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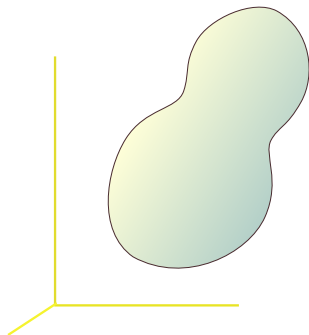
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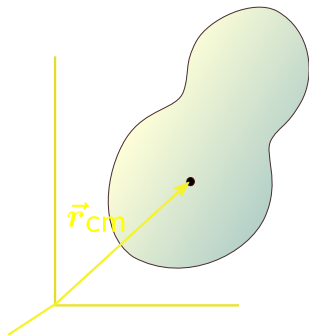
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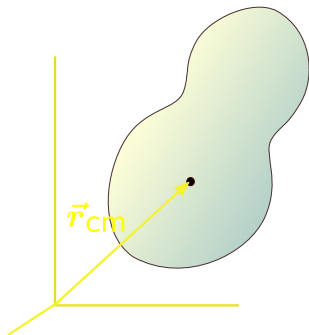
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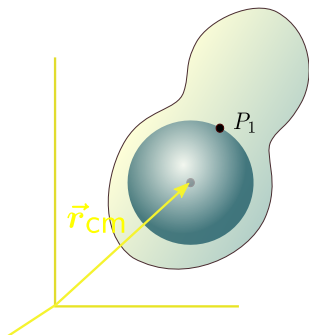
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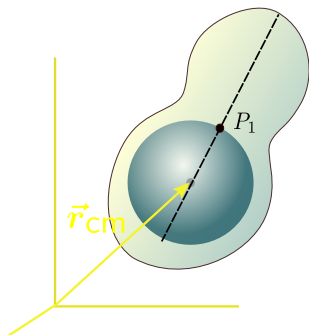
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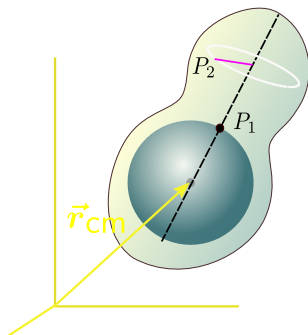




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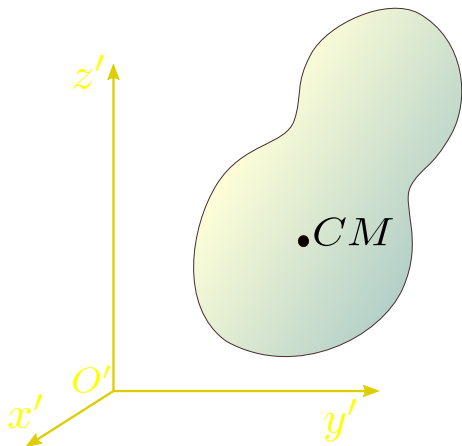
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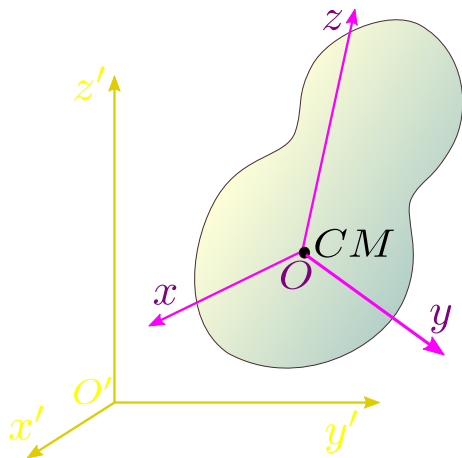
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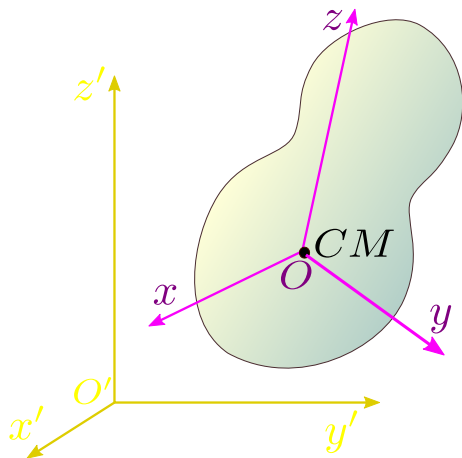
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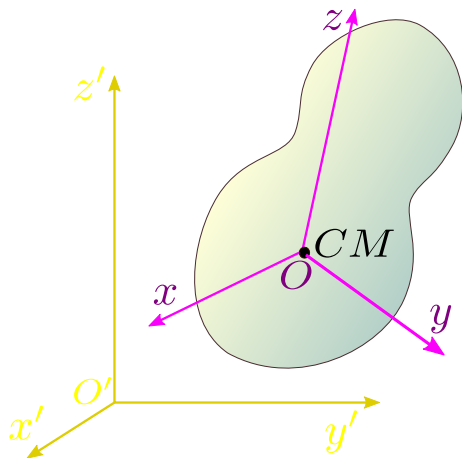


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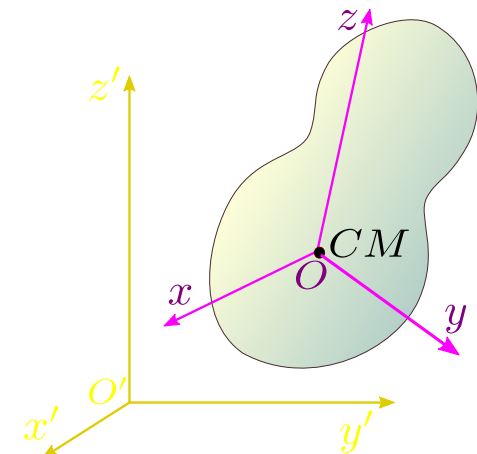
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3 angles specify  $(x, y, z)$  frame wrt  $(x', y', z')$  axes

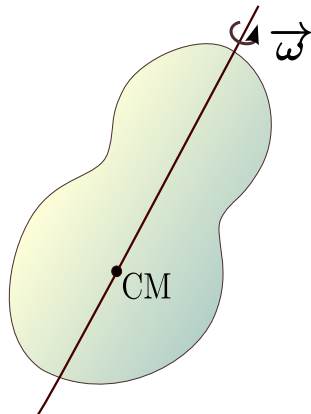
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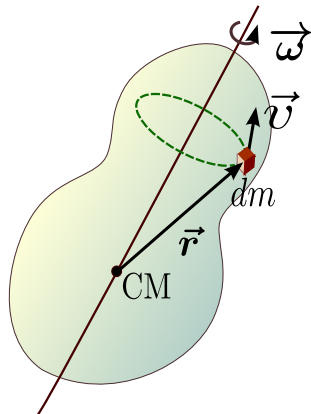
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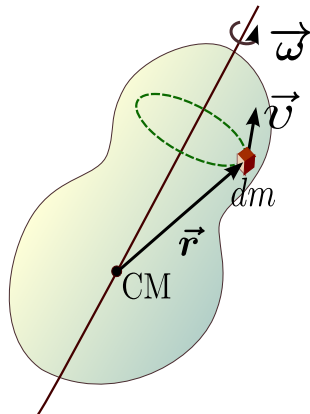
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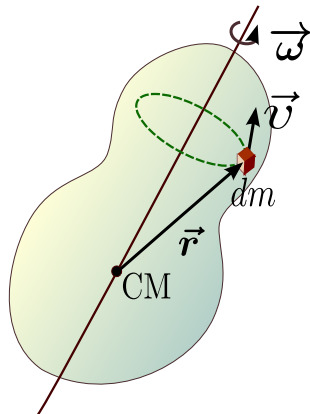
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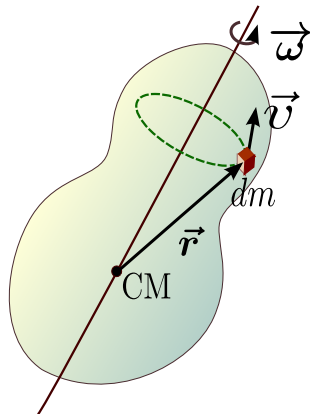
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# What is a tensor?

**Scalar**: a number (eg. distance)

**Vector**: direction & magnitude, 3 numbers

**2nd rank tensor**: a  $3 \times 3$  matrix: Nine numbers!

formed by a "product" (NOT **scalar**, NOT **cross**) of two vectors

$$T = \vec{A}\vec{B}$$

$$[T] = \begin{bmatrix} A_x B_x & A_x B_y & A_x B_z \\ A_y B_x & A_y B_y & A_y B_z \\ A_z B_x & A_z B_y & A_z B_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$\vec{C} \cdot T$  or  $T \cdot \vec{D}$  are vectors.  $\vec{C} \cdot T \cdot \vec{D}$  is a scalar!

**scalars, vectors, tensors: quantities with well defined transformation under rotation**

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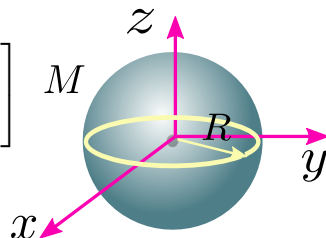
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# Example I: MI tensor for sphere

$$\bar{I} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{5}MR^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{5}MR^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{5}MR^2 \end{bmatrix}$$


The diagram shows a sphere of mass  $M$  and radius  $R$  centered at the origin of a 3D coordinate system with axes  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ . The sphere is shaded blue-grey. The axes are represented by pink arrows. A yellow ellipse on the sphere's surface indicates rotation around the  $z$ -axis.

## Example II: Conical Pendulum

$$\vec{r} = (l \sin \theta \cos \omega t, l \sin \theta \sin \omega t, -l \cos \theta).$$

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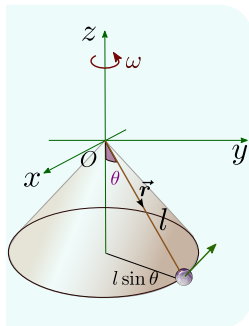
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$$\vec{L} = \bar{I}\vec{\omega} \implies$$

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Calculate the torque  $\vec{\tau} = d\vec{L}/dt$