

Chapter 10

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Rotation Of A Rigid Object About A Fixed Axis

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Newton's Second Law for Rotation

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Torque and Angular Acceleration

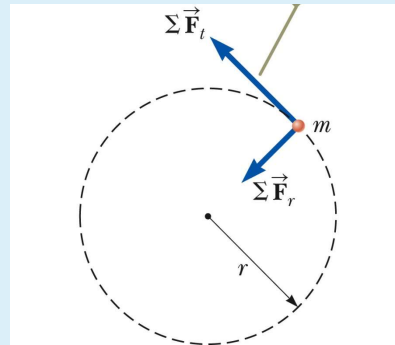
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- Consider a particle of mass m rotating in a circle of radius r under the influence of tangential force .

- The tangential force provides a tangential acceleration:

$$F_t = ma_t$$

- The radial force causes the particle to move in a circular path.



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Torque and Angular Acceleration, Particle cont.

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- The magnitude of the torque produced by $\Sigma \vec{F}_t$ on a particle about an axis through the center of the circle is

$$\sum \tau = \sum F_t r = (ma_t)r$$

- The tangential acceleration is related to the angular acceleration.

$$\sum \tau = (ma_t)r = (mr\alpha)r = mr^2\alpha$$

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Torque and Angular Acceleration, Particle cont.

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- Since mr^2 is the moment of inertia of the particle,

$$\sum \tau = I\alpha$$

- The torque is directly proportional to the angular acceleration and the constant of proportionality is the moment of inertia.

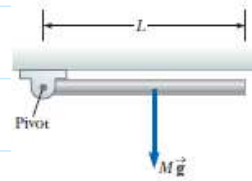
Rotating Rod

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A uniform rod of length L and mass M is attached at one end to a frictionless pivot and is free to rotate about the pivot in the vertical plane. The rod is released from rest in the horizontal position.



- What are the initial angular acceleration of the rod and
- the initial translational acceleration of its right end?

$$\sum \tau_{\text{ext}} = Mg\left(\frac{L}{2}\right)$$

$$(1) \quad \alpha = \frac{\sum \tau_{\text{ext}}}{I} = \frac{Mg(L/2)}{\frac{1}{3}ML^2} = \frac{3g}{2L}$$

$$a_t = L\alpha = \frac{3}{2}g$$

$$a_t = r\alpha = \frac{3g}{2L} r$$

$$a_t = g = \frac{3g}{2L} r$$

$$r = \frac{2}{3}L$$

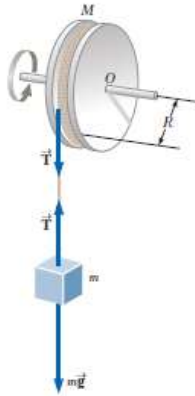
Angular Acceleration of a Wheel

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A wheel of radius R , mass M , and moment of inertia I is mounted on a frictionless horizontal axle. A light cord wrapped around the wheel supports an object of mass m . When the wheel is released, the object accelerates downward, the cord unwraps off the wheel, and the wheel rotates with an angular acceleration. Calculate:



- the angular acceleration of the wheel,
- the translational acceleration of the object, and
- the tension in the cord.

$$\sum \tau_{\text{ext}} = I\alpha$$

$$(1) \quad \alpha = \frac{\sum \tau_{\text{ext}}}{I} = \frac{TR}{I}$$

$$\sum F_y = mg - T = ma$$

$$(2) \quad a = \frac{mg - T}{m}$$

$$(3) \quad a = R\alpha = \frac{TR^2}{I} = \frac{mg - T}{m}$$

$$(4) \quad T = \frac{mg}{1 + (mR^2/I)}$$

$$(5) \quad a = \frac{g}{1 + (I/mR^2)}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{a}{R} = \frac{g}{R + (I/mR)}$$