

Newton's first law: There exist an inertial frame.

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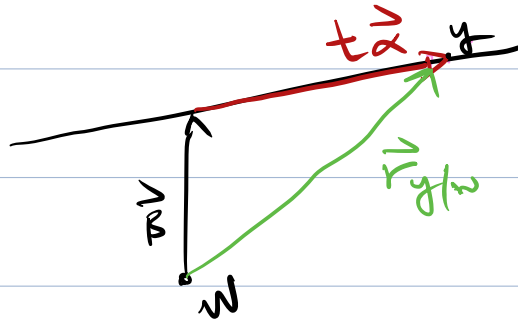
Definition  $F_A$  is an inertial frame if for all unforced particles  $y$  and  $w$ ,

$$\sum_{y/w}^{A..} \vec{r}_{y/w} = 0.$$

That is,  $\sum_{y/w}^{A..} \vec{r}_{y/w} = \vec{\alpha}$  and  $\vec{r}_{y/w} = t\vec{\alpha} + \vec{\beta}$

where  $\sum_{\alpha}^{A..} = 0$  and  $\sum_{\beta}^{A..} = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  relative motion of  $\vec{\alpha}$  and  $\vec{\beta}$  is a line.



Fact If Newton's first law is true, then distant stars approximate an inertial frame, since distant stars appear as unforced particles moving along lines

Fact Let  $F_A$  be an inertial frame and  $F_B$  be a frame. Then,  $F_B$  is an inertial frame if and only if  $\vec{w}_{B/A} = 0$ .

## Newton's Second Law (for a particle)

Let  $F_A$  be an inertial frame;  $y$  be a particle with mass  $m$ ;  $\vec{f}_y$  be the force acting on  $y$ ; and  $w$  be an unforced particle.

Then:

$$m \vec{a}_{y/w/A} = \vec{f}_y$$

Note: If  $\vec{f}_y = 0$ , then

$$\vec{a}_{y/w/A} = 0,$$

which is true due to the fact that  $F_A$  is an inertial frame.

To state the 2nd law for multiple particles  
let's define the notions of body and center of mass

Definition A body is a collection of particles. It may or may not be rigid.

Definition Let  $B$  be a body composed of particles  $y_1, \dots, y_l$  with masses  $m_1, \dots, m_l$ , and let  $w$  be a point. Then, the center of mass  $c$  of  $B$  is the point:

$$\vec{r}_{c/w} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \frac{1}{m_B} \sum_{i=1}^l m_i \vec{r}_{y_i/w},$$

where  $m_B \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \sum_{i=1}^l m_i$  is the total mass of  $B$ .

Fact. Let  $B$  be the above body. Also, let  $F_A$  be an inertial frame;  $\vec{f}_i$  be the force applied to  $y_i$ ; and  $w$  be an unforced particle. Then,

$$m_B \vec{a}_{c/w|A} = \vec{f}_B \quad (*)$$

$$\text{where } \vec{f}_B = \sum_{i=1}^l \vec{f}_i$$

Note: It's like all forces are applied at a particle with mass  $m_B$  at  $c$ .

Note If  $B$  is a donut, there is nothing at  $c$ !



To state the law for angular acceleration,  
we revisit the notions of angular momentum.

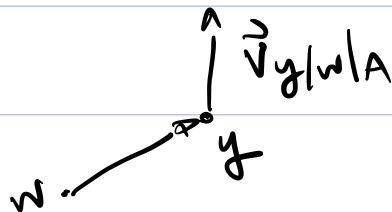
let  $y$  be a particle with mass  $m_j$

$w$  be a point;

$F_A$  be a frame

Then, the angular momentum is:

$$\vec{H}_{y/w/A} \triangleq \vec{r}_{y/w} \times m \vec{v}_{y/w/A}$$



For a body  $B = \{y_1, \dots, y_l\}$ :

$$\vec{H}_{B/w/A} \triangleq \sum_{i=1}^l \vec{H}_{y_i/w/A}$$

Definition: Assume  $\vec{f}_{y_i}$  is applied to  $y_i$ .

Then, the moment (torque) on B relative to w is:

$$\vec{M}_{B/w} \triangleq \sum_{i=1}^l \vec{r}_{y_i/w} \times \vec{f}_{y_i}$$

Newton's 2nd law for rotation

Assume  $F_A$  is inertial, and w has zero inertial acceleration. Then,

$$\overset{A.}{\sum} \vec{H}_{B/w/A} = \vec{M}_{B/w} \quad (c \text{ or } w)$$

Fact Assuming B is rigid with physical inertia matrix relative to c:

$$\vec{J}_{B/C} \cdot \vec{\omega}_{B/A} + \vec{\omega}_{B/A} \times \vec{J}_{B/C} \cdot \vec{\omega}_{B/A} = \vec{M}_{B/C}$$

This is Euler's equation (generalization of  
 $\tau = I a$ )