

Week 10 Lecture Notes

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Torque $\vec{\tau}$

- Analogous to force but for rotation
- Accelerates rotational motion
- Has units of Nm

$$\sum \vec{F}_{net} = m\vec{a}$$

$$\vec{\tau} = I\vec{\alpha}$$

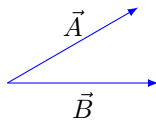
If there is some net force then there must be some acceleration. $\sum F_{net} \neq 0$

$$\tau = \vec{r} \times \vec{F} = |r||F|\sin(\varphi)$$

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \vec{C}$$

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \text{Inward}$$

$$\vec{B} \times \vec{A} = \text{Outward}$$



$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = |\vec{A}||\vec{B}|\sin(\theta)\hat{n}$$

Use the right hand rule to determine which direction

Anticommutative property: $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = -\vec{B} \times \vec{A}$

The cross product between two parallel vectors is zero

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |\vec{A}||\vec{B}_{\parallel}| = |\vec{A}_{\parallel}||\vec{B}|$$

$$|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| = |\vec{A}||\vec{B}_{\perp}|$$

Comparison of Force and Torque

$$\vec{F}_{tot} = m\vec{a} = \sum \vec{F}_i$$

$$\vec{\tau} = I\vec{\alpha} = \sum \vec{r}_i \times \vec{F}_i$$

Example: Fly Fishing Event



$$-I_{cm} = \frac{1}{2}MR^2 = \frac{1}{2}(0.1)(6 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m})^2$$

$$= 1.8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kgm}^2$$

$$I_{cm} = \frac{1}{2}mr^2$$

$$I'_{cm} = I_{cm} + mR^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}mr^2 + mR^2 = 7.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kgm}^2$$

$$I_{reel} = I_{cm} + I'_{cm} = 2.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ kgm}^2$$

If you apply a force of 200 N tangent to the reel, what is the direction and magnitude of $\vec{\alpha}$:

$$\begin{aligned}\tau &= R \times F = |R||F| \sin(90^\circ) = I\vec{\alpha} \\ 6 \times 10^{-2} \times (200 \text{ N}) &= 12 \text{ Nm} \\ \alpha &= \frac{RF \sin(\theta)}{I} = \frac{12}{2.5 \times 10^{-4}} = 4.8 \times 10^4 \text{ rad s}^{-2}\end{aligned}$$

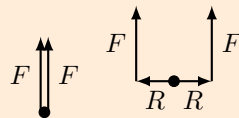
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$$\begin{array}{ll}\theta & \vec{r} \\ \vec{\omega} = \frac{d\theta}{dt} \hat{n} & \vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \\ \vec{\alpha} = \frac{d\vec{\omega}}{dt} & \vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} \\ K_{rot} = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2 & K_{lin} = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \\ \tau_{tot} = I\vec{\alpha} = \sum \vec{r}_i \times \vec{F}_i & \vec{F}_{tot} = m\vec{a} = \sum \vec{F}_i\end{array}$$

Example: Space Telescope

A telescope in outer space is observing some stars. Two air thrusters are each a distance R on either side of the center of mass of the telescope. When the thrusters are activated, each produces a force F in the same direction.

- A. Draw a free body diagram of the telescope, indicating forces acting directly on the mass as a point. Then draw a diagram indicating the placement of the forces relative to the center of mass

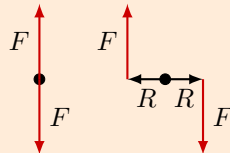


- B. What is the net force acting on the telescope? What is the net torque around the center of mass?

$$\begin{aligned}\sum F_{net} &= F\hat{z} + F\hat{z} \\ \sum F_{net} &= 2F\hat{z}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sum \tau_{net} &= RF \sin(90^\circ) \hat{y} + RF \sin(-90^\circ) \hat{y} \\ \sum \tau_{net} &= RF \sin(90^\circ) \hat{y} - RF \sin(90^\circ) \hat{y} = 0\end{aligned}$$

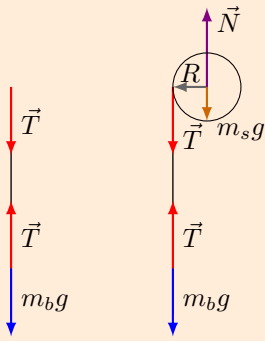
- C. Would the telescope have a linear acceleration? Angular acceleration?



$$\begin{aligned}\sum F_{net} &= F\hat{z} - F\hat{z} \\ \sum F_{net} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sum \tau_{net} &= RF \sin(90^\circ) \hat{y} + RF \sin(90^\circ) \hat{y} \\ \sum \tau_{net} &= 2RF \hat{y}\end{aligned}$$

Example: Acceleration of a Bucket



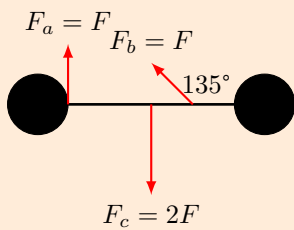
$$F_{net} = ma$$

$$T - m_b g = m_b a$$

$$a = \frac{T - m_b g}{m_b}$$

$$\tau = r \times F$$

Example: Dumbbell



- (a) Find the moment of inertia of the dumbbell

$$I = I_{b-left} + I_r + I_{b-right}$$

$$= (I_b + M_b(R + L/2)^2) + \frac{1}{12}M_r L^2 + (I_b + M_b(R + L/2)^2)$$

$$= 2\left(\frac{2}{5}M_b R^2 + M_b(R + L/2)^2\right) + \frac{1}{12}M_r L^2$$

- (b) Consider the applied forces as shown. Find the angular acceleration

$$\tau_z = \tau_a + \tau_b + \tau_c$$

$$= \left(-\frac{1}{2}FL \sin(90^\circ)\right) + \left(\frac{1}{4}FL \sin(45^\circ)\right) + 0$$

$$= \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} - \frac{1}{2}\right)FL$$

$$\tau_z = I a_z$$

$$A_z = \frac{\tau_z}{I} = \frac{\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{8} - \frac{1}{2}\right)FL}{2\left(\frac{2}{5}M_b R^2 + M_b(R + L/2)^2\right) + \frac{1}{12}M_r L^2}$$