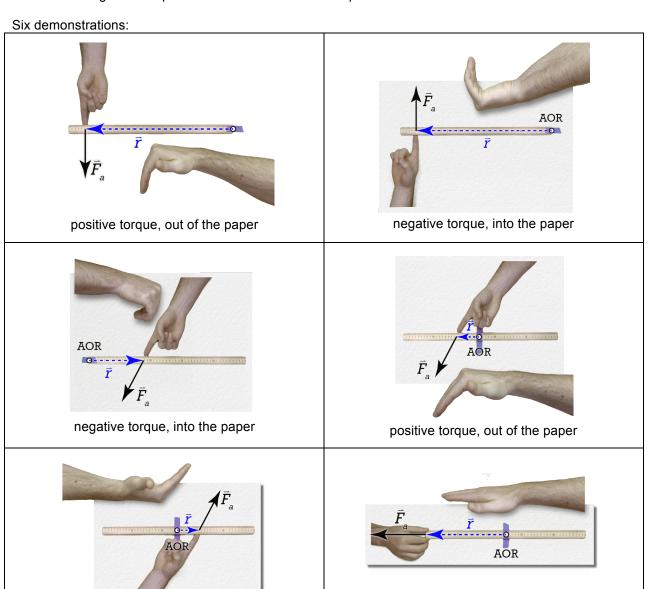


Flipping Physics Lecture Notes:

The Right Hand Rule for Torque

The right hand rule for torque is used to find the direction of torque.

- Do not be too cool for the right hand rule. Limber up!!
- 1. Start with the fingers of your right hand at the axis of rotation.
- 2. Point your fingers toward the force.
- 3. Curl your fingers in the direction of the force.
- 4. Stick out your right thumb.
- 5. Your right thumb points in the direction of the torque.



positive torque, out of the paper

torque is zero, so no torque direction. $\vec{\tau} = \vec{r}\vec{F}\sin\theta = (0)\vec{F}\sin\theta = 0$