

64] Note on Terminology (with some physics!)

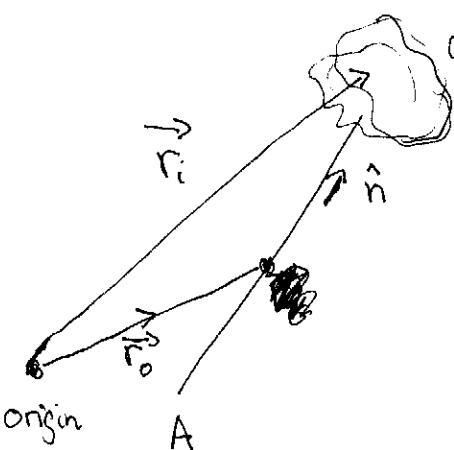
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We commonly speak of "angular momentum around an axis". The relation between this and the fundamental definition of \vec{L} is as follows.

angular momentum around axis A

= (Component of \vec{L} in the direction of A, with the origin taken to be any point

on A)



So, referring to the diagram,

$$L_{\text{around } A} = \left[\sum_i m_i (\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_0) \times \vec{v}_i \right] \cdot \hat{n}$$

Example: $\vec{r}_0 = 0$, \hat{z} component

$$L_{\text{around } z\text{-axis through origin}} = \sum_i m_i (x_i y_i - y_i x_i)$$

Similarly for moments of inertia around axes.

Note that it doesn't matter which point on the axis you choose, because taking $\vec{r}'_0 = \vec{r}_0 + \lambda \hat{n}$ does not change L_{around} . (Prove it!)
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65) Translation + Rotation : Angular Momentum

Theorem: $\vec{L} = \vec{L}_{\text{spin}} + \vec{L}_{\text{orbit}}$, with

\vec{L}_{spin} = angular momentum around CM

\vec{L}_{orbit} = angular momentum of CM, with whole mass of body assigned there.

Proof: $\vec{L} = \sum m_i \vec{r}_i \times \vec{v}_i$

$$= \sum m_i (\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{\text{cm}} + \vec{r}_{\text{cm}}) \times (\vec{v}_i - \vec{v}_{\text{cm}} + \vec{v}_{\text{cm}})$$

$$= \underbrace{\sum_i m_i (\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{\text{cm}}) \times (\vec{v}_i - \vec{v}_{\text{cm}})}_{\vec{L}_{\text{spin}} (= \sum m_i (\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{\text{cm}}) \times (\vec{v}_i - \vec{v}_{\text{cm}}))} + \underbrace{\sum_i m_i \vec{r}_{\text{cm}} \times \vec{v}_{\text{cm}}}_{\vec{L}_{\text{orbit}} (= M \sum \vec{r}_{\text{cm}} \times \dot{\vec{r}}_{\text{cm}})}$$

+ cross terms

where

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cross-terms} &= \sum m_i (\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_{CM}) \times \vec{v}_{CM} + \sum_i m_i \vec{r}_{CM} \times (\vec{v} - \vec{v}_{CM}) \\ &= \left(\sum m_i (\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_{CM}) \right) \times \vec{v}_{CM} + \vec{r}_{CM} \times \left(\sum m_i (\vec{v} - \vec{v}_{CM}) \right) \\ &\stackrel{\checkmark}{=} \vec{0}, \text{ by def of CM!} \end{aligned}$$

66] Translation + Rotation : Energy

Theorem: $E_{kinetic} = E_{rot.} + E_{trans.}$, with

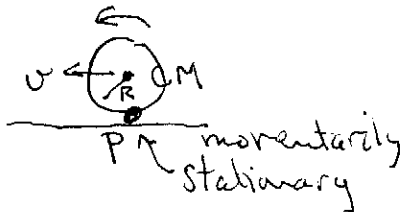
$E_{rot.}$ = Energy of rotation around CM

$E_{trans.}$ = Energy of CM translation (i.e. $\frac{1}{2} M v_{CM}^2$)

Proof: In $E_{kinetic} = \frac{1}{2} \sum m_i \dot{\vec{r}}_i \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}_i$, write

$\vec{r}_i = (\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_{CM}) + \vec{r}_{CM}$ and proceed as before.

Example: Rolling without slipping



Method 1: Pure rolling around P

$$E_{kin.} = \frac{1}{2} I_P \omega^2 = \frac{1}{2} I_P \left(\frac{v}{R} \right)^2$$

Method 2: Translation + Rotation around CM

$$E_{kin.} = \frac{1}{2} I_{CM} \omega^2 + \frac{1}{2} M v^2$$

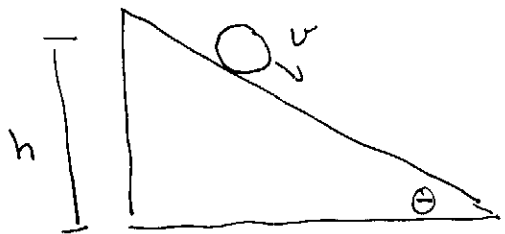
These are = by the // axis theorem!

$$\frac{1}{2} I_P \left(\frac{v}{R}\right)^2 \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1}{2} I_{CM} \left(\frac{v}{R}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} M v^2$$



$$I_P = I_{CM} + MR^2$$

Rolling Down Incline



$$E = \frac{1}{2} M v^2 + \frac{1}{2} I_{CM} \left(\frac{v}{R}\right)^2 + Mgh$$

We start from rest at $h = H$, so $E = MgH$, and

$$v^2 = \frac{2Mg(H-h)}{M + \frac{I}{R^2}}$$

Since $\dot{h} = -v \sin \theta$, we get

$$\dot{h}^2 = \frac{2Mg(H-h)}{M + \frac{I}{R^2}} \sin^2 \theta$$

and by differentiating

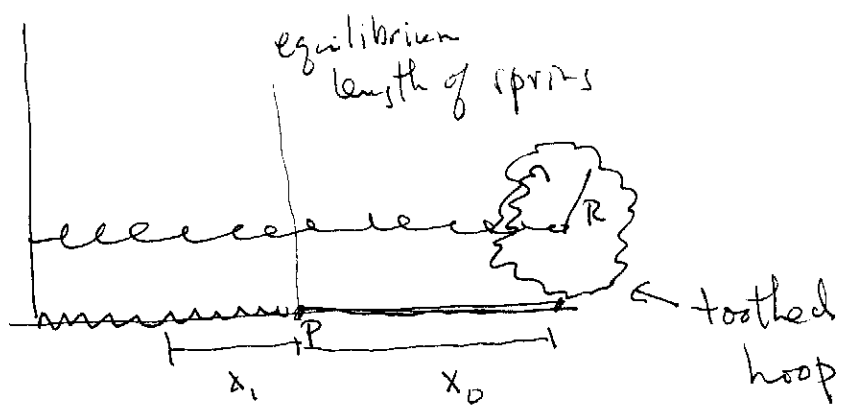
$$\ddot{h} = -\frac{Mg}{M + \frac{I}{R^2}} \sin^2 \theta = -a$$

Using familiar formulas for constant acceleration from rest, to fall to h=0 requires time

$$\frac{1}{2}at^2 = H, \quad t^2 = \frac{2H}{a} = \frac{2H}{g \sin^2 \theta} \left(1 + \frac{I}{MR^2}\right)$$

influence of rotation!

Problem 6.40



Just before 1st contact:

$$\frac{1}{2} M v_B^2 = \frac{1}{2} k x_0^2 \quad \left(\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{2} M v^2 + \frac{1}{2} k (x - x_{eq})^2 \right)$$

no rolling, yet!
= $\frac{1}{2} k x_0^2$

L_p is conserved at contact, since torque = 0.

$$\underbrace{MR v_B}_{\text{orbit}} = \underbrace{MR v_A}_{\text{orbit}} + \underbrace{MR^2 \frac{v_A}{R}}_{\text{spin } (\omega = v/R)}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{After} = \frac{v_{Before}}{2}$$

Note that energy is not conserved in

collision:

$$E_B = \frac{1}{2} M v_B^2 \quad E_A = \frac{1}{2} M v_A^2 + \frac{1}{2} M R^2 \left(\frac{v_A}{R}\right)^2$$

$$= M v_A^2 = \frac{1}{4} M v_B^2$$

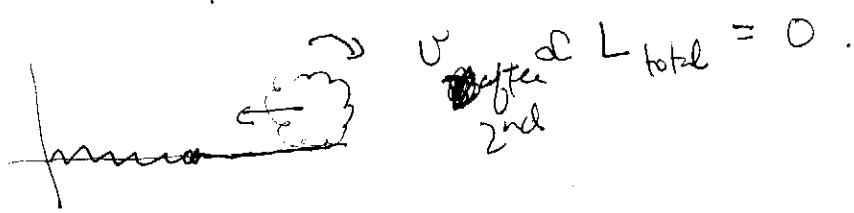
But it is subsequently, for rolling without slipping

So at closest approach to wall (maximum compression)

$$E = \frac{1}{2} k x_1^2 = \frac{1}{4} M v_B^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} M v_B^2\right) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} k x_1^2$$

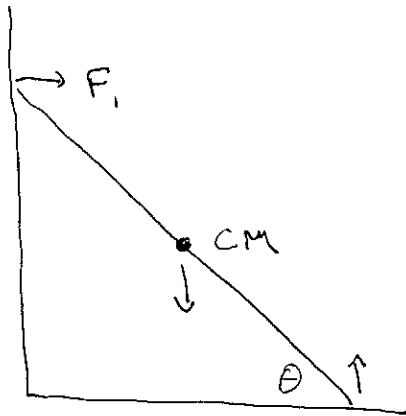
and $x_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} x_0$

At second encounter L_{spin} and L_{orbit} are equal and opposite! \Rightarrow It stops dead, since



T Note: this is special for a hoop. You might amuse yourself by considering a toothed disc.]

69] Problem 6.41



$$CM = \frac{l}{2} (\cos\theta, \sin\theta)$$

$$\vec{F}_1 = (\text{horizontal acceleration of CM}) \cdot M$$

$$= M \frac{l}{2} (\cos\theta)'' = \frac{Ml}{2} (-\dot{\theta} \sin\theta) = \frac{Ml}{2} (-\ddot{\theta} \sin\theta + \dot{\theta}^2 \cos\theta)$$

$$E = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} M \left(\frac{l}{2}\right)^2 \dot{\theta}^2}_{\text{CM, kinetic}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{12} M l^2 \dot{\theta}^2}_{\text{rotation around CM}} + \underbrace{Mg \frac{l}{2} \sin\theta}_{\text{gravity potential}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} M l^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{Mgl}{2} \sin\theta = \frac{Mgl}{2} \sin\theta_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\dot{\theta}^2 = \frac{3g}{l} (\sin\theta_0 - \sin\theta)}$$

Also, differentiating,

$$\boxed{\ddot{\theta} = -\frac{3g}{2l} \cos\theta}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So } F_1 / (mg/2) &= -\ddot{\theta} \sin \theta - \dot{\theta}^2 \cos \theta \\
 &= \frac{3}{2} \frac{g}{l} \cos \theta \sin \theta - \frac{3g}{l} (\sin \theta_0 - \sin \theta) \cos \theta \\
 &= \frac{3g}{2l} \cos \theta [3 \sin \theta - 2 \sin \theta_0]
 \end{aligned}$$

It ceases to be > 0 when $\boxed{\sin \theta_c = \frac{2}{3} \sin \theta_0}$

- the ladder leaves the wall $\frac{1}{3}$ of the way down!

70] Comments

1) It's a jungle out there! Much of the art of physics is learning to focus on the few things ~~we~~ we can say something intelligent about.

2) You see how energy becomes the leading concept in hard mechanics problems. This is a hint of things to come (Lagrangians, Hamiltonians) in more advanced courses.