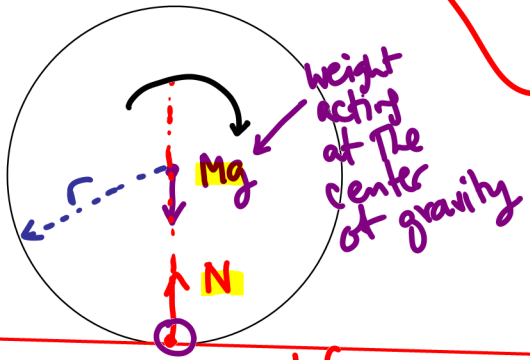


IDEAL



normal force acts at the contact point between the cylinder & the flat surface

does not deform!

rigid cylinder rotating on a flat (smooth) surface without slipping

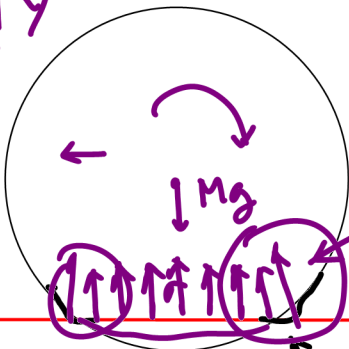
velocity of the center of mass of the cylinder.
 $V = \omega R$
 acceleration of the C.M.
 $a = \alpha R$
 radius of the cylinder

- no friction

- no torque generated around the center of rotation (which is just the C.M.)

This cylinder will roll on the surface with constant ω forever

REALITY



normal force spread over a larger area (not a single point)

normal force generates a torque that slows down the rotation

also generates a net force that slows down the cylinder's center of mass.

reality: the cylinder will deform when in contact with the flat surface

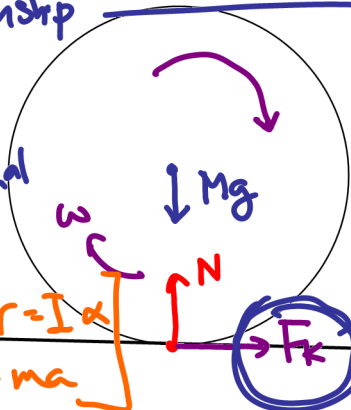
relative motion between the cylinder & flat surface

RIGID

THE CYLINDER ROTATES WITH SLIPPAGE

ROLLING RESISTANCE

no relationship between rotational & translational motion



kinetic friction at the point
 $F_k = \mu_k N$

if cylinder rotates in the C.W. direction
 $\rightarrow F_k$ generates a torque in the CCW direction
 \rightarrow net torque

net force in the x-direction
 \rightarrow rotation slows down
 \rightarrow acceleration in the x-direction

$\tau = F_k \cdot r = I \alpha$
 $\Sigma F_x = F_k = ma$