

Note:  $2\pi$  radians = 1 rotation or revolution = 360 degrees. These are conversion factors.

## Fidget spinner example

If 1 rotation of the fidget spinner =  $2\pi$  radians, angular displacement of the spinner as one arm moves to the position of the 2<sup>nd</sup> arm:  $\theta = 1/3 (2\pi)$  radians

 $s = \theta r$ 

Angular speed (ω) of a fidget spinner spinning at 62.5 Hz – convert to radians per second

 $62.5 \frac{rot}{s} * 2\pi \frac{radians}{rotation}$ = 393 *rad/sec* 

# If centripetal force keeps an object in rotation, what force causes rotation or slows rotation down?

# Torque = "Twisting force" Torque = force times lever arm (or radius) $\tau = r \times F$

## Why hobbit doors are a stupid design



Where you apply a force to cause a torque matters Apply a force closer to the hinge, the door doesn't open as quickly – smaller *r* (lever arm), so smaller torque.





Only the *perpendicular* component of the force will contribute to rotation

#### $\tau = rFsin\theta$

 $\theta$  (in degrees) is the angle between force applied and lever arm.

The Hulk and Hercules are in competition for some reason. They apply forces to 2 thin cylindrical wheels of radii  $r_1 = 3.0m$  and  $r_2 =$ 5.0 m that are attached to each other on an axel that passes through the center of each as shown. Who wins and what's the net torque?

$$\tau_{\text{hulk}} = (5.0 \text{ x } 10^6 \text{ N } \cos 30)(5\text{m}) = 2.2 \text{ x } 10^7 \text{ Nm}$$
  
 $\tau_{\text{herc}} = (5.0 \text{ x } 10^6 \text{ N})(3\text{m}) = 1.5 \text{ x } 10^7 \text{ Nm}$   
Net  $\tau = 2.2 \text{ x } 10^7 \text{ Nm} - 1.5 \text{ x } 10^7 \text{ Nm}$ 

Net  $\tau = 6.7 \text{ x } 10^6 \text{ Nm clockwise}$  : Hulk wins



Just like how Force causes linear acceleration, Torque causes angular acceleration  $\Sigma F = ma$  $\Sigma \tau = rma$  $\Sigma \tau = \mathrm{rmr}\alpha$  $\Sigma \tau = (\Sigma m r^2) \alpha$  $\Sigma \tau = I \alpha$ 

## **Rotational** Inertia (or "Moment of Inertia") (I) A measure of an object's "laziness" to changes in rotational motion **General equation :** $I = \Sigma mr^2$ Depends on mass AND distance of mass from axis of rotation The farther away the mass is from the center, the more difficult it is to rotate an object

## Rotational Inertia (or "Moment of Inertia") (I)



If you <u>need</u> a value for the rotational mass or the moment of inertia, you can always look it up. These are not things worth memorizing. However, you do need to know that and object with its mass far from the center has a greater moment of inertia than another object (of the same mass) with its mass near the center.

#### **Balancing Pole increases Rotational Inertia**



# **Angular Momentum**

Momentum resulting from an object moving in linear motion is called *linear momentum*.

Momentum resulting from the rotation (or spin) of an object is called *angular momentum*.



This piece near the center of rotation is moving slowly and has low linear momentum.

# Just like how Force causes a change in momentum,

 $Ft = m\Delta v \rightarrow F = \Delta p / \Delta t$ (Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law: Momentum format)  $\tau$  causes  $\Delta L$  (change in angular momentum)  $\tau = \Delta L / \Delta t$ 

#### Calculating angular momentum

Angular momentum is calculated in a similar way to linear momentum, except the mass and velocity are replaced by the moment of inertia and angular velocity.



## **Conservation of Angular Momentum**

Angular momentum is important because it obeys a conservation law, as does linear momentum.

If there is no net torque acting on a system, angular momentum is conserved.



## Gyroscopes

Fidget spinner can act like a gyroscope : Spinning fidget spinner is easier to balance on a pencil point than a spinner at rest.





$$\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{PE}_{\mathsf{i}} = \mathsf{Ke}_{\mathsf{trans, final}} + \mathsf{KE}_{\mathsf{rot, final}} \\ \mathsf{mgh} = \frac{1}{2} \; \mathsf{mv}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \; |\omega^2 & \mathsf{I} \; \mathsf{for \; any \; rolling \; object} = \mathsf{c} \; \mathsf{mr}^2 & \omega = \frac{\mathsf{v}}{\mathsf{r}} \\ \mathsf{mgh} = \frac{1}{2} \; \mathsf{mv}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \; (\mathsf{c} \; \mathsf{mr}^2)(\mathsf{v}^2/\mathsf{r}^2) & \mathsf{C} \; \mathsf{is \; some \; constant} \\ \mathsf{gh} = \frac{1}{2} \; \mathsf{v}^2 + \frac{2}{10} \; \mathsf{v}^2 \\ \mathsf{v} = \sqrt{\frac{2gh}{1+c}} & \mathsf{greater \; rotational \; inertia = smaller \; speed. \; Speed \; \mathsf{doesn't} \\ \mathsf{depend \; on \; mass \; or \; radius.} \end{array}$$

## **Rotational KE**

Will a cylinder of soup or a cylinder filled with a more solid material reach the bottom first?

liquid: the insides slide more than they rotate, so less of the initial potential energy goes into rotational kinetic energy, and more can go into translational, moving the can down the incline.

