

UEQ #1: How can the rotational motion be described in a measurable and quantitative way?

Unit 8 Rotational Motion



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UEQ: How can rotational motion be described, measured, and quantified?

VOCABULARY

- Radians
- Angular Displacement
- Angular Velocity
- Angular Acceleration
- Frequency
- Period
- Axis of Rotation
- Moment Arm
- Torque
- Right-Hand Rule
- Static Equilibrium
- Cantilever
- Stable Equilibrium
- Unstable Equilibrium
- Neutral Equilibrium
- Moment of Inertia
- Rotational Inertia
- Rotational Kinetic Energy
- Angular Momentum

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LESSON 5

Rotational Inertia
(aka Moment of Inertia)

UEQ: How can rotational motion be described, measured, and quantified?

TIMED ENDURANCE TRAINING 8.5.0

- Substitute $a = r\alpha$ directly into:

$$F = ma$$

- Solution:

$$F = mr\alpha$$



UEQ: How can rotational motion be described, measured, and quantified?

TIMED ENDURANCE TRAINING 8.5.1

- Substitute $F = mr\alpha$ directly into:

$$\tau = rF$$

- Solution:

$$\tau = mr^2\alpha$$



UEQ: How can rotational motion be described, measured, and quantified?

TIMED ENDURANCE TRAINING 8.5.2

- Substitute $I = mr^2$ directly into:

$$\tau = mr^2\alpha$$

- Solution:

$$\tau = I\alpha$$

← IMPORTANT: WRITE THIS DOWN!



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TIMED ENDURANCE TRAINING 8.5.3

- Solve the following equation for α :

$$\tau = I\alpha$$



- Solution:

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

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ROTATIONAL MOTION: Moments of Inertia (Rotational Inertia)

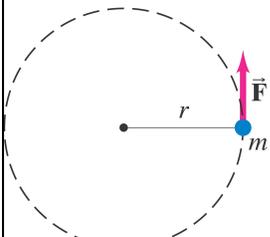
- EQ: What affects the rotational inertia of an object?; How does the geometry of an object affect its moment of inertia?
- START: What is easier to start spinning, a hollow ball or a solid ball of the same mass?



What affects the rotational inertia of an object?; How does the geometry of an object affect its moment of inertia of an object?

8-5 Rotational Dynamics; Torque and Rotational Inertia

Knowing that $F = ma$, we see that $\tau = mr^2\alpha$ (8-11)



This is for a single point mass; what about an extended object?

As the angular acceleration is the same for the whole object, we can write:

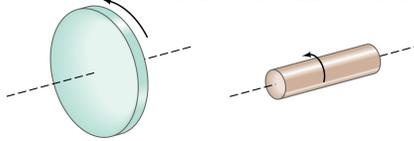
$$\Sigma\tau = (\Sigma mr^2)\alpha \quad (8-12)$$

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The **distribution of mass matters here** – these two objects have the same mass, but the one on the left has a **greater rotational inertia**, as so much of its mass is far from the axis of rotation.



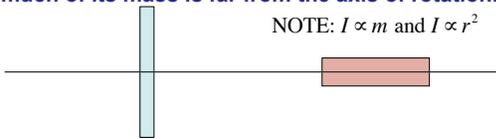
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NOTE: $I \propto m$ and $I \propto r^2$

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PRACTICE PROBLEM

Calculate the rotational inertia for the following scenarios:

(a)

$I = \sum mr^2 = m_1r_1^2 + m_2r_2^2$
 $I_1 = (5.0 \text{ kg})(2.0 \text{ m})^2 + (7.0 \text{ kg})(2.0 \text{ m})^2$
 $I_1 = 48 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2$

How do these values compare?

(b)

$I = \sum mr^2 = m_1r_1^2 + m_2r_2^2$ $I_2 = 3I_1$
 $I_2 = (5.0 \text{ kg})(0.5 \text{ m})^2 + (7.0 \text{ kg})(4.5 \text{ m})^2$
 $I_2 = 143 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2$

What affects the rotational inertia of an object?: How does the geometry of an object affect its moment of inertia of an object?

| Object | Location of axis | Moment of inertia |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
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| (b) Thin hoop, radius R , width W | Through central diameter | $\frac{1}{2}MR^2 + \frac{1}{12}MW^2$ |
| (c) Solid cylinder, radius R | Through center | $I = \frac{1}{2}mr^2$ |
| (d) Hollow cylinder, inner radius R_1 , outer radius R_2 | Through center | $\frac{1}{2}M(R_1^2 + R_2^2)$ |
| (e) Uniform sphere, radius R | Through center | $I = \frac{2}{5}mr^2$ |
| (f) Long uniform rod, length L | Through center | $I = \frac{1}{12}mL^2$ |
| (g) Long uniform rod, length L | Through end | $I = \frac{1}{3}mL^2$ |
| (h) Rectangular thin plate, length L , width W | Through center | $\frac{1}{12}M(L^2 + W^2)$ |

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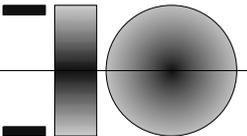
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1. Compare the hoop, the solid cylinder, and uniform sphere. Looking head-on, how do the mass distributions compare?



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***For equal m and r .**

6. *Compare the long uniform rods (f and g). Which is easier to rotate ($\alpha_1 = \alpha_2$)? Prove it mathematically.

$\tau = mr^2\alpha \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{\tau}{I}$

$\alpha_f = \alpha_g$

$\frac{\tau_f}{\frac{1}{12}mr^2} = \frac{\tau_g}{\frac{1}{3}mr^2}$

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6. *Compare the long uniform rods (f and g). Which is easier to rotate ($\alpha_f = \alpha_g$)? Prove it mathematically.

7. Which example describes the rotational inertia if it is rotated long ways?

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8-6 Solving Problems in Rotational Dynamics

1. Draw a diagram.
2. Decide what the system comprises.
3. Draw a free-body diagram for each object under consideration, including all the forces acting on it and where they act.
4. Find the axis of rotation; calculate the torques around it.

What affects the rotational inertia of an object?: How does the geometry of an object affect its moment of inertia of an object?

8-6 Solving Problems in Rotational Dynamics

5. Apply Newton's second law for rotation. If the rotational inertia is not provided, you need to find it before proceeding with this step.
6. Apply Newton's second law for translation and other laws and principles as needed.
7. Solve.
8. Check your answer for units and correct order of magnitude.

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THE AMAZING JULIUS SUMNER MILLER

Write down 5 things you learn in this video!



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Do all of his demonstrations work perfectly?



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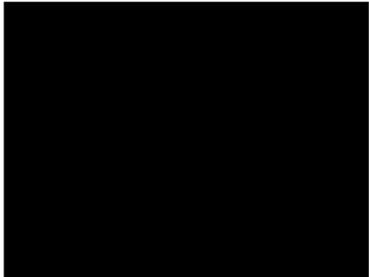
Has someone modified his demonstration materials?



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Can this help us to build a faster accelerating 2x4 derby car?



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2x4 Derby Competition

• Important Criteria:

- Bearings are NOT Allowed
- Maximum Mass: 1050 g
- Maximum L x W x H
Dimensions: 12" x 8" x 8"
(20.35 cm x 15.25 cm x 7.65 cm)
- The Wheels must be altered from their original design to increase the angular acceleration (and to beat Mr. Roe's modified car).



- You are allowed to modify the wheels, axles, and body. In fact, it is expected!
- SAFETY: Goggles must be worn!

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2x4 DERBY REPORT

- *One Report for each group of no more than 4 people.
- Refer to the Laboratory Report Expectations Handout.



UEQ(s): †How can rotational motion be described in a measurable and quantitative way?: †What factors affect changes in an object's rotational motion?: †How does an object's mass distribution, interaction with other objects, and force at a distance influence the object's motion?

2x4 Derby RACE DAY

- **Competition Grading Criteria:**

- **Passing Score (70%):** Your car must beat Mr. Roe's unmodified car's time
- **A (93% – 100%):** Your Wheels must be altered from their original design to increase the angular acceleration (and it must beat Mr. Roe's modified car's time).



- **Report Grading Criteria:**

- Refer to the Handout for the Facets of Understanding Criteria

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WebAssign/Lab Time

- Work on WebAssign PIM Ch.08E – Rotational Inertia Problems or the 2x4 Derby Lab Report

- Final Copy Criteria

- State the problem (Ex. Find displacement)
- Draw a picture/diagram
- Provide a list or table of all given data (Ex. $\Delta t = 2 \text{ s}$)
- Solve the problem symbolically (Ex. $v = \Delta x / \Delta t \rightarrow \Delta x = v \Delta t$)
- Plug in numbers and units to obtain answer.
(Ex. $\Delta x = (5 \text{ m/s})(2 \text{ s}) = 10 \text{ m}$)

- Notes about WebAssign:

- Positive vs. negative answers (Try a negative sign)
- Look at the final unit (hours or minutes or seconds)

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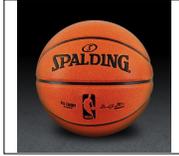
Summary

- Answer the Essential Questions.

- Ticket out the Door:

- If all of the masses and radii are the same, rank the following objects in terms of their rotational inertias from the easiest to the hardest to rotate:

Thin hoop, solid sphere, solid disk, and a hollow sphere ($I = \frac{2}{5} mr^2$)



- HW:

- WebAssign PIM Ch.08E – Rotational Inertia Problems
- 2x4 Derby Lab Report (Questions and Conclusions)
