

PHY131H1S - Class 17

Today:

- Rotational Motion, Rotational Kinematics (some review of Ch.4)
- Newton's 2nd Law of Rotation
- Torque
- Moment of Inertia
- Centre of Mass



Pre-class reading quiz on Chapter 12

Moment of inertia is

- A. the rotational equivalent of *mass*.
- B. the point at which all forces appear to act.
- C. the time at which inertia occurs.
- D. an alternative term for *moment arm*.

Linear acceleration = force / mass:

$$a_x = \frac{(F_{net})_x}{m}$$



Angular acceleration = torque / moment of inertia:

$$\alpha = \frac{\tau_{net}}{I}$$

Announcement



Dr. Savaria

- Test 2 will be on Tuesday, Nov. 22 from 8:00 to 9:30pm [note late start!] – Test 2 covers Chapters 5 through 12
- If you have a conflict at that time, and you were registered for the alternate sitting for test 1, you must send an email to April Seeley requesting an alternate sitting for test 2 by Thursday *this week* by 5:00pm.
- If you have a conflict at that time, and you were **not** registered for the alternate sitting for test 1, you must visit MP129 and fill out a conflict form for test 2 by Thursday *this week* by 5:00pm.
- The alternate sitting will take place on Wednesday Nov. 23 at 7:40am.

Last day I asked at the end of class:

Why is a door easier to open when the handle is far from the hinge, and more difficult to open when the handle is in the middle?



- ANSWER:
- **Torque** is the rotational analog of force:
- Force causes things to accelerate along a line.
- Torque causes things to have **angular acceleration**.
- Torque = Force × **Moment Arm**
- Moment Arm is the distance between where you apply the force and the hinge or pivot point.
- Putting the handle further from the hinge *increases your moment arm*, therefore it *increases your torque* for the same applied force: the door rotates better.

Recall from Chapters 1-4:

Linear

- *s* (or *x* or *y*) specifies position.

▪ Velocity:

$$v_x = \frac{d}{dt}(x) \quad v_y = \frac{d}{dt}(y)$$

▪ Acceleration:

$$a_x = \frac{d}{dt}(v_x) \quad a_y = \frac{d}{dt}(v_y)$$

Rotational Analogy

- θ is angular position. The S.I. Unit is radians, where 2π radians = 360° .

▪ Angular velocity:

$$\omega = \frac{d}{dt}(\theta)$$

▪ Angular acceleration:

$$\alpha = \frac{d}{dt}(\omega)$$

Linear / Rotational Analogy

Linear

- *x*
- v_x
- a_x

- Force: F_x
- Mass: m

$$a_x = \frac{(F_{net})_x}{m}$$

Rotational Analogy

- θ
- ω
- α

- Torque: τ
- Moment of Inertia: I

Newton's Second Law:

$$\alpha = \frac{\tau_{net}}{I}$$

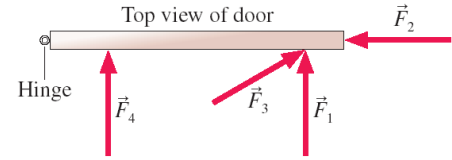
Example

- The engine in a small airplane is specified to have a torque of 60.0 N m. This engine drives a propeller whose moment of inertia is 13.3 kg m². On start-up, how long does it take the propeller to reach 200 rpm?



Torque

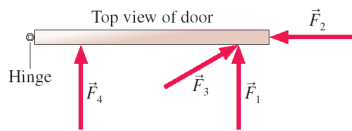
Consider the common experience of pushing open a door. Shown is a top view of a door hinged on the left. Four pushing forces are shown, all of equal strength. Which of these will be most effective at opening the door?



- A. F_1
- B. F_2
- C. F_3
- D. F_4

Torque

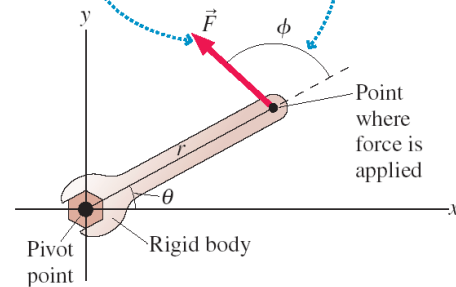
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The ability of a force to cause a rotation depends on three factors:

- the magnitude F of the force.
- the distance r from the point of application to the pivot.
- the angle at which the force is applied.

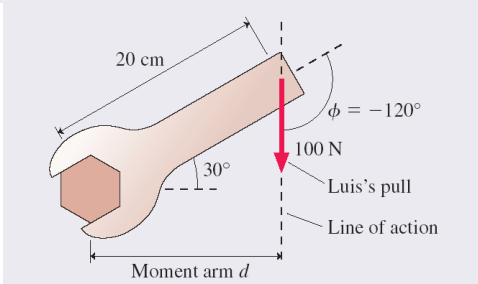
\vec{F} exerts a torque about the pivot point. Angle ϕ is measured ccw from the radial line.



$$\tau = rF \sin \phi$$

Example

Luis uses a 20-cm-long wrench to turn a nut. The wrench handle is tilted 30° above the horizontal, and Luis pulls straight down on the end with a force of 100 N. How much torque does Luis exert on the nut?



Consider a body made of N particles, each of mass m_i , where $i = 1$ to N . Each particle is located a distance r_i from the axis of rotation. We define **moment of inertia**:

$$I = m_1 r_1^2 + m_2 r_2^2 + m_3 r_3^2 + \dots = \sum_i m_i r_i^2$$

The units of moment of inertia are kg m². An object's moment of inertia depends on the axis of rotation.

The **moment of inertia**

$$I = \sum_i m_i r_i^2 = \int r^2 dm$$

is the rotational equivalent of mass. The moment of inertia depends on how the mass is distributed around the axis. If I_{cm} is known, the I about a parallel axis distance d away is given by the **parallel-axis theorem**: $I = I_{cm} + Md^2$.

TABLE 12.2 Moments of inertia of objects with uniform density

Object and axis	Picture	I
Thin rod, about center		$\frac{1}{12}ML^2$
Thin rod, about end		$\frac{1}{3}ML^2$
Plane or slab, about center		$\frac{1}{12}Ma^2$

Plane or slab, about center		$\frac{1}{12}Ma^2$	So ab
Plane or slab, about edge		$\frac{1}{3}Ma^2$	Sp ab

uniform density

I	Object and axis	Picture	I
$\frac{1}{2}ML^2$	Cylinder or disk, about center		$\frac{1}{2}MR^2$
$\frac{2}{3}ML^2$	Cylindrical hoop, about center		MR^2

$\frac{1}{2}Ma^2$	Solid sphere, about diameter		$\frac{2}{5}MR^2$
$\frac{1}{3}Ma^2$	Spherical shell, about diameter		$\frac{2}{3}MR^2$

Center of Mass

The center of mass is the mass-weighted center of the object.

$$x_{cm} = \frac{1}{M} \int x \, dm \quad \text{and} \quad y_{cm} = \frac{1}{M} \int y \, dm$$

Rotation About the Center of Mass

- An unconstrained object (i.e., one not on an axle or a pivot) on which there is no net force rotates about a point called the **center of mass**
- The center of mass remains motionless while every other point in the object undergoes circular motion around it

The object rotates about this point, which is the center of mass.

An off-center rotation axis

Mass M

Axis through the center of mass

The moment of inertia about this axis is $I = I_{\text{cm}} + Md^2$.

The Parallel-Axis Theorem

- Suppose you know the moment of inertia of an object when it rotates about axis its centre of mass: I_{cm}
- You can find the moment of inertia when it is rotating about any other axis which is a distance d away from the cm:

$$I = I_{\text{cm}} + Md^2$$

Four Ts are made from two identical rods of equal mass and length. Rank in order, from largest to smallest, the moments of inertia I_a to I_d for rotation about the dotted line.

(a) (b) (c) (d)

A. $I_a > I_d > I_b > I_c$
 B. $I_c = I_d > I_a = I_b$
 C. $I_a = I_b > I_c = I_d$
 D. $I_a > I_b > I_d > I_c$
 E. $I_c > I_b > I_d > I_a$

Before Class 18 on Wednesday

- Please read up to and including section 12.7 of Knight Chapter 12
- Something to think about:
- In Practicals this week you will hold the string of a yo-yo fixed as you drop it. As the yo-yo falls, the string unwinds and the yo-yo rotates. Does it fall faster or slower than 9.8 m/s^2 ?
- The transformation of energy is $U_g \rightarrow \text{kinetic}$; so *why* does it fall slower?