

Combined translational + rotational motion

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1) baseball bat sweet spot problem (Giordano p.269/70)

• model bat as a uniform rod (mass m , length L)

Q: how realistic is that?

inertia about CM: $I_{CM} = \frac{1}{12} m L^2$ (thin rod)

(cf. table 8.2, p.262)

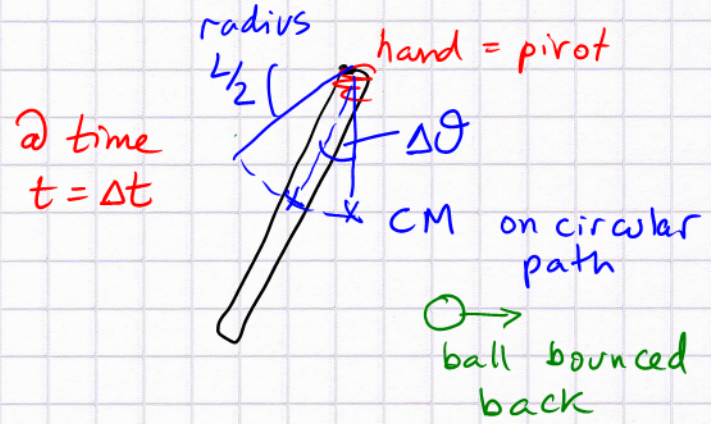
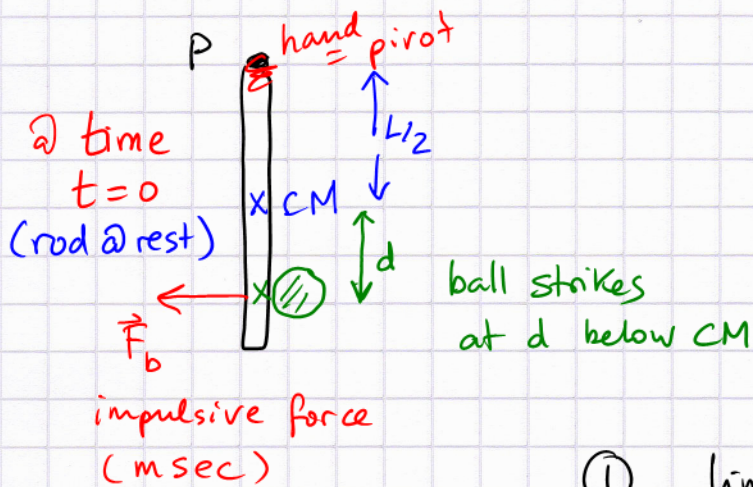
or $\int_{-L/2}^{L/2} x^2 dm = \left(\frac{m}{L}\right) \int_{-L/2}^{L/2} x^2 dx = \frac{m}{L} \left. \frac{x^3}{3} \right|_{-L/2}^{L/2} = \frac{m}{3L} \left(\frac{L^3}{8} - \left(-\frac{L^3}{8}\right) \right) = \frac{mL^2}{12}$

↑ geometric factor

↑ linear mass density

Idea: ball strikes rod such that it is put in a purely rotational motion about the handle end
 \therefore hand does not feel the hit (doesn't hurt)

Fig. 8.35 simplified



① linear motion: transfer \vec{F}_b to CM
 $m a_{CM} = F_b$ (negative, to the left)

② rotational motion about CM: $I_{CM} \alpha = \tau_{CM}$
 $\therefore \frac{1}{12} m L^2 \alpha = F_b d$ torque is into paper (< 0)
 \therefore CW motion

③ link rotation with CM translation $v_{CM} = \frac{L}{2} \omega$ circular motion, radius $L/2$
 $\therefore a_{CM} = \frac{L}{2} \alpha$

Combine ① and ② using ③ $\therefore d_{ideal} = L/6$

Remarks:

(i) the video showing a suspended rod struck by a hammer shows that striking @ $d \approx L/6$ makes the rod swing without rocking motion.

(ii) Q: what happens if the ball strikes @ $d=0$ (@CM)?

A: rod just translates, doesn't rotate

(iii) true baseball batting:

a) bat is not uniform, less mass near handle

b) bat is driven forward, not a pure rotation

c) bat - ball collision \rightarrow momentum conservation + approx. energy conservation?

2) Rolling (down an incline)

video compares arrival times of equal-size, equal-mass objects:

solid disk vs. ring vs. sphere

$$I_{CM} = \frac{1}{2} mR^2$$

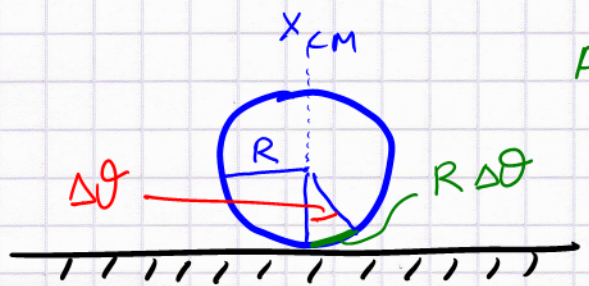
$$I_{CM} = mR^2$$

$$I_{CM} = \frac{2}{5} mR^2$$

more inertia, same torque
less acceleration?

$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ 2/5 < 1/2 \\ 0.4 & 0.5 \end{matrix}$$

Idealized rolling: single point of contact, instantaneously at rest!

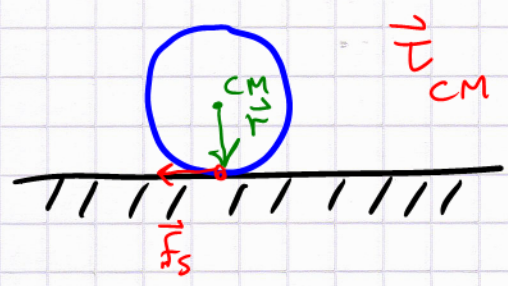


After time Δt angle increased (CW) by $\Delta\theta$;

CM advanced by $\Delta x = R \Delta\theta$

What causes rolling?

Torque about CM is provided by $\vec{f}_s = \text{static friction}$

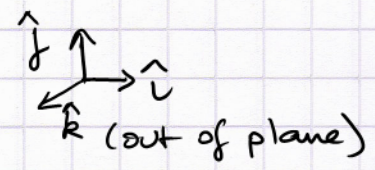


$$\vec{\tau}_{CM} = \vec{r} \times \vec{f}_s$$

is into page ;

$$\tau_z < 0$$

CW rotation



static friction ensures rolling as long as the required

$$f_s \leq \mu_s N = \mu_s mg ;$$

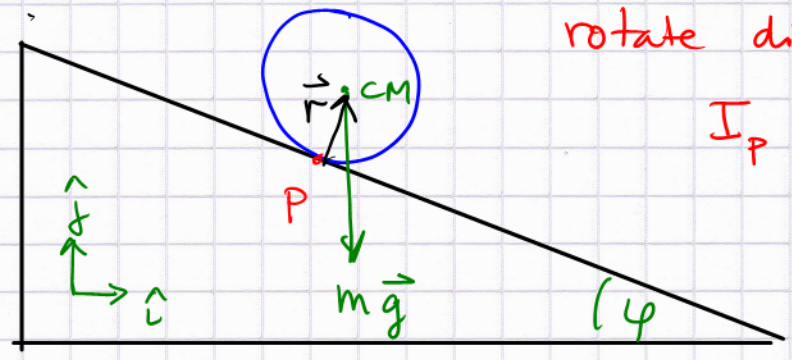
Incline

simplest discussion (avoids f_s)

rotate disk about P (as pivot)

$$I_P = \frac{3}{2} m R^2 \quad (= \frac{1}{2} m R^2 + m R^2)$$

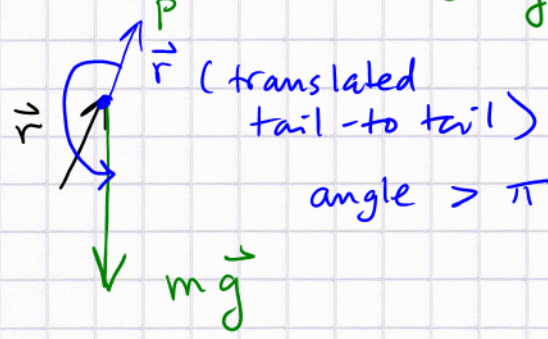
↑
motion of
CM on
circle of
radius R



gravity provides rotational torque about P:

$$\vec{\tau}_P = \vec{r} \times (m \vec{g}) = R m g \sin(\angle \vec{r}, m \vec{g}) \hat{k}$$

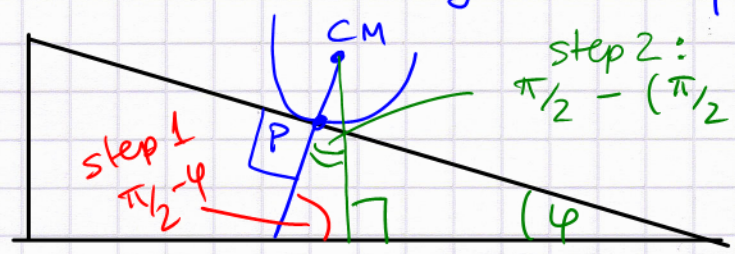
What is the angle?



angle $> \pi \therefore \sin(\text{angle})$ is negative

$\therefore \tau_{P,z} < 0 \therefore$ CW rotation

angle = $\pi + \phi$ ($= 180^\circ + \phi$) why?



step 2:
 $\pi/2 - (\pi/2 - \phi) = \phi$

$$\therefore |\tau_P| = R m g \sin \phi$$

Newton-2nd for rotation about P:

CW rotation
=> negative α
due to neg τ ,
but work with magnitude

$$\frac{3}{2} m R^2 \alpha = \tau = R m g \sin \varphi$$

$$\frac{3}{2} R \alpha = g \sin \varphi$$

now use $a_{CM} = R \alpha$

$$a_{CM} = \frac{2}{3} g \sin \varphi$$

compare to slipping:

$$a_{CM}^{slip} = g_{\parallel} = g \sin \varphi$$

Q: why is the advancement of the CM slowed?

A: CM is governed by: $m a_{CM} = m g_{\parallel} - f_s$

net force is:

$$m g \sin \varphi - f_s$$

$$\therefore f_s = \frac{1}{3} m g \sin \varphi$$

- Static friction is responsible for rolling
- it slows the CM (we moved forces to CM, determined the net force, that gave (2nd law linear motion))
- we find how much f_s is required!

for large φ : $\frac{1}{3} m g \sin \varphi$ may exceed $\mu_s m g$,

then the roll goes over into a skid

Next lecture(s): consider mechanical energy:

two parts: 1) $KE_{translation} = \frac{1}{2} m v_{CM}^2$

2) $KE_{rotation} = \frac{1}{2} I_{CM} \omega^2$

analogy

disk

$$KE_{rot} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} m R^2 \right) \left(\frac{v_{CM}}{R} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{4} m v_{CM}^2$$

rolling + translation energies are locked