

## Mechanics of a single particle

$$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$$

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

$$\vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = \dot{\vec{p}}$$

Newton's 2nd law

$$m \text{ const} \quad \vec{F} = \frac{d}{dt}(m\vec{v}) = m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = m\vec{a}$$

2nd order differential equation

this is valid in inertial (Galilean) reference frames

Conservation Theorem:

If the total force = 0, then linear momentum is conserved

$$\dot{\vec{p}} = 0 \quad \vec{p} = \text{const}$$

Angular momentum

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

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

$$= \vec{r} \times \frac{d}{dt}(m\vec{v})$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{r} \times m\vec{v}) = \cancel{\vec{v} \times m\vec{v}} + \vec{r} \times \frac{d}{dt}m\vec{v}$$

$$\vec{N} = \frac{d}{dt}(\vec{r} \times m\vec{v}) = \frac{d}{dt} \vec{L} = \dot{\vec{L}}$$

Conservation Theorem:

If the total torque = 0, then the angular momentum is conserved.

$$\dot{\vec{L}} = 0 \quad \vec{L} = \text{const}$$

Work done by the external force

$$W_{12} = \int_1^2 \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$\int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} = m \int \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \cdot \vec{v} dt = \frac{m}{2} \int_1^2 \frac{dv^2}{dt} dt$$

$$W_{12} = \frac{m}{2} (v_2^2 - v_1^2) \equiv T_2 - T_1 \quad (1)$$

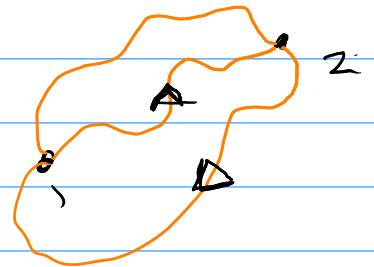
$$T = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

\*If the force is conservative: work is independent of the path

$$\oint \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} = 0$$

for friction,  $\vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} < 0$

there is no cancellation  $\rightarrow$  closed path integral is not zero, thus it is not conservative.



It can be proven that  $\vec{F}$  also satisfies,

$$\vec{F} = -\vec{\nabla} V(\vec{r})$$

potential energy  $V(r)$

b/c  $\vec{F}$  is derivative of  $V$ , then  $V$  is defined up to a constant.

$$\vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} = -dV$$

$$W_{12} = + \int_1^2 \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s} = - \int_1^2 dV = V_1 - V_2 \quad (2)$$

$$T_2 - T_1 = V_1 - V_2$$

$$T_2 + V_2 = T_1 + V_1$$

Final energy = initial energy

Energy is conserved!

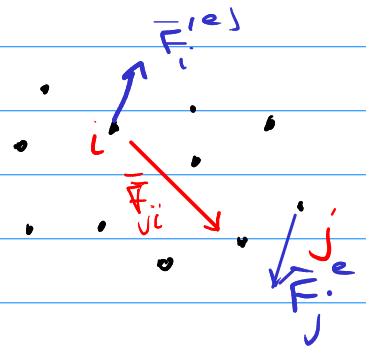
If the force is time-dependent, (1) is true, but (2) will not. Thus, energy is not conserved.

Mechanics of a system of particles

$$\sum_j \vec{F}_{ji} + \vec{F}_i^{(e)} = \dot{\vec{p}}_i$$

force on i due to j

external force on i

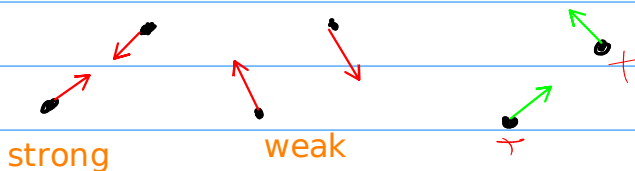


$$\sum_i \dot{\vec{p}}_i = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \sum_i m_i \vec{r}_i = \sum_i \vec{F}_i^{(e)} + \sum_{\substack{j \\ i \neq j}} \vec{F}_{ji} \quad (3)$$

$$(3) \sum_{i,j} \vec{F}_{ji} = \sum_{j>i} (\vec{F}_{ji} + \vec{F}_{ij})$$

by Newton's 3rd law, the internal forces are equal but opposite.

"weak law of action and reaction"

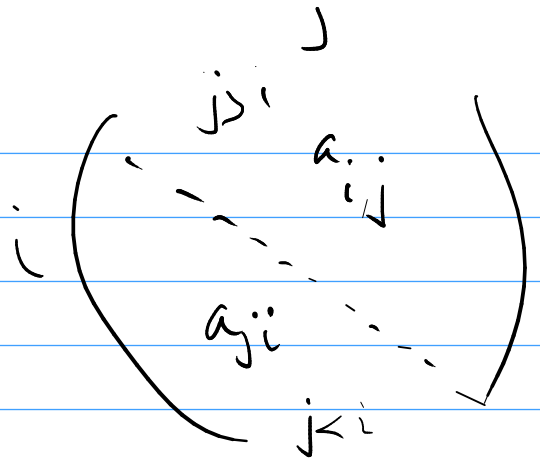


strong

weak

0

$$\sum_{i,j} a_{ij}$$



$$\sum_{j>i} (a_{ij} + a_{ji})$$

$$\bar{R} = \frac{\sum m_i \bar{r}_i}{\sum m_i} = \frac{1}{M} \sum m_i \bar{r}_i$$

$$\sum m_i \bar{r}_i = M \bar{R}$$

substituting

$$M \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \bar{R} = \sum_i \bar{F}_i^{(e)} = \bar{F}^{(e)}$$

center of mass moves as if total external force would act on the mass concentrated at the center of mass.

$$\bar{P} = \sum_i m_i \frac{d\bar{r}_i}{dt} = M \frac{d\bar{R}}{dt} \rightarrow \dot{\bar{P}} = \bar{F}^{(e)}$$

in the absence of external forces, the TOTAL linear momentum is conserved

## Total Angular Momentum

$$\frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = \vec{N}^{(e)}$$

if there are no external torques, then the total angular momentum is conserved

for this to happen, we need to invoke "strong law of action and reaction"