

Practice your rotation and rotate your name on this paper: Key

AP Physics C: 7.8 Rotational Momentum

1. What is the formula for angular momentum and what are the units?  
 $L = I\omega$   ~~$L = I\omega$~~   $I$  is  $\text{kgm}^2$   $\omega$  is  $\frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sec}}$

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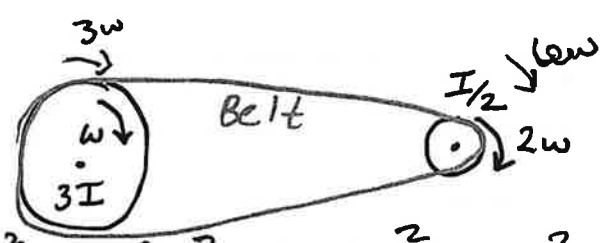
2. In linear momentum there are 3 types of equations (bouncy, perfectly inelastic and explosion). In rotational momentum you mostly just deal with objects that are spinning then attach to each other. Write me a set up for 2 objects rotating separately and then connecting together.  
 $I_1\omega_1 + I_2\omega_2 = (I_1 + I_2)\omega_f$

3. In linear momentum, change in momentum is equal to impulse. What is the formula for impulse?  
 $\Delta p = J = \int F \cdot dt$   
 $\Delta L = \int \tau \cdot dt$

4. If you wanted to calculate change in angular momentum on a graph by taking the integral, what would the y-axis and x-axis need to be?

Y-axis: torque      x-axis: \_\_\_\_\_

5. To the right is a pulley system that moves two wheels. The one on the left has a moment of inertia of  $3I$  and a speed  $\omega$ . The wheel on the right has a moment of inertia of  $I/2$  and a speed of  $2\omega$ .



a. Calculate the angular kinetic energy of each wheel.  
 $K_{\text{rot left}} = \frac{3I(\omega)^2}{2}$       right:  $K_{\text{rot}} = \frac{(I/2)(2\omega)^2}{2} = \frac{I \cdot 4\omega^2}{2} = \frac{4I\omega^2}{2} = 2I\omega^2 = I\omega^2$

b. Calculate the angular momentum of each wheel.  
 Left:  $L = 3I\omega$       right:  $L = (I/2)2\omega = I\omega$

c. Calculate the angular momentum and angular kinetic energy of the system.

$K_{\text{rot}} = \frac{3I\omega^2}{2} + I\omega^2 = \frac{3I\omega^2}{2} + \frac{2I\omega^2}{2} = \frac{5I\omega^2}{2}$        $L_{\text{tot}} = 3I\omega + I\omega = 4I\omega$

d. If the angular velocity of the larger wheel was increased to  $3\omega$  and the smaller wheel was increased to  $6\omega$ , calculate the change in the angular momentum of the system.

Final:  $L_{\text{rot}} = (3I)(3\omega) + (I/2)(6\omega) = 9I\omega + 3I\omega = 12I\omega$

Initial:  $L_{\text{rot}} = 4I\omega$

$\Delta L = L_f - L_o = 12I\omega - 4I\omega = 8I\omega$

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6. A merry-go-round with an angular momentum of  $145 \text{ kgm}^2/\text{s}$  is spinning at a constant speed. Then some unknown torque speeds the merry-go-round up to an angular momentum of  $250 \text{ kgm}^2/\text{s}$ .

- a. If the torque was applied for 5 seconds, how much torque was applied to the merry-go-round?

$$\Delta L = \int F dt$$

$$250 - 145 = \int_0^5 \tau dt \quad \underline{\tau = 105 \text{ Nm}}$$

- b. If the moment of inertia of the merry-go-round was  $1.2 \text{ kgm}^2$ , at what acceleration was the merry-go-round being turned.

$$\tau = I \alpha$$

$$105 = 1.2 \alpha \quad 87.5 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sec}^2}$$

7. A disk of radius  $R$ , mass  $M$  and moment of inertia  $I$  is being spun in a clockwise direction with a force  $F$ .

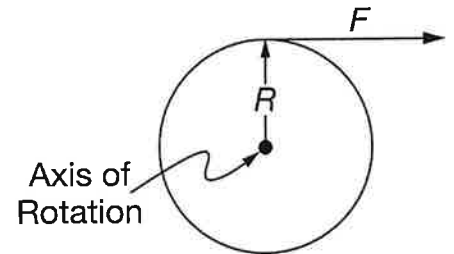
- a. Calculate the angular speed of the disk after a time  $T$  seconds. (answer in terms of variables given)

$\omega = ?$   
 $R = R$   
 $M = M$   
 $I = I$

$F = F$   
 $\tau = FR$   
 $t = T$

$\tau = I \alpha$   
 $\alpha = \frac{FR}{I}$

$\omega_f = \omega_0 + \alpha t$   
 $= \left(\frac{FR}{I}\right) T = \boxed{\frac{FRT}{I}}$



- b. Calculate the angular momentum at time  $T$ .

$$L = I \omega$$

$$= I \left(\frac{FRT}{I}\right) = \boxed{FRT}$$

1. The graph to the right shows the force a motor applies to a wheel of radius 0.3 meters.

- a. Calculate the torque applied to the wheel at  $t=2$  seconds.

$$\tau = F \cdot R$$

$$= 6(0.3) = \underline{1.8 \text{ Nm}}$$

- b. Calculate the change in angular momentum of the wheel for the 8 second time interval. (hint: use angular impulse)

$$\Delta L = \int F dt$$

$$32 \frac{\text{kgm}^2}{\text{s}}$$

