

Happy Holidays! Happy New Year! Welcome back!

- Today
 - Intro to angular motion
- Important Concepts
 - Equations for angular motion are mostly identical to those for linear motion with the names of the variables changed.
 - Location where forces are applied is now important.

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Important Reminders

- Lectures will be M 11-12, T&W 10-12, F 11-12.
- Check schedule on web for new times and rooms for some recitations (all are still on Thursday).
- Switching of recitations will be permitted if you have a conflict with another IAP activity.
- Contact your tutor about session scheduling
 - Students working with Stephane Essame reassigned.
- Mastering Physics due this Wednesday at 10pm.
- Pset due this Friday at 11am.

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Complete Description of Motion

- For an extended object, **all** of the equations learned last fall apply **exactly** without approximations to the motion of the center of mass.
- This is true whether or not an object is also rotating.
- The two motions (linear position of the center of mass and rotation around the center of mass) can be considered separately, **except** for kinetic energy where everything gets lumped into one equation.

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Kinematics Variables

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| ➤ Position x | ➤ Angle θ |
| ➤ Velocity v | ➤ Angular velocity ω |
| ➤ Acceleration a | ➤ Angular acceleration α |
| ➤ Force F | ➤ Torque τ |
| ➤ Mass M | ➤ Moment of Inertia I |
| ➤ Momentum p | ➤ Angular Momentum L |

$$\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt} \quad \alpha = \frac{d\omega}{dt} = \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2}$$

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Vector Nature of Angular Motion

- Most of the problems we will consider will involve only motion about a single axis, effectively 1-D
 - 1-D is still a vector (up/down or left/right, for example).
 - For the two directions of rotation, use clockwise (CW) and counter-clockwise (CCW).
 - The choice of which one is positive is arbitrary but you need to be consistent throughout a problem.
- However, CW and CCW do not really specify a unique direction, so where is the vector?

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First Strange Feature of Angular Motion

- What is the vector associated with angular motion?
- The only unique direction in the problem is the axis, but again, there are two directions along the axis.
- The vector for any angular quantity (θ , ω , α , τ , J) points along the axis with the direction given by a right-hand-rule.
 - Fingers curl in direction of θ , ω , α , τ , J , thumb points in the direction of the vector

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Kinematics of Angular Motion

➡ All equations are exactly identical to those for linear motion but with the variables renamed.

➡ If a is constant: $v = v_0 + at$ $x = x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$

➡ If α is constant: $\omega = \omega_0 + \alpha t$ $\theta = \theta_0 + \omega_0 t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2$

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Constraints/Connections between Linear and Angular Motion

➡ For all points on a rigid object and for any axis considered, the value of ω and α are identical.

➡ For a point a distance R from the axis of a rotating object, the path traveled and the angle are related by $S=R\theta$, which implies that $v=R\omega$, and $a=R\alpha$.

➡ Tangential acceleration of a point a distance R from the axis of a rotating object is $R\alpha$.

➡ Radial acceleration of a point a distance R from the axis of a rotating object is v^2/R .

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Rolling Without Slipping

➡ For an object rolling without slipping, the point in contact with the ground has a speed of exactly zero so that it is not sliding along the ground.

➡ Use relative velocity concepts to show that the center of mass of the wheel must be moving with a velocity given by $v=R\omega$ and an acceleration $a=R\alpha$.

➡ The same constraints apply for a string on a pulley that is not slipping. In this case, v and a are for the end of the string and ω and α are for the pulley.

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Torque

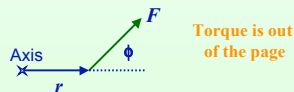
➡ How do you make something rotate? Very intuitive!

➡ Larger force clearly gives more "twist".

➡ Force needs to be in the right direction (perpendicular to a line to the axis is ideal).

➡ The "twist" is bigger if the force is applied farther away from the axis (bigger lever arm).

➡ In math-speak: $\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$ $|\tau| = |r||F|\sin(\phi)$



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More Ways to Think of Torque

➡ Magnitude of the force times the component of the distance perpendicular to the force (aka lever arm).

➡ Magnitude of the radial distance times the component of the force perpendicular to the radius.

➡ Direction from Right-Hand-Rule for cross-products and can also be thought of as clockwise (CW) or counter-clockwise (CCW).

➡ For torque, gravity acts at the center of mass.

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Conditions for Equilibrium

➡ Same as before: $\Sigma \vec{F} = 0$

➡ It's totally irrelevant where the forces are applied to an object, only their direction and magnitude matters.

➡ This gives one independent equation per dimension.

➡ Additional condition: $\Sigma \vec{\tau} = 0$

➡ This is true for **any** axis. However, if all of the forces are in the same plane (the only type of problem we will consider in this class), you only get **one** additional independent equation by considering rotation.

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