

Physics 101.

Lecture 14.

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Topics Covered:

Collisions

Centre of mass

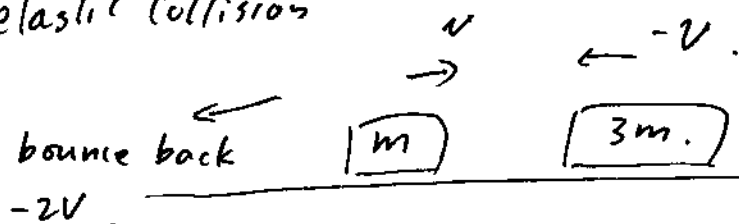
Rotational Kinematics

Demo: Collision. Rotating wheel.

Ref: 9-7, 10-1, 2, 3, 4.

• Examples of collisions.

elastic collision



The lighter object is bounced back with a higher speed.

Demo:



Free-falling. M.E. is conserved.
 Elastic collision: K.E. is conserved.
~~Energy~~ Momentum is conserved.



$-v \downarrow$
 $v \uparrow$

The small ball is bounced back fast.

• Centre of Mass (C.M).

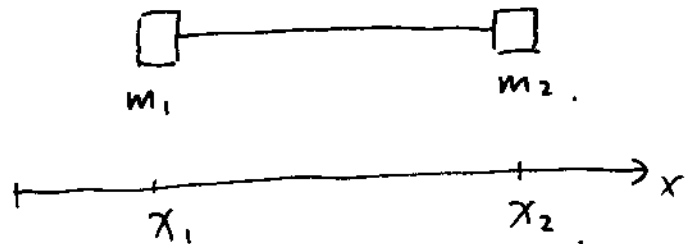
— of Many-particle systems

OR. extended objects.

C.M. — A point to represent the "average" position.

$$x_c = \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$x_c = \frac{\sum m_i x_i}{M}$$



Weighted average position.

(The weight is mass)

$$M = \sum m_i = \text{Total mass}$$

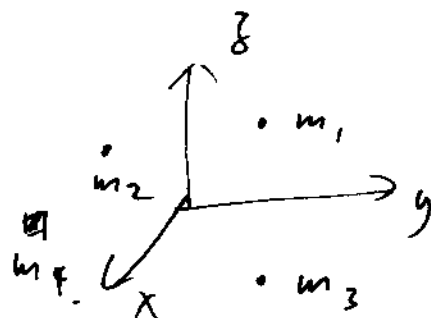
3-D. Many-particles:

$$x_c = \frac{\sum m_i x_i}{M}$$

$$y_c = \frac{\sum m_i y_i}{M}$$

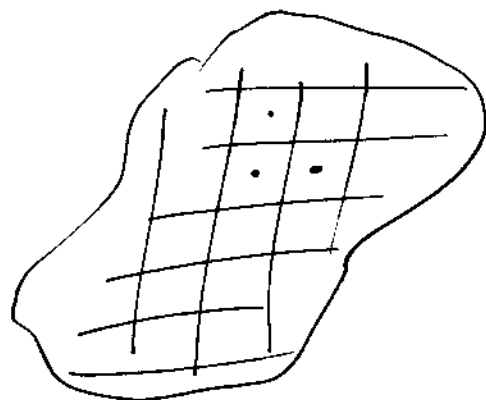
$$z_c = \frac{\sum m_i z_i}{M}$$

$$\vec{r}_c = \frac{\sum \vec{r}_i m_i}{M}$$



- Extended object.

Idea: Divide it into many small regular pieces.



$$\vec{r}_c = \frac{\sum m_i \vec{r}_i}{M}$$

$\vec{r}_i$ — c.m. of i th piece.

e.g.:  Dropped by h meters

$$\Delta U = \Delta U_1 + \Delta U_2$$

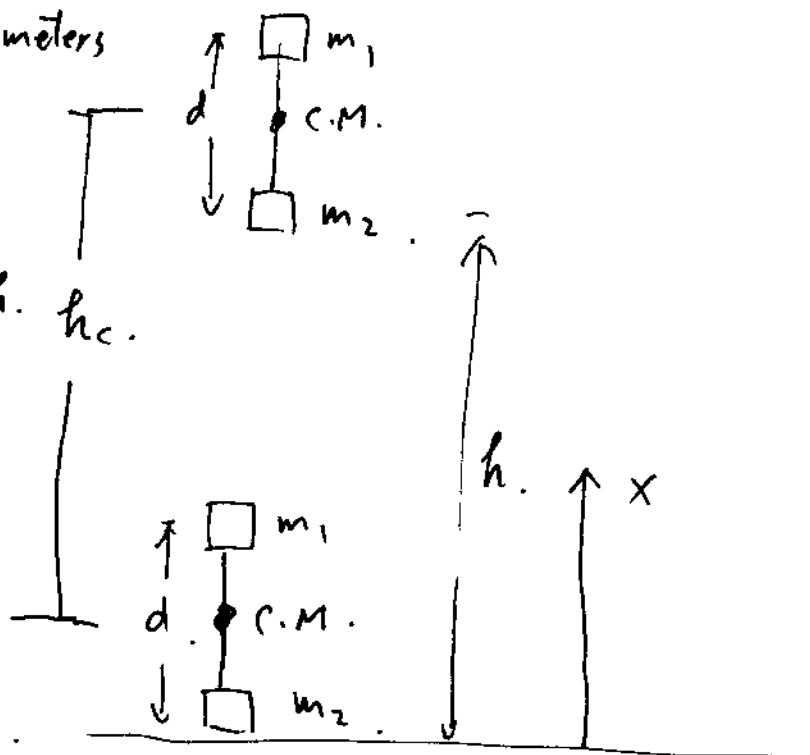
$$= -m_1 g h - m_2 g h_c$$

$$= -(m_1 + m_2) g h_c$$

also:

$$\Delta U_c = -M \cdot g \cdot h_c$$

$$= -(m_1 + m_2) g \cdot h_c$$



h_c — The C.M. is lowered by h_c meters.

$$\Delta U = \Delta U_c$$

The potential energy of the system
= The P.E. of the centre of Mass.

• momentum .

Total momentum of m_1 and m_2

$$\vec{P} = \vec{p}_1 + \vec{p}_2$$

$$= m_1 \vec{v}_1 + m_2 \vec{v}_2$$

$$= m_1 \frac{\Delta \vec{r}_1}{\Delta t} + m_2 \frac{\Delta \vec{r}_2}{\Delta t}$$

$$= \frac{M}{M} \cdot \frac{1}{\Delta t} \cdot (m_1 \Delta \vec{r}_1 + m_2 \Delta \vec{r}_2)$$

$$= \frac{M}{\Delta t} \cdot \frac{m_1 \Delta \vec{r}_1 + m_2 \Delta \vec{r}_2}{M}$$

$$= \frac{M}{\Delta t} \cdot \Delta \vec{r}_c$$

$$= M \cdot \vec{v}_c$$

$$= \vec{P}_c$$

$\therefore$ Total momentum = Momentum of C.M.



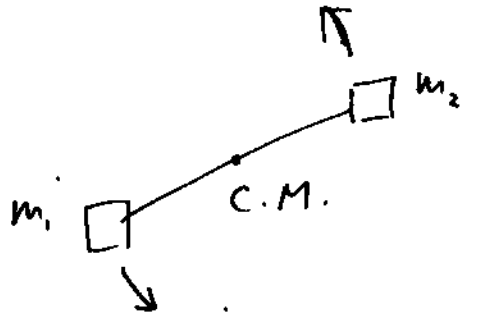
- Kinetic Energy.

However, $K_{\text{Total}} \neq K_c$.

i.e. $K_{\text{Total}} \neq \frac{1}{2} M \cdot V_c^2$.

The total kinetic energy ~~does~~ is not equal to the kinetic energy of C.M.

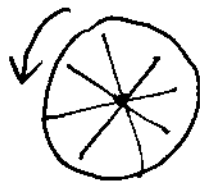
e.g.:



$V_c = 0$ but $V_1 \neq 0$, $V_2 \neq 0$.

$$K_c = \frac{1}{2} M V_c^2 = 0 \quad \text{but} \quad K_{\text{Total}} = K_1 + K_2 = \frac{1}{2} m V_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} m V_2^2 \neq 0$$

e.g.: A rotating wheel with a fixed axis.



C.M. is not moving: $V_c = 0$.
but there is a rotational kinetic energy.

• Rotational Kinematics

— How to describe rotation.

Angular position: θ .

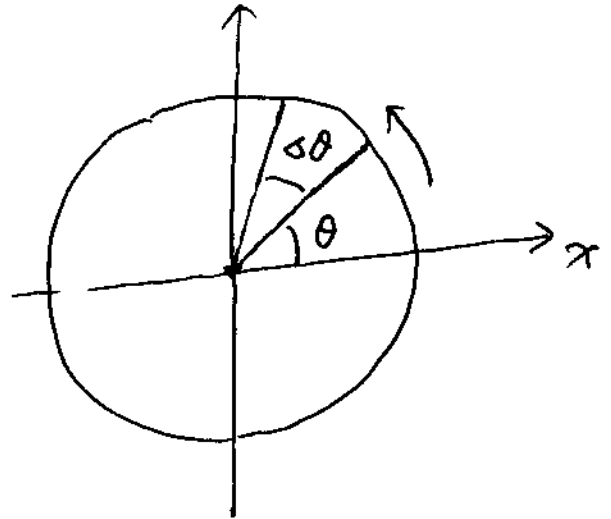
Angular displacement: $\Delta\theta$

$\Delta\theta$: + : CCW. ↺

- : CW ↻

angular velocity:

$$\omega = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta\theta}{\Delta t}$$



Units of angular quantities:

angle: degree: 1 circle = 360° .

radian: 1 circle = 2π rad.