

# Chapter 8

## Rotational Equilibrium and Rotational dynamics

# Torque and Equilibrium

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- This is a statement of translational equilibrium

- The Second Condition of Equilibrium states

$$\Sigma \vec{\tau} = 0$$

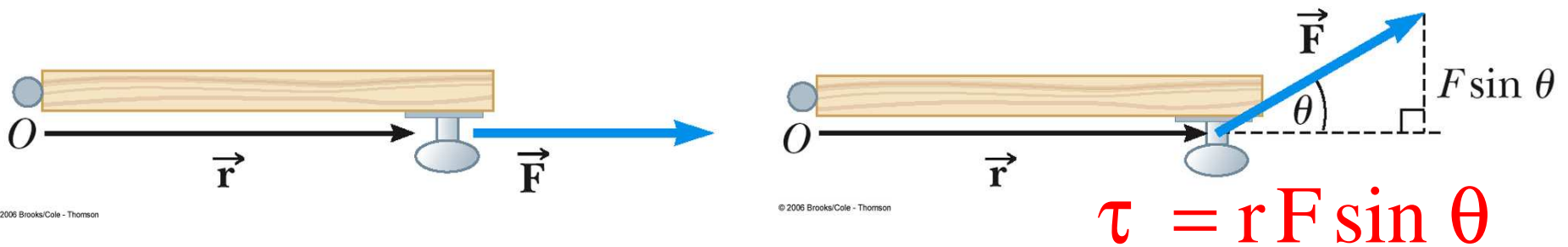
- The net external torque must be zero

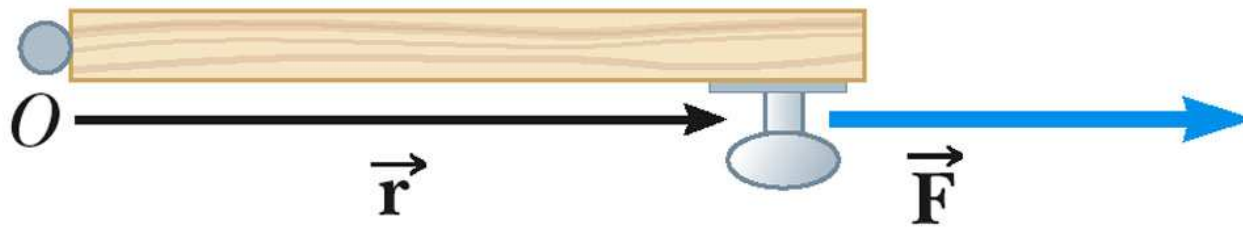
# A hobbit house



# Three Factors affect torque

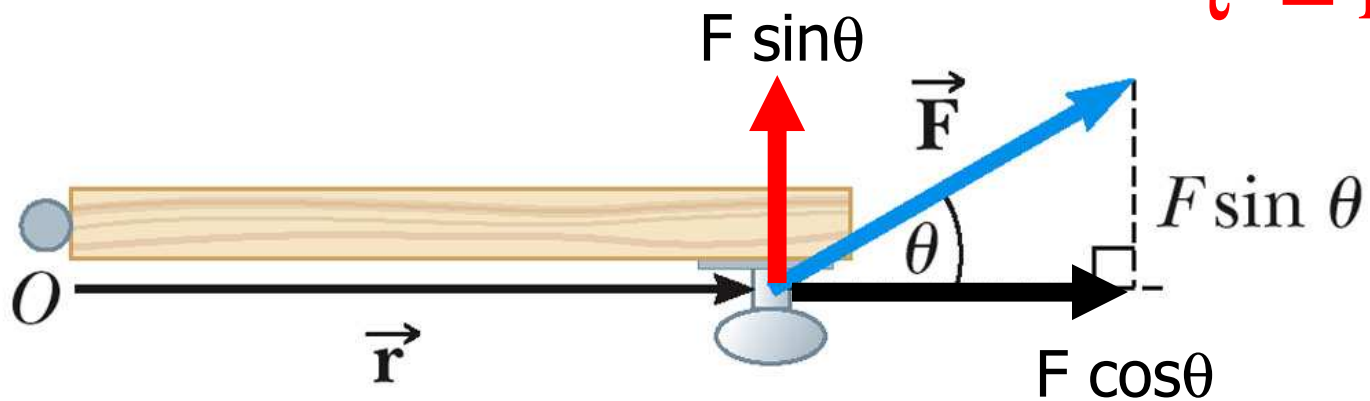
- The *magnitude* of the force
- The *position* of the application of the force
- The *angle* at which the force is applied





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$$\tau = r F \sin \theta$$



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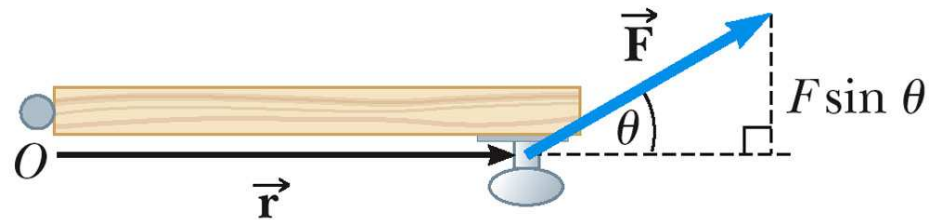
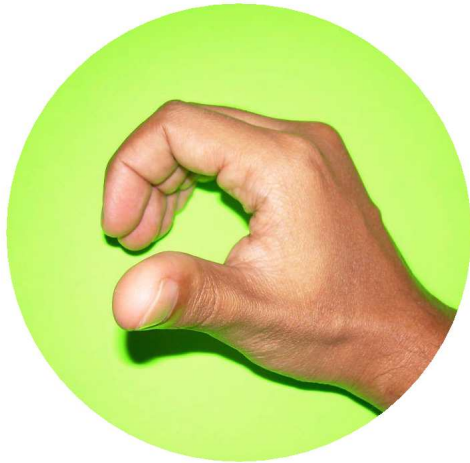
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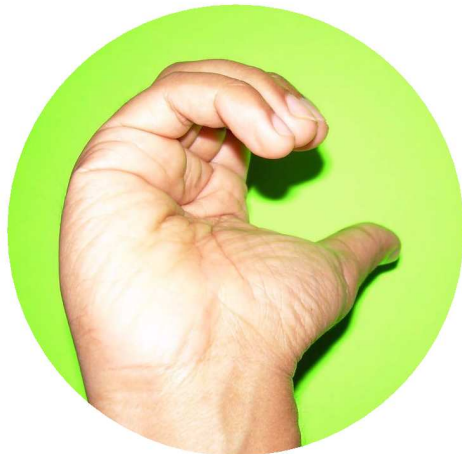
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# Torque direction: Right hand rule again

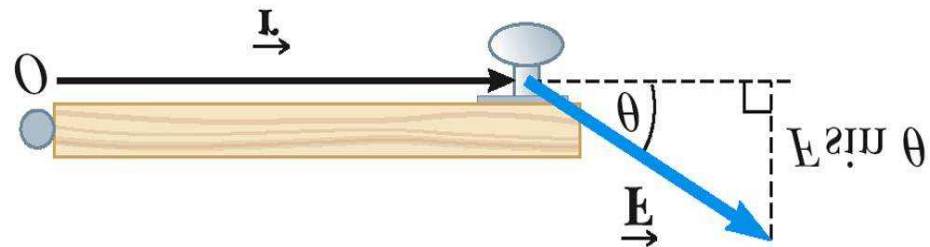


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Force turns it in the counterclockwise direction



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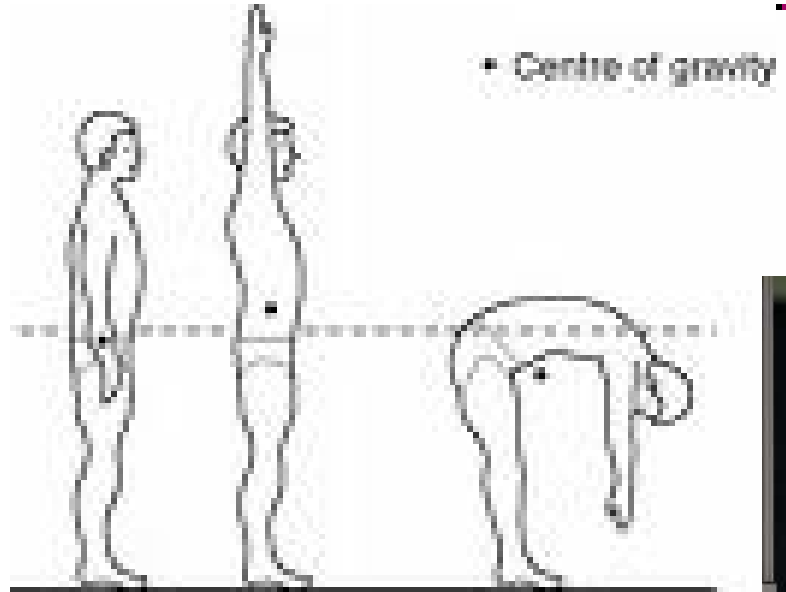
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# Center of Gravity

- In finding the torque produced by the force of gravity, all of the weight of the object can be considered to be concentrated at a single point



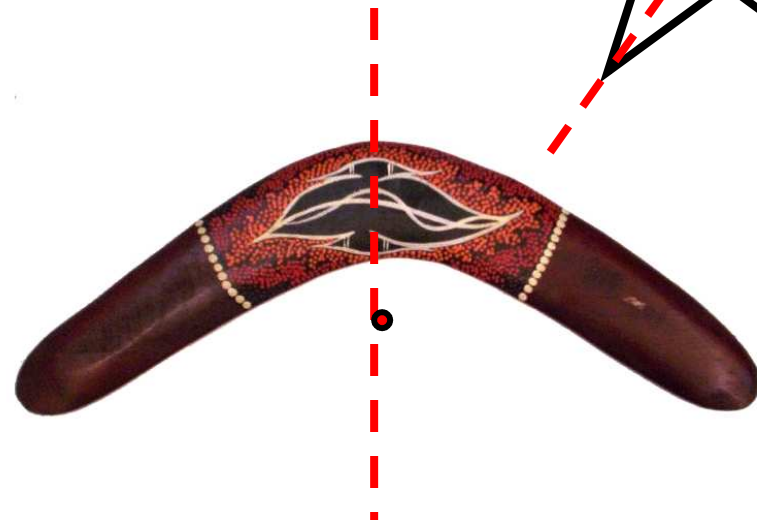
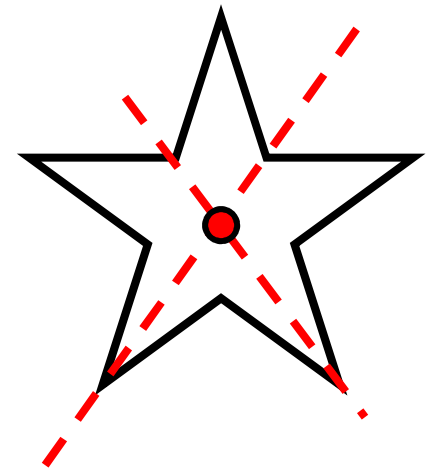
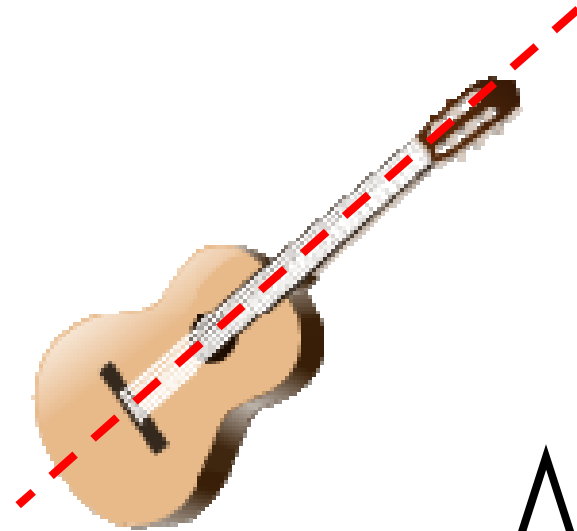
# Center of gravity



$$x_{cg} = \frac{\sum m_i x_i}{\sum m_i} \quad \text{and} \quad y_{cg} = \frac{\sum m_i y_i}{\sum m_i}$$

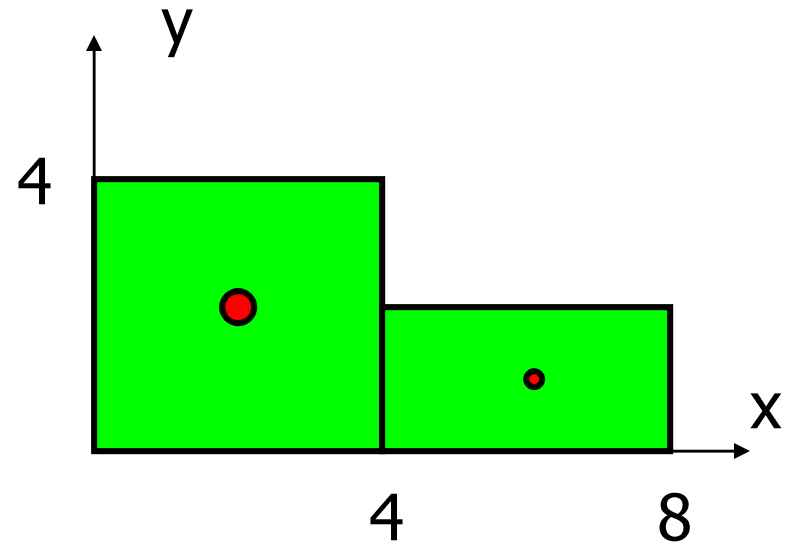
## A few pointers.

- If a body has a symmetry and it has a uniform density then the **cg** is on the line of symmetry.
- The center of symmetry coincides with the **cg**.
- The **cg** might be outside the object



# Example

- Find the cg of a 4x8 uniform sheet of plywood with the upper right quadrant removed.



$$m_1 = 2M; (x_1, y_1) = (2, 2)$$

$$m_2 = M; (x_2, y_2) = (6, 1)$$

$$x_{cg} = \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2}{m_1 + m_2} = \frac{2M \cdot 2 + M \cdot 6}{2M + M} = \frac{10 \cdot M}{3 \cdot M} = \frac{10}{3} \text{ ft}$$

$$y_{cg} = \frac{m_1 y_1 + m_2 y_2}{m_1 + m_2} = \frac{2M \cdot 2 + M \cdot 1}{2M + M} = \frac{5 \cdot M}{3 \cdot M} = \frac{5}{3} \text{ ft}$$

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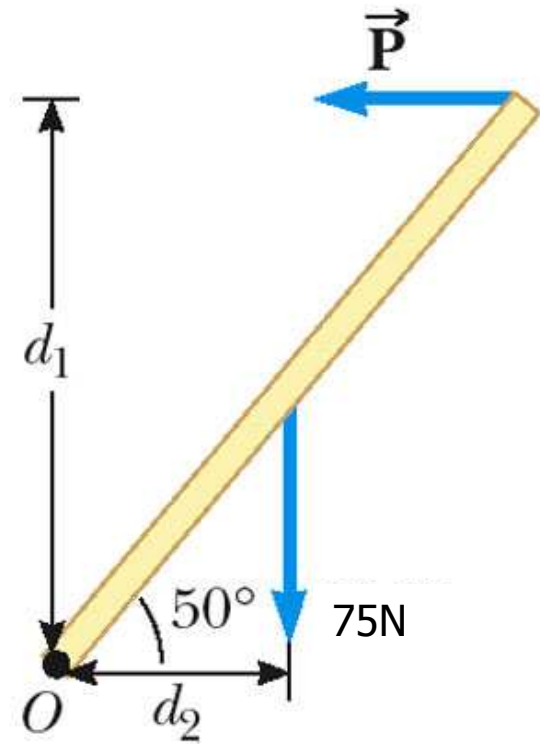
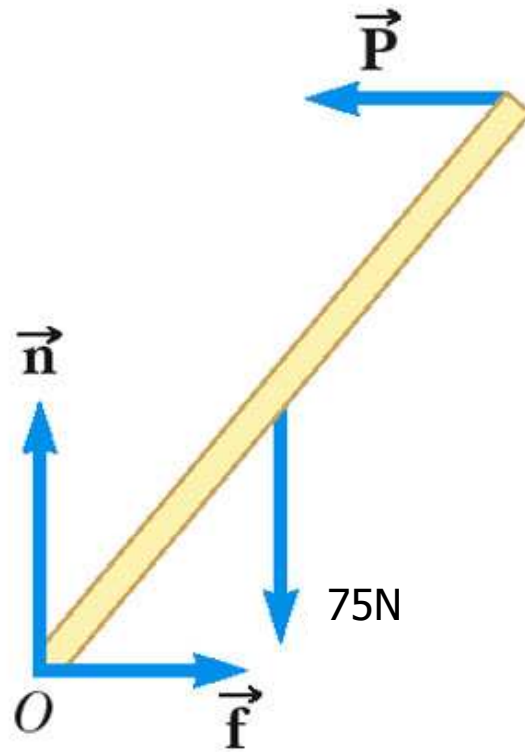
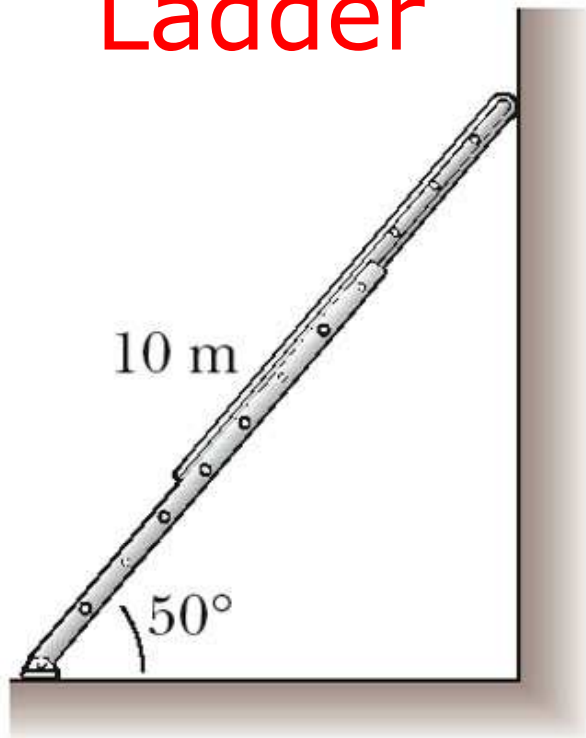
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# Example of a Free Body Diagram-- Ladder

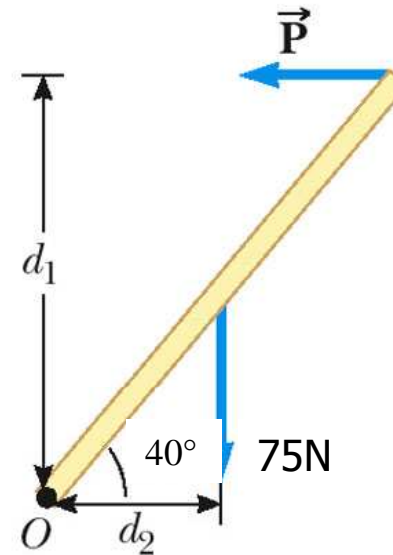
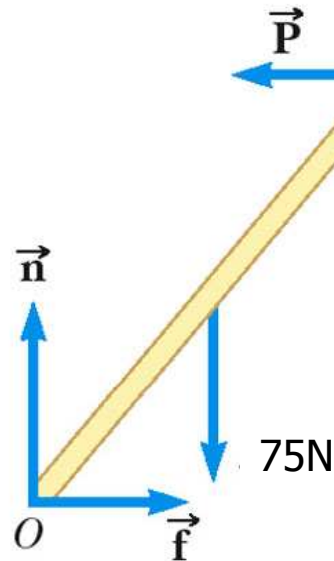
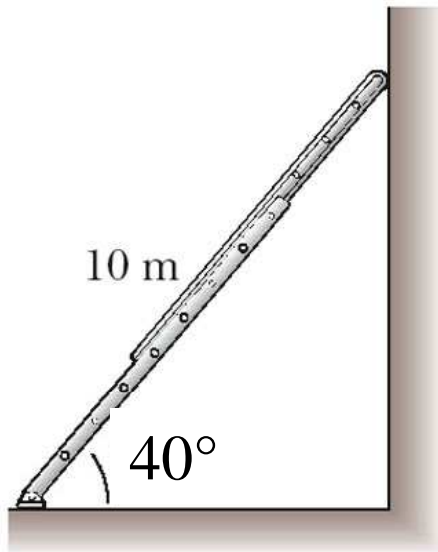


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- free body diagram shows normal force and force of static friction acting on the ladder at the ground

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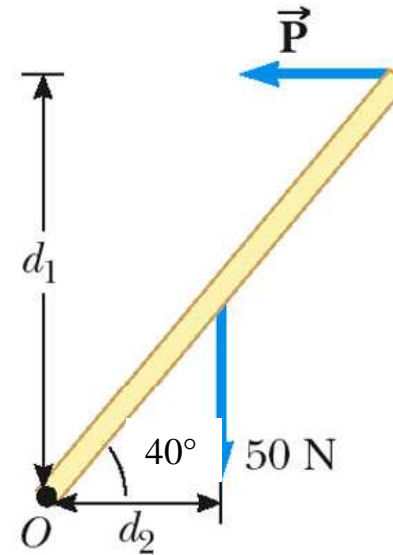
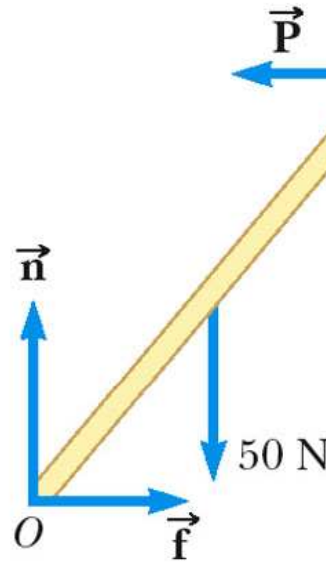
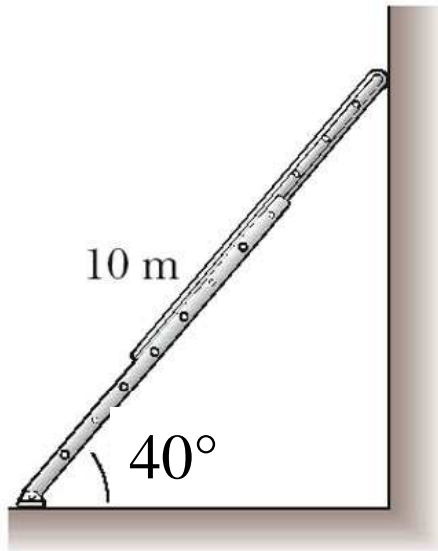
Find the force  $P$  of the wall on the top of the 10 meter ladder that weights 75 N



- A. 50 N
- B. 25N
- C. 30 N
- D. 21 N
- ✓ E. 45 N

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# Example: a ladder against a wall

- What minimum angle can the ladder make with the floor before it slips?

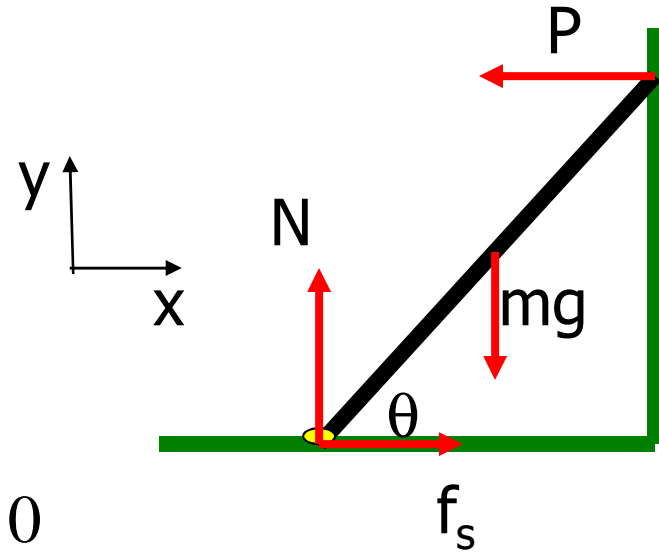
$$\begin{aligned}\sum F_x &= 0 \\ \sum F_y &= 0 \\ \sum \tau &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$f_s - P = 0$$

$$n - mg = 0$$

$$PL \sin \theta - mg \frac{L}{2} \cos \theta = 0$$

$$f_s = \mu_s n = \mu_s mg$$



$$\mu_s mgL \sin \theta - mg \frac{L}{2} \cos \theta = 0$$

$$\mu_s \sin \theta - \frac{1}{2} \cos \theta = 0$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{1}{2\mu_s}$$

# Torque and Angular Acceleration

Newton's Second Law for a Rotating Object

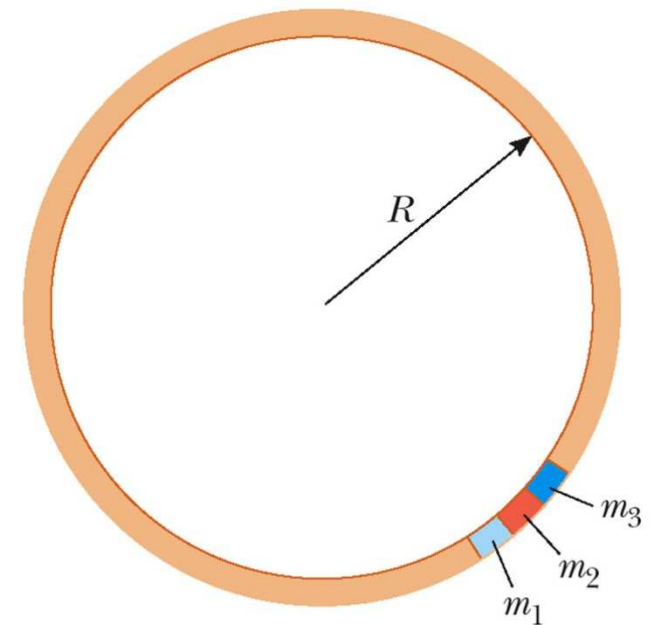
$$\Sigma \tau = I\alpha$$

analogous to  $\Sigma \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{ma}$

$\mathbf{I} = \text{moment of inertia}$

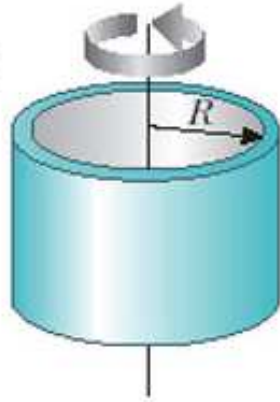
For Uniform Ring  $I = \Sigma m_i r_i^2 = MR^2$

moment of inertia depends on  
quantity of matter  
*and* its distribution  
*and* location of axis of rotation

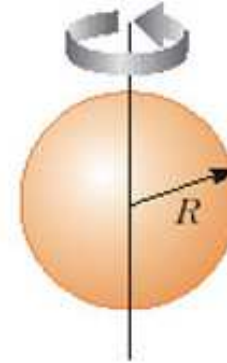


# Other Moments of Inertia

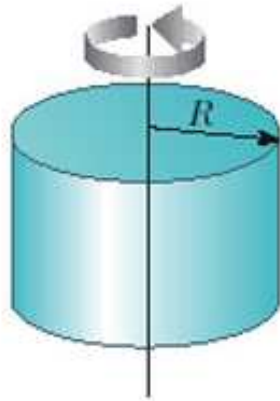
Hoop or thin  
cylindrical shell  
 $I = MR^2$



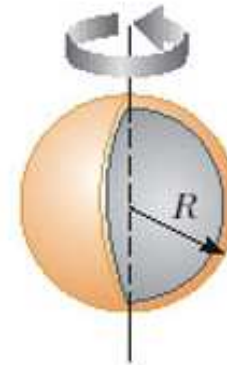
Solid sphere  
 $I = \frac{2}{5} MR^2$



Solid cylinder  
or disk  
 $I = \frac{1}{2} MR^2$

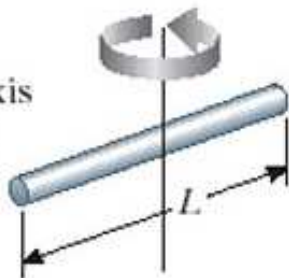


Thin spherical  
shell  
 $I = \frac{2}{3} MR^2$



Long thin rod  
with rotation axis  
through center

$$I = \frac{1}{12} ML^2$$



Long thin  
rod with  
rotation axis  
through end

$$I = \frac{1}{3} ML^2$$

