

Flipping Physics Lecture Notes:

AP Physics C: Rotational Dynamics Review - 2 of 2 (Mechanics)

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- $\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F} \neq \vec{F} \times \vec{r}$
 - Torque is the cross product (also called the vector product) of $\vec{r} \& \vec{F}$. • Torque is a vector!
 - \circ \vec{r} is the position vector from the axis of rotation to the location of the force, \vec{F} .
 - Magnitude of torque $\rightarrow \tau = rF\sin\theta$
 - The order does matter! $(\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = -\vec{B} \times \vec{A})$
 - Cross product is the area of the parallelogram with sides \vec{r} & \vec{F} .
- In case you forgot how to do the cross product. Example: $\vec{A} = -\hat{i} + \hat{j} 2\hat{k} & \vec{B} = 2\hat{i} 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$

$$\begin{split} \bar{A} \times \bar{B} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \hat{i} - \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \hat{j} + \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} \hat{k} \\ \Rightarrow \bar{A} \times \bar{B} &= \left[(1)(4) - (-2)(-3) \right] \hat{i} - \left[(-1)(4) - (-2)(2) \right] \hat{j} + \left[(-1)(-3) - (1)(2) \right] \hat{k} \\ \Rightarrow \bar{A} \times \bar{B} &= \left[4 - 6 \right] \hat{i} - \left[-4 + 4 \right] \hat{j} + \left[3 - 2 \right] \hat{k} = \boxed{-2\hat{i} + \hat{k}} \end{split}$$

- An object is in *Translational* Equilibrium if the net force acting on it equals zero, which means the object is not accelerating: $\sum \vec{F} = 0 = m\vec{a} \Rightarrow \vec{a} = 0$
- An object is in *Rotational* Equilibrium if the net torque acting on it equals zero, which means the object is not *angularly* accelerating: $\sum \vec{\tau} = 0 = I\vec{\alpha} \Rightarrow \vec{\alpha} = 0$ (must identify axis of rotation)
 - This means the object is either not rotating or has a constant angular velocity.
 - If an object is in translational equilibrium and in rotational equilibrium about *one* axis of rotation, then the object is in rotational equilibrium about *any* axis of rotation.
- \vec{L} is Angular Momentum and it is a vector!

$$\circ \quad \sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a} \Longrightarrow \sum \vec{\tau} = I\vec{\alpha} \& \sum \vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} \Longrightarrow \sum \vec{\tau} = \frac{dL}{dt}$$

- For a *particle* or any object which is *not rotating*:
 - Just like torque, we have a cross product equation for angular momentum: $\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$
 - r is the position vector from the axis of rotation to the location of the center of mass of the moving object.
 - And a magnitude equation for angular momentum: $L = rmv \sin \theta$
 - With this equation, need to use Right Hand Rule to find direction.
 - Yes, a particle or a rigid object which is not rotating can have an angular momentum!
- For a rigid object with shape: $\vec{L} = I\vec{\omega}$

• Units for angular momentum:
$$\vec{L} = I\vec{\omega} \Rightarrow \left(kg \cdot m^2\right) \left(\frac{rad}{s}\right) = \frac{kg \cdot m^2 \cdot rad}{s} = \frac{kg \cdot m^2}{s}$$

• Derivation of conservation of *linear* momentum:
$$\sum \vec{F}_{external} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow \sum \vec{p}_i = \sum \vec{p}_i$$

• Derivation of conservation of angular momentum: $\sum \bar{\tau}_{external} = \frac{d\bar{L}}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow \sum \bar{L}_i = \sum \bar{L}_f$

- Note the similarities between the two, please.
- Remember net torque requires the axis of rotation to be identified, which means the axis of rotation needs to be identified for conservation of angular momentum
- Conservation of Angular Momentum Example: A piece of gum with mass, m, and velocity, v, is

spat at a solid cylinder of mass, M, radius, R, and moment of inertia $\frac{1}{2}MR^2$. The cylinder is on a

horizontal axis through its center of mass and is initially at rest. The line of action of the gum is located horizontally a height, y, above the axis of the cylinder. If the gum sticks to the cylinder, what is the final angular velocity of the gum/cylinder system? The **Drawing!!**

- Gum knowns: $m = m_g$, $v = v_{gi}$ Cylinder knowns: $M = m_c$, $\omega_{ic} = 0, R, I_c = \frac{1}{2}m_c R^2$
- Solving for $\omega_{f} = ?$ (will be the same for both gum and cylinder)
- Know angular momentum is conserved because: $\sum \vec{\tau}_{external} = \frac{dL}{dt} = 0$

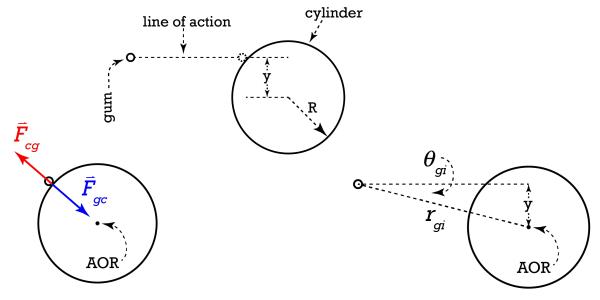
$$\sum \vec{L}_i = \sum \vec{L}_f \Rightarrow \vec{L}_{gi} + \vec{L}_{ci} = \vec{L}_{gf} + \vec{L}_{cf} \Rightarrow r_{gi} m_g v_{gi} \sin \theta_{gi} + 0 = r_{gf} m_g v_{gf} \sin \theta_{gf} + I_c \omega_f$$

 $\circ \quad \sin\theta_{gi} = \frac{O}{H} = \frac{y}{r_{gi}} \Longrightarrow y = r_{gi} \sin\theta_{gi} \Longrightarrow ym_g v_{gi} = r_{gf} m_g v_{gf} \sin\theta_{gf} + I_c \omega_f$

$$\circ \quad \mathbf{v}_{gf} = \mathbf{v}_{t} = R\omega_{f} \Rightarrow ym_{g}\mathbf{v}_{gi} = Rm_{g}R\omega_{f}\sin90 + \frac{1}{2}m_{c}R^{2}\omega_{f}$$
$$\circ \quad \Rightarrow ym_{g}\mathbf{v}_{gi} = R^{2}\omega_{f}\left(m_{g} + \frac{m_{c}}{2}\right) \Rightarrow \boxed{\omega_{f} = \frac{ym_{g}\mathbf{v}_{gi}}{R^{2}\left(m_{g} + \frac{m_{c}}{2}\right)}}$$

FYI: Sawdog, one of my Quality Control Team members, pointed out that, after colliding with the cylinder, the gum is moving in a circle, so it's angular momentum can be described using $I_q \omega_f$. More specifically:

$$\vec{L}_{gf} = I_g \omega_f = (m_g r_g^2) \omega_f = m_g R^2 \omega_f$$
 It's a slightly different solution that results in the same answer



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