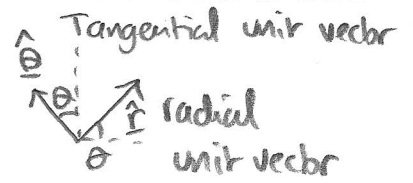
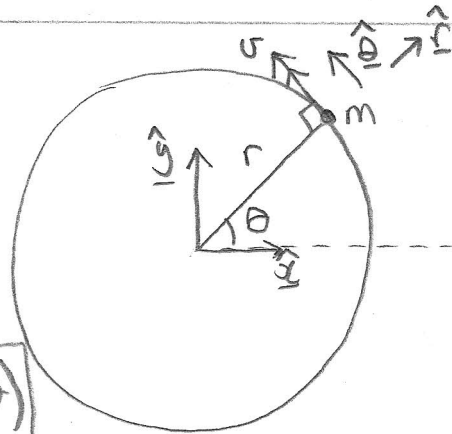


ROTATIONAL MECHANICS : CIRCULAR MOTION, MOMENTS, TORQUE
MOMENTS OF INERTIA, CENTRE OF MASS
ANGULAR MOMENTUM

CIRCULAR MOTION



ie position vector

polar $\underline{r} = r \hat{r}$ $r = \text{constant}$

Cartesian: $\underline{r} = r(\hat{x} \cos\theta + \hat{y} \sin\theta)$

Define $\omega = \dot{\theta}$

Angular velocity (radians/s)

$\dot{\theta} = \frac{d\theta}{dt}$

Now $\hat{r} = \hat{x} \cos\theta + \hat{y} \sin\theta$

$\hat{\theta} = -\hat{x} \sin\theta + \hat{y} \cos\theta$

$\frac{d\hat{r}}{dt} = (-\hat{x} \sin\theta + \hat{y} \cos\theta) \dot{\theta}$

$\frac{d\hat{r}}{dt} = \dot{\theta} \hat{\theta}$

$\frac{d\hat{\theta}}{dt} = (-\hat{x} \cos\theta - \hat{y} \sin\theta) \dot{\theta}$

$\frac{d\hat{\theta}}{dt} = -\dot{\theta} \hat{r}$

Velocity $\underline{v} = \frac{d}{dt}(r\hat{r}) = r \frac{d\hat{r}}{dt} + \dot{r} \hat{r}$

$\underline{v} = r\dot{\theta} \hat{\theta} + \dot{r} \hat{r}$

if $r = \text{constant}$ $\dot{r} = 0$

$\underline{v} = r\dot{\theta} \hat{\theta}$ or $\underline{v} = r\omega$

Acceleration $\underline{a} = \frac{d\underline{v}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(r\dot{\theta} \hat{\theta} + \dot{r} \hat{r})$

$= r\dot{\theta}(-\dot{\theta} \hat{r}) + \hat{\theta}(r\ddot{\theta} + \dot{\theta} \dot{r}) + \dot{r} \hat{r} + \dot{\theta} \hat{\theta}$

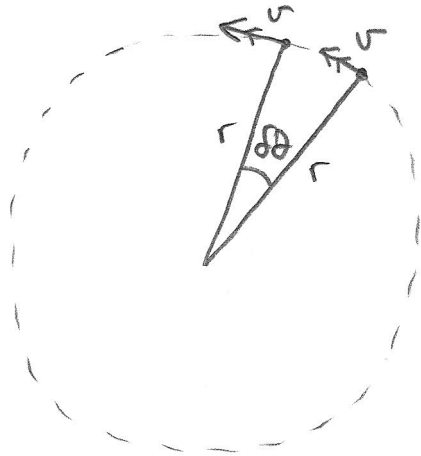
$\underline{a} = \hat{r}(-r\dot{\theta}^2 + \ddot{r}) + \hat{\theta}(2\dot{r}\dot{\theta} + r\ddot{\theta})$

if $\dot{r} = 0$ $\underline{a} = \hat{r}(-r\dot{\theta}^2) + \hat{\theta}(r\ddot{\theta})$

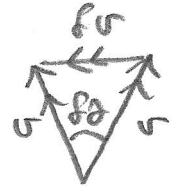
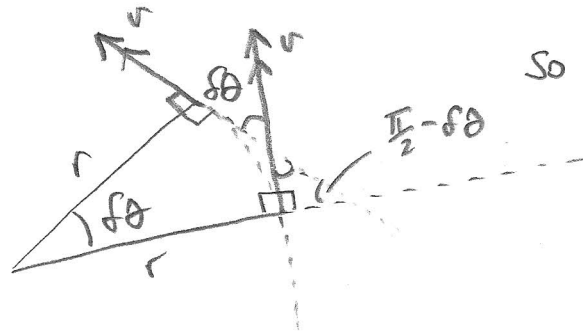
ie radially inward ("centripetal") acceleration $r\omega^2$
tangential acceleration $r\ddot{\theta} = r\dot{\omega}$

Note since $\underline{v} = r\omega$, centripetal acceleration = $\frac{v^2}{r}$

Simple derivation of centripetal acceleration for uniform circular motion i.e. $\omega = \dot{\theta} = \text{constant}$, as well as $r = \text{constant}$.



If particle rotates angle $\delta\theta$ radians in δt
 $\boxed{v \delta t = r \delta\theta}$ is the arc length



so
 If $\delta\theta \ll 1$
 $\boxed{\delta v \approx v \delta\theta}$

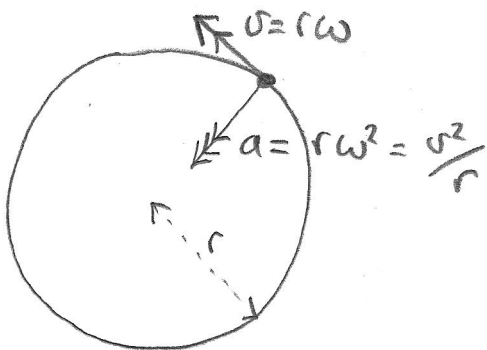
∴ acceleration $a = \frac{\delta v}{\delta t} = \frac{v \delta\theta}{r \delta\theta / v} \Rightarrow \boxed{a = \frac{v^2}{r}}$

Also, for uniform circular motion the time period for 1 rotation

$\boxed{v = \frac{2\pi r}{T}}$ where T is

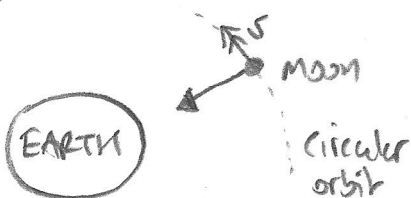
$\boxed{\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}}$ so $\boxed{v = r\omega}$

Note if rotations / s = f (Hz)
 $\boxed{f = \frac{1}{T}}$ ∴ $\boxed{\omega = 2\pi f}$ ↑ rotation frequency



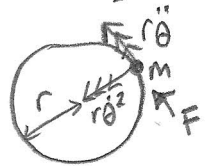
uniform circular motion
 $\dot{r} = 0$
 $\dot{\omega} = 0$

So for uniform circular motion there must be a net force acting radially inwards - for example GRAVITY



Now consider a particle of mass m moving in a circle of radius r but driven by tangential force $F \hat{\theta}$

Newton II: $m r \ddot{\theta} = F$
 $\parallel \hat{\theta}$
 $m r^2 \ddot{\theta} = F r$



$F r$ is the turning moment or Torque τ
 magnitude ("Force \times \perp distance")

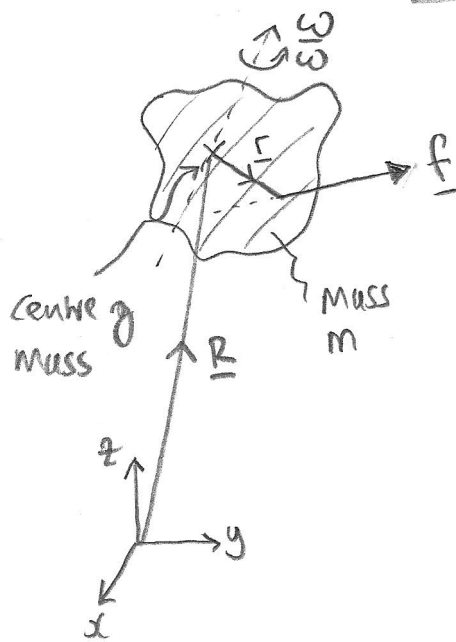
so $\tau = m r^2 \dot{\omega}$

$\boxed{\tau = I \dot{\omega}}$

$I = m r^2$
 Moment of inertia

Note $kE = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$
 $KE = \frac{1}{2} m r^2 \omega^2 = \boxed{\frac{1}{2} I \omega^2}$

In general for a **rigid body** acted upon by force \underline{f}



Newton II: $M\dot{\underline{R}} = \underline{f}$

is acceleration of centre of mass COM

$\underline{\tau} = \underline{r} \times \underline{f}$ Torque

\underline{r} is displacement of force from centre of mass

$\underline{\tau} = \underline{I} \dot{\underline{\omega}}$

\uparrow
Moment of inertia matrix ("tensor")

$\underline{\omega} = \omega_x \hat{x} + \omega_y \hat{y} + \omega_z \hat{z}$

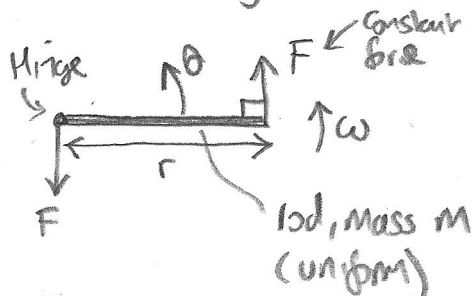
Angular velocity vector (is rotation axis through COM)

If no net torque $\underline{I} \dot{\underline{\omega}} = \underline{0}$ so $\underline{I} \underline{\omega} = \text{constant}$

This is called the **angular momentum** $\underline{L} = \underline{I} \underline{\omega}$

$\underline{I} \rightarrow I$

For simplicity let's choose objects where rotation axis is fixed \nearrow



$\underline{\tau} = I \dot{\underline{\omega}}$
Torque

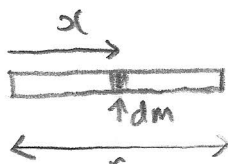
so if $\omega = 0$ when $t = 0$

$\omega(t) = \frac{\underline{\tau}}{I} t$

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

$\theta(t) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\underline{\tau}}{I} t^2$

Now $I = \int dm x^2$



If rod is uniform $dm = \frac{dx}{r} m$

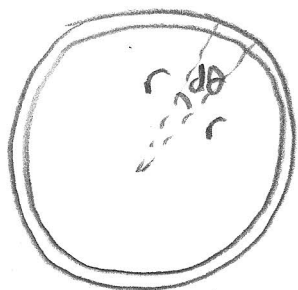
$I = \int_0^r \frac{m}{r} x^2 dx$

$I = \frac{m}{r} \left[\frac{1}{3} x^3 \right]_0^r$

$I = \frac{1}{3} m r^2$

← Moment of inertia of rod length r mass m about one end.

Moment of inertia of a hoop of mass M



$I = \int dm r^2$

$dm = \frac{r d\theta}{2\pi r} m$

$I = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{m r^2}{2\pi} d\theta = m r^2$

Moment of inertia of a solid cylinder

or a disc

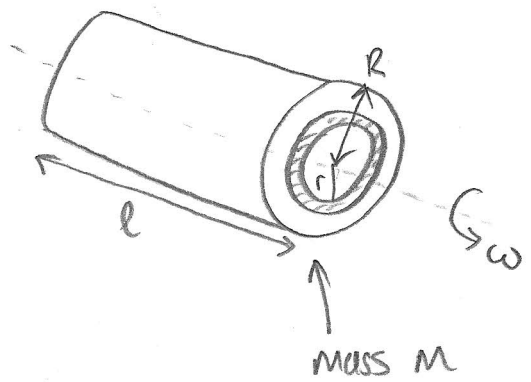
$$I = \int dm \times r^2$$

$dm =$ mass of tube of radius r

$$dm = \rho l \times 2\pi r dr = \frac{M}{\pi R^2 l} \times 2\pi r dr$$

$$dm = \frac{2Mr dr}{R^2}$$

$$\therefore I = \int_0^R \frac{2M}{R^2} r^3 dr = \frac{2M}{R^2} \left[\frac{1}{4} r^4 \right]_0^R = \frac{1}{2} MR^2$$



density $\rho = \frac{M}{\pi R^2 l}$

Moment of inertia of a solid sphere

$$I = \int \frac{1}{2} dm y^2$$

\leftarrow sum of disc moment of inertias

$$\therefore I = 2 \int_{x=0}^r \frac{1}{2} \rho \pi y^4 dx$$

$$\rho = \frac{M}{\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3}$$

Pythagoras: $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$

$$\therefore y^4 = (r^2 - x^2)^2$$

$$y^4 = r^4 - 2r^2x^2 + x^4$$

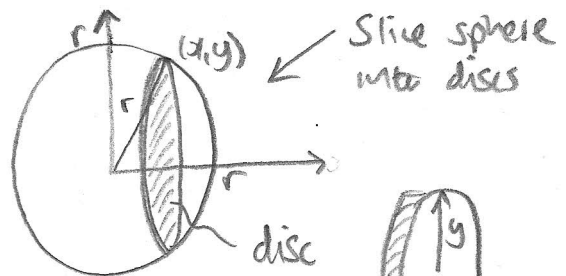
$$\therefore I = \frac{3M}{4r^3} \int_0^r (r^4 - 2r^2x^2 + x^4) dx = \frac{3M}{4r^3} \left[r^4x - \frac{2}{3}r^2x^3 + \frac{1}{5}x^5 \right]_0^r$$

$$I = \frac{3M}{4r^3} \left(1 - \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{5} \right) r^5$$

$$I = \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} \right) Mr^2$$

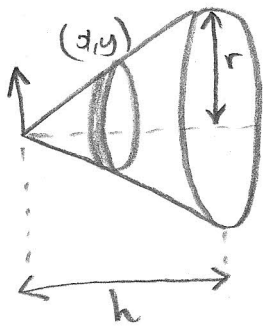
$$I = \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{8}{15} Mr^2$$

$$I = \frac{2}{5} Mr^2$$



mass $dm = \rho \pi y^2 dx$

Moment of inertia of a solid cone



$$\rho = \frac{M}{\frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h}$$

$$I = \int \frac{1}{2} dm x^2 \quad \text{i.e. sum of disc moment of inertia}$$

$$\frac{y}{x} = \frac{r}{h} \quad \text{for cone boundary}$$

$$dm = \pi y^2 dx \rho$$

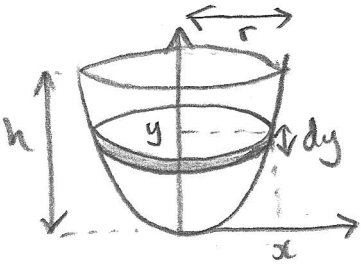
$$\therefore dm = \pi \rho r^2 \frac{x^2}{h^2} dx$$

$$\text{So } I = \frac{1}{2} \pi \frac{M}{\frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h} \frac{r^2}{h^2} \int_0^h x^2 r^2 \frac{x^2}{h^2} dx$$

$$I = \frac{3}{2} M r^2 \frac{1}{h^5} \left[\frac{1}{5} x^5 \right]_0^h \Rightarrow I = \frac{3}{10} M r^2$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{3}{10} M r^2$$

Moment of inertia of a parabolic cap (of mass M)



$$\text{Volume } V = \int_0^h \pi x^2 dy = \frac{\pi r^2}{h} \int_0^h y dy$$

$$= \frac{\pi r^2}{h} \int_0^h y dy$$

$$= \frac{\pi r^2}{h} \left[\frac{1}{2} y^2 \right]_0^h$$

$$= \frac{\pi r^2}{2h} h^2 \Rightarrow V = \frac{1}{2} \pi r^2 h$$

$$\text{let } y = h \frac{x^2}{r^2}$$

$$\text{i.e. } x^2 = \frac{r^2}{h} y$$

Density

$$\rho = \frac{M}{\frac{1}{2}\pi r^2 h}$$

So moment of inertia about y rotation axis is $I = \int \frac{1}{2} dm x^2$

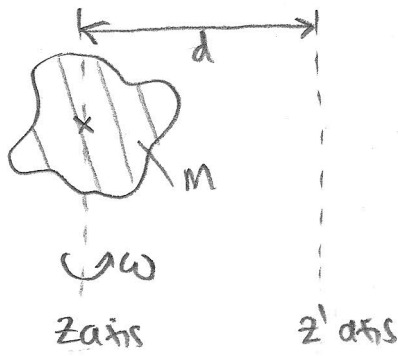
$$dm = \rho \pi x^2 dy = \frac{2M}{\pi r^2 h} \pi \left(\frac{r^2}{h} y \right) dy = \frac{2M}{h^2} y dy \quad \text{Note } x^2 = \frac{r^2 y}{h}$$



$$\therefore I = \frac{2M}{h^2} \frac{r^2}{h} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^h y^2 dy = \frac{M r^2}{h^3} \left[\frac{1}{3} y^3 \right]_0^h$$

$$\therefore I = \frac{1}{3} M r^2$$

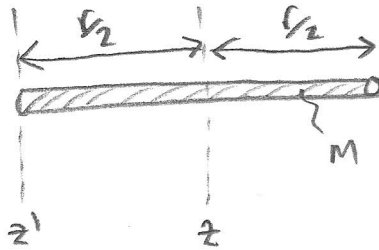
// axis theorem



If I_z is the moment of inertia of a rigid body of mass about an axis of rotation z through the object centre of mass

$$I_{z'} = I_z + md^2$$

So for rigid rod :



From above

$$I_{z'} = \frac{1}{3}mr^2$$

$$\therefore I_z = \frac{1}{3}mr^2 - m\left(\frac{r}{2}\right)^2$$

$$I_z = mr^2\left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$I_z = \frac{1}{12}mr^2$$

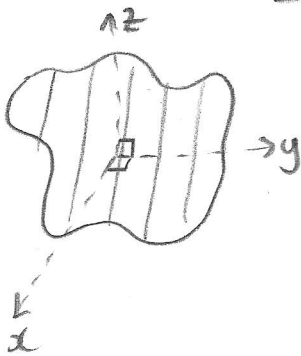
For 2D rigid objects

ie "laminae" there is also the

⊥ axis theorem

$$I_x = I_y + I_z$$

ie neglect thickness ($\ll r$)



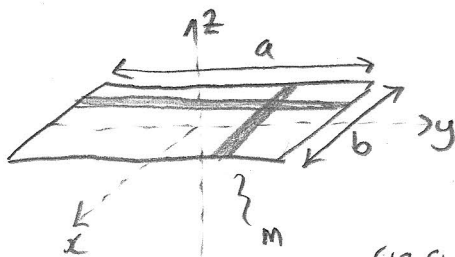
From above I_x for a disc is $\frac{1}{2}mr^2$ clearly from symmetry $I_y = I_z$

symmetry $I_y = I_z$

$$\frac{1}{2}mr^2 = 2I_y$$

$$I_y = \frac{1}{4}mr^2$$

Moments of inertia of a rectangular plate

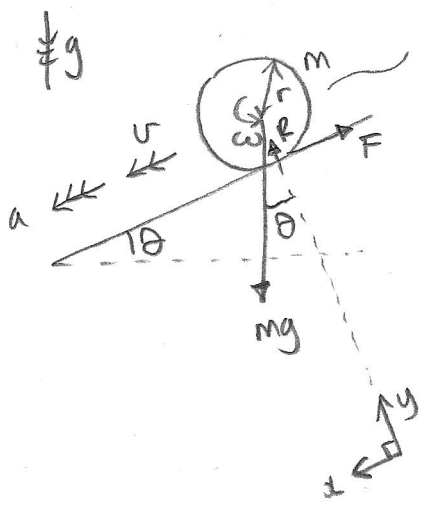


$$I_y = 2 \int_0^{b/2} \frac{a dx}{ab} m x^2 = \frac{2M}{b} \left[\frac{1}{3}x^3 \right]_0^{b/2} = \frac{2mb^2}{24} = \frac{Mb^2}{12}$$

$\therefore a \leftrightarrow b \Rightarrow I_x = \frac{Ma^2}{12}$
(ie swap a to b for a by)

\therefore by \perp axis theorem $I_z = \frac{M}{12}(a^2 + b^2)$

ROLLING A CYLINDER OR SPHERE DOWN A SLOPE WITHOUT SLIPPING



Cylinder or sphere of mass m , rolling at angular speed ω

If no slip $v = r\omega$ also $F \leq \mu R$

Newton II: //x: $ma = mgs\theta - F$
 //y: $0 = R - mg\cos\theta$

"Torque = moment of inertia \times angular acceleration"
 ↑
 only turning moment about cylinder/sphere COM is $F \times r$

So $Fr = I\dot{\omega}$ $a = \dot{v} = r\dot{\omega}$
 \therefore $\dot{\omega} = \frac{a}{r}$

$I_{\text{sphere}} = \frac{2}{5}Mr^2$
 $I_{\text{cyl}} = \frac{1}{2}Mr^2$

$\therefore Fr = Ia/r$
 \therefore $F = \frac{Ia}{r^2}$

$ma = mgs\theta - \frac{Ia}{r^2} \Rightarrow a\left(m + \frac{I}{r^2}\right) = mgs\theta$

$a = \frac{gs\theta}{1 + \frac{I}{Mr^2}}$

For no slip $\mu \geq \frac{F}{R}$
 $\mu \geq \frac{Ia/r^2}{mgs\theta}$
 $\mu \geq \frac{\frac{I}{r^2}gs\theta}{1 + \frac{I}{Mr^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{mgs\theta}$
 $\mu \geq \frac{I}{Mr^2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \frac{I}{Mr^2}} \tan\theta$

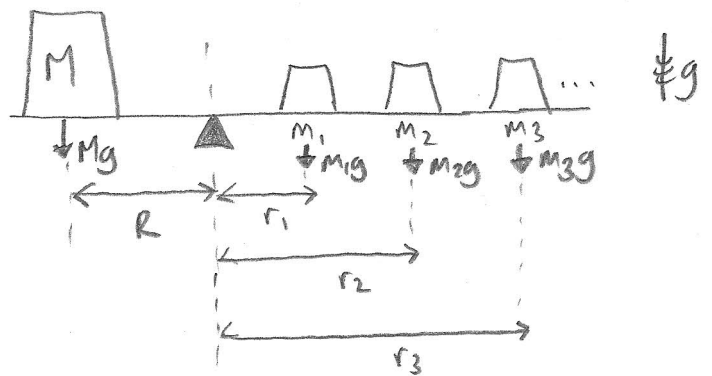
$\mu \geq \frac{\tan\theta}{\frac{Mr^2}{I} + 1}$

Particle on slope sliding
 $a = gs\theta$, $\mu < \tan\theta$

Rolling cylinder, no slip
 $a = \frac{2}{3}gs\theta$, $\mu \geq \frac{1}{3}\tan\theta$

Rolling sphere, no slip
 $a = \frac{5}{7}gs\theta$, $\mu \geq \frac{2}{7}\tan\theta$

CENTRES OF MASS



For the see-saw on the right to balance there can be no net turning moment $\underline{C} = \underline{r} \times \underline{f}$
 All forces are weights so, taking \curvearrowright + moments, at eq:

$$0 = \sum_i r_i m_i g - R M g$$

$$R = \frac{\sum_i m_i r_i}{M}$$

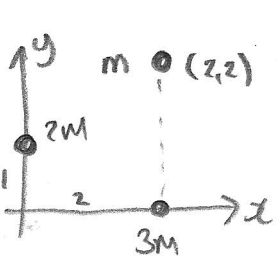
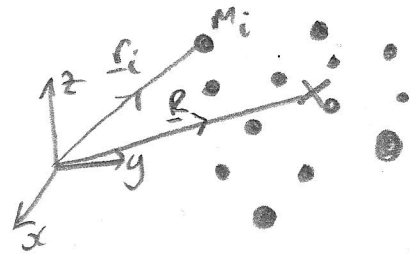
If $M = \sum_i m_i$ we can

"represent the total weight on the right as acting at R from pivot"

Hence of a discrete system of masses

$$\underline{R} = \frac{\sum_i m_i \underline{r}_i}{\sum_i m_i}$$

↑
Centre of mass

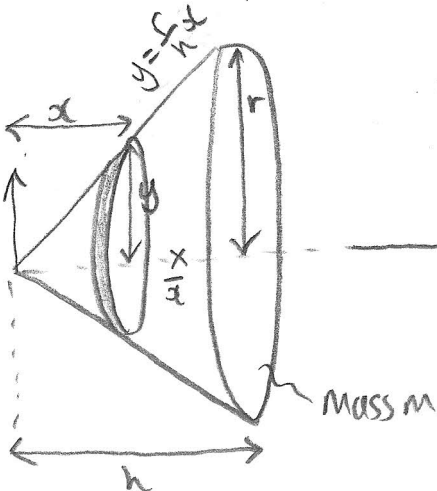


Centre of mass is $\frac{2m \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + 3m \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + m \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}}{2m + 3m + m} = \underline{R}$

$$\underline{R} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \underline{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 4/3 \\ 2/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Integration needed for solid objects.

CENTRE OF MASS OF A SOLID CONE



$$\frac{y}{x} = \frac{r}{h} \text{ for cone envelope}$$

Volume of cone is $\frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h$
 Density $\rho = \frac{M}{\frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h}$

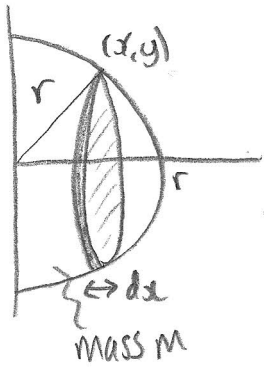
$$\text{COM } \bar{x} = \frac{1}{M} \int dm x$$

$$dm = \rho \times \pi y^2 dx = \frac{M}{\frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h} \pi \frac{r^2 x^2}{h^2} dx$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{M} \frac{3M}{h^3} \int_0^h x^3 dx \Rightarrow \bar{x} = \frac{3}{4} h$$

$\frac{1}{4} h$ from base $\textcircled{8}$

CENTRE OF MASS OF A SOLID HEMISPHERE



Density $\frac{M}{\frac{2}{3}\pi r^3} = \rho$

Pythagoras: $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$
 $\therefore y^2 = r^2 - x^2$

COM $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{M} \int x + dm$

$dm = \rho \times \pi y^2 dx$

$dm = \frac{3M}{2\pi r^3} \pi y^2 dx$

$dm = \frac{3}{2} M \frac{y^2}{r^3} dx$

$dm = \frac{3}{2} M \frac{(r^2 - x^2)}{r^3} dx$

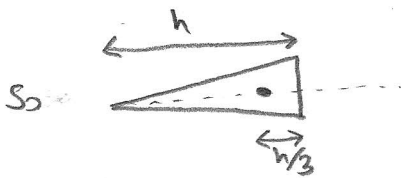
So $\bar{x} = \frac{3}{2r^3} \int_0^r (r^2 x - x^3) dx \Rightarrow \bar{x} = \frac{3}{2r^3} \left[\frac{1}{2} r^2 x^2 - \frac{1}{4} x^4 \right]_0^r$

$\bar{x} = \frac{3}{2} r \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \right)$

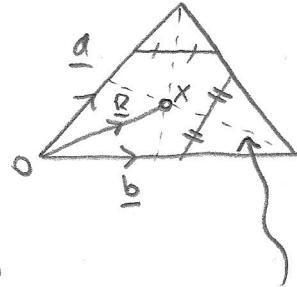
$\bar{x} = \frac{3}{8} r$

CENTRE OF MASS OF TRIANGULAR LAMINA

$\underline{R} = \underline{OX} = \frac{1}{3} (\underline{a} + \underline{b})$



Can prove (see Election Maths / Centre of mass in mechanics) using intersection of median lines



CENTRE OF MASS OF CIRCULAR LAMINA (well, sector)

← of angular width 2α

"sector" $d\theta \rightarrow 0$ so treat as triangular lamina

\therefore x coordinate of COM of sector is $\frac{2}{3} r \cos \theta$

$\therefore \bar{x} = \frac{1}{M} \int dm \times x$

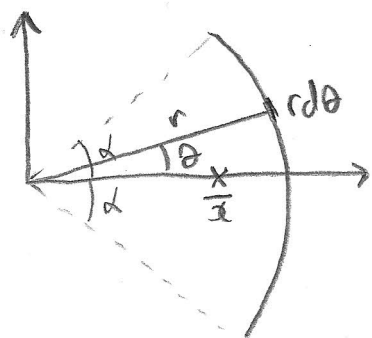
$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{2\alpha} \frac{2}{3} r \int_{-\alpha}^{\alpha} \cos \theta d\theta \Rightarrow \bar{x} = \frac{r}{3\alpha} \left[\sin \theta \right]_{-\alpha}^{\alpha}$

mass of sector

$dm = \frac{\frac{1}{2} r^2 d\theta}{\frac{1}{2} r^2 (2\alpha)} \times M$
 total mass

$\therefore \bar{x} = \frac{2r}{3\alpha} \sin \alpha$

CENTRE OF MASS OF A WIRE ARC



Let mass per unit length be $\rho = \frac{M}{2r\alpha}$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{M} \int dm \times r \cos \theta$$

$$dm = r d\theta \times \rho$$

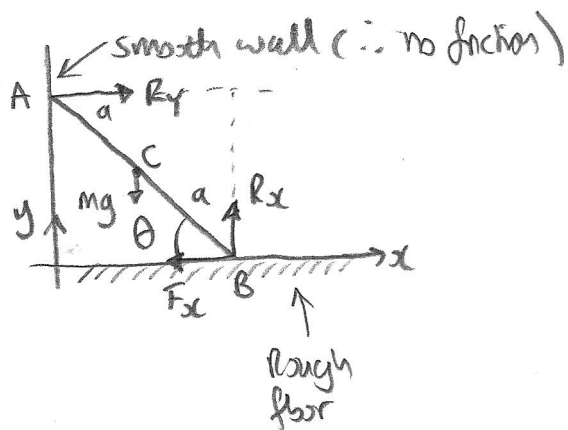
$$\therefore \bar{x} = \frac{1}{M} \int_{-\alpha}^{\alpha} \frac{M}{2r\alpha} r \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{2\alpha} r \left[\sin \theta \right]_{-\alpha}^{\alpha}$$

$$\boxed{\bar{x} = \frac{r \sin \alpha}{\alpha}}$$

EQUILIBRIUM PROBLEMS FOR RIGID BODIES

* Key idea * Don't have to take
moments about centre of mass. Since $\text{torque} = 0$
we can choose any location!



what are the conditions for eq (static) for a ladder of mass M leaning against a smooth vertical wall? of length $2a$

Newton II: // x : $0 = R_y - F_x$ (1)

// y : $0 = R_x - mg$ (2)

No slip: $F_x \leq \mu R_x$ (3)

No break: Take 2+ moments about B

$$0 = R_y \times 2a \sin \theta - mg \times a \cos \theta$$
 (4)

So: (4): $R_y = \frac{mg \cos \theta}{2 \sin \theta}$

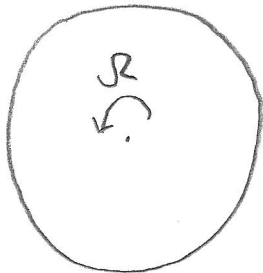
\therefore in (1) $F_x = R_y$ in (2) $R_x = mg$

So in (3): $M \geq \frac{F_x}{R_x} \Rightarrow M \geq \frac{mg \cos \theta}{2 \sin \theta} \times \frac{1}{mg} \therefore \boxed{M \geq \frac{1}{2} \cot \theta}$

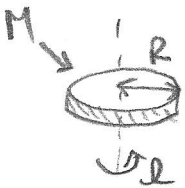
CONSERVATION OF ANGULAR MOMENTUM

A small, sticky mass m is dropped at radius r on a turntable of moment of inertia I , initially rotating at Ω rad s^{-1}

BEFORE



AFTER



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

If turntable has mass M and radius R

Conservation of angular momentum \hookrightarrow

$$I\Omega = I\omega + \underbrace{mr^2\omega}$$

$$L = mrv$$

$$v = r\omega$$

Angular momentum of mass m

$$\omega = \frac{I}{I + mr^2} \Omega$$

Energy loss

$$\Delta E = \frac{1}{2} I\Omega^2 - \frac{1}{2} I\omega^2 - \frac{1}{2} mr^2\omega^2$$

$$\Delta E = \frac{1}{2} I\Omega^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{I}{I + mr^2} \right)^2 (I + mr^2) \Omega^2$$

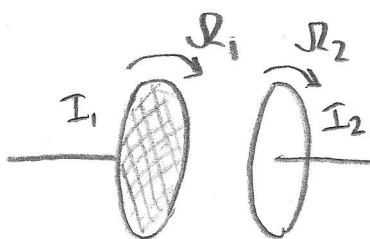
$$\Delta E = \frac{1}{2} I\Omega^2 \left(1 - \frac{I}{I + mr^2} \right)$$

so as $\frac{mr^2}{I}$ increases a greater fraction of original energy $\frac{1}{2} I\Omega^2$ is lost.

CLUTCH EXAMPLE

\leftarrow eg in a car engine
Rotating shafts come together

BEFORE

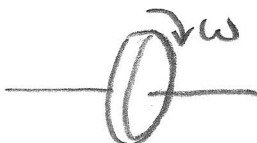


Conservation of angular momentum

$$I_1\Omega_1 + I_2\Omega_2 = (I_1 + I_2)\omega$$

$$\omega = \frac{I_1\Omega_1 + I_2\Omega_2}{I_1 + I_2}$$

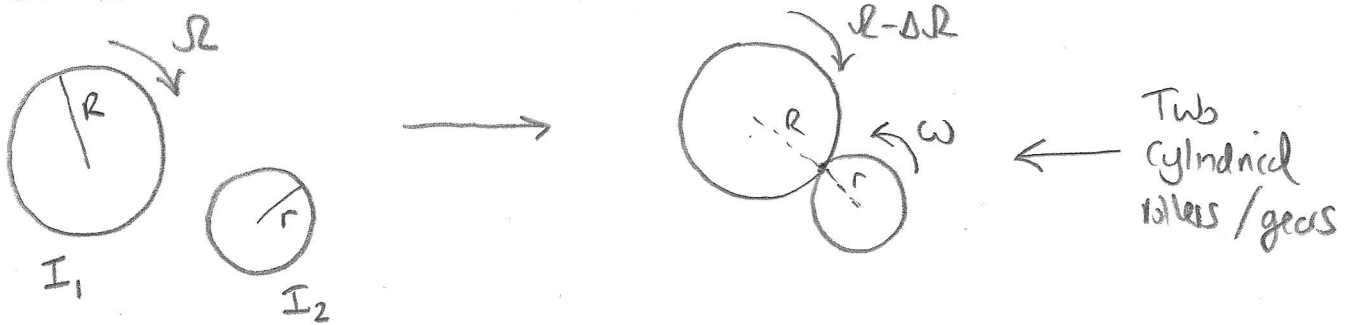
AFTER



$$\Delta E = \frac{1}{2} I_1\Omega_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} I_2\Omega_2^2 - \frac{1}{2} (I_1 + I_2)\omega^2$$

GEAR SYSTEMS OFF AXIS (OR ROLLERS)

No external torque so total angular momentum must be conserved?



velocity at contact point must be the same for both gears

$$\boxed{R(\Omega - \Delta\Omega) = r\omega}$$

NOT true!

Total angular momentum conserved? $I_1\Omega = I_1(\Omega - \Delta\Omega) - I_2\omega$

This doesn't make sense, since for this to be true $\Delta\Omega < 0$ and this means roller 2 speeds up! So 'no external torque' can't be used to justify conservation of angular momentum \rightarrow the act of putting the gears together must supply an input of angular momentum.

Using energy instead:

$$\boxed{\underbrace{\Delta E}_{\text{loss}} = \frac{1}{2}I_1\Omega^2 - \frac{1}{2}I_2\omega^2 - \frac{1}{2}I_1(\Omega - \Delta\Omega)^2}$$

let $\Delta E = \epsilon \frac{1}{2}I_1\Omega^2$

$\epsilon = 0$ is a lossless meshing of gears. *

$$\epsilon \frac{1}{2}I_1\Omega^2 = \frac{1}{2}I_1\Omega^2 - \frac{1}{2}I_2\omega^2 - \frac{1}{2}I_1\left(\frac{r\omega}{R}\right)^2$$

$$\omega^2 \left(I_2 + \frac{I_1 r^2}{R^2} \right) = \Omega^2 (I_1 - \epsilon I_1)$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{\Omega^2 I_1 (1 - \epsilon)}{I_2 + \frac{I_1 r^2}{R^2}}$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{\Omega^2 (1 - \epsilon)}{\frac{r^2}{R^2} + \frac{I_2}{I_1}}$$

$$\boxed{\omega = \Omega \left(\frac{1 - \epsilon}{\frac{r^2}{R^2} + \frac{I_2}{I_1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

Then $\boxed{\Delta\Omega = \Omega - \frac{r\omega}{R}}$

Angular impulses are $-I_1\Delta\Omega$ $\leftarrow +$ and $I_2\omega$

respectively is a net amount

* $\epsilon = 1 \Rightarrow \omega = 0$ which also makes sense - i.e. all energy lost!