

# Angular Momentum

Key observation:

- Where a force is exerted on an extended object &
  - What force was
- Both impact how object spins.

Consider a point mass, subject to  $\vec{F}_{\text{net}}$ , mass is at  $\vec{r}$

2<sup>nd</sup> law

$$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \frac{d}{dt} \vec{p}$$

$$\vec{r} \times \vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \vec{r} \times \left( \frac{d}{dt} \vec{p} \right)$$

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \left( \frac{d}{dt} \vec{p} \right)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (f(x)g(x))$$

$$= \left( \frac{d}{dx} f(x) \right) g(x)$$

$$+ f(x) \left( \frac{d}{dx} g(x) \right)$$

$$f(x) \left( \frac{d}{dx} g(x) \right) = \frac{d}{dx} (f(x) g(x)) - \left( \frac{d}{dx} f(x) \right) g(x)$$

(see integration by parts)

$$f(t) \left( \frac{d}{dt} g(t) \right) = \frac{d}{dt} (f(t) g(t)) - \left( \frac{d}{dt} f(t) \right) g(t)$$

$$\vec{f}(t) \times \left( \frac{d}{dt} \vec{g}(t) \right) = \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{f}(t) \times \vec{g}(t)) - \left( \frac{d}{dt} \vec{f}(t) \right) \times \vec{g}(t)$$

$$\dot{\vec{L}} = \vec{r} \times \left( \frac{d}{dt} \vec{p} \right)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{r} \times \vec{p}) - \underbrace{\left( \frac{d}{dt} \vec{r} \right) \times \vec{p}}_{\substack{0! \\ \vec{v} \times (m\vec{v})}}$$

$$\dot{\vec{L}} = \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{r} \times \vec{p})$$

For a point particle

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

$\vec{L}$  = "angular momentum"

units:  $\text{kgm}^2/\text{s}$

measured around origin

Will turn out to express  
"rotation"

## 8-3-Example - AM1

### Angular Momentum - I

A ball of mass  $3\text{kg}$  travels with constant velocity  $3\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\hat{i} + 2\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\hat{k}$ . At time  $t = 0\text{s}$  it is at  $2\text{m}\hat{i}$ .

- What is the angular momentum measured around the origin? \*
- What is the angular momentum measured around  $-1\text{m}\hat{i} - 2\text{m}\hat{k}$ ?
- What is the angular momentum measured around  $1\text{m}\hat{i} + 2\text{m}\hat{j}$ ?

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

$\uparrow$  from location  
 $\uparrow$  we measure  $\vec{L}$   
 $\uparrow$  around to object

$\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r}(t) &= \vec{r}_0 + \vec{v}_0[t - 0\text{s}] \\ &= 2\text{m}\hat{i} + (3\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\hat{i} + 2\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\hat{k})t\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{p}(t) &= m\vec{v}(t) \\ &= (3\text{kg})(3\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\hat{i} + 2\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\hat{k}) \\ &= 9\text{kg}\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\hat{i} + 6\text{kg}\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$



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

$$= \left[ \underline{2m\hat{i}} + \underline{(3m/5\hat{i} + 2m/5\hat{k})t} \right] \times \left[ \underline{(3kg)(3m/5\hat{i} + 2m/5\hat{k})} \right]$$

$$= 2m\hat{i} \times [(3kg)(3m/5\hat{i} + 2m/5\hat{k})] \\ + (3m/5\hat{i} + 2m/5\hat{k}) \times [(3kg)(3m/5\hat{i} + 2m/5\hat{k})]$$

$$= 0 + (-12kgm^2/5\hat{j}) \\ + (3kg)t \left[ 0 + \cancel{6m^2/5\hat{j}} + 6m^2/5(-\hat{j}) + 0 \right]$$

$$= (\vec{r}_0 + \vec{v}_0 t) \times (m\vec{v}_0)$$

$$= -12kgm^2/5\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{L} = \left[ \underbrace{2m\hat{i} + (3m/5\hat{i} + 2m/5\hat{k})t}_{\vec{r}(t)} - (-1m\hat{i} - 2m\hat{k}) \right] \times \left[ (3kg)(3m/5\hat{i} + 2m/5\hat{k}) \right]$$

$\uparrow$   
 around  
 $-1m\hat{i} - 2m\hat{k}$

$$= (3m\hat{i} + 2m\hat{k}) \times [(3kg)(3m/5\hat{i} + 2m/5\hat{k})]$$

$$= 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{L} & \uparrow \\
 & \text{around } 1m\hat{i} \\
 & + 2m\hat{j} \\
 & = \left[ 2m\hat{i} + \left( 3\frac{m}{s}\hat{i} + 2\frac{m}{s}\hat{k} \right)t - (1m\hat{i} + 2m\hat{j}) \right] \times \\
 & \quad \left[ 9\text{kg}\frac{m}{s}\hat{i} + 6\text{kg}\frac{m}{s}\hat{k} \right] \\
 & = [1m\hat{i} - 2m\hat{j}] \times [9\text{kg}\frac{m}{s}\hat{i} + 6\text{kg}\frac{m}{s}\hat{k}] \\
 & = 0 + (-6\text{kg}\frac{m^2}{s}\hat{j}) + (18\text{kg}\frac{m^2}{s}\hat{k}) \\
 & \quad + (-12\text{kg}\frac{m^2}{s}\hat{i})
 \end{aligned}$$

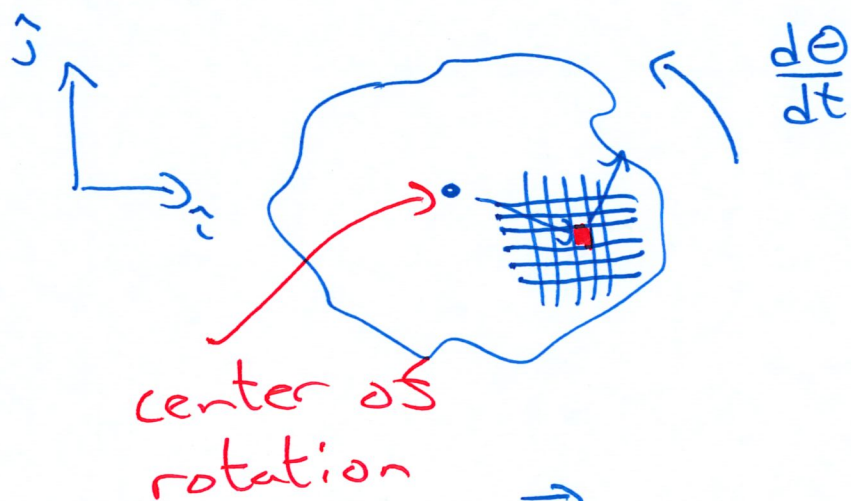
# Angular momentum

8-4-Theory-  
Moment Inertia

For point particle is  $\vec{r} \times \vec{p}$

What is  $\vec{L}$  for extended rotating object?

[Only considering objects going around their axis of symmetry]  
(In this case  $\vec{L}$  lines up with rotation axis)



What is  $\vec{L}$  measured around here?

Imaging extended object broken into lots of pieces (small enough to pretend they are point objects)



- For each piece, calculate  $\vec{r}$
- For each piece, calculate  $\vec{v}$
- For each piece, find mass ( $dm$ )
- this gives  $\vec{p}$
- Calculate  $\vec{L}$  for each piece
- Add it up.

$$\vec{L}_{\text{total}} = \sum_{\text{all pieces}} \vec{r}_{\text{for piece}} \times (dm \vec{v})$$

$\vec{r}$  at  $90^\circ$  to  $\vec{v}$

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

$$= \sum_{\text{all pieces}} dm |\vec{r}| |\vec{v}| \frac{d\theta}{dt} \quad (\text{along axis of rot}^n)$$

$$= \sum_{\text{all pieces}} (dm) |\vec{r}|^2 \left| \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right| \quad (\text{along axis of rot}^n)$$

$$= \left| \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right| \left\{ \sum_{\text{all pieces}} dm |\vec{r}|^2 \right\} \quad (\text{along axis of rot}^n)$$



$$I = \sum_{\text{all bits}} dm |\vec{r}|^2$$

$$= \int dm |\vec{r}|^2$$

"Moment of inertia"  
Combo of mass &  
how spread out it is.