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## A.4 Rigid Body Mechanics

### Additional HL Understandings

- The torque  $\tau$  of a force about an axis as given by  $\tau = Fr \sin \theta$ .
- Bodies in rotational equilibrium have a resultant torque of zero.
- An unbalanced torque applied to an extended, rigid body will cause angular acceleration.
- The rotation of a body can be described in terms of angular displacement, angular velocity, and angular acceleration.
- Equations of motion for uniform angular acceleration can be used to predict the body's angular position  $\theta$ , angular displacement  $\Delta\theta$ , angular speed  $\omega$ , and angular acceleration  $\alpha$  as given by
  - $\Delta\theta = \frac{\omega_f + \omega_i}{2} t$
  - $\omega_f = \omega_i + \alpha t$
  - $\Delta\theta = \omega_i t + \frac{1}{2} \alpha t^2$
  - $\omega_f^2 = \omega_i^2 + 2\alpha\Delta\theta$
- The moment of inertia  $I$  depends on the distribution of mass of an extended body about an axis of rotation.
- The moment of inertia for a system of point masses as given by  $I = \sum mr^2$ .
- Newton's second law for rotation as given by  $\tau = I\alpha$  where  $\tau$  is the average torque.
- An extended body rotating with an angular speed has an angular momentum  $L$  as given by  $L = I\omega$ .
- Angular momentum remains constant unless the body is acted upon by a resultant torque.
- The action of a resultant torque constitutes an angular impulse  $\Delta L$  as given by  $\Delta L = \tau\Delta t = \Delta(I\omega)$
- The kinetic energy of rotational motion as given by  $E_k = \frac{1}{2} I\omega^2 = \frac{L^2}{2I}$ .

**Additional HL Equations**

$$\tau = Fr \sin \theta$$

$$\Delta\theta = \frac{\omega_f + \omega_i}{2} t$$

$$\omega_f = \omega_i + \alpha t$$

$$\Delta\theta = \omega_i t + \frac{1}{2} \alpha t^2$$

$$\omega_f^2 = \omega_i^2 + 2\alpha\Delta\theta$$

$$I = \sum mr^2$$

$$\tau = I\alpha$$

$$L = I\omega$$

$$\Delta L = \tau\Delta t$$

$$\Delta L = \Delta(I\omega)$$

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2 = \frac{L^2}{2I}$$

The solutions can be found on the YouTube channel Go Physics Go:

<https://www.youtube.com/@gophysicsgo/playlists>

1. Define, state the equation, and give the units of *angular position*  $\theta$ .
2. Define, state the equation, and give the units of *angular speed*  $\omega$ .
3. Define, state the equation, and give the units of *angular acceleration*  $\alpha$ .
4. Convert the *suvat* equations from linear motion to circular motion.

5. Define, state the equation, define each variable, and give the units for the *moment of inertia*  $I$ . What is the *moment of inertia*  $I$  equivalent to in translational motion?

6. Define, state the equation, define each variable, and give the units for *torque*.

7. State the equations for *Newton's second law of motion for linear motion* and *Newton's second law of motion for rotational motion*.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Define and state the conditions for *translational equilibrium* and *rotational equilibrium*.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. State the equations for *power for linear motion* and *power for rotational motion*.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. State the equations for *linear momentum* and *angular momentum*. Also state the equations for *linear impulse* and *angular impulse*.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. State the equations for *translational kinetic energy* and *rotational kinetic energy*.

12. State the *law of conservation of linear momentum* and the *law of conservation of angular momentum*. Also state their equations.
13. A solid chocolate sphere with a mass of 9 kg and a diameter of 80 cm is placed on top of a rough incline ( $\mu = 0.7$ ) with a length of 6 m at an angle of 50 degrees. The solid chocolate sphere begins from rest and rolls down the incline.
- Draw a figure.
  - What is the initial height of the solid chocolate sphere?
  - How many revolutions will it take for the solid chocolate sphere to reach the bottom of the incline?
  - What will be the final linear speed of the solid chocolate sphere at the bottom of the incline?

- e. What will be the final angular speed of the solid chocolate sphere at the bottom of the incline?
  
- f. What will be the angular acceleration of the solid chocolate sphere?
  
  
- g. What will be the linear acceleration of the solid chocolate sphere?
  
  
- h. How long will it take for the solid chocolate sphere to reach the bottom of the incline?

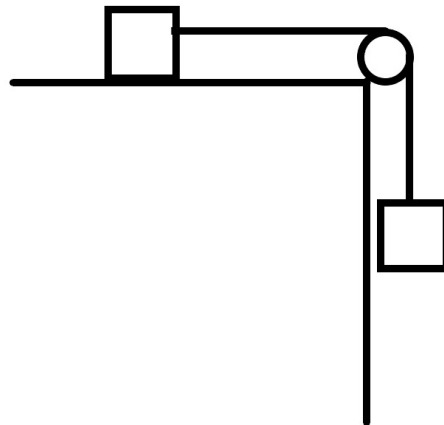
14. A solid chocolate sphere with a mass of 8 kg and a diameter of 70 cm is rolling to the right on a frictionless horizontal surface with a linear speed of 6 m/s. The surface then becomes rough with a coefficient of dynamic friction of 0.15.

- a. Draw a figure.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. What is the angular speed of the solid chocolate sphere as it rolls along the frictionless horizontal surface?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- c. What is the angular acceleration of the solid chocolate sphere as it travels along the rough surface?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- d. What is the linear acceleration of the solid chocolate sphere as it travels along the rough surface?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- e. How many revolutions does the solid chocolate sphere complete as it travels along the rough surface?



- f. How long does it take for the solid chocolate sphere to stop along the rough horizontal surface?

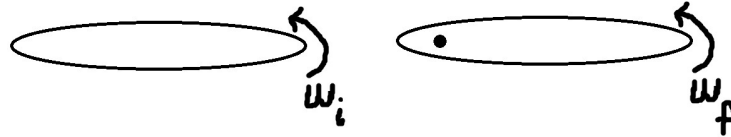
15. A block of mass  $m_1 = 7 \text{ kg}$  sits at rest on a horizontal surface with  $\mu = 0.2$ . Mass  $m_1$  is attached to a massless string which is wrapped around a pulley. Another massless string is wrapped around the same pulley and is holding another block of mass  $m_2 = 47 \text{ kg}$  in the air. The pulley is a cylinder which has a mass of  $m_C = 12 \text{ kg}$  and diameter of  $10 \text{ cm}$ .



- a. Draw a free body diagram.

- b. What is the common linear acceleration of the system?
- c. What is the force of tension on the two massless strings?

16. A thin disk with a mass of 250 g and diameter of 40 cm is spinning with an angular speed of 3 rad/sec. A point mass with a mass of 350 g strikes and sticks to the top of the thin disk 4 cm from the edge. What is the final angular speed of the system?



17. A ladder has a mass of 20 kg and is 6 m long is leaning against a frictionless wall. The ladder is at rest and makes an angle of 30 degrees from the wall. Draw a figure and write down the equations for static equilibrium.

18. Write down the common terms and equations for rigid body mechanics.