

ROTATION AND TORQUE

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Review

REVIEW

- 1 Break down the motion of an extended object into two parts
 - The translational motion of the center of mass
 - The rotational motion about the center of mass

- 2 Kinetic Energy of an extended object is the sum of two kinetic energies:
 - Translational Kinetic Energy - from the translational motion of the center of mass
 - Rotational Kinetic Energy - from the rotational motion about an axis through the center of mass

$$\begin{aligned} K &= K_{trans} + K_{rot} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}mv_{cm}^2 + \frac{1}{2}I_{cm}\omega_{cm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

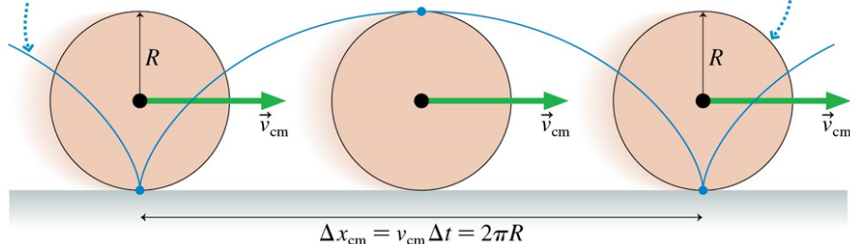
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- Rolling is a combination of rotation and translation. For an object that rolls without slipping, the translation of the center of mass is related to the angular velocity by

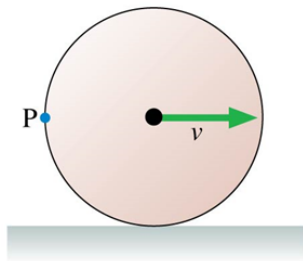
$$v_{\text{cm}} = R\omega$$

Path followed by
the point on the rim

Object rolls one revolution
without slipping.



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A.



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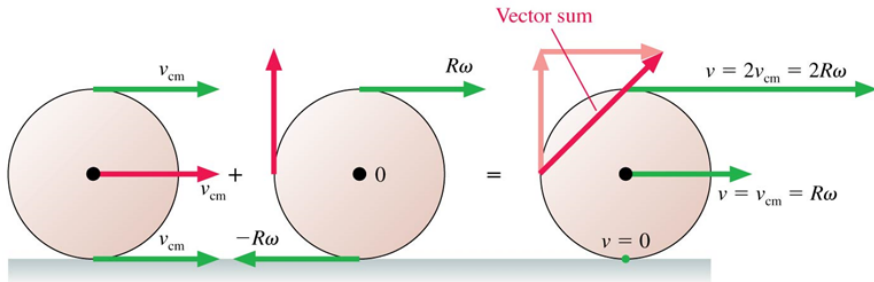
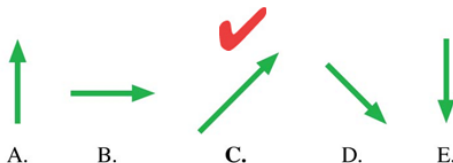
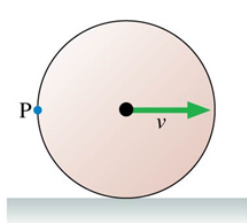


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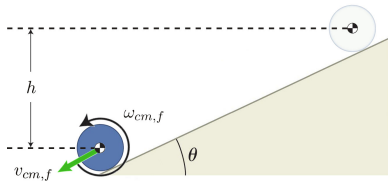
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ROLLING MOTION

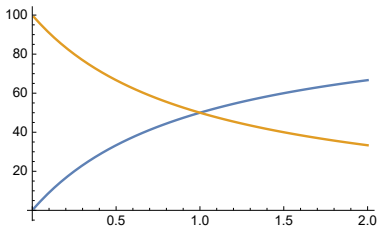
$$K_{tot} = \frac{1}{2}mv_{cm,f}^2 + \frac{1}{2}I_{cm}\omega_{cm}^2$$

$$\omega_{cm} = \frac{v_{cm}}{R}$$

$$v_{cm,f} = \sqrt{\frac{2gh}{1+c}}$$



Percentage of Total Kinetic Energy



— Rotational K.E.

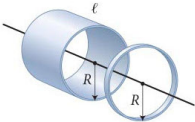
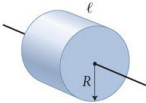

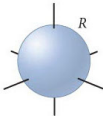
— Translational K.E.

What about a small hoop and a large hoop, each with the same mass? Which one would reach the bottom of the ramp first?

A Large Hoop

B Small Hoop

C They finish at the same time

	thin-walled cylinder or hoop	solid cylinder	thin-walled hollow sphere	solid sphere
Shape				
Rotational inertia	MR^2	$\frac{1}{2}MR^2$	$\frac{2}{3}MR^2$	$\frac{2}{5}MR^2$

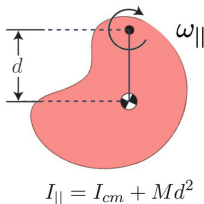
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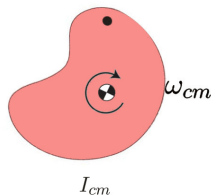
Parallel-Axis Theorem: If the axis of rotation is distance d from a parallel axis through the center of mass, the moment of inertia is

$$I_{||} = I_{cm} + Md^2$$

Pivot Point Perspective



Center of Mass Perspective



Rotational Acceleration

ROTATIONAL MOTION REVIEW

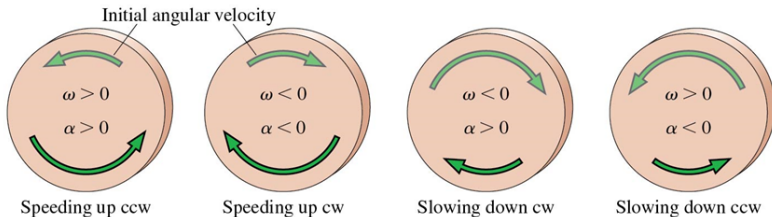
- Rotational kinematics for constant angular acceleration

$$\omega_f = \omega_i + \alpha \Delta t$$

$$\theta_f = \theta_i + \omega_i \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} \alpha (\Delta t)^2$$

$$\omega_f^2 = \omega_i^2 + 2\alpha \Delta \theta$$

- The signs of angular velocity and angular acceleration.



The rotation is speeding up if ω and α have the same sign, slowing down if they have opposite signs.

A DVD is initially at rest so that the line PQ on the disc's surface is along the $+x$ -axis. The disc begins to turn with a constant $\alpha = 5.0 \text{ rad/s}^2$

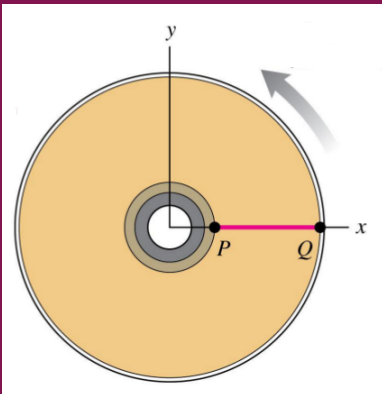
At $t=0.40 \text{ s}$, what is the angle between the line PQ and the $+x$ -axis?

A 0.40 rad

B 0.80 rad

C 1.0 rad

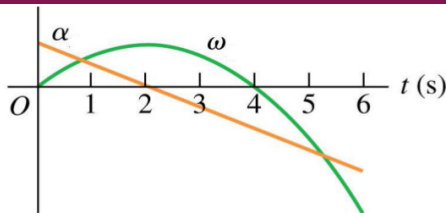
D 2.0 rad



The graph shows the angular velocity and angular acceleration versus time for a rotating body.

At which of the following times is the rotation speeding up at the greatest rate?

- A** $t = 1s$
- B** $t = 2s$
- C** $t = 3s$
- D** $t = 4s$
- E** $t = 5s$



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- A** in the direction that the ladybug is traveling
- B** in the opposite direction that the ladybug is traveling
- C** towards the center of the turntable
- D** away from the center of the turntable
- E** in some other direction

A ladybug sits at rest on a turntable that is rotating with constant rotational velocity. The turntable is switched off and starts to slow down. As the ladybug is slowing down, the ladybug's translational acceleration vector points

- A** in the direction that the ladybug was traveling before the disk was stopped
- B** in the opposite direction that the ladybug was traveling before the disk was stopped
- C** towards the center of the turntable
- D** directly away from the center of the turntable
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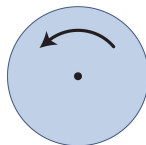
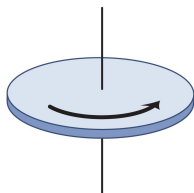
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1 In 2D (rotations in a single plane)

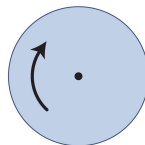
- An algebraic sign is sufficient to indicate the direction of rotation
- Counterclockwise $\omega > 0$; Clockwise $\omega < 0$

2 In 3D

- Clockwise and counterclockwise are insufficient to specify the direction of rotation
- Example: Top-view and Bottom-view of spinning disk



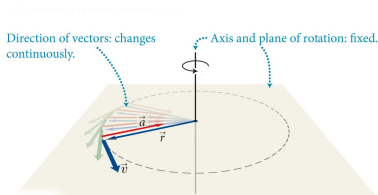
Top View



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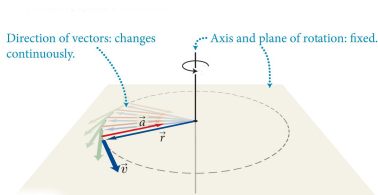
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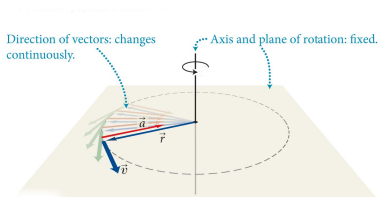
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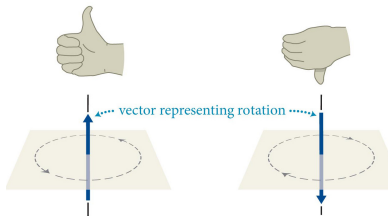
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 - What about along the axis of rotation?
YES. But which direction along the axis
 - The direction along the rotation axis is determined by the right-hand rule



DIRECTION OF ROTATION IN 3D: RIGHT-HAND RULE

1 Right-hand rule:

- When you curl the fingers of your right hand along the direction of rotation, your thumb points in the direction of the **vector representing that rotation ($\vec{\omega}$)**.



Given rotating object curl right-hand fingers in direction of rotation thumb specifies unique direction in space.

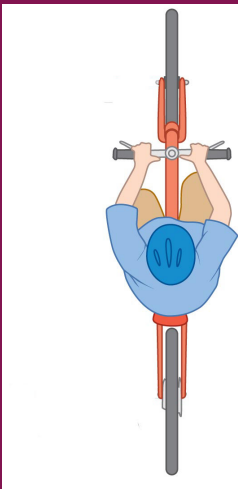


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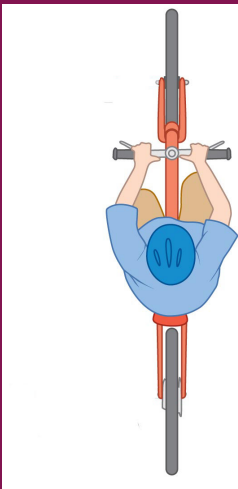
Suppose you're riding a bike at a constant speed. From your perspective, in which direction is the rotational velocity of the tires?

- A** In the forward direction
- B** In the backward direction
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Now, suppose you apply the brakes and you start slowing down. From your perspective, in which direction is the rotational acceleration of the tires?

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Introduction to Torque

MOTION OF EXTENDED OBJECTS (SO FAR)

1 Motion of an extended object can be broken down into two parts

- Translational Motion of the CM
- Rotational Motion around the CM

2 Translational Motion of the CM

- Translational Kinematics: $\Delta x = v_{x0}\Delta t + \frac{1}{2}a_x\Delta t^2$
- Translational Inertia: M_{tot}
- Translational Dynamics: $\vec{a}_{cm} = \Sigma \vec{F}_{ext} / M_{tot}$

3 Rotational Motion around the CM

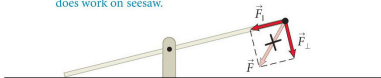
- Rotational Kinematics: $\Delta\theta = \omega_0\Delta t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha\Delta t^2$
- Rotational Inertia: $I = \Sigma \delta m r^2$
- **Rotational Dynamics**

SEESAW AND CHILD

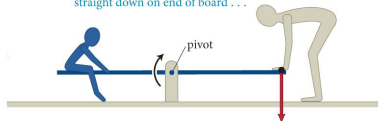
1 Forces have the ability to rotate objects

- This ability depends on the point of application, magnitude and direction of the force

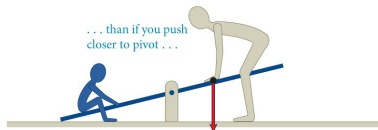
Only the component of \vec{F} perpendicular to board does work on seesaw.



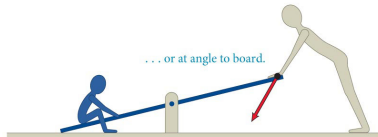
Seesaw is easier to rotate if you push straight down on end of board . . .



. . . than if you push closer to pivot . . .



. . . or at angle to board.



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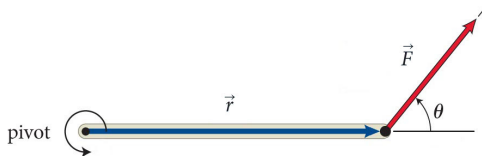
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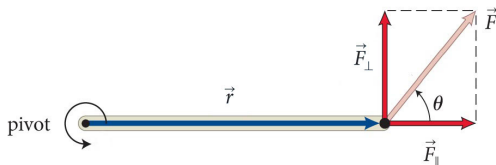
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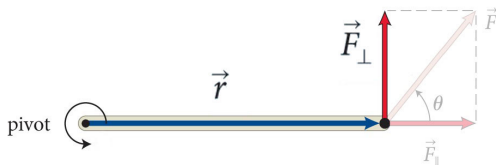
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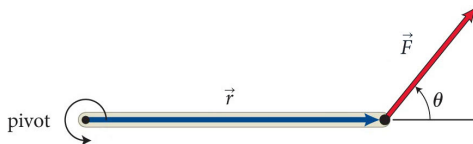
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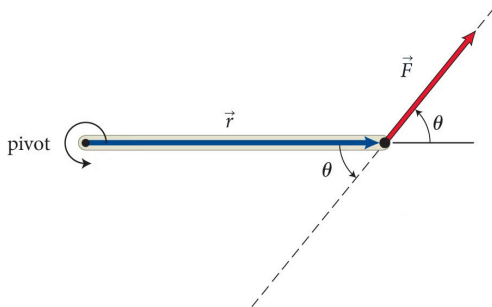
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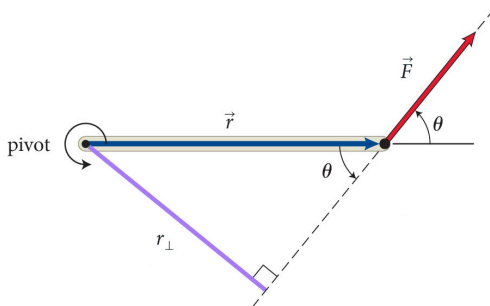
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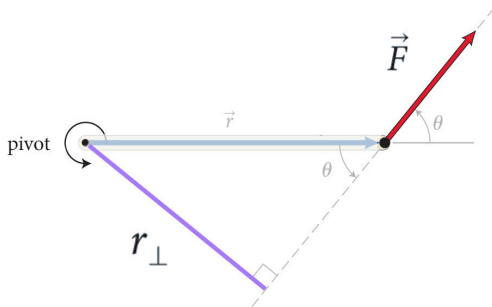
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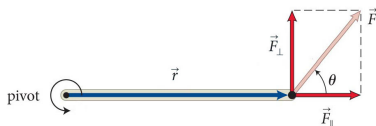


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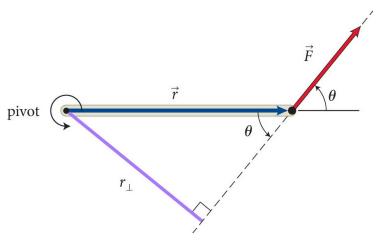
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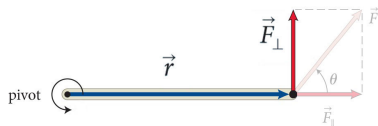


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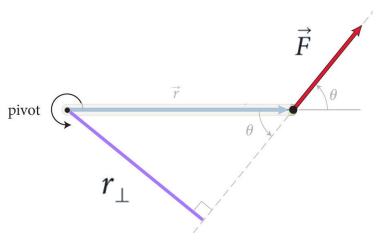
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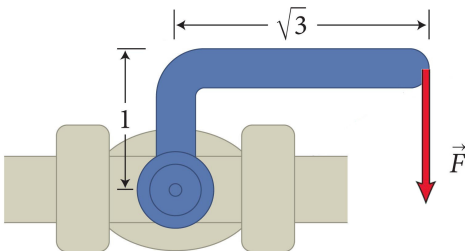
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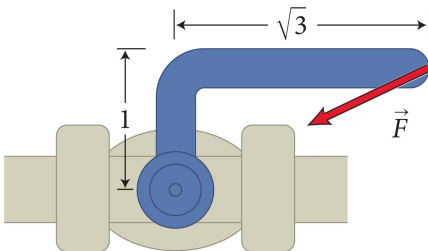
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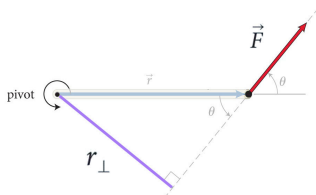
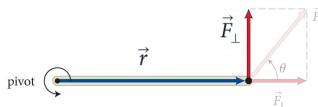
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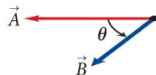
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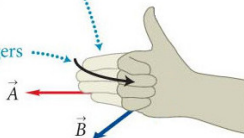
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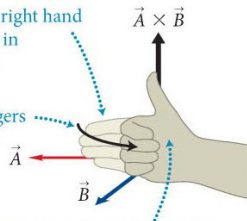
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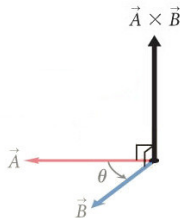
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COMPONENT FORM OF THE CROSS PRODUCT

1 Component form of the cross product

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$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r} \times \vec{F} &= (r_y \cancel{F_z} - \cancel{r_z} F_y) \hat{i} \\ &+ (\cancel{r_z} F_x - r_x \cancel{F_z}) \hat{j} \\ &+ (r_x F_y - r_y F_x) \hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r} \times \vec{F} &= (0 - 0)\hat{i} \\ &+ (0 - 0)\hat{j} \\ &+ (r_x F_y - r_y F_x)\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

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Which of the four forces shown here produces a torque on the bar about its pivot point (black dot) that is directed out of the plane of the drawing?

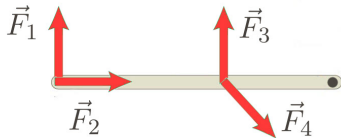
A \vec{F}_1

B \vec{F}_2

C \vec{F}_3

D \vec{F}_4

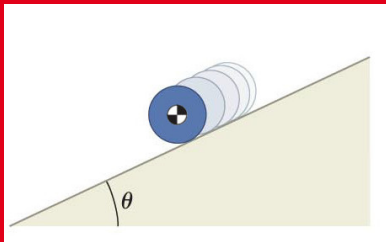
E Two or more of these forces



Dynamics

Object Rolling Down a Ramp

A round object of mass m , rotational inertia I , and radius R is released from rest on a ramp, as shown below.



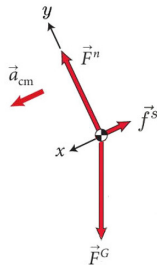
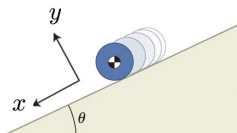
- Find the translational acceleration of the object's center of mass in terms of m , I , θ , and R .

OBJECT ROLLING DOWN RAMP - SOLUTION

Determine the net force in the **x-direction** (along the direction of translational motion)

$$\Sigma F_x = ma_{(cm,x)}$$

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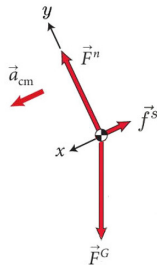
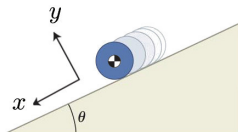


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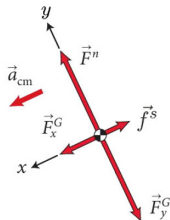
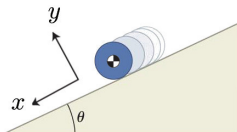


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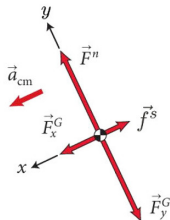
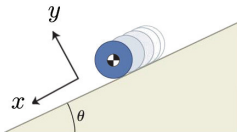


OBJECT ROLLING DOWN RAMP - SOLUTION

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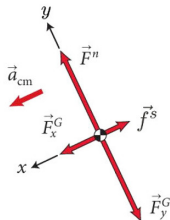
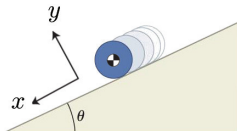
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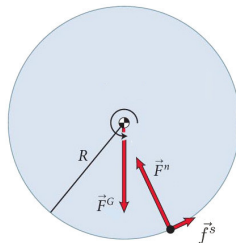
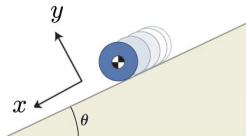
$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma F_x &= ma_{(cm,x)} \\ F_x^G - f^s &= ma_{(cm,x)} \\ mg \sin \theta - f^s &= ma_{(cm,x)}\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$



OBJECT ROLLING DOWN RAMP - SOLUTION

Determine the net torque (about the center of mass)

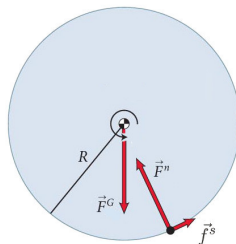
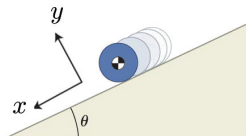
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OBJECT ROLLING DOWN RAMP - SOLUTION

Determine the net torque (about the center of mass)

$$\Sigma \vec{\tau} = I \vec{\alpha}_{(cm)}$$
$$\vec{\tau}^s + \vec{\tau}^G + \vec{\tau}^N = I \vec{\alpha}_{(cm)}$$



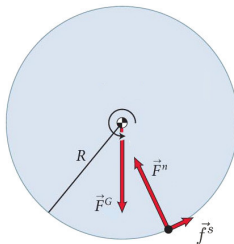
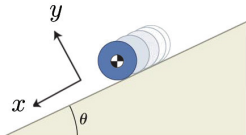
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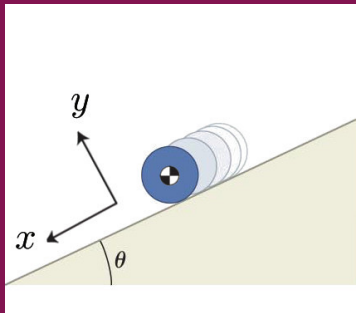
$$\vec{\tau}^s + \cancel{\vec{\tau}^G} + \cancel{\vec{\tau}^N} = I \vec{\alpha}_{(cm)}$$

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In which direction is the rotational acceleration of the spool around its center of mass?

- A** + z-direction
- B** - z-direction
- C** + x-direction
- D** - x-direction
- E** The spool is not rotationally accelerating



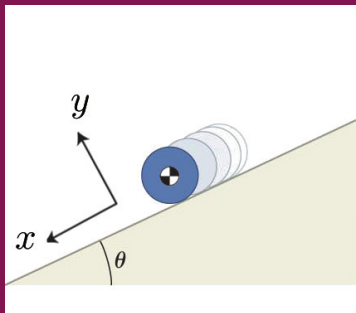
Which of the following is the correct equation that relates $a_{(cm,x)}$ to $\alpha_{(cm,z)}$?

A $a_{(cm,x)} = +R\alpha_{(cm,z)}$

B $a_{(cm,x)} = -R\alpha_{(cm,z)}$

C $a_{(cm,x)} = +\frac{\alpha_{(cm,z)}}{R}$

D $a_{(cm,x)} = -\frac{\alpha_{(cm,z)}}{R}$

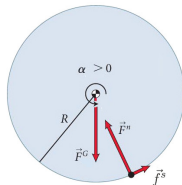


OBJECT ROLLING DOWN RAMP - SOLUTION

Determine the net torque in the **z-direction** (about the CoM)

Plug in the following conditions

$$\blacksquare a_{(cm,x)} = -R\alpha_{(cm,z)}$$



$$\vec{\tau}^s = I\vec{\alpha}_{(cm)}$$

$$-\tau^s = I\alpha_{(cm,z)} \quad (\text{z-components})$$

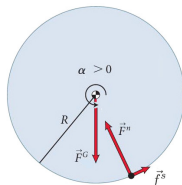
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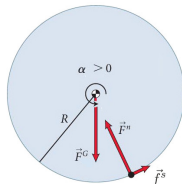
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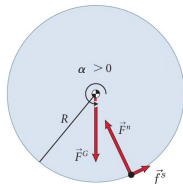
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OBJECT ROLLING DOWN RAMP - SOLUTION

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$$\begin{aligned} a_{(cm,x)} &= \frac{g \sin \theta}{1 + \frac{I}{mR^2}} \\ &= \frac{g \sin \theta}{1 + \frac{cmR^2}{mR^2}} \\ &= \frac{g \sin \theta}{1 + c} \end{aligned}$$