

ME 274: Basic Mechanics II

Lecture 21: Particle Kinetics – Angular Impulse Momentum



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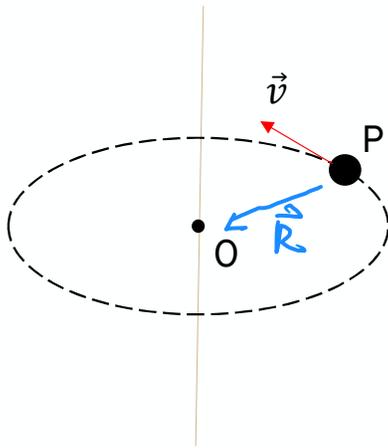
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Consider a particle P of mass m constrained to rotate about a fixed point O with a velocity of \vec{v} .



Remember from LIM:

$$m\vec{v}_2 = m\vec{v}_1 + \int_1^2 \vec{R} dt$$

If $\vec{R} = 0$, $m\vec{v}_2 = m\vec{v}_1 \rightarrow$ Linear momentum is conserved

In this scenario, the speed v of the particle is constant but the direction is changing.

- \rightarrow a net force \vec{R} must be acting on the particle. $\Sigma F \neq 0$
- \rightarrow Linear momentum is not conserved. $m\vec{v}_1 \neq m\vec{v}_2$
- \rightarrow LIM does not simplify the problem.

need a rotation specific analysis method!

Remember from ME 270 that changes in rotational motion are caused by moments (the effect of a force about a point). *here, $v = \text{constant} \rightarrow \Sigma M = 0$*

\rightarrow How do we adapt this knowledge to find a rotational analog of the LIM equation?

Deriving the Angular Impulse Momentum Equation

Starting with Newton's 2nd Law:

$$\vec{R} = \sum \vec{F} = m\vec{a} = m \frac{d\vec{v}_P}{dt}, \quad \vec{v}_P = \frac{d\vec{r}_{P/O}}{dt}$$

The moment of the force \vec{R} about point O is found as:

$$\vec{M}_O = \vec{r}_{P/O} \times \vec{R}$$

Substituting in Newton's 2nd Law:

$$\vec{M}_O = \vec{r}_{P/O} \times \left(m \frac{d\vec{v}_P}{dt} \right)$$

Recall the time derivative of the cross product of two vectors is:

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = \frac{d\vec{a}}{dt} \times \vec{b} + \vec{a} \times \frac{d\vec{b}}{dt} \Rightarrow \vec{a} \times \frac{d\vec{b}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) - \frac{d\vec{a}}{dt} \times \vec{b}$$

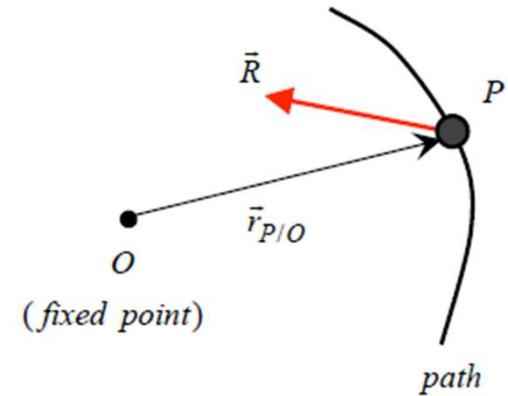
Substituting into our moment equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{M}_O &= \frac{d}{dt} [\vec{r}_{P/O} \times m\vec{v}] - \frac{d\vec{r}_{P/O}}{dt} \times m\vec{v} \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} [\vec{r}_{P/O} \times m\vec{v}] - \cancel{\vec{v} \times m\vec{v}} = \frac{d}{dt} [\vec{r}_{P/O} \times m\vec{v}] = \frac{d\vec{H}_O}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

Integrating with respect to time:

$$\int_1^2 \vec{M}_O dt = \int_1^2 d\vec{H}_O = \vec{H}_{O2} - \vec{H}_{O1}$$

Angular impulse momentum



Key Takeaways

→ \vec{H}_O is the angular momentum about point O , $\vec{H}_O = \vec{r}_{P/O} \times m\vec{v}_P$.

→ Note \vec{H}_O is a vector. For 2D rotation, it will always be pointed in or out of the page (\hat{k}).

→ AIM is the rotational equivalent of LIM.

→ AIM relates the time integral of the moment to the change in angular momentum of a particle rotation about a point.

LIM: relates Δv to Δt , $F(t)$

AIM: relates $\Delta \omega$ to Δt , $M(t)$

Calculating the Angular Momentum of a Particle

For our particle P rotating about the fixed point O , angular momentum is calculated as $\vec{H}_O = \vec{r}_{P/O} \times m\vec{v}_P$. *← general form, all coord. descriptions*

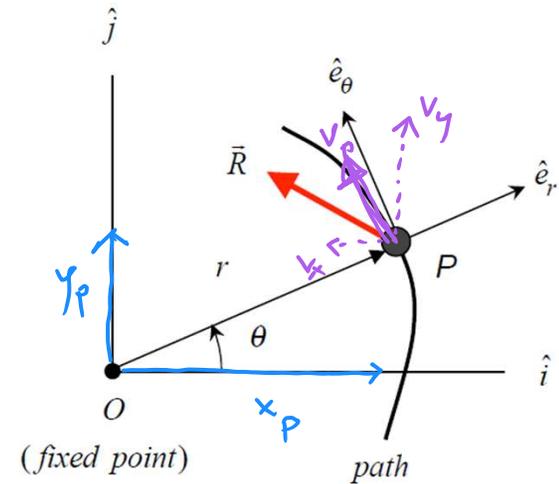
To calculate in the cartesian description:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{H}_O &= \vec{r}_{P/O} \times m\vec{v}_P \\ &= m [(x_P \hat{i} + y_P \hat{j}) \times (v_{Px} \hat{i} + v_{Py} \hat{j})] \\ &= m (x_P v_{Py} - y_P v_{Px}) \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

To calculate in the polar description:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{H}_O &= \vec{r}_{P/O} \times m\vec{v}_P \\ &= m [(r\hat{e}_r) \times (r\dot{\theta}\hat{e}_\theta)] \\ &= m r^2 \dot{\theta} \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

\vec{H}_O always in \hat{k}
for 2D.



Note: the polar description is frequently the most useful form for angular momentum.

CHALLENGE QUESTION: The radial component of velocity, v_{Pr} , for a particle P cannot make a contribution to the angular momentum of the particle about point O. Why is that?

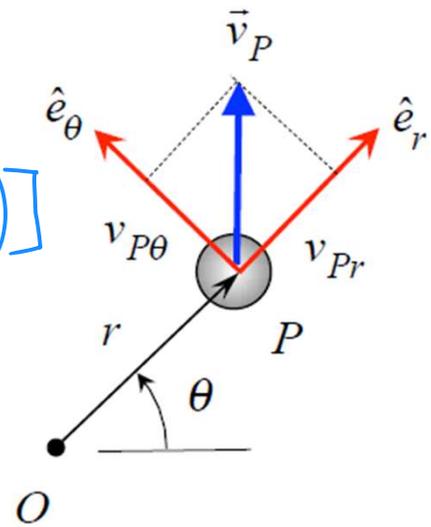
$$\vec{H}_O = \vec{r}_{P/O} \times m \vec{v}_{P/O}$$

$$= m [(r \hat{e}_r) \times (v_{Pr} \hat{e}_r + v_{P\theta} \hat{e}_\theta)]$$

$\hat{e}_r \times \hat{e}_r = 0$

$$\vec{H}_O = m [(r \hat{e}_r) \times (v_{P\theta} \hat{e}_\theta)]$$

$$= m r v_{P\theta} \hat{k}$$

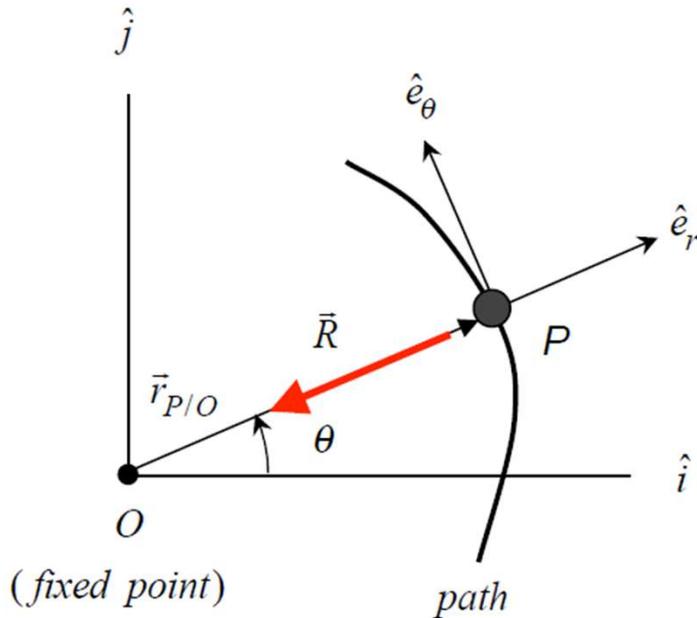


Key Takeaways

→ Angular momentum only gives info about the rotational component $r\dot{\theta}$ of velocity $\vec{v} = \dot{r}\hat{e}_r + r\dot{\theta}\hat{e}_\theta$.

→ if the total velocity is needed, you will need to also use WE to find \dot{r} .

Central Force Problems and Conservation of Angular Momentum



A “central force” problem is a special case where our resultant force \vec{R} is aligned with our \hat{e}_r direction $\rightarrow \vec{R}$ point directly towards/away from the fixed point O .

The moment of this central force will always be zero!

$$\vec{M}_O = \vec{r}_{P/O} \times \vec{R} = r_{P/O} \hat{e}_r \times R \hat{e}_r = 0$$

From our angular impulse-momentum equation:

$$\int_1^2 \vec{M}_O dt = \int_1^2 d\vec{H}_O = \vec{H}_{O2} - \vec{H}_{O1}$$

This means the angular momentum of the particle is constant!

$$\int_1^2 \vec{M}_O dt = 0 = \vec{H}_{O2} - \vec{H}_{O1}$$

$$\vec{H}_{O2} = \vec{H}_{O1}$$



Key Takeaways

\rightarrow In central force problems $\vec{H}_{O2} = \vec{H}_{O1}$

\rightarrow Angular momentum is conserved!

Olympic gold medalist Alyssa Liu enters a spin rotating slowly. As the spin progresses her rate of rotation increases. How does Alyssa speed up during her spin?



$$r_{L1} > r_{L2}, \quad r_{T1} > r_{T2} \Rightarrow \omega_1 < \omega_2$$

By using conservation of angular momentum!

(and years of flexibility and balance training...but mostly angular momentum.)

$$\vec{H}_O = \vec{r}_{P/O} \times m\vec{v}$$

In polar form:

$$\vec{H}_O = m(r^2\dot{\theta})\vec{k}$$

When angular momentum is conserved:

$$\vec{H}_{O2} = \vec{H}_{O1}$$

$$m(r_1^2\dot{\theta}_1) = m(r_2^2\dot{\theta}_2)$$

$$\dot{\theta}_2 = \dot{\theta}_1 \frac{r_1^2}{r_2^2}$$

Key Takeaways

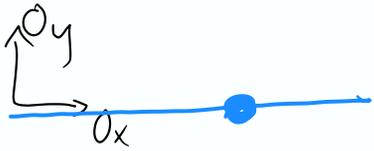
→ Angular velocity $\vec{\omega}$ must decrease (or increase) as the radial distance r increases (or decreases) when angular momentum is conserved.

$$r \uparrow \omega \downarrow \quad r \downarrow \omega \uparrow$$

Example 4.D.1

Given: Particle P (weighing 2 lb) is able to slide on a smooth, lightweight horizontal arm that is rotating about a vertical axis. Initially, P is stationary relative to the arm when the arm is rotating at a rate of $\omega_1 = 20 \text{ rad/s}$ and P is $R = 3 \text{ in}$ from the rotation axis of the arm.

Find: Determine the angular speed of the arm when the P has moved outward to a position of $R = 24 \text{ in}$ from the axis of the shaft.



$$\sum M_O = 0$$

$$(\vec{H}_O)_1 = (\vec{H}_O)_2$$

$$\vec{H}_{O1} = \vec{r}_1 \times m\vec{v}_1 = r_1 \hat{e}_r \times \frac{W}{g} (\cancel{r_1 \dot{e}_r} + r_1 \omega_1 \hat{e}_\theta)$$

$$= \frac{W}{g} r_1^2 \omega_1 \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{H}_{O2} = \vec{r}_2 \times m\vec{v}_2 = r_2 \hat{e}_r \times \frac{W}{g} (\dot{r}_2 \hat{e}_r + r_2 \omega_2 \hat{e}_\theta)$$

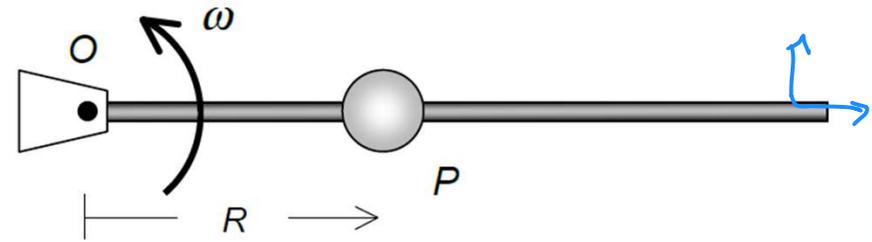
$$= \frac{W}{g} r_2^2 \omega_2 \hat{k}$$



$$r_1^2 \omega_1 = r_2^2 \omega_2$$

$$\omega_2 = \frac{r_1^2}{r_2^2} \omega_1$$

$$= \frac{3^2}{24^2} 20 = 0.3 \text{ rad/s}$$



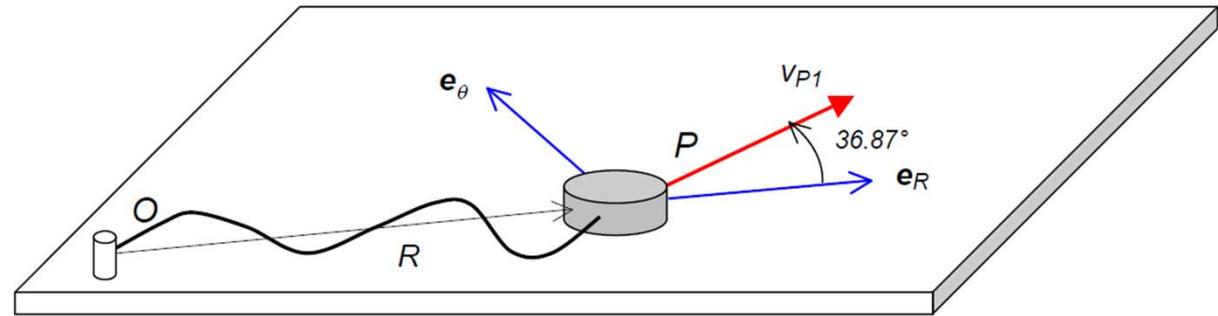
HORIZONTAL PLANE

Example 4.D.3

Given: Disk P having a mass of 0.2 kg is able to slide on a smooth, horizontal surface. A rubber band (having a stiffness of $k = 10$ N/m and unstretched length of 0.6 m) attaches B to a fixed peg at O. Disk P is set into motion with a speed of $v_{P1} = 15$ m/s in the direction shown with $R = 0.4$ m.

Find: Determine the polar coordinates of the velocity of P when P is a distance 1.5 m from O.

FBD



Kinetics

$$\sum M_O = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{H}_{O1} = \vec{H}_{O2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{H}_{O1} &= \vec{r}_1 \times m\vec{v}_1 = r_1 \hat{e}_r \times m(v_{P1} \cos \theta \hat{e}_r + v_{P1} \sin \theta \hat{e}_\theta) \\ &= mr_1 v_{P1} \sin \theta \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{H}_{O2} &= \vec{r}_2 \times m\vec{v}_2 = r_2 \hat{e}_r \times m(v_{2r} \hat{e}_r + v_{2\theta} \hat{e}_\theta) \\ &= mr_2 v_{2\theta} \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

angular component: $mr_1 v_{P1} \sin \theta = mr_2 v_{2\theta} \rightarrow v_{2\theta} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} v_{P1} \sin \theta$

To find radial component, use WE!

$$T_1 + V_1 + U_{1 \rightarrow 2}^{Nc} = T_2 + V_2$$

$$T_1 = \frac{1}{2} m v_{p1}^2$$

$$V_1 = 0 \quad (\text{elastic band cannot be in compression})$$

$$U_{1 \rightarrow 2}^{Nc} = 0$$

$$T_2 = \frac{1}{2} m (v_{2r}^2 + v_{2\theta}^2)$$

$$V_2 = \frac{1}{2} k (R_2 - R_0)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} m v_{p1}^2 = \frac{1}{2} m v_{2r}^2 + \frac{1}{2} m v_{2\theta}^2 + \frac{1}{2} k (R_2 - R_0)^2$$

Solve for v_{2r}