



Chapter 11 Conservation of Angular Momentum-I

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1. VECTOR PRODUCT

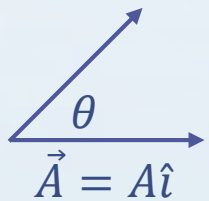
Vector Product, Defined by The Three Unit Vectors

$$\hat{i} \times \hat{i} = \hat{j} \times \hat{j} = \hat{k} \times \hat{k} = 0 \quad \hat{i} \times \hat{j} = \hat{k} \quad \hat{j} \times \hat{k} = \hat{i} \quad \hat{k} \times \hat{i} = \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{A} = A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j} + A_z \hat{k}, \quad \vec{B} = B_x \hat{i} + B_y \hat{j} + B_z \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = (A_x B_y - A_y B_x) \hat{k} + (A_y B_z - A_z B_y) \hat{i} + (A_z B_x - A_x B_z) \hat{j} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\vec{B} = B \cos \theta \hat{i} + B \sin \theta \hat{j}$$



$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ A & 0 & 0 \\ B \cos \theta & B \sin \theta & 0 \end{vmatrix} = AB \sin \theta \hat{k}$$

Some Rules: $\vec{A} \times \vec{A} = 0$, $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = -\vec{B} \times \vec{A}$

$$\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} + \vec{C}) = \vec{A} \times \vec{B} + \vec{A} \times \vec{C} \quad \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) = \frac{d\vec{A}}{dt} \times \vec{B} + \vec{A} \times \frac{d\vec{B}}{dt}$$

2. ANGULAR MOMENTUM & TORQUE

Angular Momentum & Torque About an Axis

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F} = \vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = \vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} + \vec{v} \times \vec{p} = \frac{d}{dt}(\vec{r} \times \vec{p})$$

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

$$\vec{L}_i = \vec{r}_i \times (m_i \vec{v}_i) \quad \vec{r}_i \perp \vec{v}_i$$

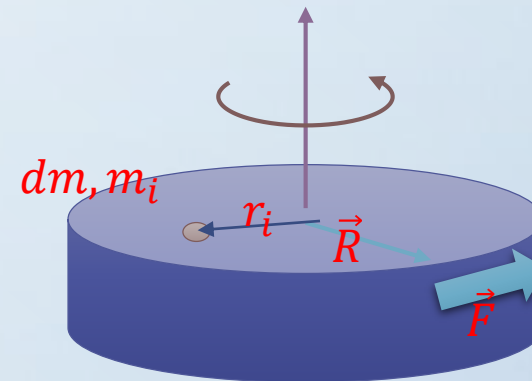
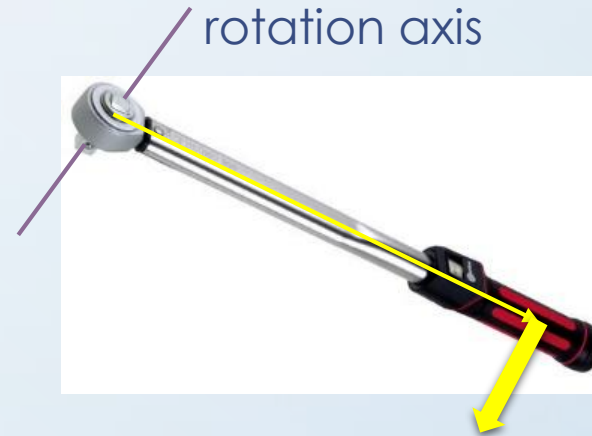
$$L_i = m_i r_i v_i \quad v_i = r_i \omega$$

$$L = \sum L_i = \sum m_i r_i^2 \omega = I\omega$$

$$\vec{R} \times \vec{F} = \vec{\tau}_{net} = \sum \vec{\tau}_i = \frac{d}{dt} \vec{L}$$

If the direction of the angular momentum does not change, the angular acceleration is

$$\tau_{net} = \frac{d}{dt} L = \frac{d}{dt} (I\omega) = I\alpha$$



2. ANGULAR MOMENTUM & TORQUE

Example: Estimate the magnitude of the angular momentum of a basketball spinning at 8 rev/s. A typical basketball might have a mass of 6.40 kg and a radius of 10.8 cm.

$$\omega = 8 \frac{\text{rev}}{\text{s}} = 16\pi \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}$$

$$I_{\text{ball}} = \frac{2}{5}MR^2 = \frac{2}{5}(6.4)(0.108)^2 = 0.0299(\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2)$$

$$L = I_{\text{ball}}\omega = 0.0299 \times 16\pi = 1.50(\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2/\text{s})$$



2. ANGULAR MOMENTUM & TORQUE

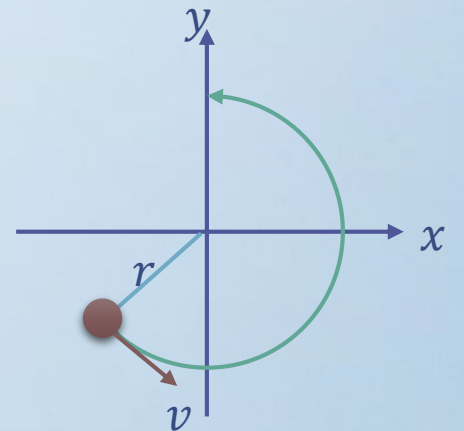
Angular Momentum & Torque of a System of Particles

$$\vec{\tau}_{net} = \frac{d}{dt} \vec{L}_{system} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\sum \vec{r}_i \times \vec{p}_i \right)$$

Example: A particle moves on the xy plane in a circular path of radius r . Find the magnitude and direction of its angular momentum relative to O when its linear velocity is v .

$$L = rmv$$

$$\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times (mv\hat{\theta}) = rmv\hat{k}$$



2. ANGULAR MOMENTUM & TORQUE

Example: Use torque and angular momentum to calculate the acceleration of the system shown in the figure. The rotation axis is the axis of the pulley. The pulley is a disc with a radius of R and mass of M .

$$m_1g - T_1 = m_1a$$

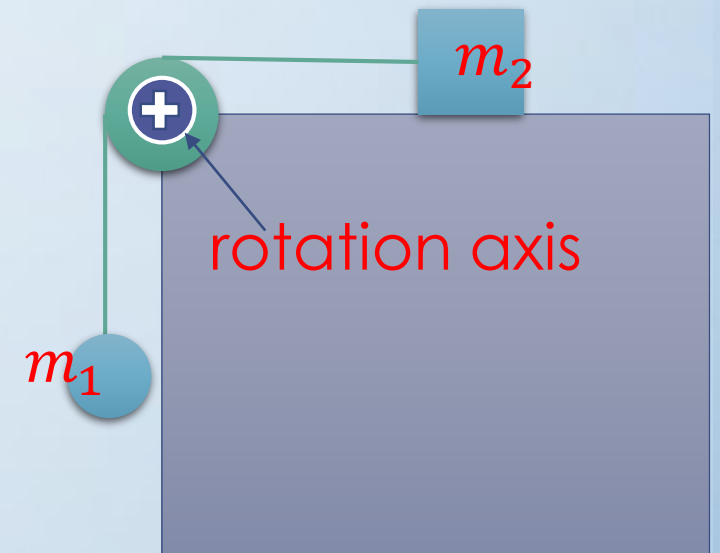
$$R(T_1 - T_2) = I\alpha, I = MR^2/2 \quad T_2 = m_2a$$

$$a = \frac{m_1g}{m_1 + m_2 + I/R^2} = \frac{m_1g}{m_1 + m_2 + M/2}$$

$$L = I\omega + Rm_2v + Rm_1v, v = R\omega$$

$$\tau = Rm_1g = \frac{d}{dt}L = \frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{I}{R}v + Rm_1v + Rm_2v\right) = \left(\frac{MR}{2} + m_1R + m_2R\right)a$$

$$a = \frac{m_1g}{m_1 + m_2 + M/2}$$



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3. CONSERVATION OF ANGULAR MOMENTUM

Total Angular Momentum

$$\vec{L}_{system} = \vec{L}_{orbital} + \vec{L}_{self\ rotation(spinner)}$$

If $\vec{\tau}_{net} = 0$, the angular momentum is conserved. $\Delta\vec{L} = 0$

$$\vec{L} = L_x\hat{i} + L_y\hat{j} + L_z\hat{k} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ x & y & z \\ p_x & p_y & p_z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$L_x = yp_z - zp_y$$

$$L_y = zp_x - xp_z$$

$$L_z = xp_y - yp_x = m(xv_y - yv_x)$$

3. CONSERVATION OF ANGULAR MOMENTUM

Example: A man is sitting on a stool that can rotate freely about a vertical axis. The man, initially at rest, is holding a bicycle wheel whose rotational inertia about its central axis is $1.2 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2$. The wheel is rotating at an angular speed of 3.9 rev/s ; as seen from overhead, the rotation is counterclockwise. The man with rotational inertia $6.8 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2$ now inverts the wheel so that, as seen from overhead, it is rotating clockwise. What's the angular speed of the man?

$$L_{\text{wheel},i} + L_{m,i} = L_{\text{wheel},f} + L_{m,f}$$

$$I_{\text{wheel}}\omega_{\text{wheel}} + 0 = -I_{\text{wheel}}\omega_{\text{wheel}} + I_m\omega_m$$

$$1.2 \times (3.9 \times 2\pi) = -1.2 \times (3.9 \times 2\pi) + 6.8 \times \omega_m$$

$$\omega_m = 1.38 \left(\frac{\text{rev}}{\text{s}}\right) = 8.67 \left(\frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}\right)$$



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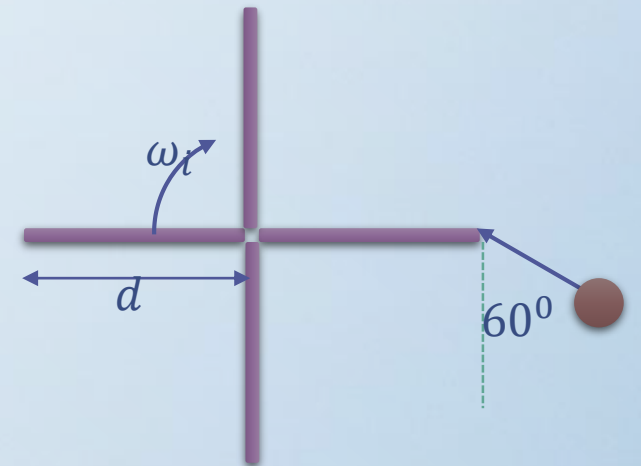
Example: Four thin, uniform rods, each of mass M and length $d = 0.5$ m, are rigidly connected to a vertical axle to form a turnstile. The turnstile rotates clockwise about the axle, which is attached to a floor, with initial angular velocity $\omega_i = -2.00$ rad/s. A mud ball of mass $m = M/3$ and initial speed $v_i = 12$ m/s is thrown along the path shown and sticks to the end of one rod. What is the final angular velocity of the ball–turnstile system?

$$L_{t,i} + L_{b,i} = L_{t+b,f}$$

$$I_t = 4 \left[\frac{M}{12} d^2 + M \left(\frac{d}{2} \right)^2 \right] = \frac{4Md^2}{3}$$

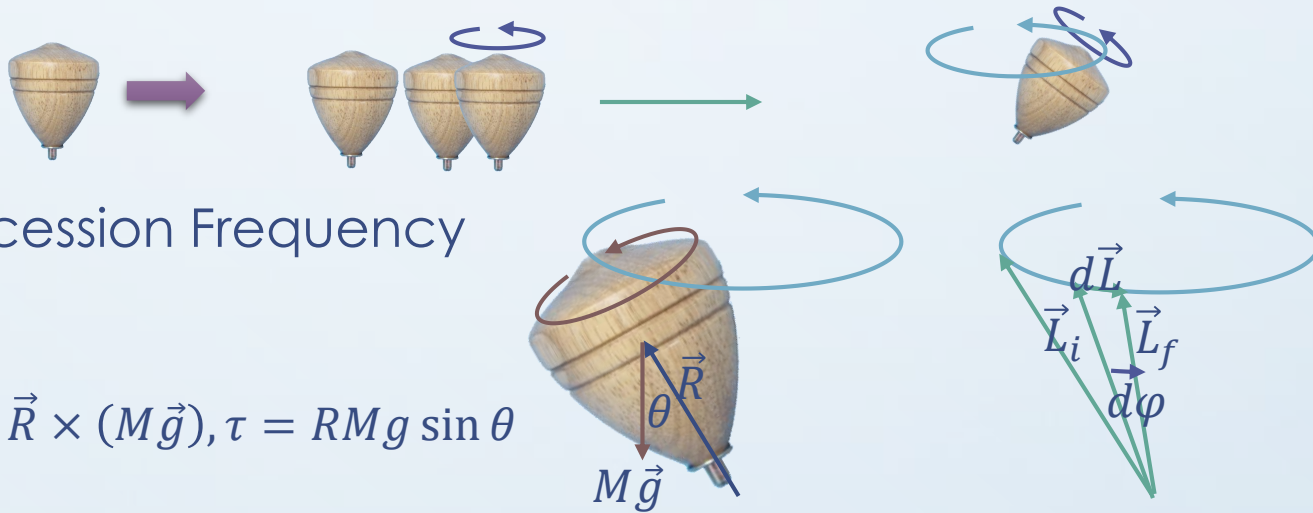
$$\frac{4}{3} Md^2 (-2.00) + \frac{dM}{2 \cdot 3} (12) = \left(\frac{4}{3} Md^2 + \frac{M}{3} d^2 \right) \omega_f$$

$$\omega_f = \frac{-\frac{8d}{3} + 2}{5d/3} = \frac{2/3}{5/6} = 0.8(\text{rad/s})$$



4. THE MOTION OF GYROSCOPES AND TOPS

The Top Motion – Translation, Rotation, Precession



Precession Frequency

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{R} \times (M\vec{g}), \tau = RMg \sin \theta$$

$$\vec{\tau} = \frac{d}{dt} \vec{L} \quad d\vec{L} = \vec{\tau} dt \quad |d\vec{L}| = RMg \sin \theta dt$$

$$d\phi = \frac{|d\vec{L}|}{|\vec{L}| \sin \theta} = \frac{RMg}{L} dt \quad \omega_p = \frac{d\phi}{dt} = \frac{RMg}{L} = \frac{RMg}{I\omega}$$



4. THE MOTION OF GYROSCOPES AND TOPS

Example: A particle of mass m moves with speed v_0 in a circle of radius r_0 on a frictionless tabletop. The particle is attached to a string that passes through a hole in the table. The string is slowly pulled downward so that the particle moves in a small circle of radius r_1 . (a) Find its speed on the circle of radius r_1 . (b) Find the tension when the particle is moving in a circle of radius r . (c) Calculate the work done on the particle by the tension.

$$\tau_{net} = 0$$

$$(a) \quad L_i = L_f, r_0 m v_0 = r_1 m v_1, v_1 = \frac{r_0 v_0}{r_1}$$

$$(b) \quad v = \frac{r_0 v_0}{r} \quad T = m a_r = m \frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{m r_0^2 v_0^2}{r^3}$$

$$(c) \quad W = \int_{r_0}^r \left(-\frac{m r_0^2 v_0^2}{r^3} \hat{r} \right) \cdot (dr \hat{r}) = \frac{m r_0^2 v_0^2}{2} \left(\frac{1}{r^2} - \frac{1}{r_0^2} \right)$$

5. QUANTIZATION OF ANGULAR MOMENTUM

The Matter Wave Concept:

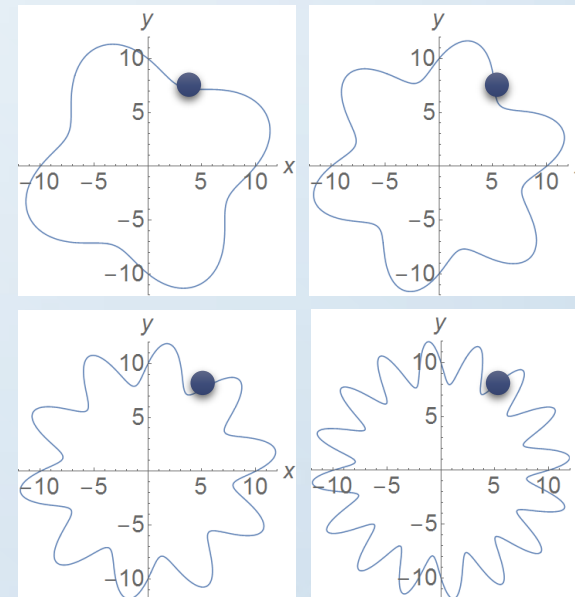
All particle motion can be described by wave like $A \sin(kx - \omega t)$.

The orbital motion of a particle strictly comply with the Wilson-Sommerfeld quantization rule:

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}, \quad \oint k ds = n(2\pi)$$

$$k = \frac{p}{\hbar} \quad \oint \frac{p}{\hbar} ds = n(2\pi)$$

$$2\pi r \frac{p}{\hbar} = 2\pi n \quad \longrightarrow \quad pr = mvr = L = n\hbar$$



It gives the quantization of angular momentum for the electron in the hydrogen atom. (Bohr's model of the hydrogen atom)

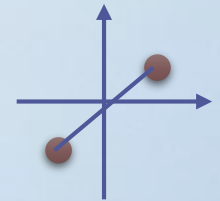
5. QUANTIZATION OF ANGULAR MOMENTUM

Example: Consider an oxygen molecule rotating on the xy plane about the z axis. The rotation axis passes through the center of the molecule, perpendicular to its length. The mass of each oxygen atom is 2.66×10^{-26} kg, and the average separation between the two atoms is $d = 1.21 \times 10^{-10}$ m. Consider the quantization nature, please find the lowest angular speed.

$$I = \sum m_i r_i^2 = 2 \times 2.66 \times 10^{-26} \times (0.605 \times 10^{-10})^2$$

$$I = 1.95 \times 10^{-46} (\text{kg m}^2)$$

$$I\omega = 1 \cdot \hbar, \quad \omega = \frac{\hbar}{I} = 5.41 \times 10^{11} (\text{rad/s})$$



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