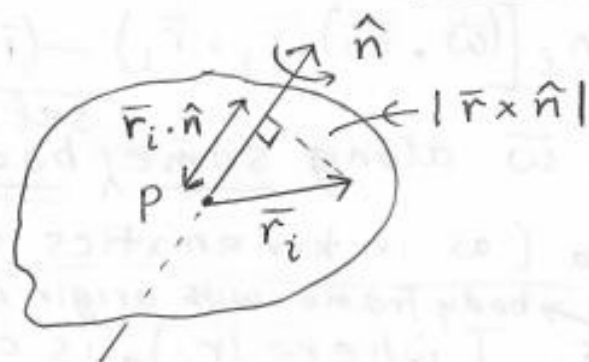


Rigid Body motion (continued)

- After basics of kinematics, onto dynamics, i.e., analog of $\vec{F} = d\vec{p}/dt$, with $p = m\vec{v}$ for particles: $\vec{\tau}$ (torque) = $\frac{d\vec{L}}{dt}$, with $L = I\vec{\omega}$, but suitably generalized to handle arbitrary rotations

(generalization of)
 Plan: start with moment of inertia (I), i.e., analog of m ; then consider \vec{L} (angular momentum) in analogy with $\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$

Review: simple/usual idea of moment of inertia:



- consider the usual case of rigid body rotating with angular velocity $\vec{\omega}$ about axis \hat{n} (unit vector), with P being (fixed) point on axis

define I (usual) about axis $\equiv \sum_{i \leftarrow \text{particles in body}} m_i (\perp \text{ distance from axis})^2 \dots (1)$

$= \sum_i m_i (\vec{r}_i \times \hat{n}) \cdot (\vec{r}_i \times \hat{n})$ (see figure)

$= \sum_i m_i / \omega^2 (\vec{r}_i \times \vec{\omega}) \cdot (\vec{r}_i \times \vec{\omega})$ ($\vec{\omega} = \omega \hat{n}$)

$$= \sum m_i / \omega^2 v_i^2, \text{ where } \bar{v}_i = \dot{\bar{r}}_i = \bar{r}_i \times \bar{\omega} \quad \text{[2]} \\ \text{(from kinematics)} \\ = \frac{2}{\omega^2} T, \text{ where } T \text{ is total kinetic energy (KE)}$$

i.e., $T = \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 I$ (usual) ... (2)

(as is well known!)

— Onto generalization to inertia tensor → defined about point P in body
 (again, in order to deal with complicated, arbitrary rotations vs. simple studied earlier, e.g., in undergraduate courses) using KE as in last lines above, i.e., → again, velocity as constructed/defined by inertial observer

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i m_i |\dot{\bar{r}}_i|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i m_i (\bar{\omega} \times \bar{r}_i) \cdot (\bar{\omega} \times \bar{r}_i) \\ = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i m_i [(\bar{\omega} \cdot \bar{\omega})(\bar{r}_i \cdot \bar{r}_i) - \underbrace{(\bar{r}_i \cdot \bar{\omega})^2}_{\text{set of}}]$$

— Now, resolve $\bar{\omega}$ along some body axes, i.e.,

$$\bar{\omega} = \sum_{a=1,2,3} \omega_a \bar{e}_a \quad \text{(as in kinematics note), with}$$

→ body frame with origin at P

$\bar{r}_i = (r_i)_a \bar{e}_a$ [where $(r_i)_a$ is constant, but depends/on/choice of body axes]
 position vector relative to point P in body above

— Then, KE can be written as

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \omega_a I_{ab} \omega_b \equiv \frac{1}{2} \bar{\omega} \cdot \underbrace{\boxed{I}}_{\text{tensor}} \bar{\omega} \dots (3)$$

again, w.r.t. point in body

where $\boxed{I}_{ab} \equiv \sum_i m_i [(\bar{r}_i \cdot \bar{r}_i) \delta_{ab} - (r_i)_a (r_i)_b] \dots (4)$

— clearly, I is time-independent and symmetric
 [obviously if we resolve $\bar{\omega}, \bar{r}$ along space axes]

instead, i.e., $\bar{\omega} = \tilde{\omega}_a \tilde{e}_a$ and $\bar{r}_i = (\tilde{r}_i)_a \tilde{e}_a$, ⁽³⁾

then we would have a similar formula for T , but with $\omega_a \rightarrow \tilde{\omega}_a$ and $I_{ab} \rightarrow \tilde{I}_{ab}$

— However, $(\tilde{r}_i)_a$'s are changing with time so that \tilde{I}_{ab} is not constant, hence not so useful

$$= \sum_i m_i \left[\delta_{ab} \sum_c (\tilde{r}_i)_c^2 - (\tilde{r}_i)_a (\tilde{r}_i)_b \right]$$

— Let's make contact with usual \mathbf{I} : if $\bar{\omega} = \omega \hat{n}$ (as usual), then Eq. (3) gives

$$T = \omega^2 / 2 \hat{n} \cdot \mathbf{I} \cdot \hat{n} = \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 I_{\text{axis}} \text{ (from tensor),} \dots (5)$$

where $I_{\text{axis}} = \sum_i m_i [|\bar{r}_i|^2 - (\bar{r}_i \cdot \hat{n})^2]$ from Eq. (4)

— Comparing Eqs. (2) & (5), we would "like to" identify \rightarrow see Eq. (1)

$$I \text{ (usual)} = I_{\text{axis}} \text{ (from tensor)} \dots (6)$$

— Well, let's check Eq. (6) explicitly: we see ^(from figure) that

$\sqrt{[|\bar{r}_i|^2 - (\bar{r}_i \cdot \hat{n})^2]}$ is \perp distance from point i to axis of rotation so that Eq. (6) is indeed correct

— In other words, \mathbf{I} (tensor) \leftrightarrow defined about P "sandwiched" between axis of rotation (i.e., dotted into ^{those} unit vectors) gives usual moment of inertia (I) about that axis of rotation or usual I is but one "component" of \mathbf{I}

— Now, $\overset{\leftrightarrow}{I}$ depends not only on point P in body, but also choice of body axes (P being origin): again $(r_i)_a$'s in $\overset{\leftrightarrow}{I}$ formula are body-frame coordinates

— So, in general, $\overset{\leftrightarrow}{I}$ is off-diagonal: it can be diagonalized by an (constant) orthogonal transformation (given that $\overset{\leftrightarrow}{I}$ is symmetric): schematically

$$O^T \overset{\leftrightarrow}{I} O = \overset{\leftrightarrow}{I}' \text{ (diagonal), where } O^T O = \mathbb{1}$$

— How to "implement" above O: well, it's (again) 3x3 orthogonal matrix, like R seen in kinematics note for going from space to body frame

— So, here we can rotate body axes by above O:

$$\begin{matrix} \bar{e}_{diag} \\ \text{new body axes} \end{matrix} = O \begin{matrix} \bar{e} \\ \text{original body axes} \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \text{in new body frame, inertia tensor is diagonal}$$

— Such body axes are called principal axes:

$\overset{\leftrightarrow}{I}$ is still in general non-universal, i.e., $\neq \mathbb{1}$, say

$$\overset{\leftrightarrow}{I} = \begin{pmatrix} I_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_3 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where } I_i \text{'s are moments of inertia about those 3 (principal) axes}$$

(Again, $\overset{\leftrightarrow}{I}$, i.e., tensor, neatly combines many usual I's about axis)

- For continuous bodies, we get

(5)

$$\vec{I} = \int \underbrace{\rho(\vec{r}) d^3r}_{dm} \begin{pmatrix} y^2+z^2 & -xy & -xz \\ -xy & x^2+z^2 & -yz \\ -xz & -yz & x^2+y^2 \end{pmatrix} \dots (7)$$

Eq. (A) gives
(a=3, b=1)
(0 - zx)

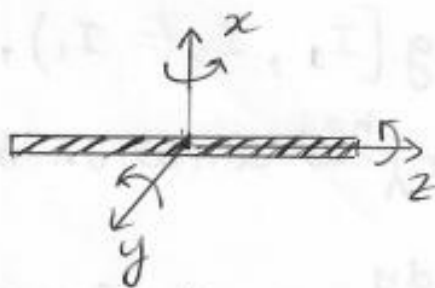
Eq. (A) gives
(a=b=3 or 2)
(x^2+y^2+z^2 - z^2)

- Example(s) of \vec{I} (maybe (1) is enough)

(these results are known from undergraduate, but here derive formally using tensor)

(1) Rod of mass M , length $l \Rightarrow \rho$ (actually linear mass density = $\frac{M}{l}$)
(thin)

\vec{I} about centre and body axes shown:



- By symmetry, the above are principal axes, i.e.,

$$\vec{I} = \text{diag} [I_1, I_2 (= I_1), 0]$$

\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow
 I_{xx} I_{yy} I_{zz}
 easily

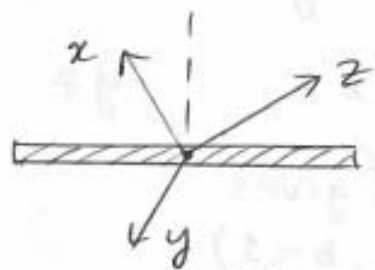
rod along z $\Rightarrow x=y=0$
 for all points $\Rightarrow I_{zz}$ in Eq. (7) = 0
 due to $x=y=0$

[can check explicitly that off diagonal $\vec{I} = 0$]

$$I_1 = \int_{-l/2}^{+l/2} \underbrace{\left(\frac{M}{l}\right)}_{\rho} z^2 dz = \frac{1}{12} M l^2$$

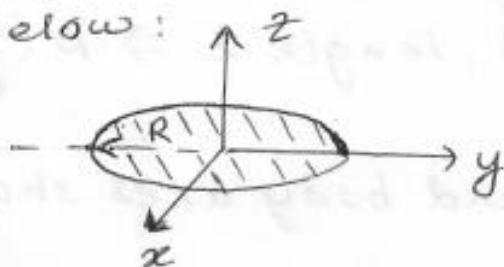
(again, \vec{I} "combines" various I about axes)

[Just to belabor the point about choice of axes, we could have chosen different axes, even with center of rod as origin, e.g. (6)



which would make \vec{I} off-diagonal, i.e., symmetry makes it clear that the ones before are principal axes.]

(2) Disc of radius R and mass M , with axes/origin/as below:



$z = 0$ for all points on disc

Again, $\vec{I} = \text{diag}[I_1, I_2 (= I_1), I_3]$ by symmetry

[e.g. $\int xy \propto \int x y dy dx$ has cancellation between (x, y) & $(x, -y)$ etc.]

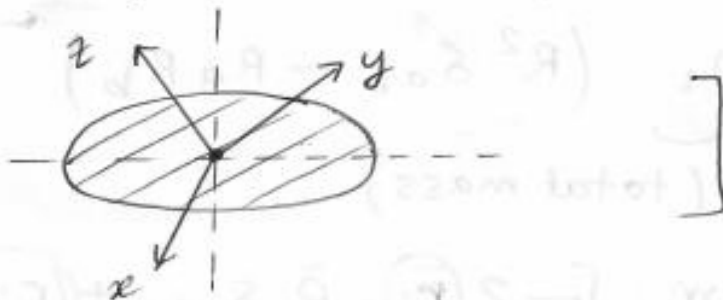
$$I_{(1)} = \int \rho [y^2] dx dy = I_2 = \int \rho dy dx x^2, \text{ while}$$

$$I_3 = \int \rho (x^2 + y^2) dx dy = I_1 + I_2 = 2I_1$$

switch to polar coordinates $\int d\theta$

$$= \underbrace{2\pi}_{\int d\theta} \rho \int_0^R r^3 dr = \frac{1}{2} MR^2 \Rightarrow I_1 = \frac{1}{4} MR^2$$

[Again, \mathbb{I} not diagonal for other choices ⁽⁷⁾ of axes through center, e.g.,



Parallel axis theorem

- Goal: suppose \mathbb{I} is COM and \mathbb{I} about it already what if we want instead \mathbb{I} about another point P' ? Should we (re-)calculate using Eq.(7)?

No need, since simple to use theorem:

[again, ^{this is} known in context of moment of inertia (about axis), but here work in terms of tensor]

if P' displaced from \bar{P} (COM) by \bar{R} , then

$$(\mathbb{I}_R)_{ab} = (\mathbb{I}_{\text{COM}})_{ab} + M \left(R^2 \delta_{ab} - R_a R_b \right) \dots (8)$$

axes parallel to original axes (about P' , but known (about COM))

tensor form

$$\begin{bmatrix} (R^2 - R_x^2) & (-R_x R_y) & \dots \\ \dots & R^2 - R_y^2 & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & R^2 - R_z^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

[again, ^{can} "skip" integral in Eq.(7)]

ie., no "rotation" to "mix-up" a & b

Proof: $(\mathbb{I}_R)_{ab}$ from Eq.(4)

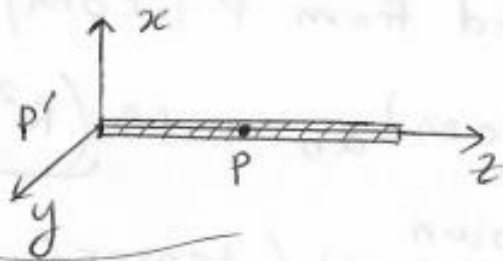
$$= \sum_i m_i \left[\underbrace{|\bar{r}_i - \bar{R}|^2}_{\text{new } \bar{r}_i} \delta_{ab} - (r_i - R)_a (r_i - R)_b \right]$$

axes parallel crucial here

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_i m_i \left[|\bar{\mathbf{r}}_i|^2 \delta_{ab} - (\bar{r}_i)_a (\bar{r}_i)_b \right] \} (I_{\text{com}})_{ab} \quad (8) \\
 &+ \underbrace{\sum_i m_i}_{M \text{ (total mass)}} (R^2 \delta_{ab} - R_a R_b) \\
 &+ \sum_i m_i \left[-2 \underbrace{(\bar{\mathbf{r}}_i)}_{\uparrow} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{R}} \delta_{ab} + (\bar{r}_i)_a R_b + (\bar{r}_i)_b R_a \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

linear in $r_i \Rightarrow$ vanish (only) if $\bar{\mathbf{r}}_i$ measured from COM, since $\sum_i m_i \bar{\mathbf{r}}_i = 0$ by definition of COM giving Eq. (8)

— Back to **rod**: $\overset{\curvearrowright}{I}$ about its end from $\overset{\curvearrowright}{I}$ about center computed earlier:



i.e., $\bar{\mathbf{R}} = (0, 0, l/2)$ so that

$$I_1(\text{new}) [= I_2(\text{new})] = I_1(\text{old}) + M(l/2)^2$$

still have that symmetry

$$= \frac{1}{3} M l^2$$

2nd term in Eq. (8) is

$$M^2 R^2 \left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & \\ & 0 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

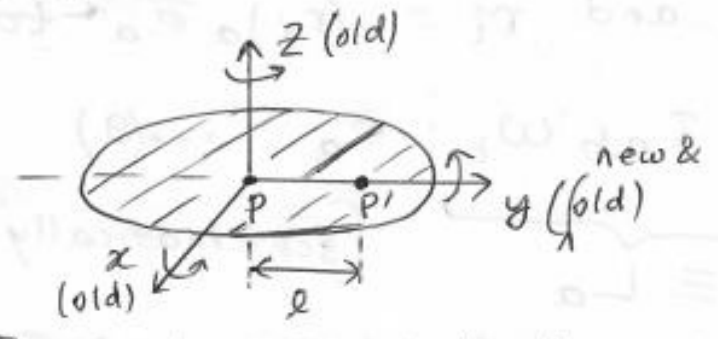
[check: should be $\int_0^l \rho z^2 dz$

$$= M/l \cdot l^3/3], \text{ whereas } I_3(\text{new}) = \underbrace{I_3(\text{old})}_{(=0)} + 0 = 0 \text{ (as expected)}$$

from center, (9)

Or back to disc, but about P' with shift

$$\bar{R} = (0, l, 0)$$



We expect $I_2 (= I_{yy})$ to be unchanged, while $I_1 (= I_{xx})$ & $I_3 (= I_{zz})$ will be modified

check: $I_R = M \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4}R^2 & & \\ & \frac{1}{4}R^2 & \\ & & \frac{1}{2}R^2 \end{pmatrix}$ ← about COM.

$$= M \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4}R^2 + l^2 & & \\ & \frac{1}{4}R^2 & \\ & & \frac{1}{2}R^2 + l^2 \end{pmatrix} = M l^2 \left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

Now that we have studied analog of m , let's move onto that of \vec{p} , i.e., angular

momentum about point P, which is fixed

(as before). We have again, velocity (time-derivative)

$$\bar{L} = \sum_i m_i (\bar{r}_i \times \dot{\bar{r}}_i)$$

$$= \sum_i m_i \bar{r}_i \times (\bar{\omega} \times \bar{r}_i)$$

$$= \sum_i m_i [|\bar{r}_i|^2 \bar{\omega} - (\bar{\omega} \cdot \bar{r}_i) \bar{r}_i]$$

as seen by space frame observer (observer fixed in body will find particle i not moving at all!)

We can resolve / express $\vec{\omega}$, \vec{r} in terms of (10)
 body-frame unit vectors, i.e., as usual
 $\vec{\omega} = \omega_a \bar{e}_a$ and $\vec{r}_i = (r_i)_a \bar{e}_a$ to give

$$\vec{L} = \sum_a \left[\underbrace{\sum_b I_{ab} \omega_b}_{\equiv L_a} \right] \bar{e}_a \quad \dots (9) \quad \left[\text{schematically: } \vec{L} = \vec{I} \cdot \vec{\omega} \right]$$

where I_{ab} is inertia tensor of Eq. (4), i.e.,

$$I_{ab} = \sum_i m_i \left[|\vec{r}_i|^2 \delta_{ab} - (r_i)_a (r_i)_b \right]$$

[So, angular momentum can be ^{actually} "used" instead
 of kinetic energy to first define I_{ab}]

[Again, once \vec{L} (or velocity of particle) is
 constructed as above, i.e., by space-frame observer,
 it can also be resolved along space axes, i.e.,
 $\vec{L} = \sum_a \tilde{L}_a \bar{e}_a$, where $\tilde{L}_a = \sum_b \tilde{I}_{ab} \tilde{\omega}_b$, but
 $\tilde{I}_{ab} = \sum_i m_i \left[\delta_{ab} \sum_c (\tilde{r}_i)_c^2 - (\tilde{r}_i)_a (\tilde{r}_i)_b \right]$ is time-dependent,
 as we discussed in context of kinetic energy also.]

— Note that only ^{for simple cases, i.e.,} if axis of rotation (i.e., $\vec{\omega}$)
 is along one of principal axes, then $\boxed{\vec{L} \propto \vec{\omega}}$
 (since \vec{I} , i.e., tensor, is diagonal)

— In general, \vec{L} is then not "proportional to" $\vec{\omega}$:
 again, $\vec{\omega}$ need not be along ^{one of} principal axis so
 that \vec{I} defined using $\vec{\omega}$ (and 2 axes \perp to it)
 is off-diagonal