

3. Rotational Motion

Moment of inertia

- Moment of inertia of a body about a given axis is the sum of the products of masses of all the particles of the body and squares of their respective perpendicular distance from the axis of rotation.

$$I = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i r_i^2$$

- K.E. of rotation of body $= \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2$
- Mass (m) of the body is an analogue of moment of inertia (I) of the body in rotational motion.

Radius of gyration

- Radius of gyration of a body about a given axis is the perpendicular distance of a point P from the axis, where if whole mass of the body were concentrated, then the body shall have the same moment of inertia as it has with the actual distribution of mass. This distance is represented by K .
- The radius of gyration of a body about an axis is equal to the root mean square distance of the various particles constituting the body from the axis of rotation.

$$K = \sqrt{\frac{r_1^2 + r_2^2 + r_n^2}{n}}$$

Theorem of Perpendicular Axes

- The moment of inertia of a planar body about an axis perpendicular to its plane is equal to the sum of its moments of inertia about two perpendicular axes concurrent with perpendicular axis and lying in the plane of the body.

$$I_z = I_x + I_y$$

Theorem of Parallel Axes

- The moment of inertia of a body about any axis is equal to the sum of the moments of inertia of the body about the parallel axis passing through its centre of mass and the product of its mass and the square of the distance between the two parallel axes.

$$I_z = I_z + Ma^2$$

- Moment of inertia of a ring of mass M and radius R about its diameter is given by $I = \frac{1}{2} MR^2$.
- Moment of inertia of a ring of mass M and radius R about a tangent in its plane is given by $I = \frac{3}{2} MR^2$.
- Moment of inertia of a ring of mass M and radius R about a tangent perpendicular to its plane is given by $I = 2 MR^2$.
- Moment of inertia of a disc of mass M and radius R about an axis passing through its centre and perpendicular to its plane is given by $I = \frac{1}{2} MR^2$.

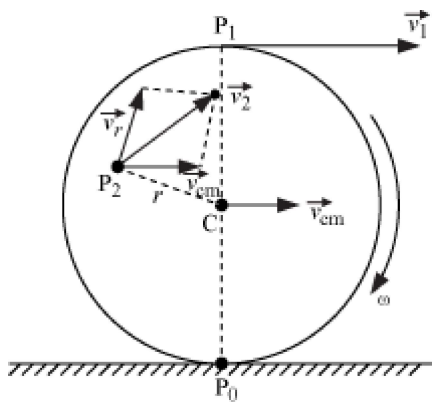


• Moment of inertia of a solid cylinder of mass M , height l and radius R about its geometrical axis is given by $I = \frac{1}{2}MR^2$.

• Moment of inertia of a solid cylinder of mass M , height l and radius R about a transverse (perpendicular) axis passing through its centre is given by $I = \frac{1}{2}MR^2 + \frac{1}{12}Ml^2$.

Dynamics of rotational motion

- Work done, $dW = \vec{\tau} \cdot d\vec{\theta}$
- Power, $P = \tau\omega$
- Angular acceleration, $\alpha = \tau/I$. Therefore, $\tau = I\alpha$
- Rolling motion is a combination of translational motion and rotational motion.



- For a disc to roll without slipping, the essential condition is $\vec{v}_{cm} = R\omega$.
- Kinetic energy or rolling motion:

$$K = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2 + \frac{1}{2}mv_{cm}^2$$

- If a body is rolling without slipping on an inclined plane, then its velocity is given by $v = \sqrt{2gh / (1 + k/r^2)}$
- If a body is rolling without slipping on an inclined plane, then its acceleration is given by $a = g \sin\theta / (1 + k/r^2)$

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The given table shows the values of v and a for rigid bodies of different shapes.

	Body	k	v	a
1	Ring or hollow cylinder	r^2	\sqrt{gh}	$\frac{1}{2}g \sin\theta$
2	Disc or solid cylinder	$\frac{1}{2}r^2$	$\sqrt{\frac{4}{3}gh}$	$\frac{2}{3}g \sin\theta$
3	Solid sphere	$\frac{2}{5}r^2$	$\sqrt{\frac{10}{7}gh}$	$\frac{5}{7}g \sin\theta$

- Angular momentum of a rigid body

$$\vec{L}_z = I\omega \hat{k}$$

- Angular speed increases when distance from the rotational axis decreases.
- For any particle, the angular momentum vector and the angular velocity vector are not necessarily parallel.
- If moment of inertia I does not change with time, then

$$I d\omega dt = \tau I \alpha = \tau$$

- **Principle of Conservation of Angular Momentum**

According to this law, the angular momentum of a system remains constant if the net external torque on it is zero.

- **Applications of Conservation of Angular Momentum**

- Increase in the angular velocity of a planet around the Sun as it comes near to it
- A diver jumping from a springboard and performing somersaults in air
- Change in the angular velocity of a person (sitting on a rotating chair) on folding of arms

