



Rotation
Moment of Inertia and Applications
Atwood Machine with Massive Pulley
Energy of Rotation

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Last time

- calculating moments of inertia
- the parallel axis theorem

Overview

- applications of moments of inertia
- Atwood machine with massive pulley
- work, kinetic energy, and power of rotation

Applying Moments of Inertia

Now that we can find moments of inertia of various objects, we can use them to calculate angular accelerations from torques, and vice versa.

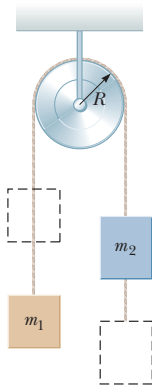
We can solve for the motion of systems with rotating parts.

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

The Atwood Machine Revisited

Remember that previously we studied the Atwood machine, assuming the pulley was massless.

What if it's not?

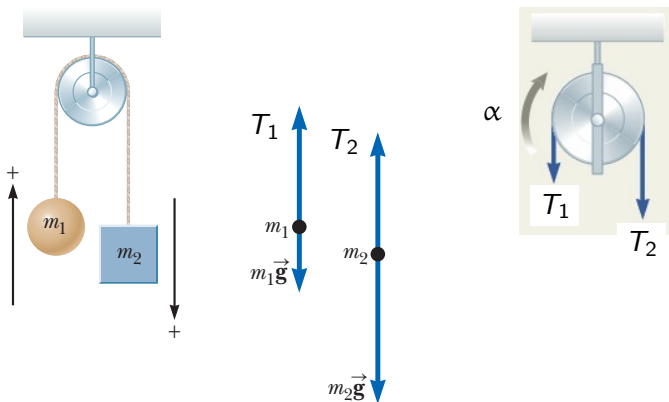


¹See the slides from lecture 8.

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Suppose the pulley has mass M and we model it as a cylinder, radius R .

Then $I = \frac{1}{2}MR^2$ for the pulley. Torque is needed to accelerate it.



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$$F_{\text{net},1} = m_1 a = T_1 - m_1 g$$

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$$F_{\text{net},2} = m_2 a = m_2 g - T_2$$

Torque on pulley:

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Kinetic energy of a rigid object rotating at an angular speed ω is

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Energy

In total then,

$$W_{\text{ext}} = \Delta K_{\text{trans}} + \Delta K_{\text{rot}} + \Delta U + \Delta E_{\text{int}}$$

where

- ΔK_{trans} represents the kinetic energy of the CM motion, and
- ΔK_{rot} is the rotational kinetic energy

Work of Rotation

We can define the work done by a torque $\vec{\tau}$ over a rotation of angular displacement $\Delta\vec{\theta} = \vec{\theta}_f - \vec{\theta}_i$:

$$W = \int_{\theta_i}^{\theta_f} \vec{\tau} \cdot d\vec{\theta}$$

This is equivalent to the force integral definition.

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$$\begin{aligned}W &= \int \vec{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{s}} \\&= \int F_t ds \\&= \int F_t r d\theta \quad (ds = r d\theta) \\&= \int \tau d\theta \quad (\tau = r F_t) \\&= \int \vec{\boldsymbol{\tau}} \cdot d\vec{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\end{aligned}$$

The last line follows because the τ and θ vectors point along the same (fixed) axis.

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Giving an expression for power:

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$$W = \Delta K$$

Example - Moment of Inertia and Rotational KE

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44. Rigid rods of negligible mass lying along the y axis connect three particles (Fig. P10.44). The system rotates about the x axis with an angular speed of 2.00 rad/s . Find (a) the moment of inertia about the x axis, (b) the total rotational kinetic energy evaluated from $\frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$, (c) the tangential speed of each particle, and (d) the total kinetic energy evaluated from $\sum \frac{1}{2}m_i v_i^2$. (e) Compare the answers for kinetic energy in parts (a) and (b).

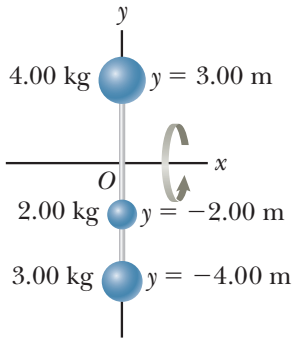


Figure P10.44

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$$v = r\omega$$

Summary

- Atwood machine revisited
- energy of rotation

Assignment 3 due Friday.

Quiz Thursday.

(Uncollected) Homework Serway & Jewett,

- **Ch 10**, onward from page 234. Probs: 35, 45(b), 46, 51, 53, 55, 57