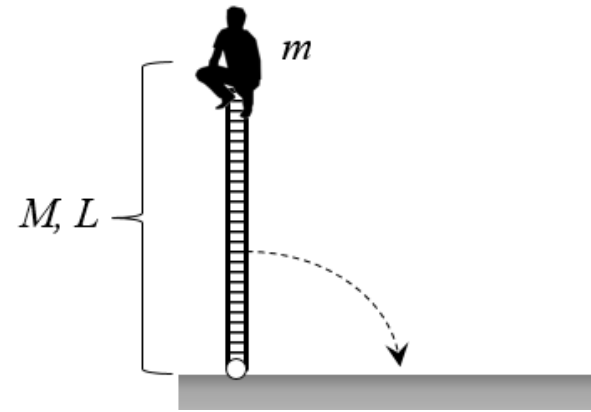
$$\frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = \vec{\tau}_{net}$$



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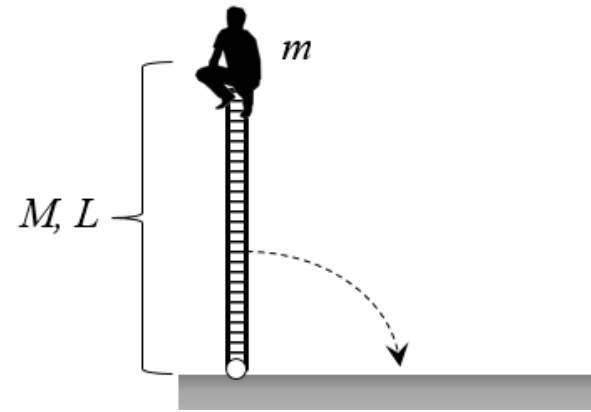
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## Use Conservation of Energy

Initial energy is all potential energy

$$E_i = Mg(L/2) + mgL$$

Final energy is all (rotational) kinetic energy

$$E_f = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$$

Want to find  $\omega$

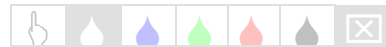
### Moment of inertia

$$I = I_{ladder} + I_{bob}$$

$$I_{ladder} = \frac{1}{3}ML^2$$

$$I_{bob} = mL^2$$

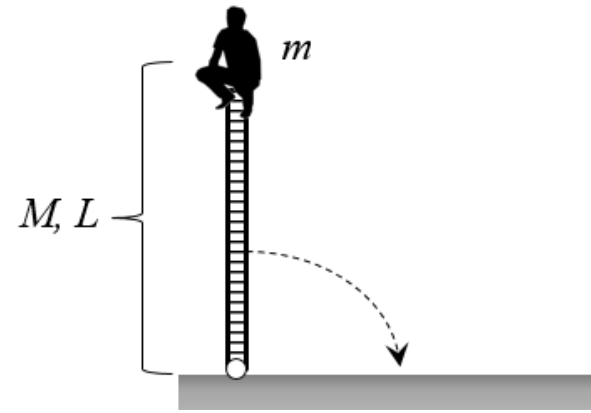
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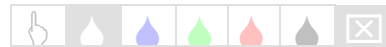
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$$E_i = E_f \quad \rightarrow \quad \omega^2 = \frac{2(MgL/2 + mgL)}{I}$$

$$\text{Bob's speed} \quad \rightarrow \quad v = \omega L$$

Plug in  
expression  
for  $I$  and  
solve for  $\omega$



## Torque

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$$\tau = rF \sin \phi$$

$$\text{where } r = 0.5 \text{ m, } \phi = 90^\circ \text{ for maximum torque}$$

$$\Rightarrow 129 \text{ Nm} = 0.5 \text{ m} \times F$$

$$F = 258 \text{ N} = 58 \text{ lbs}$$

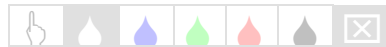
$$\tau = rF$$

$$129 \text{ Nm} = (0.00635 \text{ m})F$$

$$F = 20,300 \text{ N} = 4,600 \text{ lbs}$$

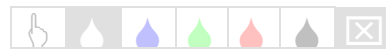


Never tighten down the lug nuts with an impact, always tighten with an torque wrench to 95 Ft/Lbs (2002 Factory Specs)



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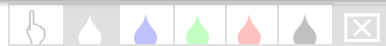
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$$\text{KE}(\text{translational}) = \frac{1}{2} M v^2$$

$$\text{KE}(\text{rotational}) = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2, \quad v = R \omega$$

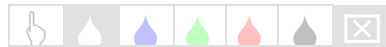
$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{2}{5} M R^2 \right) \left( \frac{v}{R} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} M v^2$$



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- (b) What is the mass of the rod?





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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Mass} &= \int_0^L \lambda(x) dx = \int_0^L Ax dx = \frac{1}{2} AL^2 \\ \text{Center of Mass} &= \frac{\int_0^L \lambda(x)x dx}{\text{Mass}} = \frac{\int_0^L Ax^2 dx}{\text{Mass}} = \frac{\frac{1}{3} AL^3}{\text{Mass}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{3} AL^3}{\frac{1}{2} AL^2} \\ \text{Center of Mass} &= \frac{2}{3} L\end{aligned}$$

