

Today:

torque  
angular momentum  
rotational inertia  
precession

if time:

pressure  
atmospheric pressure  
fluids

# PHY 117 HS2024

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## Quiz 2:

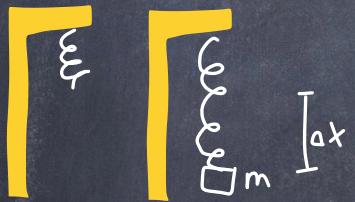
Unanswered Right Wrong

The spring constant would be the same on the moon than on the earth. ( $k = \frac{mg}{\Delta x}$ , and  $g$  is different on the moon)



$K$  is a constant, independent of the type of force.  
If we pull on a spring with any force  $F$ , it will extend by  $\Delta x$ , so  $K = \frac{F}{\Delta x}$ .  
More info...

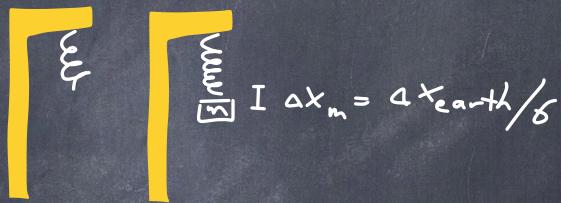
for instance, assume  
 $g_{\text{moon}} = g_{\text{earth}}/6$



$$g_{\text{earth}} = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$$

To calculate  $K$ , we hang a weight.

$$K = \frac{F}{\Delta x} = \frac{mg_{\text{earth}}}{\Delta x_{\text{earth}}}$$



$$\begin{aligned} g_{\text{moon}} &= 1.62 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2} \\ K &= \frac{m g_{\text{earth}}}{\Delta x_{\text{earth}}} \end{aligned}$$

yesterday

linear motion

$$\bar{F} = m\bar{a}$$

rotational motion

$$\bar{\tau} = I\bar{\alpha}$$

$I$  is kind of like mass ( $I = mr^2$ ) for one particle

Newton's second law of rotation

$$\sum \bar{\tau} = I\bar{\alpha}$$

$I$  is a measure of how mass is distributed.

for simple objects:  $I = \sum m_i r_i^2$

for objects with shape:  $I = \int r^2 dm$

Simple case: ring  
total mass  $M$ , all at  
a radius  $R$



$$I_{\text{ring}} = MR^2$$

Examples of  $I$ , rotational inertia

shape

\* point

\* ring

stick

sphere

disk

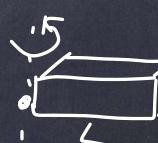
$I$   
 $I = MR^2$

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$I = \frac{1}{3}ML^2$

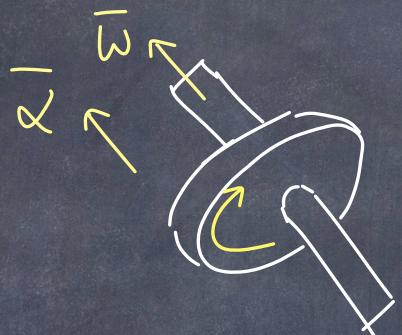
$I = \frac{2}{5}MR^2$

$I = \frac{1}{2}MR^2$

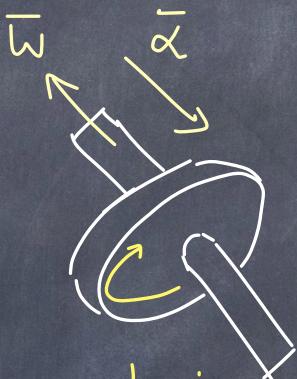


In the script, I derive some of these.  
In this class, you only need to know how to derive these (\*)

$$\bar{\tau} = I \bar{\alpha} \quad \text{what direction is } \bar{\alpha}?$$



speeding up



slowing down

$\bar{\alpha}$  points toward  $\bar{\omega}$

For  $\bar{\alpha}$ , the angular acceleration, it points in the same direction as  $\bar{\omega}$  if  $\bar{\omega}$  is getting bigger.

If  $\bar{\omega}$  is slowing down, then  $\bar{\alpha}$  points opposite to  $\bar{\omega}$ .

In linear motion, we have  $\bar{p} = m\bar{v}$

and  $\sum \bar{F} = m\bar{a} = \frac{d\bar{p}}{dt}$  ①

If  $\sum \bar{F} = 0$ , no net force, then  $\frac{d\bar{p}}{dt} = 0$ ,  
and momentum is conserved.

$$\begin{matrix} \bar{p}_i \\ \text{initial} \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \bar{p}_f \\ \text{final} \end{matrix}$$

In a rotating system  $\bar{\tau} = \bar{r} \times \bar{F}$ . Is there an equivalent of momentum?

start with  
eq. ①,

" $\bar{r} \times$ "

of both  
sides

$$\sum (\bar{r} \times \bar{F}) = \frac{d(\bar{r} \times \bar{p})}{dt}$$

$$\sum \bar{\tau} = \frac{d\bar{L}}{dt}$$

where we define  
 $\bar{L} = \bar{r} \times \bar{p}$ ,  
which is the angular momentum.

Angular momentum :  $\bar{L} = \bar{r} \times \bar{p}$



$$= \bar{r} \times (m\bar{v}) = m(\bar{r} \times \bar{v})$$

In a circle,  $\bar{v} \perp \bar{r}$

$$\bar{r} \times \bar{v} = rv \sin \theta_{rv} = rv (\sin 90^\circ) = rv$$

So here, angular momentum for an object moving in a circle is  $L = mvr$

Now we also know that  $v = rw$

Therefore,  $L = m(rw)r = \underbrace{mr^2}_I w$

$\bar{L} = I \bar{\omega}$

momentum  
(angular)

inertia  
(rotational)

velocity  
(angular)

↔  
analogy

$$\bar{p} = m \bar{v}$$

momentum  
(linear)

inertia  
(mass)

velocity  
(linear)



Direction of angular momentum vector of second hand of SBB clock?

If there are no external forces, then

$$\nabla(r \times \vec{F}) = 0 = \nabla \vec{\tau} = \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt}$$

If  $\frac{d\vec{L}}{dt}$  is  $\emptyset$ , then  $\vec{L}$  is constant.

$$\vec{L}_{\text{before}} = \vec{L}_{\text{after}}$$

conservation of angular momentum

when there is no external forces

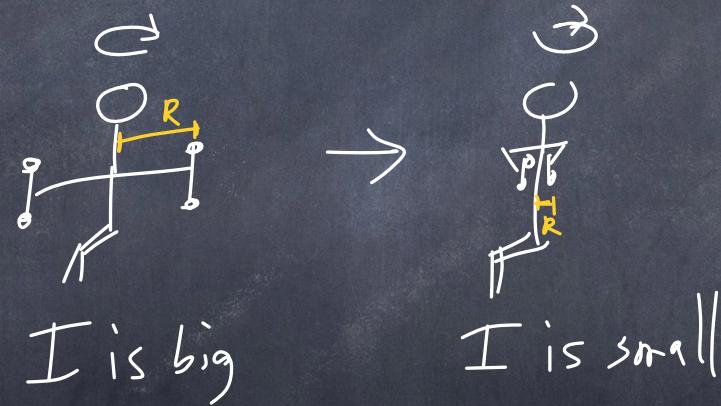
So  $\bar{L}$  is conserved like  $\bar{p}$

$$\bar{L} = I \bar{\omega}$$

this means that if we change  $I$ , then  $\omega$  must also change because  $\bar{L}$  stays constant.

$$I = MR^2$$

for the weights



$$\bar{L} = I \omega$$

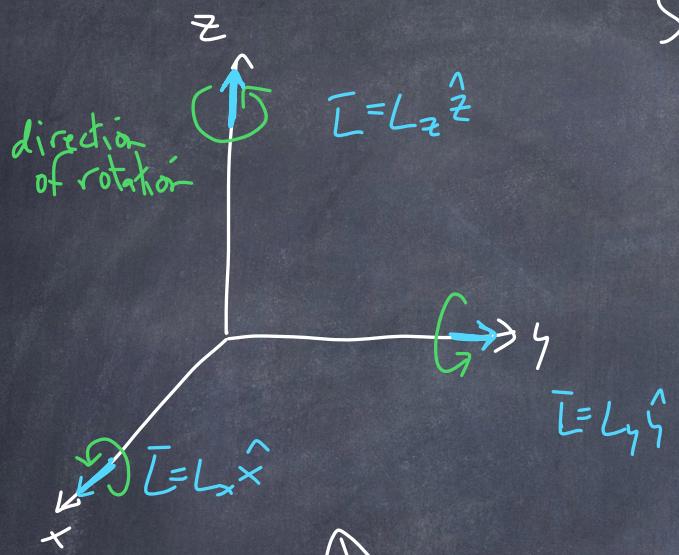
↑ same ↑ decrease ↑ increase

Objects can spin around 3 axes.

So  $\vec{L}$  can be

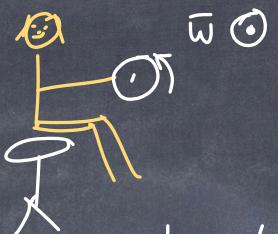
$$\vec{L} = L_x \hat{x} + L_y \hat{y} + L_z \hat{z}$$

Angular momentum must be conserved in all 3 directions, independently.



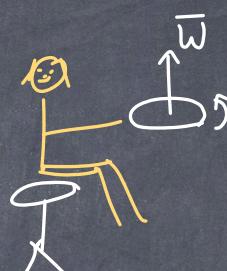
check your right-hand rule to see that the spin is consistent with the axis direction.

Initial :



chair can only rotate around the  $\hat{z}$  axis

Final:



wheel now has  
 $\bar{\omega} = \omega_z \hat{z}$   
rotating around the  $\hat{z}$  axis.

In the direction,  $\bar{\omega}_z$  is conserved.

Initial: Angular momentum around  $\hat{z}$ -axis is zero.

$$\bar{\omega}_z = 0$$

Finally : in  $\hat{z}$ -direction

$$\bar{\omega}_{\text{wheel}} + \bar{\omega}_{\text{me}}$$

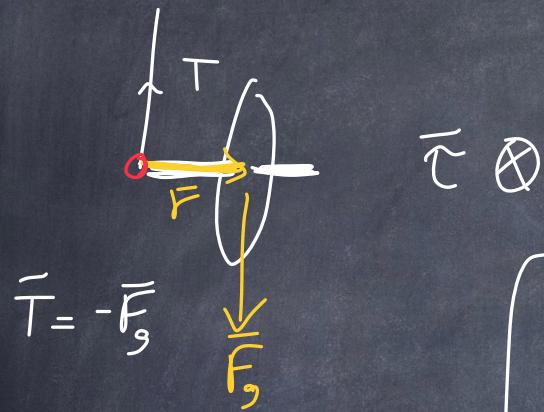
Because of conservation of  $\bar{\omega}$ ,

$$\bar{\omega}_{\text{initial}} = \bar{\omega}_{\text{final}}$$

$$0 = \bar{\omega}_{\text{wheel}} + \bar{\omega}_{\text{me}}$$

$$\bar{\omega}_{\text{me}} = -\bar{\omega}_{\text{wheel}}$$

Precession



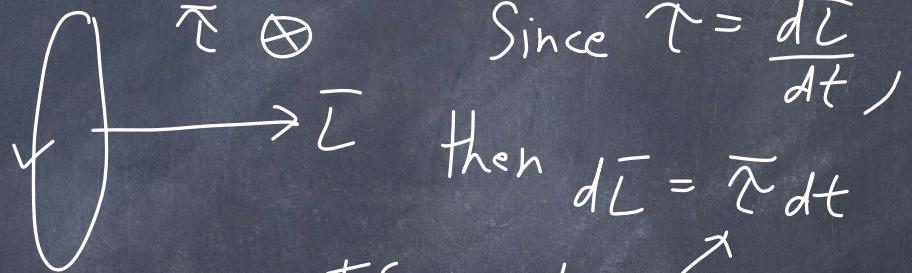
$$\vec{\tau} = -\vec{F}_g$$



Remember that  $\vec{\dot{L}} = \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt}$

when not spinning,  $\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F} = rM_g$   
causes wheel to fall

But if we spin the wheel, and apply torque



$$\text{Since } \vec{\tau} = \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt},$$

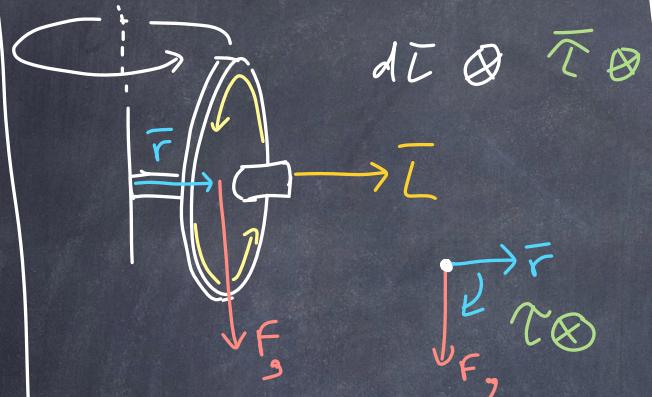
$$\text{then } d\vec{L} = \vec{\tau} dt$$

If we have a torque,  
then we change the angular  
momentum.

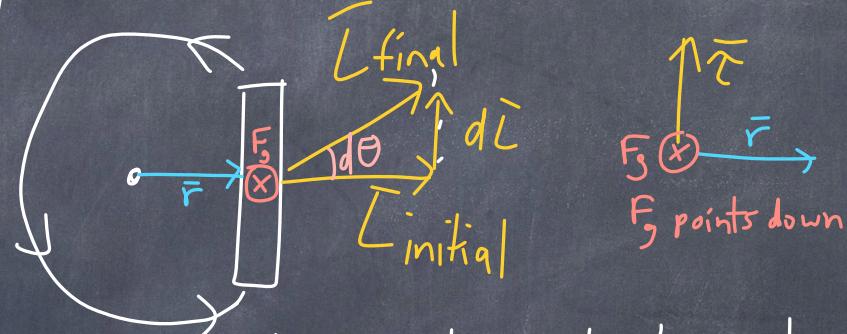
The direction of  $d\vec{L}$  is the  
direction of  $\vec{\tau}$ .  
Here

The amount of  $d\bar{L} = \bar{\tau} dt = r Mg dt$  ①

View from side:



View from above:



we expect  $\bar{L}$  to turn, to rotate in the direction of the torque.

From picture ②:

$$d\bar{L} = \bar{L} d\theta \quad d\theta = \frac{d\bar{L}}{\bar{L}}$$

$$\text{From ①} \quad d\theta = \frac{r Mg dt}{\bar{L}} \Rightarrow \frac{d\theta}{dt} = \frac{r Mg}{\bar{L}}$$

$$\omega_p = \frac{rmg}{\bar{L}} = \frac{rmg}{Iw} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \omega_p: \text{angular velocity of} \\ \text{precession} \\ \omega: \text{angular velocity of the} \\ \text{spinning wheel} \end{array}$$



Angular momentum, torque, & precession will  
come up in NMR + MRI,  
(we will discuss in PHY 127)

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New topic: Fluids

Fluids - what is pressure?  
what is atmospheric pressure?

$$P = \text{pressure} = \frac{\text{force}}{\text{area}}$$

units  $\left[ \frac{N}{m^2} \right] \equiv [Pa]$   
 $P_a = \frac{1 N}{m^2}$

The atmospheric pressure at sea level is 101.325 kPa. This is the weight of all the air above us on some area.



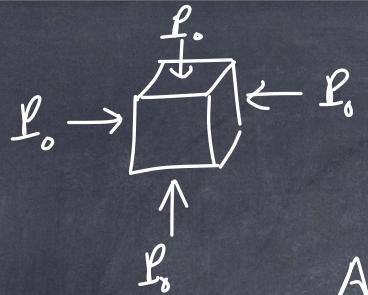
Now much weight does the atmosphere feel like on an area of  $1 \text{ cm}^2$ ?

$$A = 1 \text{ cm}^2$$


$$\frac{P_0}{\uparrow} = 101325 \frac{N}{m^2}$$

atm.  
pressure

$$F = P_0 A = 101325 \frac{N}{m^2} \cdot 1 \text{ cm}^2 \cdot \frac{1 \text{ m}^2}{(100 \text{ cm})^2}$$
$$F \approx 10 \text{ N/cm}^2 \Rightarrow m = 1 \text{ kg}$$



Pressure is not a vector.  
pressure pushes in all directions  
with the same value (at a given height)



Atmospheric pressure even points up!

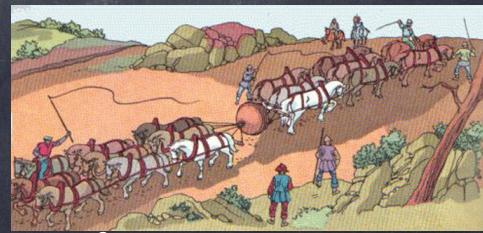
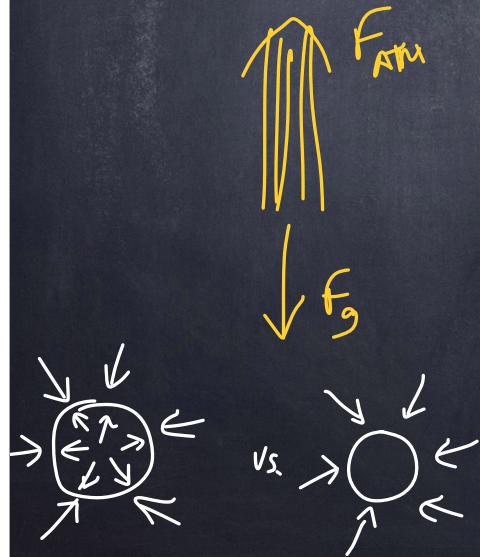


$$A = \text{Area} = \pi r^2 = 75 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$F_{\text{ATM}} = P_0 \cdot A = 10 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{cm}^2} \cdot 75 \text{ cm}^2 = 750 \text{ N}$$

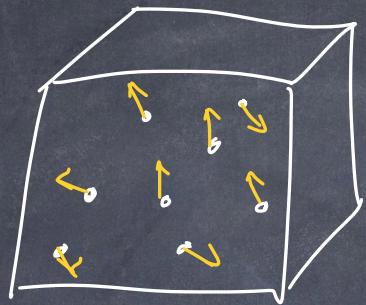
$$F_g = (M_{\text{water}}) g = (0.5 \text{ kg}) (10 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}^2}) = 5 \text{ N}$$

The force from the atmospheric pressure  
is much more than the weight due to  
gravity



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Where does pressure come from?



$\bar{p}_i$ : initial momentum  
of molecule  
before it  
hits the wall

$\bar{p}_f$ : final momentum

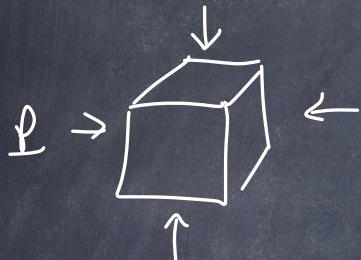
$$\Delta \bar{p} = \bar{p}_f - \bar{p}_i$$

impulse

remember  $F = p \cdot A$   $\Rightarrow \bar{F} = \frac{\Delta \bar{p}}{\Delta t}$  =  $\underbrace{p}_{\text{momentum}} \cdot \underbrace{\text{Area}}_{\text{pressure}}$

For  $N$  molecules,  
 $F = N \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}$  ] depends on velocity.

IF we apply a pressure to a substance of volume  $V$ , it gets compressed by some amount  $\Delta V$ . (Note:  $\Delta V$  is  $(-)$ )



we can define the Bulk modulus,  $B$ , to describe how much a substance resists compression.

$(B$  is small if  $\Delta V$  is large.)  
The  $(-)$  sign here makes  $B (+)$  because  $\Delta V$  is  $(-)$

material

iron

$$B [GPa = 10^9 Pa]$$

100

lead

8

water

2

air

$\sim 0.0001$

gases:  $B$  is very small

(depends on temperature)

liquids & solids:  $B$  is large because it is hard to compress liquids and solids.