

LECTURE # 11

KINEMATICS OF RIGID BODIES

- INERTIA MATRIX AND OYADIC
- H CALCULATION , T CALCULATION
- PRINCIPAL AXES AND ROTATIONS

RIGID BODY DYNAMICS

- TWO COMPONENTS TO RIGID BODY MOTION:

TRANSLATIONAL

$$\vec{F} = m \ddot{\vec{r}}_{CM}$$

ROTATIONAL

$$\vec{M} = \vec{H}^I$$

- DECOUPLE PROVIDED \vec{F} IND OF ROTATION
AND \vec{M} IND OF TRANSLATION.

→ CAN TREAT THE COMPLEX MOTION OF A
SYSTEM AS A:

① POINT MASS MOVING AS THE CENTER OF MASS
+

② BODY ROTATION ABOUT THE CENTER
OF MASS.

- ALREADY STUDIED CASE ① IN DEPTH

⇒ CONSIDER CASE ② FOR GENERAL
3D MOTION.

- QUICK REVIEW

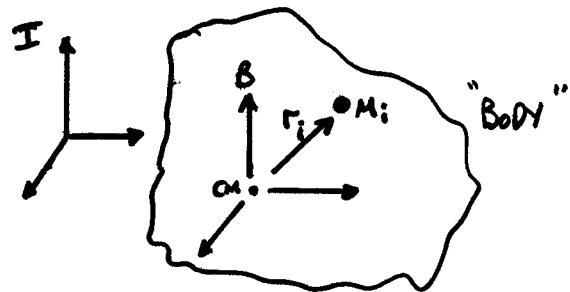
- ANGULAR MOMENTUM OF A PARTICLE i ABOUT THE CENTER OF MASS IS EQUAL TO THE MOMENT OF THE PARTICLE'S LINEAR MOMENTUM ABOUT THE C.O.M. (NOT NECESSARY, BUT SIMPLIFIES).

$$\vec{H}_i = \vec{r}_i \times (m_i \vec{v}_i)$$

LOCATION
OF PARTICLE
WRT C.O.M.

$$\stackrel{\text{BODY}}{\Rightarrow} \vec{H} = \sum_i \vec{r}_i \times (m_i \vec{v}_i)$$

ABSOLUTE
VELOCITY
OF PARTICLE i



- FOR RIGID BODY WITH CONTINUOUS MASS DISTRIBUTION
 $\{ \text{PARTICLE } m_i \} \Rightarrow \{ \text{MASS } dm \text{ OF SMALL VOLUME } dv \}$

$$\vec{H} = \int_B \vec{r} \times \vec{v} dm$$

$$m: \cdot \rightarrow \boxed{dm}$$

- USE TRANSPORT THEOREM

$$\vec{v} = \vec{v}_{\text{COM}} + \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}$$

- SUBSTITUTE TO GET:

$$\vec{H} = \int_B \vec{r} \times \vec{v}_{\text{COM}} dm + \int_B \vec{r} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}) dm$$

SINCE v_{COM} CONSTANT

AND ORIGIN OF \vec{r} IS

C.O.M.

$$\Rightarrow \vec{H} = \int_B \vec{r} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}) dm$$

INERTIA DEFINITIONS

- EXPANSION OF THE INERTIA
 - RB, REF POINT AT ORIGIN OF CARTESIAN COORDINATE SYSTEM
 - VOLUME ELEMENT AT $\vec{r} = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}$
 - ANGULAR VELOCITY OF BODY IN TERMS OF CARTESIAN COMPONENTS :

$$\vec{\omega} = \omega_x \vec{i} + \omega_y \vec{j} + \omega_z \vec{k}$$

⇒ NOW EXPAND $\vec{r} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r})$

$$\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \omega_x & \omega_y & \omega_z \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix} = (z\omega_y - y\omega_z) \vec{i} + (x\omega_z - z\omega_x) \vec{j} + (y\omega_x - x\omega_y) \vec{k}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}) &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ x & y & z \\ z\omega_y - y\omega_z & x\omega_z - z\omega_x & y\omega_x - x\omega_y \end{vmatrix} \\ &= [(y^2 + z^2)\omega_x - xy\omega_y - xz\omega_z] \vec{i} \\ &\quad + [-yx\omega_x + (x^2 + z^2)\omega_y - yz\omega_z] \vec{j} \\ &\quad + [-zx\omega_x - zy\omega_y + (x^2 + y^2)\omega_z] \vec{k} \end{aligned}$$

- DEFINE THE MOMENTS OF INERTIA AS:

$$I_{xx} = \int_B (y^2 + z^2) dm ; I_{xy} = I_{yx} = - \int_B xy dm$$

$$I_{yy} = \int_B (x^2 + z^2) dm ; I_{xz} = I_{zx} = - \int_B xz dm$$

$$I_{zz} = \int_B (x^2 + y^2) dm ; I_{yz} = I_{zy} = - \int_B yz dm$$

- THEN $H = \int_B \vec{r} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}) dm$

$$= [I_{xx} \omega_x + I_{xy} \omega_y + I_{xz} \omega_z] \hat{i}$$

$$+ [I_{yx} \omega_x + I_{yy} \omega_y + I_{yz} \omega_z] \hat{j}$$

$$+ [I_{zx} \omega_x + I_{zy} \omega_y + I_{zz} \omega_z] \hat{k}$$

$$= H_x \hat{i} + H_y \hat{j} + H_z \hat{k}$$

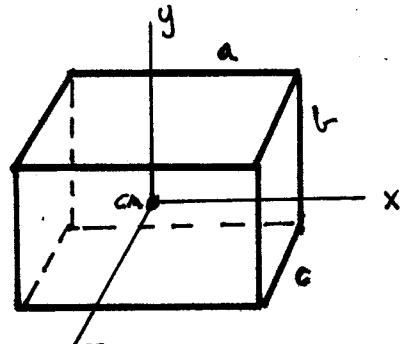
- FINDING $I_{xx}, I_{xz}, I_{xy}, \dots$ REQUIRES MANY TRIPLE INTEGRALS

- MATRIX NOTATION:

$$\begin{bmatrix} H_x \\ H_y \\ H_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{xx} & I_{xy} & I_{xz} \\ I_{yx} & I_{yy} & I_{yz} \\ I_{zx} & I_{zy} & I_{zz} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix}$$

INERTIA MATRIX

TYPICAL EXAMPLE : BOX ($a \times b \times c$)



- FIND I_{xx} AT C.O.M.

$$I_{xx} = \int_B (y^2 + z^2) dm = \iiint_{\substack{-c/2 \\ -b/2 \\ -a/2}}^{a/2} \rho (y^2 + z^2) dx dy dz$$

$$= \rho a \left[\int_{-c/2}^{c/2} z^2 dz + \int_{-b/2}^{b/2} y^2 dy \right]$$

$$= \rho a \left[\left(\frac{z^3}{3} \right) \Big|_{-c/2}^{c/2} + \left(\frac{y^3}{3} \right) \Big|_{-b/2}^{b/2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\rho abc}{12} (b^2 + c^2) \quad m = \rho abc$$

$$\therefore I_{xx} = \frac{m}{12} (b^2 + c^2)$$

- MANY OTHER EXAMPLES IN THE TEXTBOOKS.

KEY POINTS:

- 1) FOR PLANAR BODIES WITH ORIGIN IN THE PLANE (xy) $I_{xz} = I_{yz} = 0$
 $I_{zz} = I_{xx} + I_{yy}$
- 2) FOR 3-D BODIES WITH A PLANE OF SYMMETRY, THE CROSS MOMENTS OF INERTIA ACROSS THE PLANE ARE ZERO
 - PLANE OF SYMMETRY X-Y
 $\Rightarrow I_{xz} = I_{yz} = 0$
 - "MASS EVENLY DISTRIBUTED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE PLANE"
- 3) IF, FURTHERMORE, ONE OF THE COORDINATE AXES IS THE SYMMETRY AXIS OF A BODY OF REVOLUTION, THEN ALL CROSS MOMENTS OF INERTIA ARE ZERO.

TRANSLATION OF COORDINATES

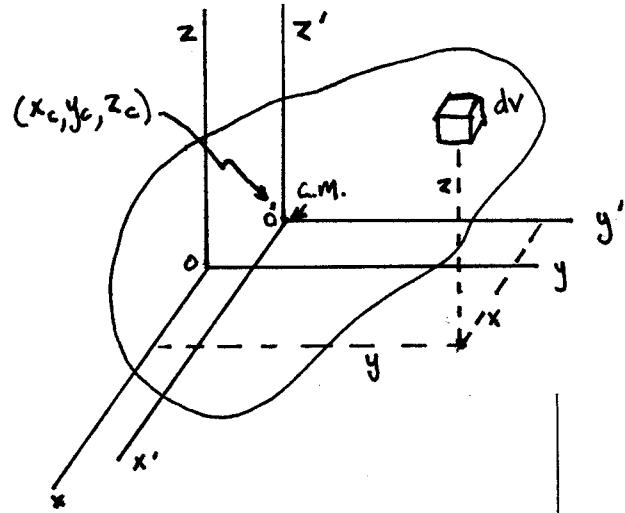
- OFTEN HAVE THE INERTIAS ABOUT ONE SET OF AXES AND NEED IT ABOUT A SECOND SET:

- PARALLEL TO FIRST
- OFFSET

$$x = x' + x_c$$

$$y = y' + y_c$$

$$z = z' + z_c$$



- RESULT IS THE PARALLEL AXIS THM.

$$I_{KK} = I_{K'K'} + md^2$$

WHERE d IS THE DISTANCE BETWEEN
A GIVEN PRIMED AND UNPRIMED AXIS

- SO: $I_{xx} = I_{x'x'} + m(y_c^2 + z_c^2)$

$$I_{yy} = I_{y'y'} + m(x_c^2 + z_c^2)$$

$$I_{zz} = I_{z'z'} + m(x_c^2 + y_c^2)$$

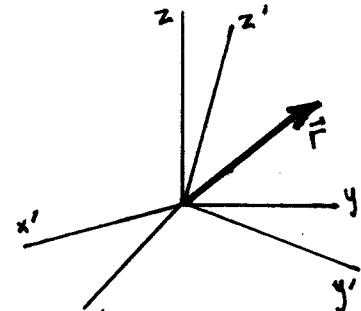
$$I_{xy} = I_{x'y'} - mx_c y_c ; \quad I_{xz} = I_{x'z'} - mx_c z_c$$

$$I_{yz} = I_{y'z'} - my_c z_c$$

ROTATION OF COORDINATES.

- ON 10-3B, INTRODUCED THE INERTIA MATRIX

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} I_{xx} & I_{xy} & I_{xz} \\ I_{yz} & I_{yy} & I_{yz} \\ I_{zx} & I_{zy} & I_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$



FOR THE X-Y-Z COORDINATE SYSTEM (F1)
(ORIGIN AT C.O.M.)

- WHAT IF WE HAVE A SECOND FRAME (F2)
X'-Y'-Z' (SAME ORIGIN) THAT IS REACHED
FROM THE FIRST THROUGH A GENERAL
ROTATION "R₂₁" (SEE 2-10)

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{bmatrix} = R_{21} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

RECALL THAT
 $R_{21}^{-1} = R_{21}^T$

- IN FRAME 1 $H_1 = I_1 \omega_1$

- GIVEN H_1 , FIND $H_2 = R_{21} H_1$

$$\text{" } \omega_1 \text{ " } \omega_2 = R_{21} \omega_1$$

$$\therefore H_2 = I_2 \omega_2 \Rightarrow R_{21} H_1 = R_{21} I_1 \omega_1 = R_{21} I_1 R_{21}^{-1} \omega_2$$

$$\therefore I_2 = R_{21} I_1 R_{21}^T$$

- SO TO ROTATE THE INERTIA MATRIX, WE NEED TO PRE- AND POST-MULTIPLY BY R_{21} .

$$I_2 = R_{21} I_1 R_{21}^T$$

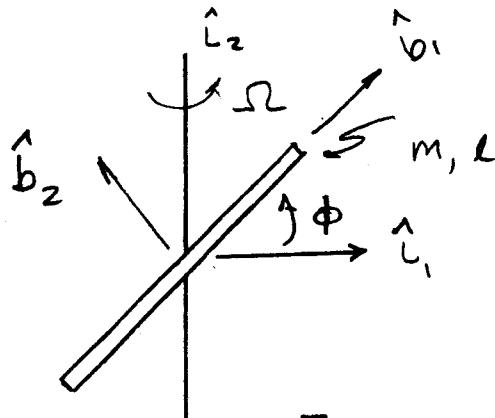
$$I_1 = R_{21}^T I_2 R_{21}$$

EXAMPLE: ROD ATTACHED TO SHAFT SPINS AT RATE ω_r , FIND \vec{H} IN INERTIAL FRAME COORDINATES.

$$\vec{\omega} = \omega_r \hat{i}_2$$

KEY POINT: INERTIAS EASY TO FIND USING \hat{i} COORDINATES:

$$I_{b_2 b_2} = I_{b_3 b_3} = \frac{mL^2}{12}$$



$$I_b = \frac{mL^2}{12} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_{bL} = \begin{bmatrix} c\phi & s\phi & 0 \\ -s\phi & c\phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I_L = R_{bL}^T I_b R_{bL} = \frac{mL^2}{12} \begin{bmatrix} +\sin^2\phi & -\sin\phi \cos\phi & 0 \\ -\cos\phi \sin\phi & \cos^2\phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow H = \frac{mL^2 \omega_r}{12} \begin{bmatrix} -\sin\phi \cos\phi \\ \cos^2\phi \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

PRINCIPAL AXES OF INERTIA

- IN GENERAL THE INERTIA MATRIX IS FULLY POPULATED

⇒ BUT CAN ALWAYS FIND A NEW FRAME (REACHED BY A ROTATION) FOR WHICH THE INERTIA MATRIX IS DIAGONAL

$$I \Rightarrow I' = \begin{bmatrix} I_{xx'} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_{yy'} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{zz'} \end{bmatrix}$$

- $I_{xx'}, I_{yy'}, I_{zz'}$ CALLED PRINCIPAL MOMENTS OF INERTIA
- x', y', z' CALLED PRINCIPAL AXES
- DIAGONAL I MAKES THINGS MUCH EASIER:

$$H = Iw \Rightarrow H_x = I_{xx} w_x; H_y = I_{yy} w_y; \dots$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} w^T I w \Rightarrow T = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^3 I_{ii} w_i^2$$

- GREAT, BUT HOW FIND THESE PRINCIPAL AXES?
⇒ EIGENVALUE PROBLEM.

- GIVEN SYMMETRIC MATRIX A (3×3)
FIND EIGENVALUES λ_i AND EIGENVECTORS v_i

$$Av_i = \lambda_i v_i \quad i=1, \dots, 3 \quad v_i^T v_j = 0 \quad \begin{matrix} v_{i,j} \\ i \neq j \end{matrix}$$

$$\therefore A [v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3] = [v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3] \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

OR $AV = V\Lambda$

$$\Rightarrow A = V\Lambda V^{-1} \quad \text{BUT GIVEN PROPERTIES OF } v_i, V^{-1} = V^T$$

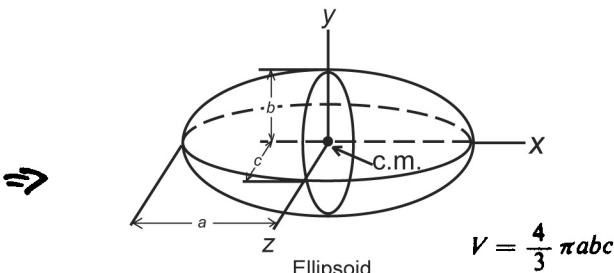
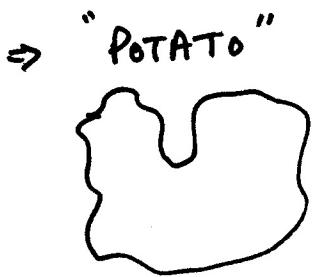
$$\therefore A = V\Lambda V^T ; \quad \Lambda = V^T A V$$



⇒ V ACTS AS A ROTATION MATRIX ON "A"
YIELDING A DIAGONAL Λ

- GIVEN I , PERFORM EV, E \tilde{V} DECOMPOSITION
TO OBTAIN - EIGENVALUES (I_{xx}, I_{yy}, I_{zz})
- EIGENVECTORS (ROTATION MATRIX)

- IN THE PRINCIPAL AXES, THE INERTIA MATRIX IS DIAGONAL
 \Rightarrow COULD JUST CONSIDER THE BODY NOW AS THE EQUIVALENT, BUT SIMPLER, SHAPE THAT GIVES THE SAME ^{PRINCIPAL} MOMENTS OF INERTIA (AND MASS)



$$I_{zz} = \frac{m}{5} (b^2 + c^2)$$

$$I_{yy} = \frac{m}{5} (a^2 + c^2)$$

$$I_{xx} = \frac{m}{5} (a^2 + b^2)$$

- SAME PRINCIPAL MOMENTS OF INERTIA AND MASSES \Rightarrow TWO BODIES ARE DYNAMICALLY EQUIVALENT.

DYADIC NOTATION

- COULD WORK WITH THE MATRIX NOTATION,
BUT THIS IS A BIT CLUMSY WHEN
DOING THE DERIVATIVES
 \Rightarrow MORE CONVENIENT TO USE VECTOR
NOTATION
- OK, BUT HOW DO WE WRITE \vec{H} IN TERMS
OF THE INERTIAS AND ANGULAR VELOCITY?
 \Rightarrow NEED TO INTRODUCE A NEW ENTITY
CALLED THE INERTIA DYADIC \vec{H}^L

$$\vec{H} = \int_B \vec{r} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}) dm \Rightarrow \vec{H} = \vec{I}^L \cdot \vec{\omega}^L$$

- CAN ALSO SHOW THAT:

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{H} = \frac{1}{2} \vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{I}^L \cdot \vec{\omega}$$

DYADICS

- "EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW" ABOUT DYADICS.
 - FOR NOW.
- LET \vec{A}, \vec{B} BE 2 VECTORS, THEN THEIR DOT PRODUCT IS A SCALAR.

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} &= (a_x \vec{i} + a_y \vec{j} + a_z \vec{k}) \cdot (b_x \vec{i} + b_y \vec{j} + b_z \vec{k}) \\ &= a_x b_x + a_y b_y + a_z b_z\end{aligned}$$

WHY? - PROBABLY NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT
 - BUT THE RULES ARE:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{i} \cdot \vec{i} = 1 \\ \vec{i} \cdot \vec{j} = 0 \\ \vec{i} \cdot \vec{k} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

\Rightarrow SO ONLY THE $\vec{i} \cdot \vec{i}; \vec{j} \cdot \vec{j}; \vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}$

ARE NON-ZERO.

- A DYAD IS LIKE A SECOND ORDER VECTOR " $\vec{i}\vec{i}$ "
 - DOT PRODUCT OF A DYAD AND A VECTOR IS STILL A VECTOR.

E.G. WILL GET TERMS LIKE:

$$I_{xx} \vec{i}\vec{i} \cdot (w_x \vec{i} + w_y \vec{j} + w_z \vec{k})$$

$$= I_{xx} w_x \vec{i}$$

SINCE



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{i} \cdot \vec{i} = 1 \\ \vec{i} \cdot \vec{j} = 0 \\ \vec{i} \cdot \vec{k} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{i} \cdot \vec{i} = 1 \\ \vec{i} \cdot \vec{j} = 0 \\ \vec{i} \cdot \vec{k} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

- SO, CAN SHOW THAT THE INERTIA DYAD IS OF THE FORM

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{\mathbb{I}} = & I_{xx} \vec{i} \vec{i} + I_{xy} \vec{i} \vec{j} + I_{xz} \vec{i} \vec{k} \\ & + I_{yx} \vec{j} \vec{i} + I_{yy} \vec{j} \vec{j} + I_{yz} \vec{j} \vec{k} \\ & + I_{zx} \vec{k} \vec{i} + I_{zy} \vec{k} \vec{j} + I_{zz} \vec{k} \vec{k}\end{aligned}$$

- I_{xx}, I_{xz}, \dots AS DEFINED PREVIOUSLY. (7-4)

- THUS, $\vec{\mathbb{H}} = \vec{\mathbb{I}} \cdot \vec{\omega} = \vec{i} (I_{xx} \omega_x + I_{xy} \omega_y + I_{xz} \omega_z) + \vec{j} (I_{yx} \omega_x + I_{yy} \omega_y + I_{yz} \omega_z) + \vec{k} (I_{zx} \omega_x + I_{zy} \omega_y + I_{zz} \omega_z)$

- FORM FOR $\vec{\mathbb{I}}$ ARISES BECAUSE YOU CAN SHOW (10-6)

$$\vec{\mathbb{I}} = \int_B [(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}) \vec{\mathbb{U}} - \vec{r} \vec{r}] dm$$

$$\vec{\mathbb{U}} = \vec{i} \vec{i} + \vec{j} \vec{j} + \vec{k} \vec{k} \quad \text{UNIT DYADIC}$$

MORE DETAILS ON DYADIC NOTATION

- DYADIC NOTATION - MOTIVATION

$$\vec{H} = \int_B \vec{r} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}) dm$$

⇒ LOOK AT THE INTEGRAND: $\vec{r} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r})$

- USE THE VECTOR TRIPLE PRODUCT

$$(\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})) = (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) \vec{B} - (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) \vec{C}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}) = (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}) \vec{\omega} - (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{\omega}) \vec{r}$$

$$= (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}) \vec{\omega} - \vec{r} (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{\omega})$$

$$= (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}) \vec{\omega} - \vec{r} \vec{r} \cdot \vec{\omega}$$

- BY DEFINITION: $\vec{\omega} = \vec{U} \cdot \vec{\omega}^L ; \vec{U} = \vec{i} \vec{i} + \vec{j} \vec{j} + \vec{k} \vec{k}$

$$\therefore \vec{r} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}) = [(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}) \vec{U} - \vec{r} \vec{r}] \cdot \vec{\omega}^L$$

$$\therefore \vec{H} = \int_B [(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}) \vec{U} - \vec{r} \vec{r}] dm \cdot \vec{\omega}^L$$

$$\vec{H} = \vec{H}^L \cdot \vec{\omega}^L$$

KINETIC ENERGY

- SHOWED THAT TOTAL KINETIC ENERGY FOR A SYSTEM OF N PARTICLES :

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m v_c^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i |\dot{\vec{r}}_i^{\perp}|^2$$

v_c - SPEED OF C.O.M.

$\dot{\vec{r}}_i^{\perp}$ - VELOCITY OF i^{TH} PARTICLE WRT C.O.M.

- FOR A RIGID BODY, ONLY ALLOWED MOTION WRT C.O.M ARE DUE TO ROTATIONS : $\dot{\vec{r}}_i^{\perp} \equiv \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}_i$

$$\Rightarrow |\dot{\vec{r}}_i^{\perp}|^2 = \dot{\vec{r}}_i^{\perp} \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}_i^{\perp} = \vec{r}_i \cdot (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}_i)$$

- DEFINE $T_{\text{ROT}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i |\dot{\vec{r}}_i^{\perp}|^2$

$$\text{FOR CTS BODY} \Rightarrow T_{\text{ROT}} = \frac{1}{2} \int_B \vec{\omega} \cdot (\vec{r} \times \dot{\vec{r}}^{\perp}) dm$$

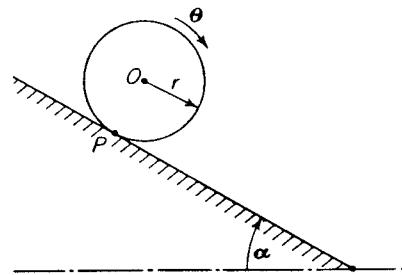
$$= \cancel{n} \vec{\omega} \cdot \underbrace{\int_B (\vec{r} \times \dot{\vec{r}}^{\perp}) dm}_{\vec{H}_{\text{com}}}$$

$$\therefore T_{\text{ROT}} = \frac{1}{2} \vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{H}_{\text{com}} = \frac{1}{2} \vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{I} \cdot \vec{\omega}$$

EXAMPLE: RIGID BODY MOTION IN A PLANE

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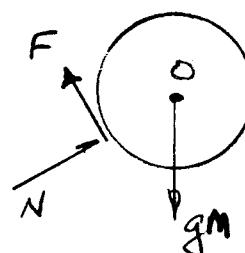
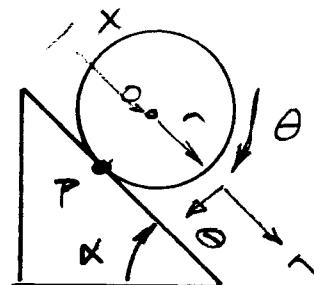
- UNIFORM DISC RADIUS r
MASS m ROLLS DOWN
RAMP W/O SLIPPING.



- $\dot{M} = \dot{H}^I$
 ω INTO PAGE. (\hat{z} DIRECTION)

DUE TO SYMMETRY, \hat{z} A
PRINCIPAL AXIS

$\Rightarrow \hat{H}$ AND $\dot{\hat{H}}^I$ ARE PARALLEL



- TAKE REF. POINT AT O

\Rightarrow MOMENT OF INERTIA $I_o = \frac{1}{2} m r^2$

$$H_z = I_o \dot{\theta}, \quad \dot{H}_z^I = I_o \ddot{\theta}$$

- FBD $\Rightarrow M_o = F_r \Rightarrow F = \frac{1}{2} m r \ddot{\theta}$

- SUM FORCES ALONG RAMP $mg \sin \alpha - F = m r \ddot{\theta}$

$$\therefore mg \sin \alpha = \frac{3}{2} m r \ddot{\theta}; \quad \ddot{\theta} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{g \sin \alpha}{r}$$

- ALTERNATIVE : LAGRANGE

$$T = \frac{1}{2} m v_0^2 + \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} m (r\dot{\theta})^2 + \frac{1}{4} m r^2 \dot{\theta}^2 = \frac{3}{4} m r^2 \dot{\theta}^2$$

$$V = -mg(r\theta \sin \alpha)$$

HEIGHT DOWN FROM TOP

$$L = T - V = \frac{3}{4} m r^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + Mg r \theta \sin \alpha$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) = \frac{3}{2} m r^2 \ddot{\theta}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = m g r \sin \alpha$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} m r^2 \ddot{\theta} - m g r \sin \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \ddot{\theta} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{g}{r} \sin \alpha$$