# Classical Mechanics & Properties of Gases

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# Summary of Last Lecture

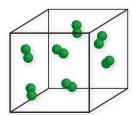
- Frames of Reference
- Work
- Kinetic Energy
- Inelastic & Elastic Collisions
- Conservation of Energy

# Other Resources

- Handouts / Questions / Slides
  - wallace.chem.ox.ac.uk
- Problem Classes
- Divisional Tutorial Provision
- tinyurl.com/MITPhysics

#### Classical Mechanics

- Translation
  - Newton's laws of motion
  - Momentum, work & energy
- Rotation
  - Angular momentum
  - Moments of inertia
- Vibration
  - Simple harmonic motion

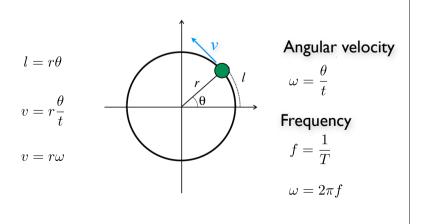


# Angular Momentum

The angular momentum of an object rotating about some reference point is the measure of the extent to which the object will continue to rotate about that point unless acted on by some external force.

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# Uniform Circular Motion



## Uniform Circular Motion

$$l = r\theta$$

$$v = r\frac{\theta}{t}$$

$$v = r\omega$$

Angular velocity

$$\omega = \frac{\theta}{t}$$

Frequency

$$f = \frac{1}{T}$$

$$\omega = 2\pi f$$

# Centripetal Acceleration

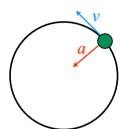
$$v = r\omega$$

$$a = va$$

$$a = r\omega^2 = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

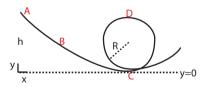


$$F = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$



# **Example Questions**

Rollercoasters



Centripetal acceleration,  $a=v^2/R$  (Next lecture in detail)

Consider point D here centripetal acceleration must be greater than gravitational acceleration or else ....

$$a=v^2/R \geq g \qquad \frac{2g(h-y)}{R} \geq g \qquad \frac{2g(h-2R)}{2h-4R} \geq \frac{gR}{2}$$
 
$$h \geq \frac{5}{2}R = 2\frac{1}{2}R$$

# An example

Rollercoasters



# An example

Rotation of the Earth

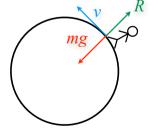
$$F_{net} = mg - R = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

$$mg = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

$$v = \sqrt{rg}$$

$$v = \sqrt{6378100 \times 9.8}$$

$$v = 7906$$



$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{2\pi r}{v} = 5069s = 1.4h$$

# **Uniform Circular Motion**

Vectors

$$l = r\theta$$

$$v = r\frac{\theta}{t}$$

$$v = r\omega$$

 $v = \omega \times r$ 

Angular velocity

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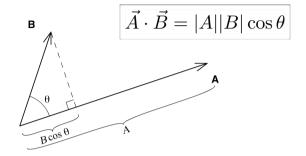
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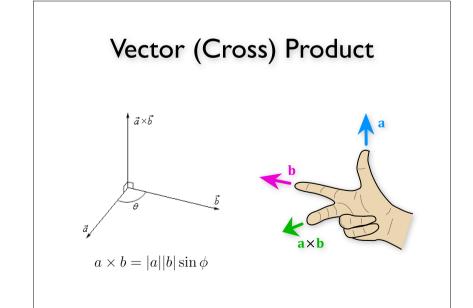
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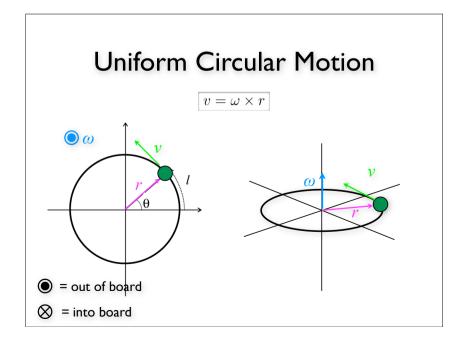
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#### Scalar Product

It is the product of the magnitudes of one vector (A), and the projection of a second vector (B) along the first.







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# Angular Momentum

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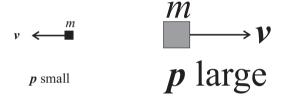
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The angular momentum of a particle about an origin is a vector quantity equal to the mass of the particle multiplied by the cross product of the position vector of the particle with its velocity vector.

#### Linear Momentum Revisited

Product of an object's mass times its velocity

- $\bullet$   $\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$
- Units of kg ms<sup>-1</sup>



# Angular Momentum

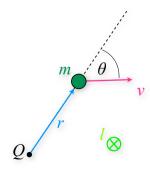
The angular momentum, l

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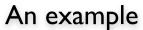
$$\vec{l} = \vec{r} \times (m\vec{v})$$

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

$$|l| = m|r||v|\sin\theta$$

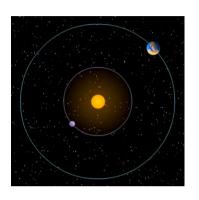


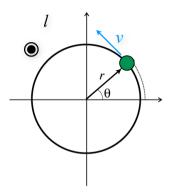
- = out of board
- (X) = into board



Planetary Motion

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





# Angular Momentum

Precession

http://www.surendranath.org/Applets/Dynamics/AngMom/ AngMomApplet.html

#### Conservation of Angular Momentum

The angular momentum of an isolated system is conserved

#### The angular momentum, l

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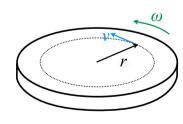
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# Moment of Inertia

The rotational equivalent of mass



$$I = \sum_{i} m_i r_i^2$$

$$K_i = \frac{1}{2}m_i v_i^2 \qquad v = r\omega$$

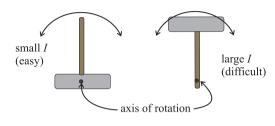
$$K_i = \frac{1}{2}m_i\omega_i^2 r_i^2$$

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$$K = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$$

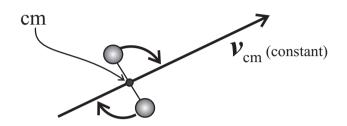
 $l = I\omega$ p = mv

#### Moments of Inertia



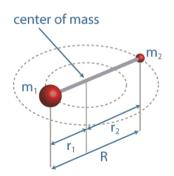


Rotation of a diatomic molecule



# An example

Rotation of a diatomic molecule



#### Moment of Inertia

$$I = \sum_{i} m_i r_i^2$$

$$I = m_1 r_1^2 + m_2 r_2^2$$

#### Centre of mass definition

$$\sum_{i}m_{i}r_{i}=0$$
 
$$m_{1}r_{1}+m_{2}r_{2}=0$$
 
$$r_{1}=-\frac{m_{2}}{m_{1}}r_{2}$$



# An example

Rotation of a diatomic molecule

$$m_1 r_1 + m_2 r_2 = 0 R = r_2 - r_1$$

$$r_1 = -\frac{m_2}{m_1} r_2 R = r_2 + \frac{m_2}{m_1} r_2$$

$$m_1 R = m_1 r_2 + m_2 r_2$$

$$m_1 R = (m_1 + m_2) r_2$$

$$r_2 = \frac{m_1 R}{(m_1 + m_2)} r_1 = \frac{m_2 R}{(m_1 + m_2)}$$



# An example

Rotation of a diatomic molecule

$$I = m_1 r_1^2 + m_2 r_2^2$$
  $r_2 = \frac{m_1 R}{(m_1 + m_2)}$   $r_1 = \frac{m_2 R}{(m_1 + m_2)}$ 

$$I = m_1 \left(\frac{m_2 R}{m_1 + m_2}\right)^2 + m_2 \left(\frac{m_1 R}{m_1 + m_2}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{m_1 m_2 R^2}{(m_1 + m_2)^2} (m_1 + m_2)$$

$$= \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} R^2$$

 $I=\mu R^2$   $\mu$  is the reduced mass

# Lecture Summary

- Uniform Circular Motion
- Angular Momentum
- Moments of Inertia
- Reduced Mass



#### Reduced Mass

Rotation of a diatomic molecule

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$$I = \mu R^2$$
  $\mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$ 

- $\mu$  is the reduced mass
- The relative motion of two objects that are acted upon by a force can be described by Newton's 2nd Law as if they were a single mass with a value called the reduced mass.



