

# Rotation about a fixed axis

**Rotational Energy**  
 $K_R = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2$   
 where  $I = \sum m_i r_i^2$  is called the **Moment of Inertia** or the **Rotational Inertia** of the object about the rotation axis

**Parallel Axis Theorem**  
 $I = I_{com} + M h^2$   
 $I \equiv \lim_{\Delta m_i \rightarrow 0} \sum_i r_i^2 \cdot \Delta m_i = \int r^2 dm = \int r^2 \rho dV$

angular position  $\theta$ :  
 $\theta = \frac{s}{r}$  (radian measure)

angular displacement  $\Delta\theta$ :  
 $\Delta\theta = \theta - \theta_o$

Average angular speed  $\omega_{avg}$ :  
 $\omega_{avg} = \frac{\theta - \theta_o}{t - t_o} = \frac{\Delta\theta}{\Delta t}$

Instantaneous angular speed  $\omega$ :  
 $\omega = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\theta}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\theta}{dt}$

Average angular acceleration  $\alpha_{avg}$ :  
 $\alpha_{avg} = \frac{\omega - \omega_o}{t - t_o} = \frac{\Delta\omega}{\Delta t}$

Instantaneous angular acceleration  $\alpha$ :  
 $\alpha = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\omega}{\Delta t} = \frac{d\omega}{dt}$

## Angular Variables

**When angular acceleration is constant:**

$\omega = \omega_o + \alpha t$	compare with $\Rightarrow$	$v = v_o + at$
$\theta - \theta_o = \frac{1}{2}(\omega + \omega_o)t$		$x - x_o = \frac{1}{2}(v + v_o)t$
$\theta - \theta_o = \omega_o t + \frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2$		$x - x_o = v_o t + \frac{1}{2}at^2$
$\omega^2 = \omega_o^2 + 2\alpha(\theta - \theta_o)$		$v^2 = v_o^2 + 2a(x - x_o)$

**Torque**  
 $\tau = r \cdot F \cdot \sin\phi$  (magnitude)  
 $\tau = (r)(F \sin\phi) = r F_t$   
 $\tau = (r \sin\phi)(F) = r_{\perp} F$

$\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$

**Relating linear variables to angular variables:**  
 $s = r \cdot \theta$   
 $v = r \cdot \omega$   
 $a_t = r \cdot \alpha$

Note this is NOT the centripetal (radial) acceleration  $a_r = \frac{v^2}{r}$

**Newton's Second Law for Rotation**  
 $\tau_{net} = I \alpha$

**Work done:**  
 $W = \tau \Delta\theta$

**Power:**  
 $P = \frac{dW}{dt} = \tau \omega$

**Work-Kinetic Energy Theorem for Rotation (about a fixed axis)**  
 $W_{net} = \frac{1}{2} I \omega_f^2 - \frac{1}{2} I \omega_i^2$