## **Circular motion**

ω

**Angular position**  $\theta$  how far it has turned

eg: it has turned through  $90^{\circ}$ 

 $\theta = 90^{\circ}, \quad \theta = \pi/2 \text{ radians}$ 

**Angular velocity**  $\omega$  how fast it is turning

eg: it is turning at 3000 revolutions per minute

= 3000 rpm = 
$$\frac{3000 \text{ turns}}{60 \text{ s}}$$
  
= 50 turns/s =  $\frac{50*2\pi}{8}$  = 314 rad.s<sup>-1</sup>

Angular acceleration  $\alpha$  how fast  $\omega$  is increasing

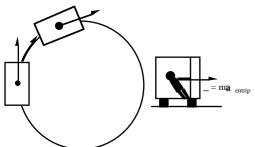
eg: it goes from 0 to 3000 r.p.m in 5 seconds

 $\omega_{init} = 0$   $\omega_{final} = 314$  rad.s<sup>-1</sup>

average  $\alpha \equiv \frac{\omega_{final} - \omega_{init}}{\Delta t}$ 

## Uniform circular motion

Circular motion with  $\omega = \text{const.}$  Even if  $\alpha = 0$ , This actually produces acceleration. eg bus going round a corner

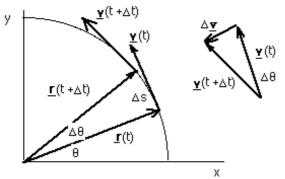


Or consider hammer thrower



Resultant force produces acceleration in the horizontal direction, towards the centre of the motion

# Centripital force, centripital acceleration Uniform circular motion



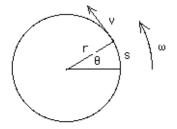
As  $\Delta t$  and  $\Delta \theta \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\Delta \underline{v} \rightarrow right$  angles to  $\underline{v}$ 

$$\therefore \mathbf{\underline{a}} \equiv \lim_{\Delta t \to 0} \left( \frac{\Delta \mathbf{\underline{v}}}{\Delta t} \right) \qquad \left( \frac{1}{2} - \mathbf{\underline{r}} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{centripital} \\ \text{acceleration} \end{array} \right)$$
As  $\Delta \theta \to 0$ ,  $\Delta s \to r \Delta \theta$   
 $v = \frac{ds}{dt}$   
 $= r \frac{d\theta}{dt} = r \omega$ 

 $\omega$  is the **angular velocity** 

 $\begin{aligned} |\Delta \underline{\mathbf{v}}| &\cong |\mathbf{v}\Delta \theta| \qquad (n.b.: |\Delta \underline{\mathbf{v}}| \neq \Delta |\underline{\mathbf{v}}|) \\ \lim_{\Delta t \to 0} |d\underline{\mathbf{v}}| &= |\mathbf{v}d\theta| \\ |\underline{\mathbf{a}}| &\equiv \frac{|d\underline{\mathbf{v}}|}{dt} \\ &= v\frac{d\theta}{dt} = v\omega \\ \mathbf{a} &= \frac{v^2}{r} = \omega^2 r \quad \text{but } \underline{\mathbf{a}} // - \underline{\mathbf{r}} \\ \text{so } \underline{\mathbf{a}} &= -\omega^2 \underline{\mathbf{r}} \end{aligned}$ 

# **Circular motion:**



r is constant

If  $\theta$  measured in radians,

$$s = r\theta.$$
  

$$\therefore \quad v = \frac{ds}{dt} = r\frac{d\theta}{dt} \equiv r\omega$$
  

$$v = r\omega \qquad \omega = \frac{v}{r}$$
  

$$\therefore \quad a = \frac{dv}{dt} = r\frac{d\omega}{dt} \equiv r\alpha$$
  

$$a = r\alpha \qquad \alpha = \frac{a}{r}$$

# Motion with constant $\underline{\alpha}$ .

Analogies	linear	angu	lar
displacement X		θ	
velocity	V		ω
acceleration	a		α

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{v}_{f} &= \mathbf{v}_{i} + at & \boldsymbol{\omega}_{f} &= \boldsymbol{\omega}_{i} + \alpha t \\ \Delta x &= \mathbf{v}_{i}t + \frac{1}{2} at^{2} & \Delta \theta &= \boldsymbol{\omega}_{i}t + \frac{1}{2} \alpha t^{2} \\ \mathbf{v}_{f}^{2} &= \mathbf{v}_{i}^{2} + 2a\Delta x & \boldsymbol{\omega}_{f}^{2} &= \boldsymbol{\omega}_{i}^{2} + 2\alpha\Delta \theta \\ \Delta x &= \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{v}_{i} + \mathbf{v}_{f})t & \Delta \theta &= \frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\omega}_{i} + \boldsymbol{\omega}_{f})t \end{split}$$

**Example**. Centrifuge, initially spinning at 5000 rpm, slows uniformly to rest over 30 s. (i) What is its angular acceleration? (ii) How far does it turn while slowing down? (iii) How far does it turn during the first second of deceleration?

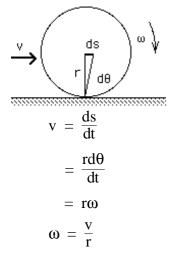
i)  $\omega_f = \omega_i + \alpha t$  (cf  $v_f = v_i + at$ )

$$= -17.5 \text{ rad.s}^{-2}.$$
ii)  $\Delta \theta = \frac{1}{2} (\omega_i + \omega_f) t$  (cf  $\Delta x = \frac{1}{2} (v_i + v_f) t$ )

= 1,250 revolutions  
iii) 
$$\Delta \theta = \omega_i t + \frac{1}{2} \alpha t^2$$
 (cf  $\Delta x = v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2$ )

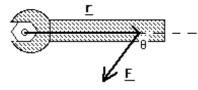
$$= 82 \text{ turns}$$

**Example** A bicycle wheel has r = 40 cm. What is its angular velocity when the bicycle travels at 40 km.hr<sup>-1</sup>?



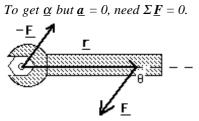
## Torque

Force applied at point displaced from axis of rotation.

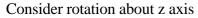


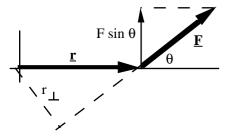
(Note: if  $\underline{\mathbf{F}}$  were only force  $\Rightarrow$  acceleration:

How does the 'turning tendency' depend on F? r?  $\theta$ ?



-  $\underline{F}$  does not contribute to the turning about axis.





Only the component F sin  $\theta$  tends to turn

$$\tau = r (F \sin \theta)$$

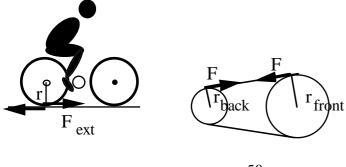
or 
$$= F(r \sin \theta) = F r_{\perp}$$

where  $r_{\perp}$  is called the moment arm

**Example** What is the maximum torque I apply by standing on a wheel brace 300 mm long?

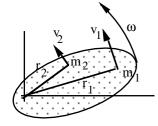
$$\tau = r (F \sin \theta)$$
  
max  $\tau = r F$ 

**Example**: bicycle and rider (m = 80 kg) accelerate at 2 ms<sup>-1</sup>. Wheel with r = 40 cm. What is torque at wheel? Front sprocket has 50 teeth, rear has 25, what is torque applied by legs?









Choose frame so that axis of rotation is at origin

$$K = \frac{1}{2}m_1v_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2v_2^2 + \dots$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{2}m_1(r_1\omega_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_2(r_2\omega_2)^2 + \dots$   
=  $\frac{1}{2}(\Sigma m_i r_i^2)\omega^2$  (cf  $K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ )

Define the Moment of inertia

(also called moment of inertia)

System of masses

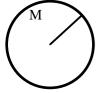
Continuous body I =

 $I = \int_{body} r^2 dm$ 

Ι

 $= \Sigma m_i r_i^2$ 

I depends on total mass, distribution of mass, shape and *axis of rotation*. Units are kg.m<sup>2</sup> **Example** What is I for a hoop about its axis?



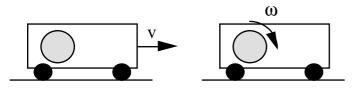
All the mass is at radius r, so

 $I = Mr^{2}$ For a disc:  $I = \int_{body} r^{2} dm = .... = \frac{1}{2}MR^{2}$ For a sphere  $I = = \frac{2}{5}MR^{2}$   $I = nMR^{2}$  n is a number  $= M(\sqrt{n}R)^{2} = Mk^{2}$  where  $k = \sqrt{n}R$  $I = Mk^{2}$  defines the radius of gyration k k is the radius of a boop with the same L as the object in

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object	I	k
hoop	MR <sup>2</sup>	R
disc	$\frac{1}{2}$ MR <sup>2</sup>	$\frac{R}{\sqrt{2}}$
solid sphere	$\frac{2}{5}$ MR <sup>2</sup>	$\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}R}$

**Example** Use a flywheel to store the K of a bus at stops. Disc R = 80 cm, M = 1 tonne. How fast must it turn to store all the kinetic energy of a 10 t. bus at 60 km.hr<sup>-1</sup>?



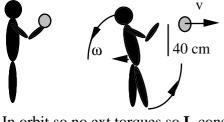
#### Newton's law for rotation

 $\tau_{total} = I\alpha$  *cf*  $F_{total} = ma$ 

**Example.** What constant torque would be required to stop the earth's rotation in one revolution? (Assume earth uniform.)

Plan: Know M, R,  $\omega_i$ ,  $\omega_f$ ,  $\Delta\theta$ . Need  $\tau$ . Use  $\tau = I\alpha$ , where  $\omega_i$ ,  $\omega_f$ ,  $\Delta\theta \to \alpha$ 

**Example** Space-walking cosmonaut (m = 80 kg, k = 0.3 m about short axes) throws a 2 kg ball (from shoulder) at 31 ms<sup>-1</sup> ( $\underline{v}$  displaced 40 cm from c.m.). How fast does she turn? Is this a record?



In orbit so no ext torques so  $\underline{L}$  conserved  $\underline{L}_i = \underline{L}_f = \underline{L}_{ball} + \underline{L}_{cos}$ 

### Analogies: linear and rotational kinematics

Linear		Angular	
displacement	Х	angular displacement $\theta$	
velocity	v	angular velocity $\omega$	
acceleration	а	angular acceleration $\alpha$	

## kinematic equations

$v_f = v_i + at$	$\omega_f = \omega_i + \alpha t$
$\Delta x = v_i t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2  \Delta \theta =$	$=\omega_it+\frac{1}{2}\alpha t^2$
$^{v}{}_{f}{}^{2}=\ v_{i}{}^{2}+2a\Delta x$	$\omega_{f}{}^{2}=\ \omega_{i}{}^{2}+2\alpha\Delta\theta$
$\Delta x = \frac{1}{2}  (v_i + v_f) t$	$\Delta \theta = \frac{1}{2} \left( \omega_i + \omega_f \right) t$

#### Analogies: linear and rotational mechanics

mass m rotational inertia I  $I = \Sigma m_i r_i^2 \qquad I = \int r^2 dm$ 

Work & energy

$W = \int \mathbf{\underline{F}} \cdot d\mathbf{\underline{s}}$	$W = \int \tau . d\theta$
$K = \frac{1}{2}Mv^2$	$\mathbf{K} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{I} \boldsymbol{\omega}^2$

F

force

torque  $\tau = rF \sin \theta$ 

momentum	angular momentum	
$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{m} \mathbf{v}$	$ \mathbf{L}  = \text{mrv} \sin \theta$	

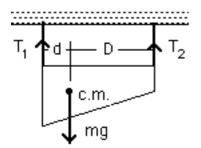
Newton 2:

$$\underline{\mathbf{F}} = \frac{d}{dt} \, \underline{\mathbf{p}} = m \, \underline{\mathbf{a}} \qquad \qquad \underline{\mathbf{I}} = \frac{d}{dt} \, \underline{\mathbf{L}} = \mathbf{I} \, \underline{\alpha}$$
  
if m const if I const

## Conservation of **p** and **L** :

If no external forces torques act on a system, its momentum is conserved.

Conservation of mechanical energy: if non-conservative forces and torques do no work, mechanical energy is conserved



**Example.** Object mass m suspended by two strings as shown. Find  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ .

It's not accelerating vertically so

 $N2 \rightarrow \Sigma F_y = ma_y = 0$ 

 $\therefore \quad T_1 + T_2 - mg = 0 \qquad (i)$ 

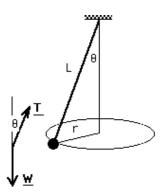
It's not accelerating horizontally so

 $N2 \rightarrow \Sigma F_x = ma_x = 0$ 

 $\therefore$  0 = 0 not enough equations

#### It's not rotationally accelerating so:

$$\begin{split} &N2 \rightarrow \quad \Sigma \ \tau \ = \ I\alpha \ = \ 0 \\ & \tau \ about \ c.m. \\ & clockwise \\ & \ddots \\ & \tau_1 + \tau_2 \ = \ T_2 D - T_1 d \ = 0 \\ & T_1 + \frac{d}{D} T_1 \ - \ mg \ = 0 \ \rightarrow \\ & T_1 = \ \frac{mg}{1 + d/D} \\ & T_2 = \ \frac{mg}{1 + D/d} \end{split}$$



**Example** Conical pendulum (Uniform circular motion.) What is the frequency?

Apply Newton 2 in two directions:

Vertical: 
$$a_y = 0$$
  $\therefore$   $\Sigma F_y = 0$   
 $\therefore$   $T \cos \theta - W = 0$   
 $T = \frac{mg}{mg}$ 

$$\cos \theta$$

Horizontal:

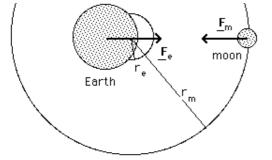
$$\frac{mv^2}{r} = a_c = T \sin \theta$$

$$=\frac{\mathrm{mg\,sin}\,\theta}{\mathrm{cos}\,\theta}$$

$$\therefore \frac{v^2}{r} = g \tan \theta$$
  
$$\therefore v = \sqrt{rg \tan \theta}$$
  
$$\therefore \frac{2\pi r}{T} = \sqrt{rg \tan \theta}$$
  
$$\therefore \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{g \tan \theta}} \frac{\sqrt{g \tan \theta}}{\sqrt{g \tan \theta}}$$

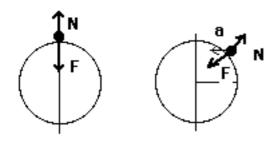
$$\therefore$$
  $r = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{r}{r}}$ 

**Example** Where is centre of earth-moon orbit?



 $F_e = F_m = F_g$  equal and opposite each makes a circle about common centre of mass

$$\begin{array}{rcl} F_g = & m_m a_m \ = \ m_m \omega^2 r_m \\ F_g = & m_e a_e \ = \ m_e \omega^2 r_e \\ \therefore & \frac{r_e}{r_m} \ = \ \frac{m_m}{m_e} \ = \ \frac{5.98\ 10^{24}\ kg}{7.36\ 10^{22}\ kg} \ = \ 81.3 \\ \\ \mbox{"earth-moon distance"} & r_e + r_m \ = \ 3.85\ 10^8\ m \\ solve \ \to \ r_m \ = \ 3.80\ 10^8\ m, \ r_e \ = \ 4.7\ 10^6\ m \\ \therefore \ centre \ of \ orbit \ is \ inside \ earth \end{array}$$



(Weight) = - (the force exerted by scales) At poles,  $\underline{\mathbf{F}} - \underline{\mathbf{N}} = 0$ At latitude  $\theta$ ,  $\underline{\mathbf{F}} - \underline{\mathbf{N}} = m\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ where  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{r}\omega^2 = (\mathbf{R}_e \cos \theta)\omega^2$   $= \dots = 0.03 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  at equator = 0 at polesWe define  $\underline{\mathbf{g}} = \frac{\underline{\mathbf{N}}}{\underline{\mathbf{m}}} = \frac{\underline{\mathbf{F}} - \underline{\mathbf{m}}\underline{\mathbf{a}}}{\underline{\mathbf{m}}}$ 

**Question.** How can one buy and sell gold at different latitudes so as to make a profit?

**Example:** In what orbit does a satellite remain above the same point on the equator?

*Called the Clarke Geosynchronous Orbit*i) Period of orbit = period of earth's rotation

ii) Must be circular so that  $\omega$  constant

T = 23.9 hours  
T<sup>2</sup> = 
$$\left(\frac{4\pi^2}{GM}\right)r^3$$
  
r =  $\sqrt[3]{\frac{GMT^2}{4\pi^2}}$  = .....  
= 44,000 km popular orbit!