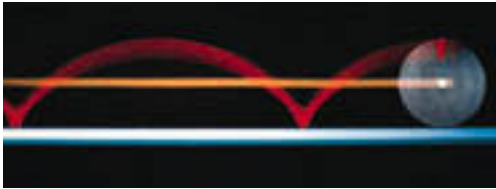
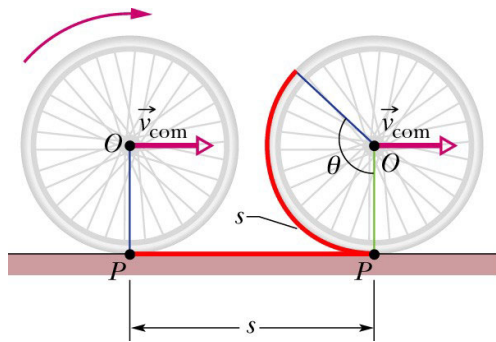


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1. Rolling



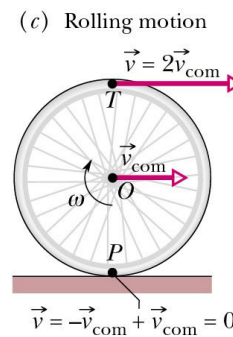
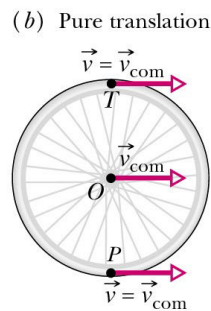
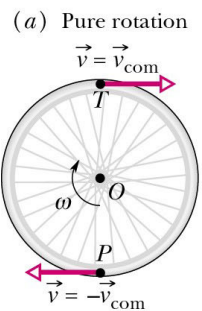
The center of the disc moves forward in pure translational motion. A point on the rim of the disc traces out a curve called the cycloid.



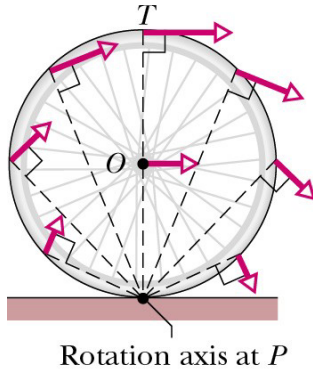
The center of mass O of the wheel moves forward at constant speed v_{com} . The point P on the street where the wheel makes contact also moves forward at speed v_{com} , so that it always remains directly below O .

$$s = \theta R \quad \text{differentiating with respect to time} \quad \boxed{v_{com} = \omega R}$$

Rolling as Rotation + Translation



Rolling as pure Rotation



Rolling motion of a wheel may be viewed as pure rotation about an axis where the wheel contacts the street as the wheel moves, i.e. the point **P**. The angular speed about the rotation axis **P** is also ω .

Proof: Calculate the linear speed at the top of the rolling wheel assuming the angular speed to be ω .

$$v_{top} = (\omega)(2R) = 2(\omega R) = 2v_{com}$$

The same result as we had before, thus proving the assumption!

2. The Kinetic Energy of Rolling

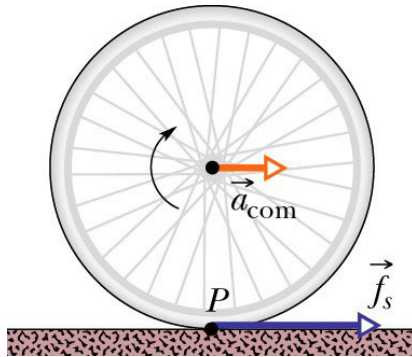
Consider rolling as pure rotation about the axis **P**. Then, $K = \frac{1}{2} I_p \omega^2$

$$I_p = I_{com} + M R^2 \quad K = \frac{1}{2} I_{com} \omega^2 + \frac{1}{2} M R^2 \omega^2$$

$$K = \frac{1}{2} I_{com} \omega^2 + \frac{1}{2} M v_{com}^2$$

A rolling object has two types of kinetic energy: a rotational kinetic energy ($\frac{1}{2} I_{com} \omega^2$) due to its rotation about its center of mass and a translational kinetic energy ($\frac{1}{2} M v_{com}^2$) due to translation of its center of mass.

3. The forces of Rolling Friction and Rolling



If the wheel rolls *without sliding (smooth rolling)* and is accelerating, then from $v_{com} = \omega R$,

$$\frac{d v_{com}}{d t} = a_{com} = \frac{R d \omega}{d t}$$

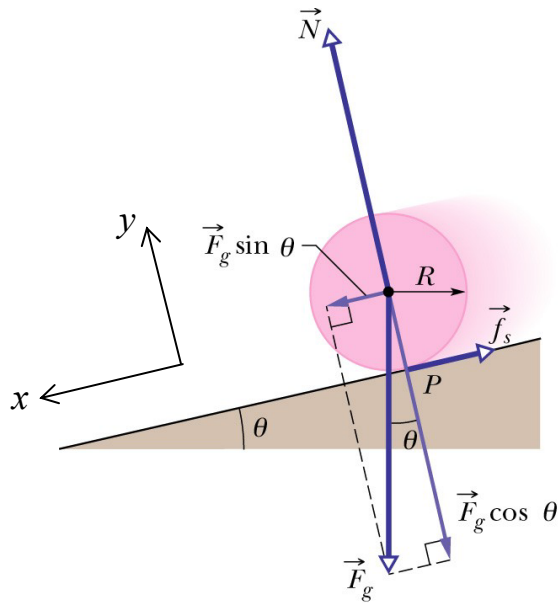
$$\boxed{a_{com} = \alpha R} \quad (\text{smooth rolling})$$

where \vec{a}_{com} is the linear acceleration of the center of mass and α is the angular acceleration.

- The force to provide for ma_{com} is the static frictional force (assuming the wheel rolls without sliding).
- Therefore, for a wheel to roll without sliding, the maximum static frictional force, $\mu_s N$ between the wheel and the ground must be greater than ma_{com} .
- \vec{f}_s and \vec{a}_{com} point to the right if the wheel if the wheel rotates faster, for example, at the start of a bicycle race.
- Do not assume that \vec{f}_s is equal to the maximum value of $\mu_s N$

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Rolling down a Ramp



$$\Sigma \vec{F} = M\vec{a} \Rightarrow Mg \sin \theta - f_s = M a_{com} \quad (1)$$

The positive direction here is chosen to be down the plane.

Do not assume that \vec{f}_s is at its maximum value of $\mu_s N$. The value of \vec{f}_s self-adjusts so the body rolls without sliding.

$$\Sigma \vec{\tau} = I\vec{\alpha} \Rightarrow R f_s = I_{com} \alpha \quad (2)$$

α is counterclockwise and positive.

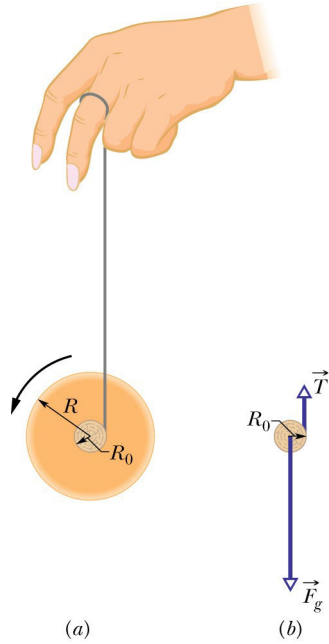
$$a_{com} = \alpha R$$

where a_{com} points down plane

Therefore from (2) $\rightarrow f_s = I_{com} \frac{a_{com}}{R^2}$

and substituting this in (1) \rightarrow $a_{com} = \frac{g \sin \theta}{1 + I_{com} / M R^2}$ *Note that a positive a_{com} points down plane.*

4. Yo-Yo



The yo-yo can be considered as a rolling down a ramp:

- Instead of rolling down a *ramp* at angle θ with the horizontal, the yo-yo rolls down a *string* at angle $\theta = 90^\circ$ with the horizontal.
- Instead of rolling on its outer surface at radius R , the yo-yo rolls on an axle of radius R_0 .
- Instead of being slowed by frictional force f_s , the yo-yo is slowed by the net force T on it from the string.

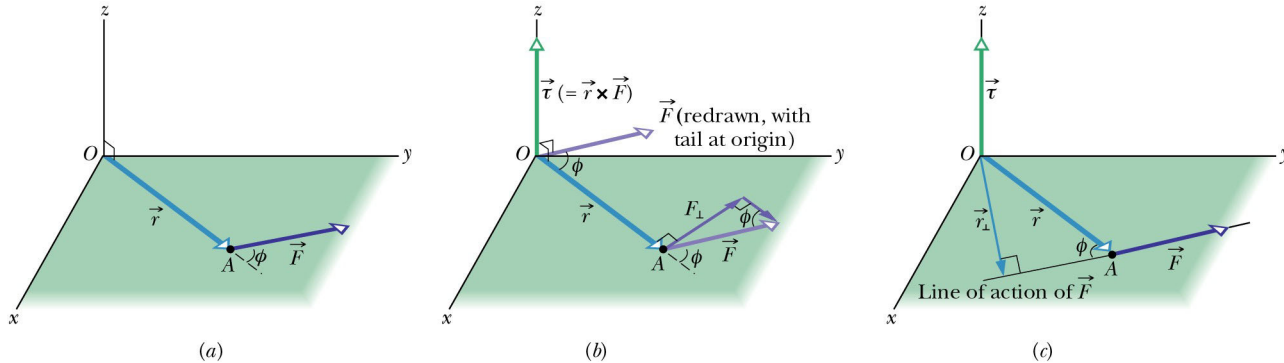
So we would again get the same expression for the acceleration as for rolling with $\theta = 90^\circ$.

$$a_{com} = \frac{g}{1 + I_{com} / M R_0^2}$$

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5. Torque Revisited

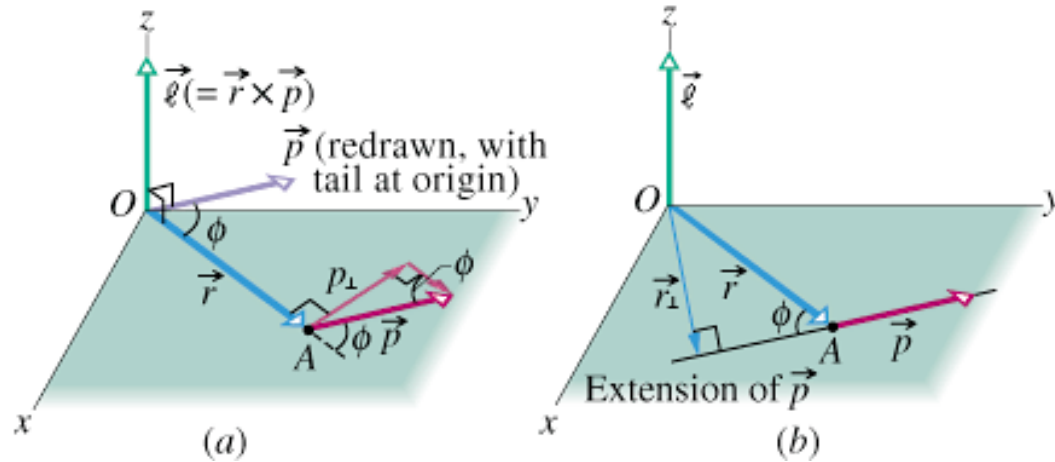
In chapter 11 we defined torque τ for a rigid body that can rotate about a fixed axis. Now we extend the definition of torque to apply it to an individual particle that moves along any path relative to a fixed *point* (rather than a fixed *axis*).



$$\boxed{\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}} \quad (\text{torque defined})$$

$$\text{magnitude: } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tau = r F \sin \varphi \\ \tau = r F_{\perp} \quad F_{\perp} \text{ is the component of } F \text{ perpendicular to } F \\ \tau = r_{\perp} F \quad r_{\perp} \text{ is the moment arm of } F \text{ (the perpendicular distance between } O \text{ and the line of action of } F) \end{array} \right.$$

6. Angular Momentum



$$l = \vec{r} \times \vec{p} = m(\vec{r} \times \vec{v})$$

- The SI unit of angular momentum is $kg \cdot m^2 / s = J \cdot s$
- Angular momentum is a “vector”, the direction is determined by the right hand rule.
- The magnitude of angular momentum is

$$l = r m v \sin \varphi$$

- where φ is the angle between \vec{r} and \vec{p} when these two vectors are arranged tail to tail

$$\text{magnitude: } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} l = r p_{\perp} = r m v_{\perp} \\ l = r_{\perp} p = r_{\perp} m v \end{array} \right.$$

7. Newton's Second Law in Angular Form

$$\vec{F}_{net} = \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} \quad (\text{single particle})$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{\tau}_{net} = \frac{d\vec{l}}{dt}} \quad (\text{single particle})$$

- Note that the torque $\vec{\tau}$ and angular momentum \vec{l} must be defined with respect to the same origin.

- Proof: $\vec{l} = m(\vec{r} \times \vec{v})$

$$\frac{d\vec{l}}{dt} = m\left(\vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} + \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \times \vec{v}\right) = m(\vec{r} \times \vec{a} + \vec{v} \times \vec{v})$$

Because $\vec{v} \times \vec{v} = 0$, this leads to

$$\frac{d\vec{l}}{dt} = m(\vec{r} \times \vec{a}) = \vec{r} \times m\vec{a} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}_{net} = \sum (\vec{r} \times \vec{F}) = \vec{\tau}_{net}$$

Therefore, $\vec{\tau}_{net} = \frac{d\vec{l}}{dt}$

8. Angular Momentum of a System of Particles

$$\vec{L} = \vec{l}_1 + \vec{l}_2 + \vec{l}_3 + \dots + \vec{l}_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \vec{l}_i \quad (L = \text{total angular momentum})$$

$$\frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{d\vec{l}_i}{dt} = \sum_{i=1}^n \vec{\tau}_{\text{net},i}$$

- $\vec{\tau}_{\text{net},i}$ is the net torque on the i^{th} particle. $\sum_{i=1}^n \vec{\tau}_{\text{net},i}$ is the sum of all the torque (internal and external) on the system. However the internal torques sums to zero. Let $\vec{\tau}_{\text{net}}$ represent the net external torque on the system.

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{\tau}_{\text{net}} = \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt}} \quad (\text{system of particles})$$

- The *net external torque* $\vec{\tau}_{\text{net}}$ acting on a system of particles is equal to the *time rate of change* of the system's total *angular momentum* \vec{L} .

9. Angular Momentum of a rigid Body Rotating About a Fixed Axis

$$L = I\omega \quad (\text{rigid body, fixed axis})$$

- L is the angular momentum of the rigid body about the rotation axis and I is the moment of inertia of the rigid body about the same axis.

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TABLE 12-1 More Corresponding Variables and Relations for Translational and Rotational Motion^a

	Translational		Rotational
Force	\vec{F}	Torque	$\vec{\tau} (= \vec{r} \times \vec{F})$
Linear momentum	\vec{p}	Angular momentum	$\vec{l} (= \vec{r} \times \vec{p})$
Linear momentum ^b	$\vec{P} (= \sum \vec{p}_i)$	Angular momentum ^b	$\vec{L} (= \sum \vec{l}_i)$
Linear momentum ^b	$\vec{P} = M \vec{v}_{\text{com}}$	Angular momentum ^c	$L = I \omega$
Newton's second law ^b	$\vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \frac{d \vec{P}}{d t}$	Newton's second law ^b	$\vec{\tau}_{\text{net}} = \frac{d \vec{L}}{d t}$
Conservation law ^d	$\vec{P} = \text{a constant}$	Conservation law ^d	$\vec{L} = \text{a constant}$

^a See also Table 11-3.

^b For systems of particles, including rigid bodies.

^c For a rigid body about a fixed axis, with L being the component along that axis.

^d For a closed, isolated system.

10. Conservation of Angular Momentum

- If no external net torque acts on the system, then:

$$\vec{L} = \text{a constant (isolated system)}$$

- This result is called the *Law of Conservation of Angular Momentum*

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{net angular momentum} \\ \text{at some initial time } t_i \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{net angular momentum} \\ \text{at some later time } t_f \end{array} \right)$$

$$\vec{L}_i = \vec{L}_f \quad (\text{isolated system})$$

- If the *net external torque* acting on a system is *zero*, the angular momentum \vec{L} of the system remains constant, no matter what changes take place within the system.

- If the component of the net *external torque* on a system *along a certain axis* is *zero*, then the *component of the angular momentum* of the system *along that axis* cannot change, no matter what changes take place within the system.

$$I_i \omega_i = I_f \omega_f$$