

## 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 $\theta$                |
| ➤ Velocity $v$     | ➤ Angular velocity $\omega$     |
| ➤ Acceleration $a$ | ➤ Angular acceleration $\alpha$ |
| ➤ Force $F$        | ➤ Torque $\tau$                 |
| ➤ 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 ( $\theta$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\tau$ ,  $J$ ) points along the axis with the direction given by a right-hand-rule.
  - Fingers curl in direction of  $\theta$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\tau$ ,  $J$ , 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:  $v = v_0 + at$      $x = x_0 + v_0t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$

→ If  $\alpha$  is constant:  $\omega = \omega_0 + \alpha t$      $\theta = \theta_0 + \omega_0t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2$

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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  $\omega$  and  $\alpha$  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  $\omega$  and  $\alpha$  are for the pulley.

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## Torque

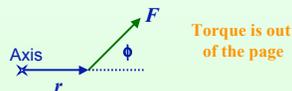
→ How do you make something rotate? Very intuitive!

→ 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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