

# CHAPTER 12

\* Particle model vs. Rigid Body model

\* Basic types of motion for a rigid body

- 1) Translational Motion
- 2) Rotational Motion
- 3) Combination of 1+2.

Rotational Kinematics.

Angular velocity :  $\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt}$  ( $\omega > 0$  for ccw motion)

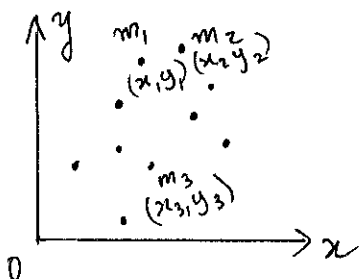
Angular acceleration :  $\alpha = \frac{d\omega}{dt}$

$\omega > 0$	$\omega > 0$	$\omega < 0$	$\omega < 0$
$\alpha > 0$	$\alpha < 0$	$\alpha > 0$	$\alpha < 0$
speeding up ccw	slowing down ccw	slowing down cw	speeding up cw

$v_r = 0$	$a_r = \frac{v^2}{r} = \omega^2 r$
$v_t = r\omega$	$a_t = r\alpha$

## 12.2 Rotation about the center of mass

An unconstrained object on which there is no net force, rotates about a point called "center of mass".



$$\begin{cases} x_{cm} = \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2 + \dots}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_i m_i x_i \\ y_{cm} = \frac{m_1 y_1 + m_2 y_2 + \dots}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_i m_i y_i \end{cases}$$

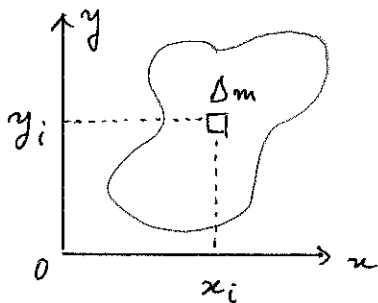
$(x_{cm}, y_{cm})$  are the center of mass coordinates.

\* When  $m_1 = m_2 = m_3 = \dots = m$  for  $N$  particles,

$$x_{cm} = \frac{m(x_1 + x_2 + \dots)}{Nm} = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots}{N} \rightarrow \text{Average } x\text{-coordinate}$$

$$y_{cm} = \frac{m(y_1 + y_2 + \dots)}{Nm} = \frac{y_1 + y_2 + \dots}{N} \rightarrow \text{Average } y\text{-coordinate}$$

\* For a Rigid Body of mass  $M$ ,

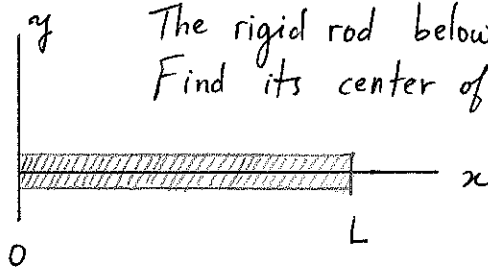


$$x_{cm} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_i^N x_i \Delta m \quad \text{and} \quad y_{cm} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_i^N y_i \Delta m$$

As  $\Delta m \rightarrow 0$  and  $N \rightarrow \infty$

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

Example



The rigid rod below is of length  $L$  and mass  $M$ .  
Find its center of mass.

The density per length:  $\lambda = \frac{M}{L}$

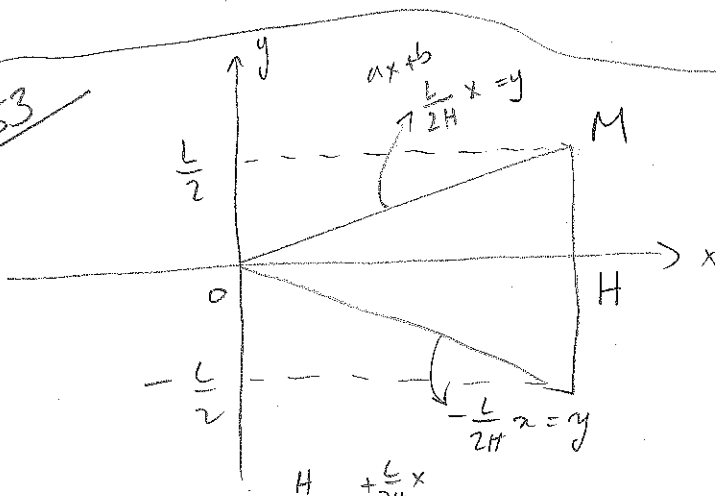
$$dm = \lambda \, dx = \frac{M}{L} \, dx$$

$$x_{cm} = \frac{1}{M} \int x \, dm = \frac{1}{M} \int_0^L x \frac{M}{L} \, dx$$

$$x_{cm} = \frac{1}{L} \int_0^L x \, dx = \frac{1}{L} \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^L$$

$$x_{cm} = \frac{L}{2} \quad \text{as expected.}$$

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$$x_{cm} = \frac{1}{M} \int x \, dm$$

$$dm = \sigma \, dA = \frac{M}{A} \, dx \, dy$$

$$dm = \frac{2M}{HL} \, dx \, dy$$

$$y_{cm} = \frac{1}{M} \int_0^H \left( \int_{-\frac{L}{2H}x}^{+\frac{L}{2H}x} y \frac{2M}{HL} \, dy \right) dx$$

$$y_{cm} = \frac{2M}{MHL} \int_0^H 0 \, dy = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$x_{cm} = \int_{-\frac{L}{2H}x}^{+\frac{L}{2H}x} \int_0^H x \frac{2M}{HL} \, dx \, dy = \int_0^H \left( \int_{-\frac{L}{2H}x}^{+\frac{L}{2H}x} dy \right) \frac{2M}{HL} x \, dx$$

$$x_{cm} = \frac{1}{M} \frac{2M}{HL} \int_0^H \frac{L}{H} x^2 \, dx = \frac{1}{M} \frac{2M}{H^2} \left. \frac{x^3}{3} \right|_0^H = \frac{2H}{3} = \frac{2}{3} H$$

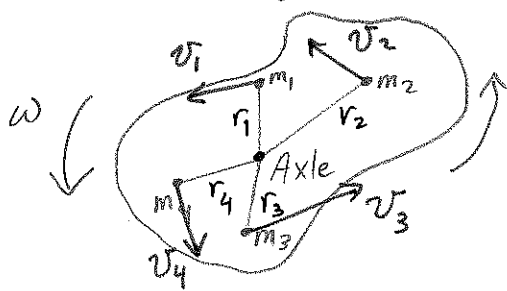
For  $L=20 \text{ cm}$  and  $H=30 \text{ cm}$

$$\begin{cases} x_{cm} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot 30 \text{ cm} = 20 \text{ cm} \quad \checkmark \\ y_{cm} = 0 \text{ cm} \quad \checkmark \end{cases}$$

## 12.3 Rotational Energy

The kinetic energy due to rotation is called rotational kinetic energy.

For a Rigid object:



$$K_{\text{rot}} = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 v_2^2 + \dots$$

$$K_{\text{rot}} = \frac{1}{2} m_1 r_1^2 \omega^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 r_2^2 \omega^2 + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_i m_i r_i^2 \right) \omega^2$$

$\equiv I \rightarrow$  Moment of Inertia

Remember that  $v = r\omega$

$$K_{\text{rot}} = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2$$

\* Note that  $\frac{1}{2} I \omega^2$  is analogous to  $\frac{1}{2} m v^2$ .

\*  $I$  depends on the axis of rotation.

\*  $I$  depends on how the mass of the object is distributed.

\* If the rotation axis (axle) is not through the center of mass of the object

$$E_{\text{mech}} = K_{\text{rot}} + U_g = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2 + M g y_{\text{cm}}$$

\* For a continuous distribution of mass, i.e. a rigid body

$$I = \int r^2 dm$$

Example

Calculate the moment of inertia of a uniform rigid rod of mass  $M$  and length  $L$  that rotates about a pivot at one end.

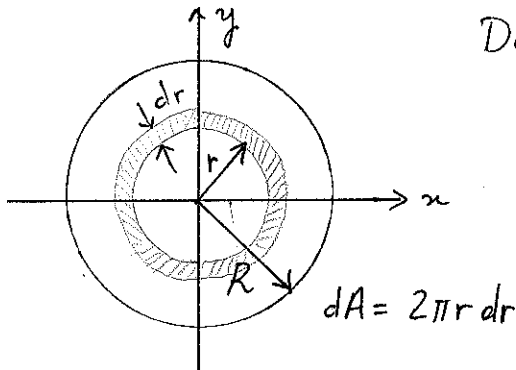
$$\text{Density } \lambda = \frac{M}{L} \rightarrow dm = \frac{M}{L} dx$$

$$I = \int x^2 dm = \int_0^L x^2 \frac{M}{L} dx = \frac{M}{L} \int_0^L x^2 dx$$

$$I = \frac{M}{L} \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^L = \boxed{\frac{1}{3} ML^2}$$

Example

Find the moment of inertia for a circular disc of radius  $R$  and mass  $m$  that rotates on an axis passing through its center.



Density per unit area  $\sigma = \frac{M}{\pi R^2}$

$$dm = \sigma dA = \frac{M}{\pi R^2} 2\pi r dr$$

$$I_{disc} = \int r^2 dm$$

$$I_{disc} = \int_0^R r^2 \frac{M}{\pi R^2} 2\pi r dr$$

$$I_{disc} = \frac{2M}{R^2} \int_0^R r^3 dr$$

$$= \frac{2M}{R^2} \left[ \frac{r^4}{4} \right]_0^R = \boxed{\frac{1}{2} MR^2}$$

The parallel axis theorem

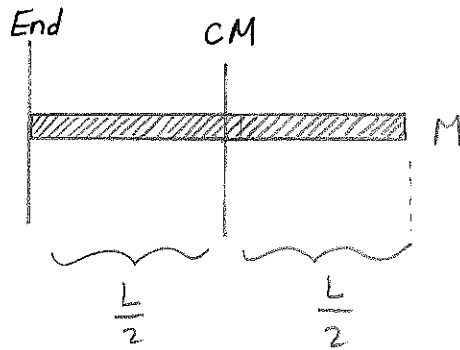
If the axis of interest is a distance  $d$  from a parallel axis through the center of mass, the moment of inertia

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

Example

Calculate the moment of inertia of a uniform rigid rod of mass  $M$  and length  $L$  that rotates about a pivot through its center of mass?

We have already calculated  $I$  for a rod rotating about a pivot at one end.



$$I_{\text{end}} = \frac{1}{3} ML^2$$

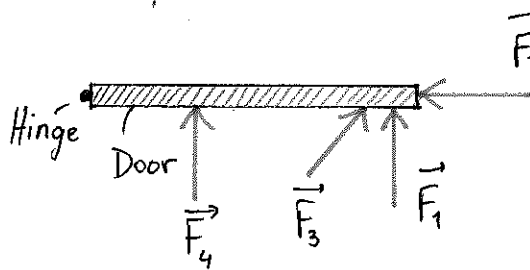
$$I_{\text{end}} = I_{\text{cm}} + Md^2$$

$$I_{\text{end}} = I_{\text{cm}} + M\left(\frac{L}{2}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{1}{3} ML^2 = I_{\text{cm}} + \frac{1}{4} ML^2$$

$$I_{\text{cm}} = \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}\right) ML^2 = \boxed{\frac{1}{12} ML^2}$$

## 12.5 Torque



All  $\vec{F}_1$ ,  $\vec{F}_3$  and  $\vec{F}_4$  will open the door.  $\vec{F}_2$  will not.

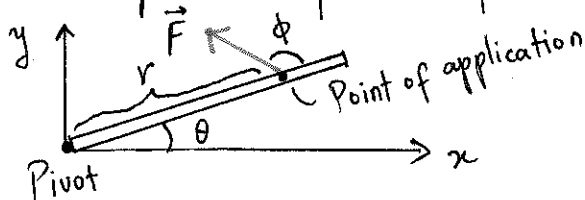
$\vec{F}_1$  will open it the most easily.

$\vec{F}_4$  opens it but not as easy as  $\vec{F}_1$ .

The ability of a force to cause rotation depends on:

- 1) Its magnitude.
- 2) The distance  $r$  from the point of application to the pivot point.
- 3) The angle.

Combining 1 & 3 we can say that it depends on the magnitude of the component of the force in the direction of rotation.



Torque is defined as

$$\tau = r F \sin \phi$$

\*  $\tau$  is the rotational equivalent of Force.

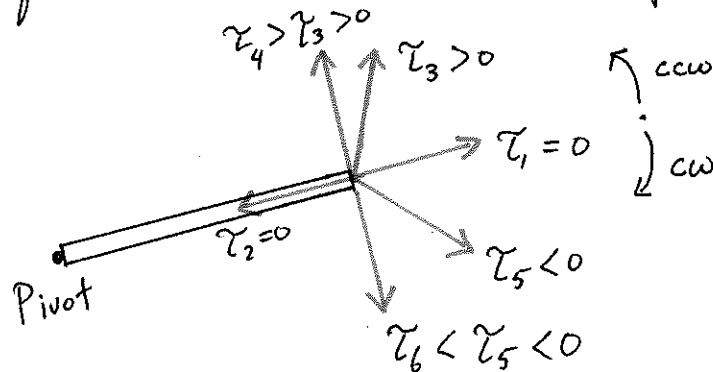
\* Units of  $\tau$  is N.m in SI units.

\*  $\tau$  is a vector like  $F$ . We'll use its sign to denote direction:

1)  $\tau > 0$  for torque causing ccw rotation

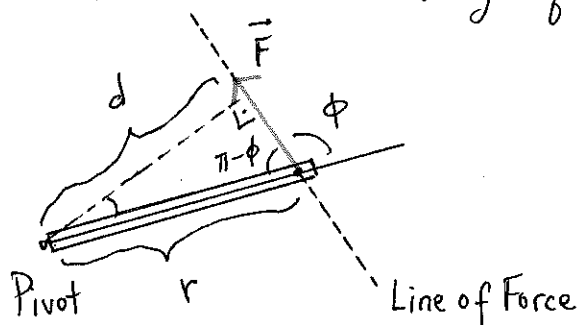
2)  $\tau < 0$  for torque causing cw rotation

\* Torque is calculated about a pivot point.



Alternatively,  $\tau = r F_t$  where  $F_t$  is the component of force perpendicular to the radial line.  $F_t = F \sin \phi$ .

Yet another alternative way of looking at  $\tau$ ;



$$d = r \sin(\pi - \phi) = r \sin \phi$$

$$|\tau| = d F = F r \sin \phi$$

$d$  is the distance from the pivot point to the line of  $\vec{F}$ .

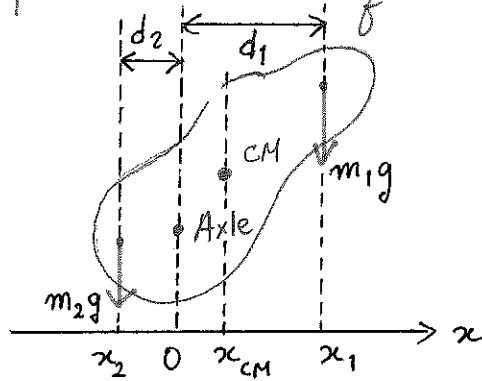
\*  $d$  is called "moment arm".

Net torque :  $\tau_{net} = \tau_1 + \tau_2 + \dots = \sum_i \tau_i$

Gravitational Torque: Gravitational Force acting on every particle making up the object

is  $F_i = m_i g$

Therefore  $\tau_i = d_i m_i g$



$\tau_i = -x_i m_i g$

$\tau_g = \sum_i \tau_i = -\sum_i x_i m_i g$

Remembering that  $x_{cm} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_i m_i x_i$

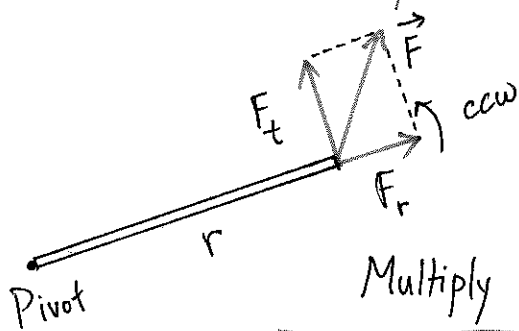
$\tau_g = -\left(\sum_i x_i m_i\right) g = -x_{cm} M g$

$= x_{cm} \cdot M$

$= F_G$  for the whole object as a point particle.

$\tau_g = -x_{cm} M g$

### 12.6 Rotational Dynamics



Newton's 2nd Law in the  $t$ -coordinate:

$F_t = m a_t = m r \alpha$

Multiply both sides by  $r$  to get  $\tau$

$r F_t = \tau = m r^2 \alpha$

Analogous to Newton's 2nd Law.



For a Rigid Body,

$$\tau_{\text{net}} = \sum_i \tau_i = \sum_i m_i r_i^2 \alpha$$

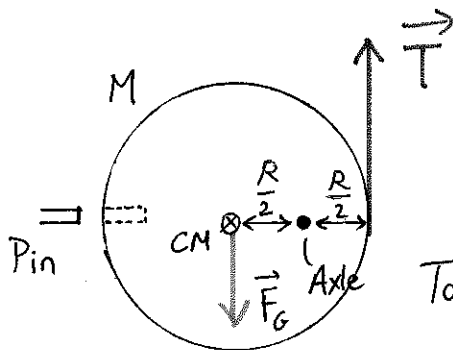
$$\tau_{\text{net}} = \underbrace{\left( \sum_i m_i r_i^2 \right)}_{\text{moment of inertia}} \alpha$$

= I moment of inertia of the object.

$$\boxed{\tau_{\text{net}} = I \alpha}$$

Newton's 2nd Law for Rotational Motion.

## 12.7 Rotation about a fixed Axis



When the pin is removed, what is the initial angular acceleration of the disc?

$$\tau_{\text{net}} = \tau_g + \tau_{\text{cable}}$$

Torque due to gravity:

$$\tau_g = -Mg x_{\text{cm}} \quad \omega / x_{\text{cm}} = -\frac{1}{2}R$$

$$\tau_g = \frac{1}{2}MgR$$

Torque due to Tension:  $\tau_{\text{cable}} = T \cdot \frac{R}{2}$

$$\tau_{\text{net}} = \frac{1}{2}MgR + \frac{1}{2}RT$$

$$\tau_{\text{net}} = \frac{1}{2}R(Mg + T)$$

The moment of Inertia about the axle:

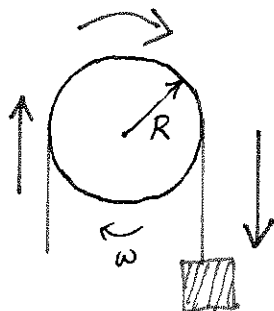
$$I = I_{\text{cm}} + M\left(\frac{R}{2}\right)^2, \quad I_{\text{cm}} = \frac{1}{2}MR^2$$

$$I = \frac{1}{2}MR^2 + \frac{1}{4}MR^2$$

$$I = \frac{3}{4}MR^2$$

$$\text{Finally, } \alpha = \frac{\tau_{\text{net}}}{I} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}R(Mg + T)}{\frac{3}{4}MR^2}$$

### Ropes and Pulleys

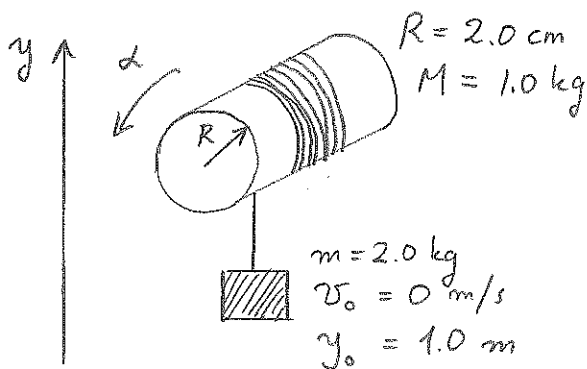


If the rope does not slip:

$$a_{\text{block}} = |\alpha|R$$

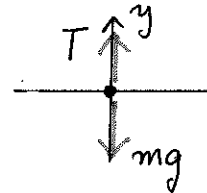
$$v_{\text{block}} = |\omega|R$$

### Example



How long does it take for the block to reach the ground?

FBD of the block



$$\sum F_y = T - mg = ma_y$$

$$a_y = \frac{T - mg}{m}$$

If I can calculate  $a_y$ ,

$$\Delta y = \frac{1}{2} a_y (\Delta t)^2$$

I can calculate  $\Delta t$ .

$$\text{For the cylinder} \rightarrow \alpha = \frac{\tau_{\text{net}}}{I} = \frac{TR}{\frac{1}{2}MR^2} = \frac{2T}{MR}$$

$$\text{Acceleration constraint} \rightarrow a_y = -\alpha R$$

$$a_y = -\frac{2T}{MR} R = -\frac{2T}{M} \rightarrow T = -a_y M / 2$$

Substituting  $T$  to solve for  $a_y$ ,

$$T - mg = ma_y$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} a_y M - mg = ma_y \rightarrow a_y \left( m + \frac{M}{2} \right) = -mg$$

$$a_y = \frac{-mg}{m + \frac{M}{2}}$$

The rest of the problem is kinematics:

$$\Delta y = \frac{1}{2} a_y (\Delta t)^2$$