

Rotation of Rigid Body



Last week we discussed tensor of inertia and how to find principle axis. We told you that non-principle axis are very difficult to handle. Today we'll show you what we can get given principle axis. All the following discussions are based on **principle axis through center of mass**.



Kinetic Energy

- Kinetic of energy of rotating rigid body w.r.t to center of gravity

- $K_{rot} = \frac{1}{2} I_{cm} \omega^2$

- The axis is a principle axis passing centre of mass



Recall our discussion that kinetic energy under different FOR is different. What if center of mass start to move, i.e. the rigid body had transitional movement?



- Konig's theorem (proof in additional material)

- $K_{total} = K_c + \sum_{i=1}^n K_{ic}$

- Total kinetic energy of a particle system = $\frac{1}{2} \sum m v_c^2$ + total kinetic energy w.r.t to center of gravity FOR.

- Konig's theorem holds even if the center of gravity FOR is non-inertia FOR.

- Rigid body with transitional velocity and rotation

- $K_{total} = K_c + K_{rot}$

Dynamics of Rotation

Assuming the rotation happens along a principle axis with fixed direction

- $\vec{F} = m\vec{a} \rightarrow \vec{\tau} = I\vec{\omega}$
- $\delta W = Fdx \rightarrow \delta W = dK_{rot} = \tau d\theta$
- $P = F \cdot v \rightarrow P = \tau\omega$
- $\tau_{ext} = I \frac{d\omega}{dt}$
- If $\tau_{ext} = 0 \rightarrow L = I\omega = \text{const}$