

# Rotation

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Moment of inertia of a rotating body:

$$I = \int r^2 dm$$

Usually reasonably easy to calculate when

- Body has symmetries
- Rotation axis goes through Center of mass

Exams: All moment of inertia will be given!  
No need to copy the table from the book.

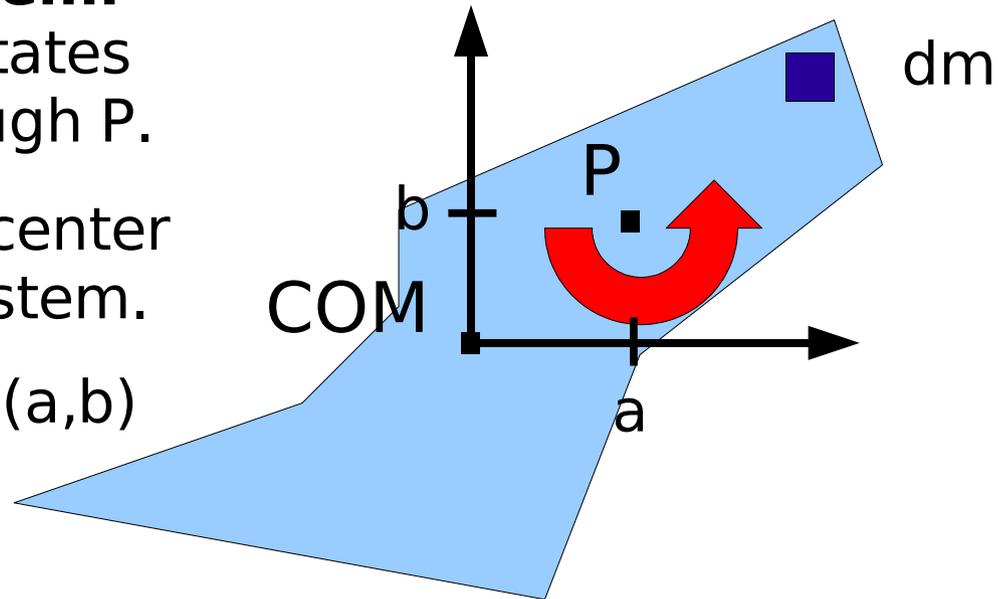
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## Parallel axis theorem:

Assume the body rotates around an axis through P.

Let the COM be the center of our coordinate system.

P has the coordinates (a,b)



$$I = \int r^2 dm = \int (x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 dm$$

$$= \int (x^2 + y^2) dm - 2a \int x dm - 2b \int y dm + (a^2 + b^2) \int dm$$

$$= I_{\text{COM}} - 0 - 0 + h^2 M$$

$$I = I_{\text{COM}} + h^2 M$$

This is something you might need

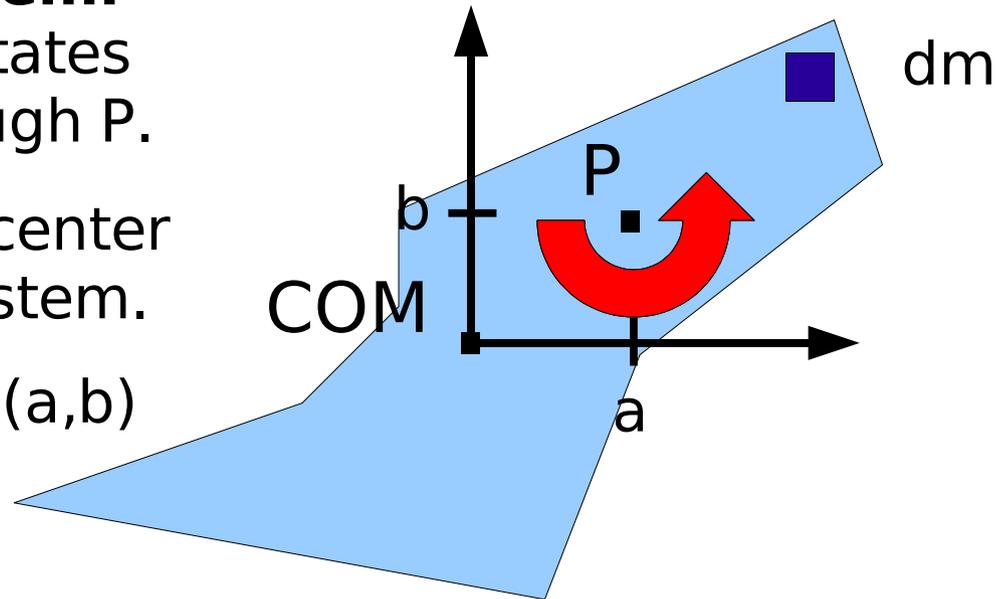
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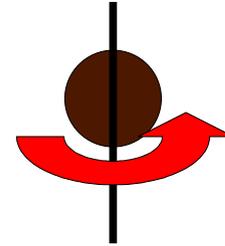


$$I = I_{\text{COM}} + Mh^2$$

The moment of inertia of a body rotating around an arbitrary axis is equal to the moment of inertia of a body rotating around a **parallel axis through the center of mass** plus the mass times the perpendicular distance between the axes  $h$  squared.

# Example: Moment of inertia

Solid sphere of radius  $R$  rotating around symmetry axis:  $I = \frac{2MR^2}{5}$



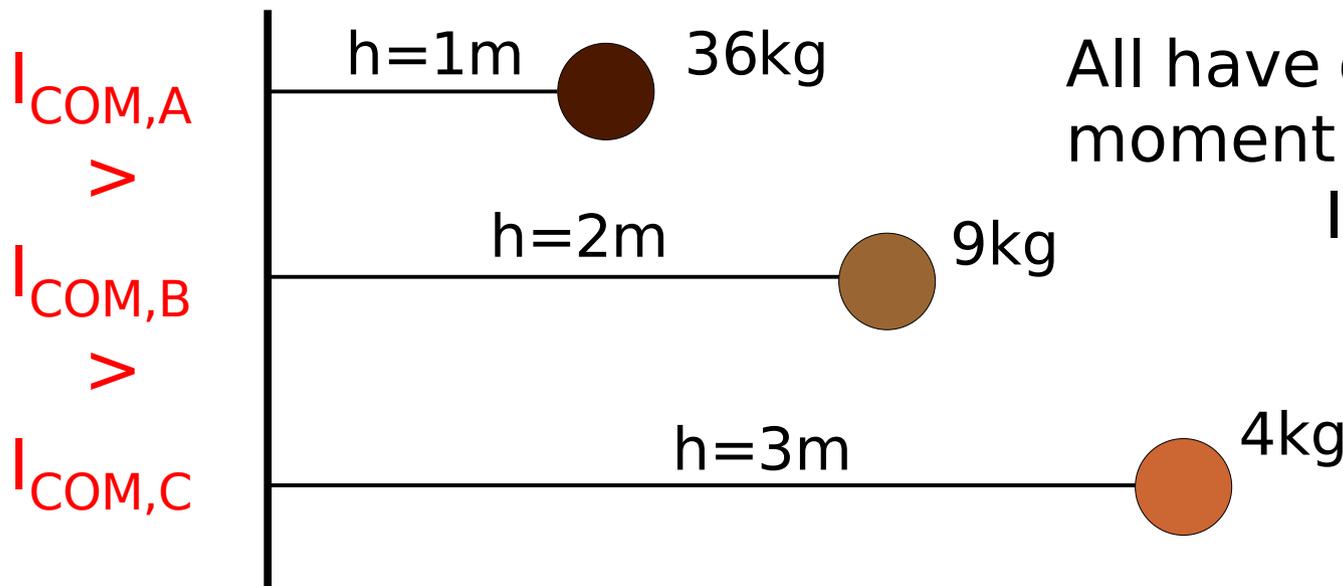
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If  $R \ll h \implies I_{\text{COM}} \ll \ll Mh^2$



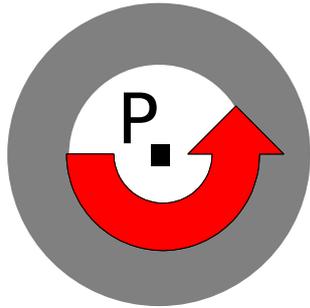
All have essentially the same moment of inertia:

$$I \sim 36 \text{ kg m}^2$$



# Example: Moment of inertia

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$$I = \int r^2 dm$$

Lets calculate the moment of inertia for an annular homogeneous cylinder rotating around the central axis:

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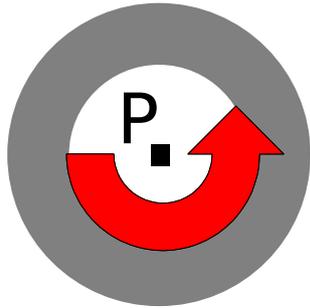
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Step 2: Express the volume element in useful coordinates and find the boundaries for the integration.

Step 3: Integrate

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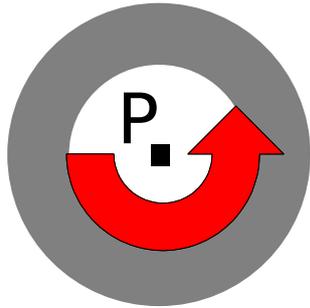
Homogeneous:

Density  $\rho = M/V \rightarrow dm = \rho dV$

and  $\rho$  is independent of the coordinates  
(As long as we only integrate over the body itself and not over empty space)

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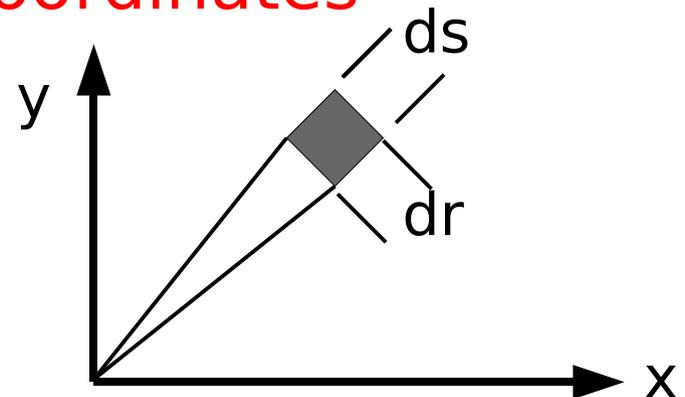
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Better coordinates:  
cylindrical coordinates



# Volume element in cylindrical coordinates

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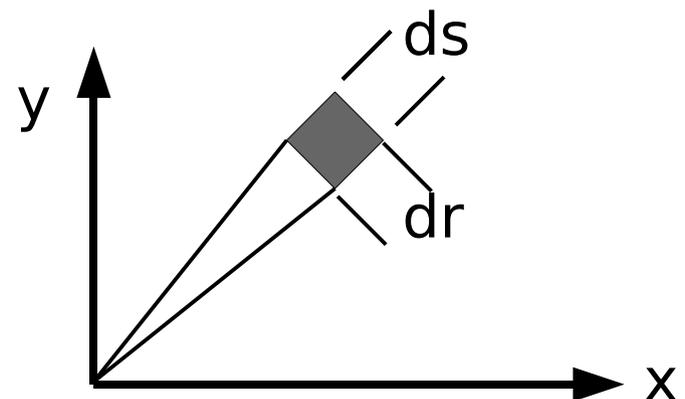
Better coordinates for this problem:  
Cylindrical Coordinates

- $dz$  is the same in both
- only change how we describe things in the x-y plane

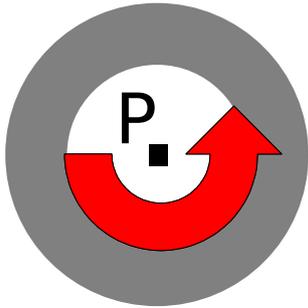
$$ds dr = r d\phi dr$$

$$dV = dx dy dz = r d\phi dr dz$$

Area element in x-y plane



# Example: Moment of inertia



Step 2: Express the volume element in useful coordinates and find the boundaries for the integration.

$$I = \rho \int r^2 dV$$

$$I = \rho \int r^2 r d\phi dr dz$$

Integration boundaries:  
z:  $-L/2$  to  $L/2$ ,  $\phi$ :  $0$  to  $2\pi$   
r:  $R_2$  to  $R_1$

$$I = \rho L 2\pi (R_1^4 - R_2^4)/4$$

z-integration       $\phi$ -integration      r-integration

Use  $(R_1^4 - R_2^4) = (R_1^2 + R_2^2)(R_1^2 - R_2^2)$   
Recall:  $V_{\text{cyl}} = \pi L (R_1^2 - R_2^2)$

$$I = M (R_1^2 + R_2^2)/2$$

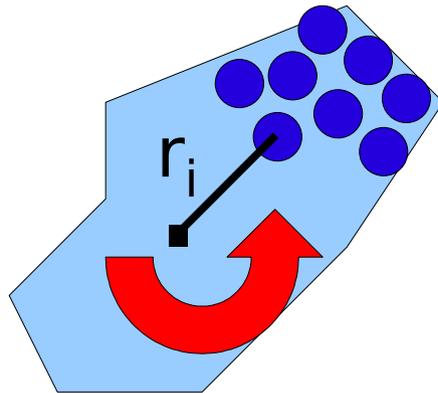
See Table in book, also Sample Problem 10-7

# Kinetic Energy

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## Kinetic energy of a rotating body:

- Lets split up the body into a collection of particles

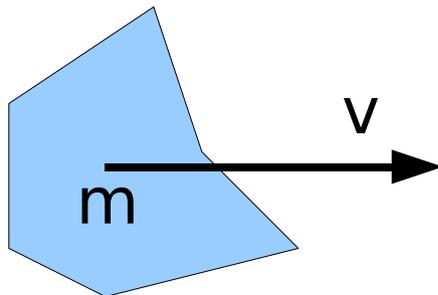


$$K = 0.5 (\sum m_i r_i^2) \omega^2$$

Rotational Inertia:

$$I = (\sum m_i r_i^2)$$

$$K = 0.5 I \omega^2$$



Compare with translation:

$$K = 0.5 m v^2$$

Correspondences:

- $v \leftrightarrow \omega$
- $I \leftrightarrow m$

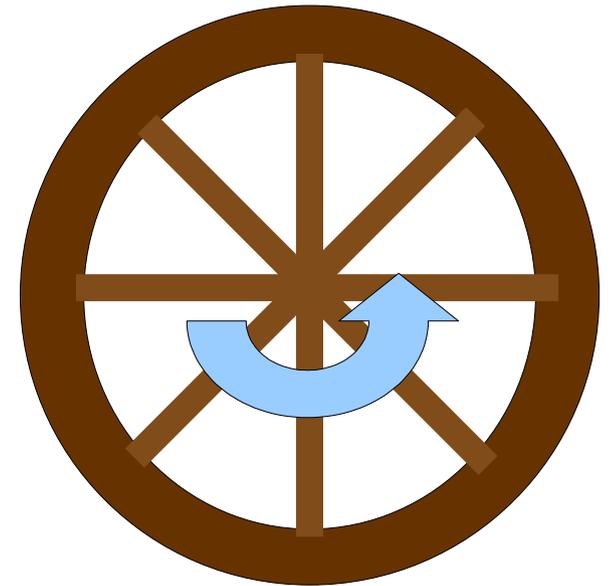
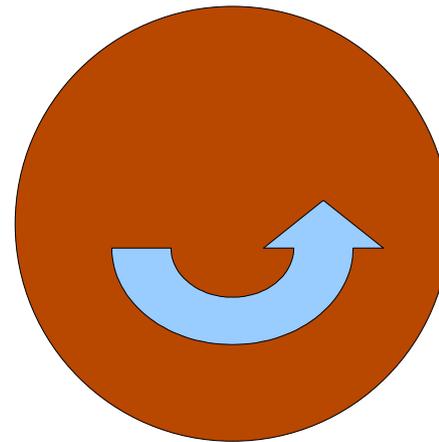
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Energy storage in an electric flywheel:

$$K_{\text{rot}} = 0.5 I \omega^2$$

To reduce mass w/o reducing  $I$   
it might be useful to use an  
annular cylinder.  
But material stress favors  
solid wheels for high end  
applications.



# Example: Kinetic Energy

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Energy storage in an electric flywheel:

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Example (solid wheel):

$M = 600\text{kg}$ ,  $R = 0.5\text{m}$

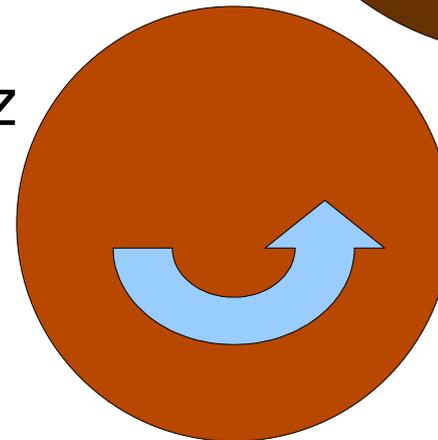
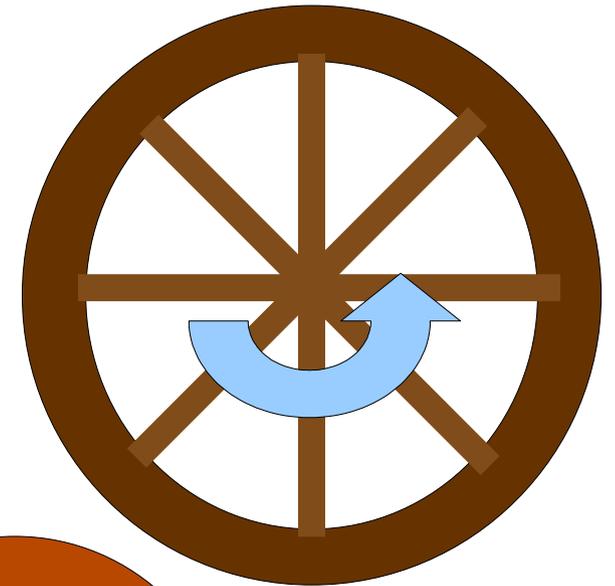
→  $I = 75\text{kg m}^2$

Rotates 30000rpm:

$$f = 30000\text{rpm}/60\text{s/min} = 500\text{Hz}$$

$$\omega = 2\pi f = \pi * 1000 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$K_{\text{rot}} = 370\text{MJ}$$



A lot of energy which can be released very fast in fusion reactors, in braking systems used in trains etc.

# Torque

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We have

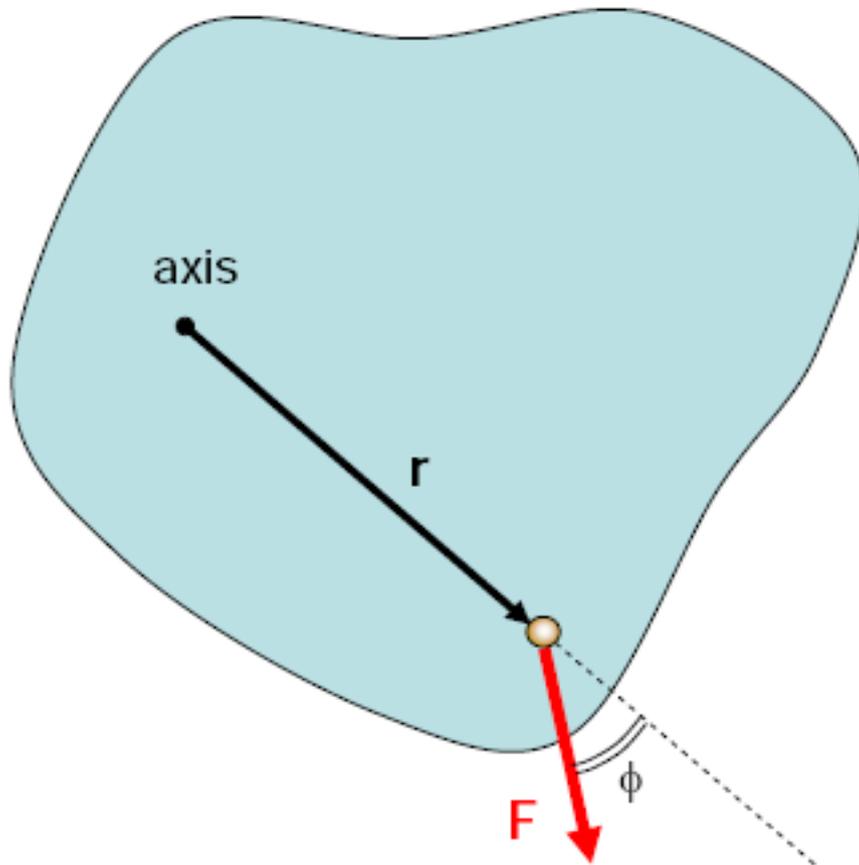
- discussed the equations describing the dynamical variables of rotation ( $\theta$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $\alpha$ )
- calculated the kinetic energy associated with a rotating body
- pointed out the similarities with translations

What is missing: The 'force' of rotation, the torque

Torque (Latin for "twist"):  $\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$

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$$\tau = Fr \sin \phi$$



To twist an object,  
one needs to apply **force**

The ease of twisting will  
depend on

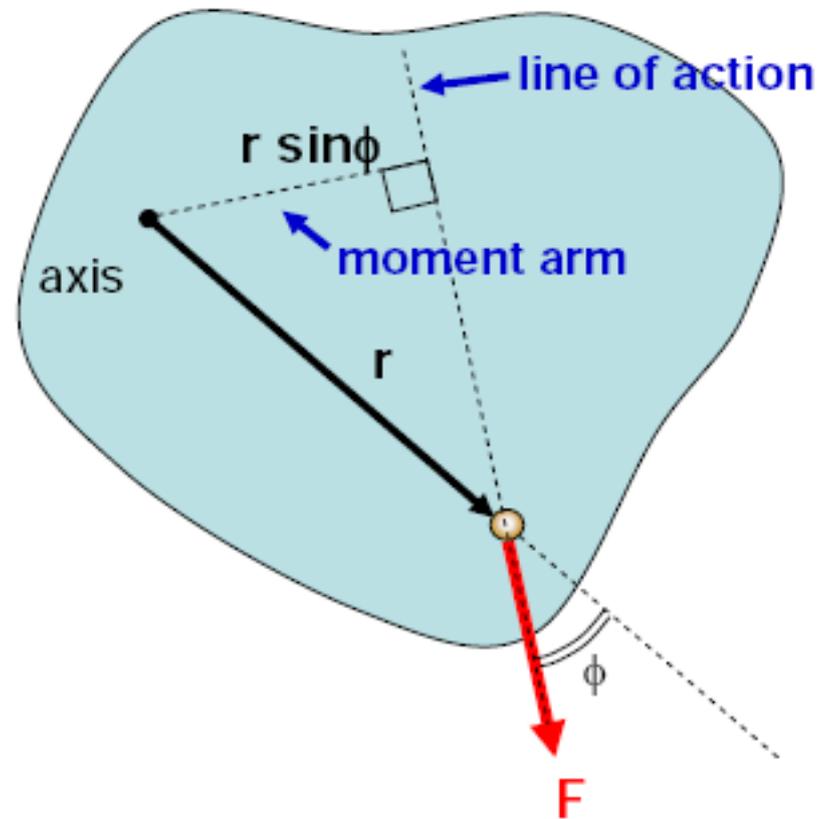
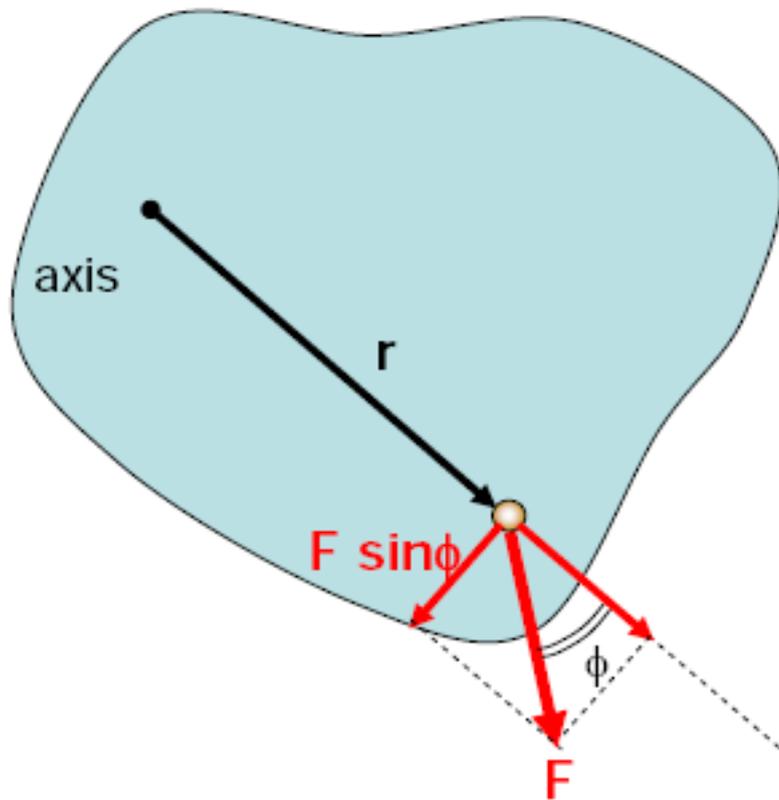
- **force**
- **distance** between the force and the hinge
- **direction** of the force

# Torque

$$\tau = Fr \sin \phi$$

$$\tau = (F \sin \phi) r$$

$$\tau = F (r \sin \phi)$$



# Torque: $\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$

## Sign convention:

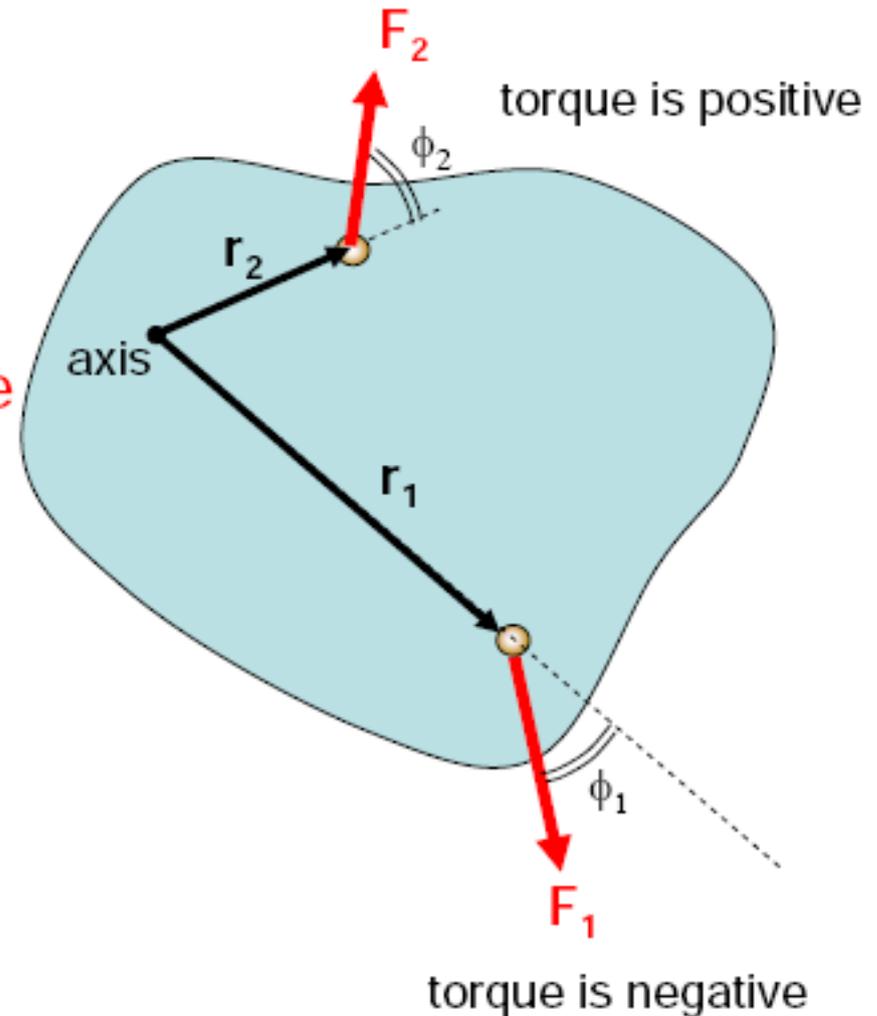
- into screen  
(clockwise): **negative**
- out of screen  
(counter-clockwise): **positive**

## Multiple forces:

- $\vec{\tau}_{\text{net}} = \vec{\tau}_1 + \vec{\tau}_2 + \dots$

## Units:

- N-m



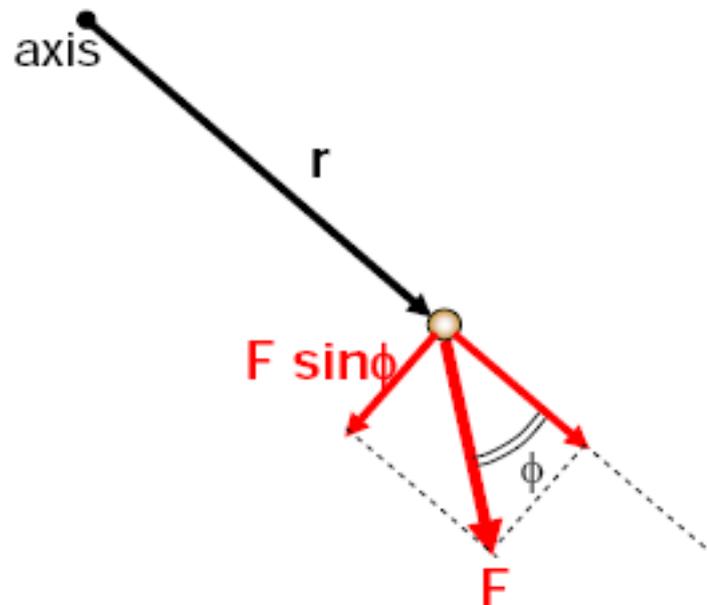
Note: Nm = J but J is only used for energies and Nm only for torques

# Torque and angular acceleration

$$\tau = I\alpha$$

Note analogy with  $F=ma$

## Proof for simple case of one particle



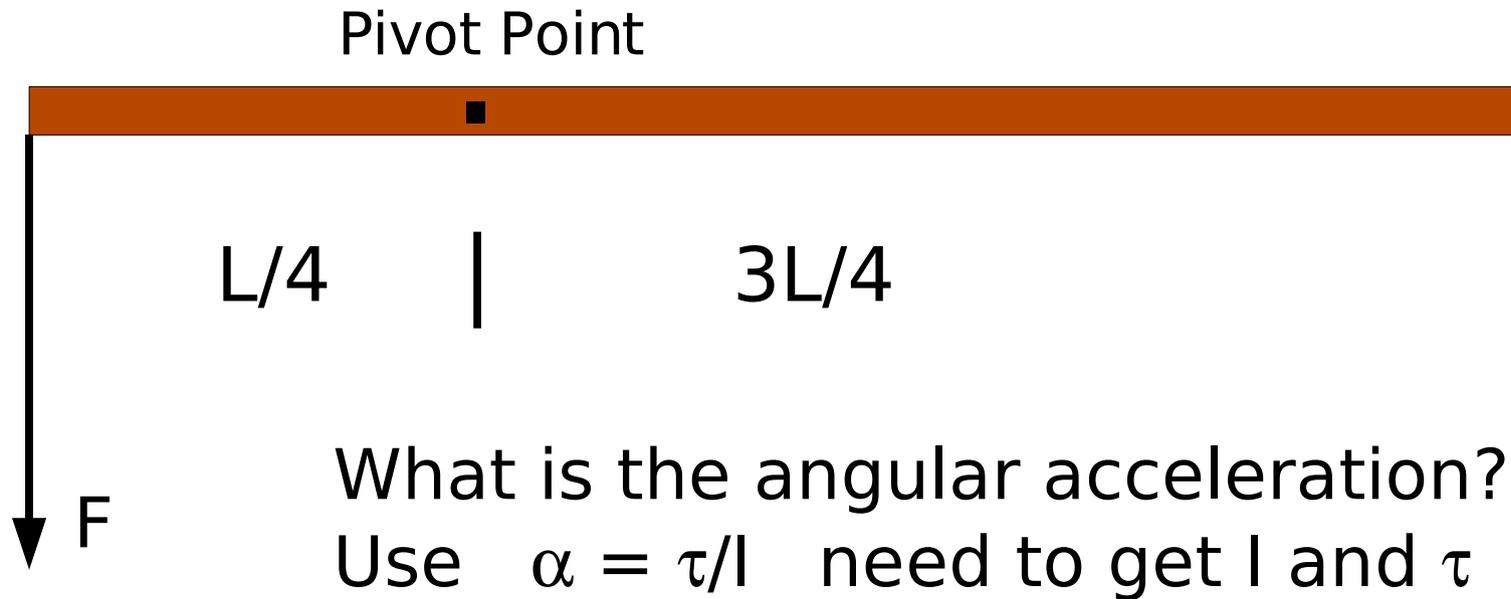
$$F \sin \phi = ma_t$$

$$F \sin \phi = m(\alpha r)$$

$$(F \sin \phi) r = m(\alpha r) r = (mr^2) \alpha$$

$$\tau = I\alpha$$

# Example

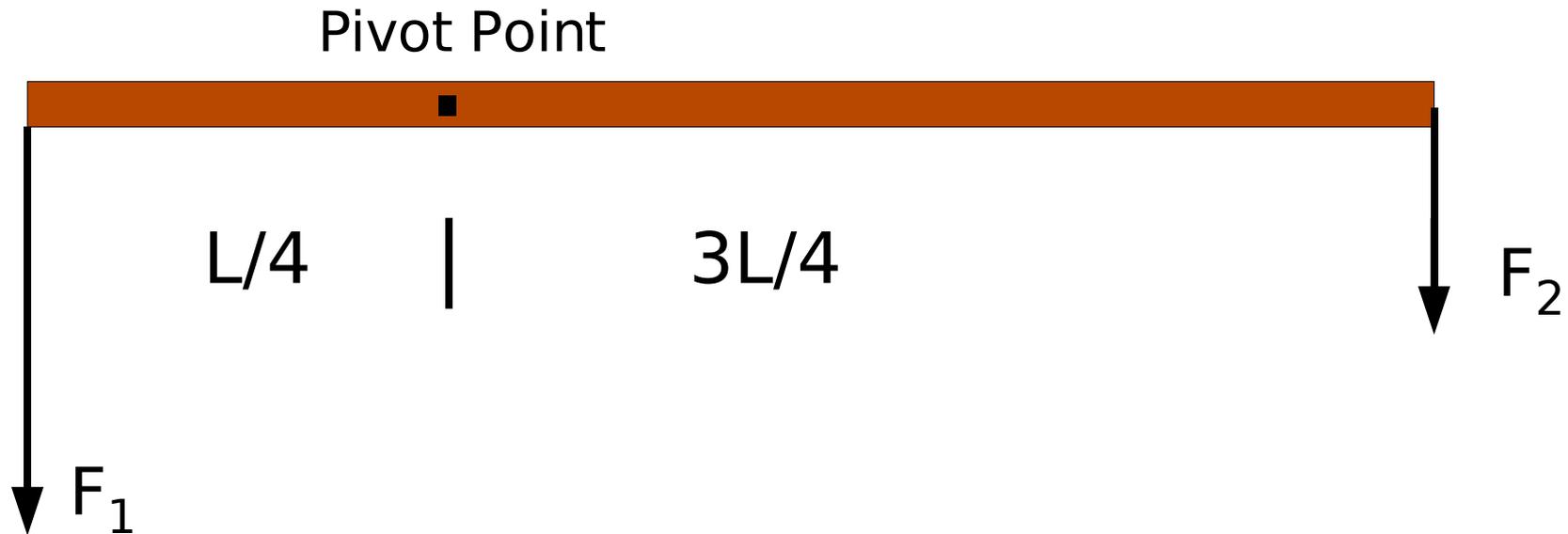


Moment of inertia:  $I = I_{\text{com}} + M(L/4)^2 = ML^2/12 + ML^2/16$   
 $I = 7ML^2/48$

Torque:  $\tau = F L/4$  (Note F is perpendicular to lever arm)

$$\alpha = \tau/I = (FL/ML^2) (48/(7*4)) = 12 * F/(7*M*L)$$

# Example



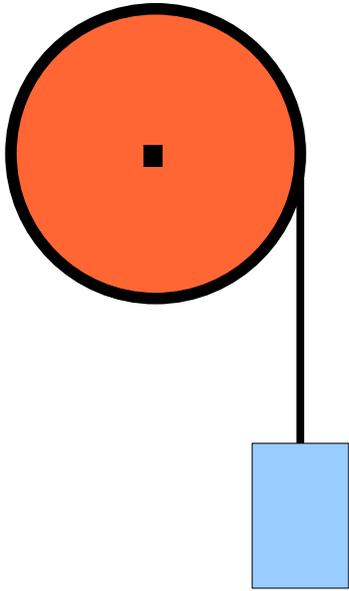
Assume a second force is now applied at the other end of the stick. What would be its magnitude and direction if it prevents the stick from rotating?

$$\text{No rotation: } \tau_{\text{Net}} = 0 \Rightarrow \tau_1 = F_1 L/4 = -\tau_2 = F_2 3L/4$$

Direction of the **force** will be the **same** (both down)  
Magnitude:  $F_2 = F_1/3$

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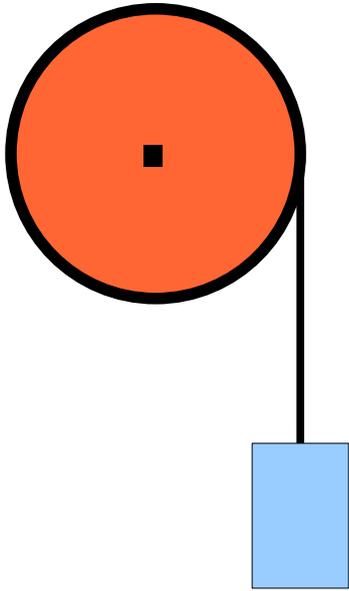
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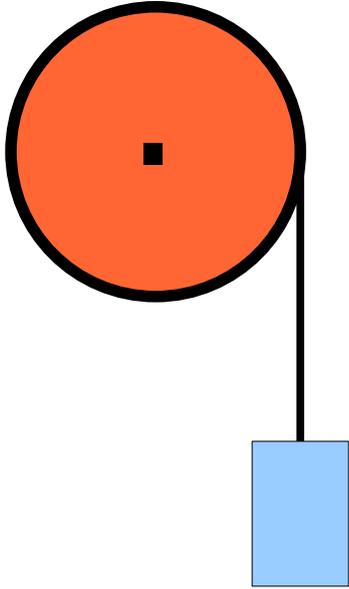
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$$ma = T - mg$$

(equation of motion of the falling block)  
(Unknowns:  $a$  and  $T$ )

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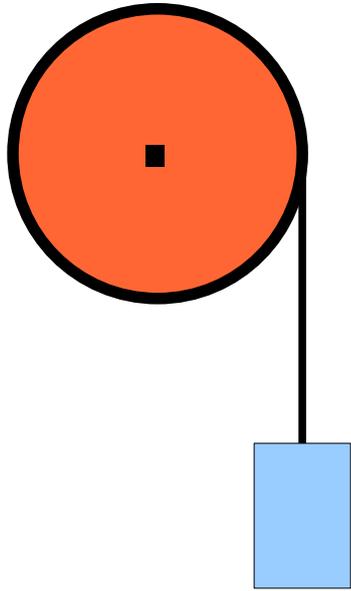
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$$\begin{aligned}\tau &= -TR \quad (\text{force } T \text{ perpendicular to lever arm} \\ &\quad \text{negative, because of clockwise rotation}) \\ &= I\alpha = 0.5 MR^2\alpha\end{aligned}$$

$$T = -0.5MR\alpha$$

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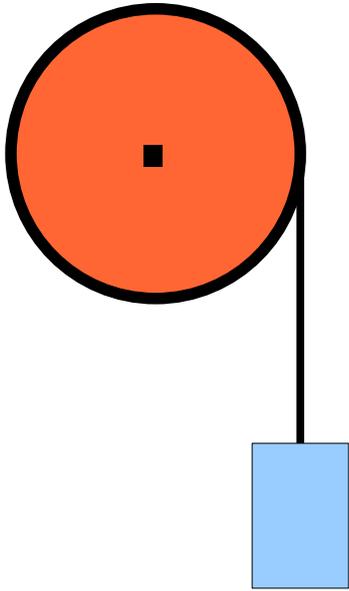


$$a = R\alpha$$

3 equations, 3 unknowns:  $T$ ,  $a$ ,  $\alpha$

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$$ma = T - mg, \quad T = -0.5MR\alpha, \quad a = R\alpha$$

Some math:

$$ma = -0.5Ma - mg \quad \rightarrow \quad a = -2mg/(M+2m) = -4.8\text{m/s}^2$$

$$\text{Angular accel.: } \alpha = a/R = -4.8/0.2\text{rad/s}^2 = -24\text{rad/s}^2$$

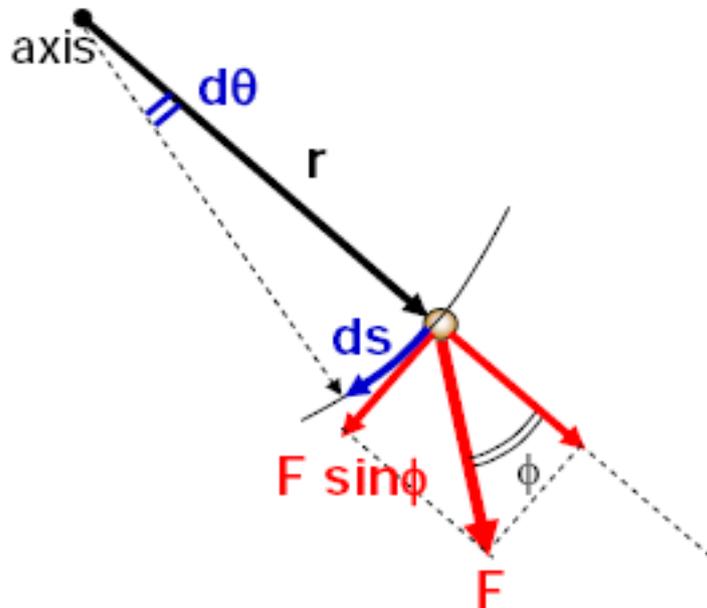
$$\text{Tension in the cord: } T = -0.5MR\alpha = 6.0\text{N}$$

# Torque and work

$$dW = \tau d\theta$$

Note analogy with  $dW = Fdx$

## Proof for simple case of one particle



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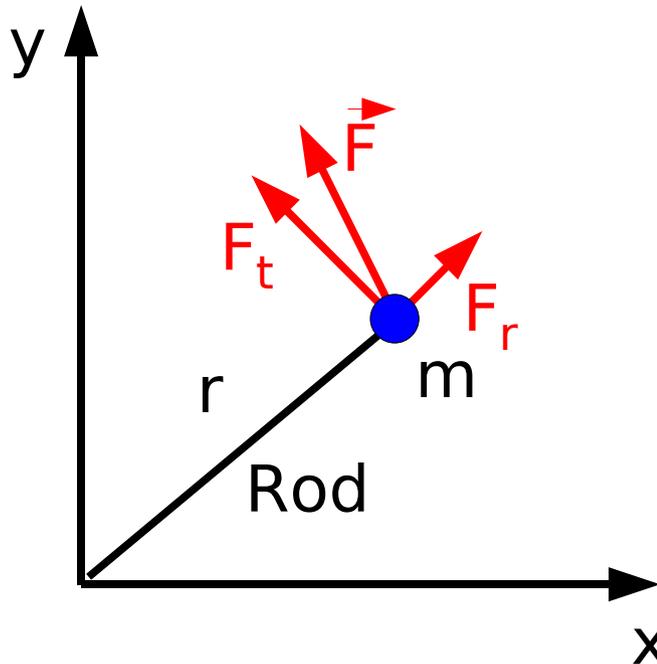
$$dW = \tau d\theta$$

$$\text{Power: } P = \frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{\tau d\theta}{dt} = \tau \omega$$

Check out Table 10.3  
for analogy with translation

# Work and kinetic Energy

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The radial component of  $F$  does not do any work as it does not displace the mass  $m$

The tangential component of  $F$  does displace the mass by  $ds$  and does work:

$$dW = F_t ds = F_t r d\theta = \tau d\theta$$

# Work and kinetic Energy

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$$W = \int_{\theta_i}^{\theta_f} \tau d\theta = \tau (\theta_f - \theta_i)$$

↑  
for constant torque

Work done  
during displacement

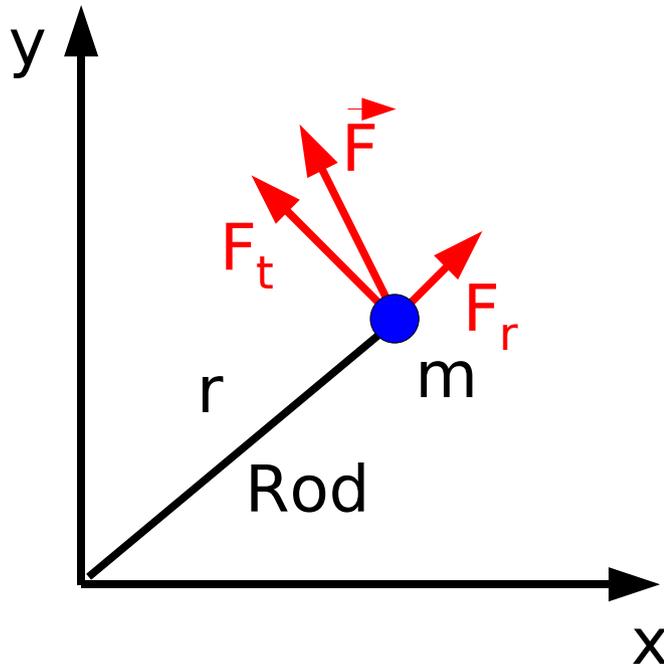
Recall Work for constant force and translation:

$$W = \int_{x_i}^{x_f} F dx = F(x_f - x_i)$$

**Power:**  $P = dW/dt = \tau\omega$  (rotation about fixed axis)

# Work and kinetic Energy

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The tangential component of  $F$  does increase the velocity of the mass:

$$K_f - K_i = 0.5mv_f^2 - 0.5mv_i^2 = W$$

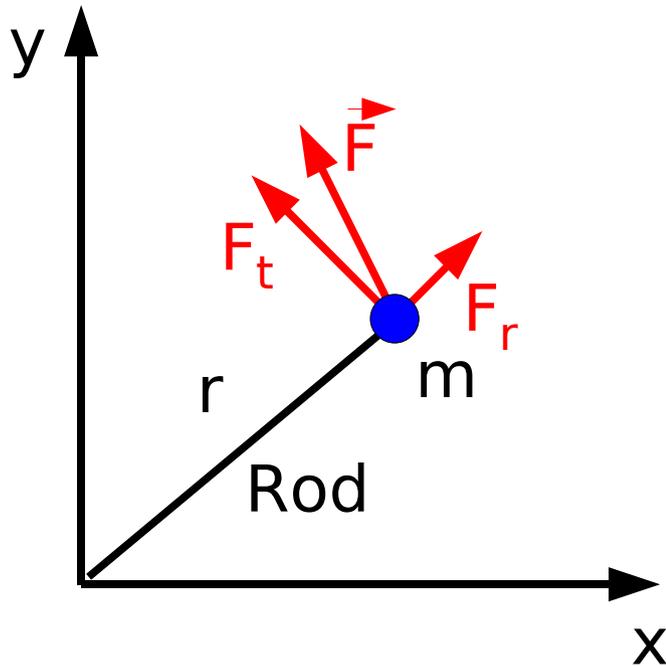
use  $v = \omega r$

$$K_f - K_i = 0.5mr^2\omega_f^2 - 0.5mr^2\omega_i^2$$

$$K_f - K_i = 0.5I\omega_f^2 - 0.5I\omega_i^2 = W$$

# Work and kinetic Energy

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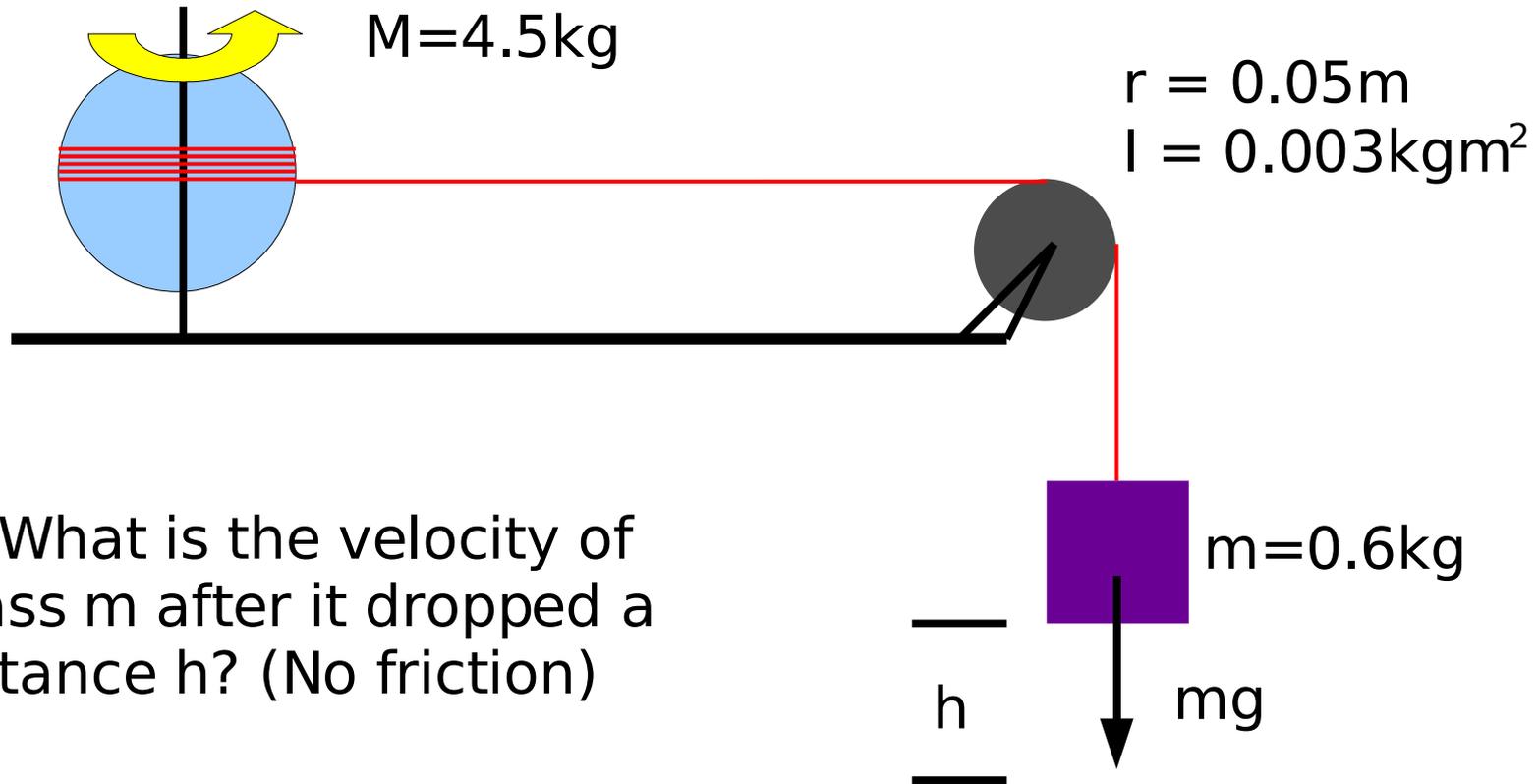


We just derived the relation between work done by a net torque and the change in kinetic energy for a single particle.

If we assume that the particle is part of a solid body then we would have to repeat this for all particles in the body. Adding up all these changes in kinetic energy and the work would show that this also works for a solid body.

# Work and kinetic Energy

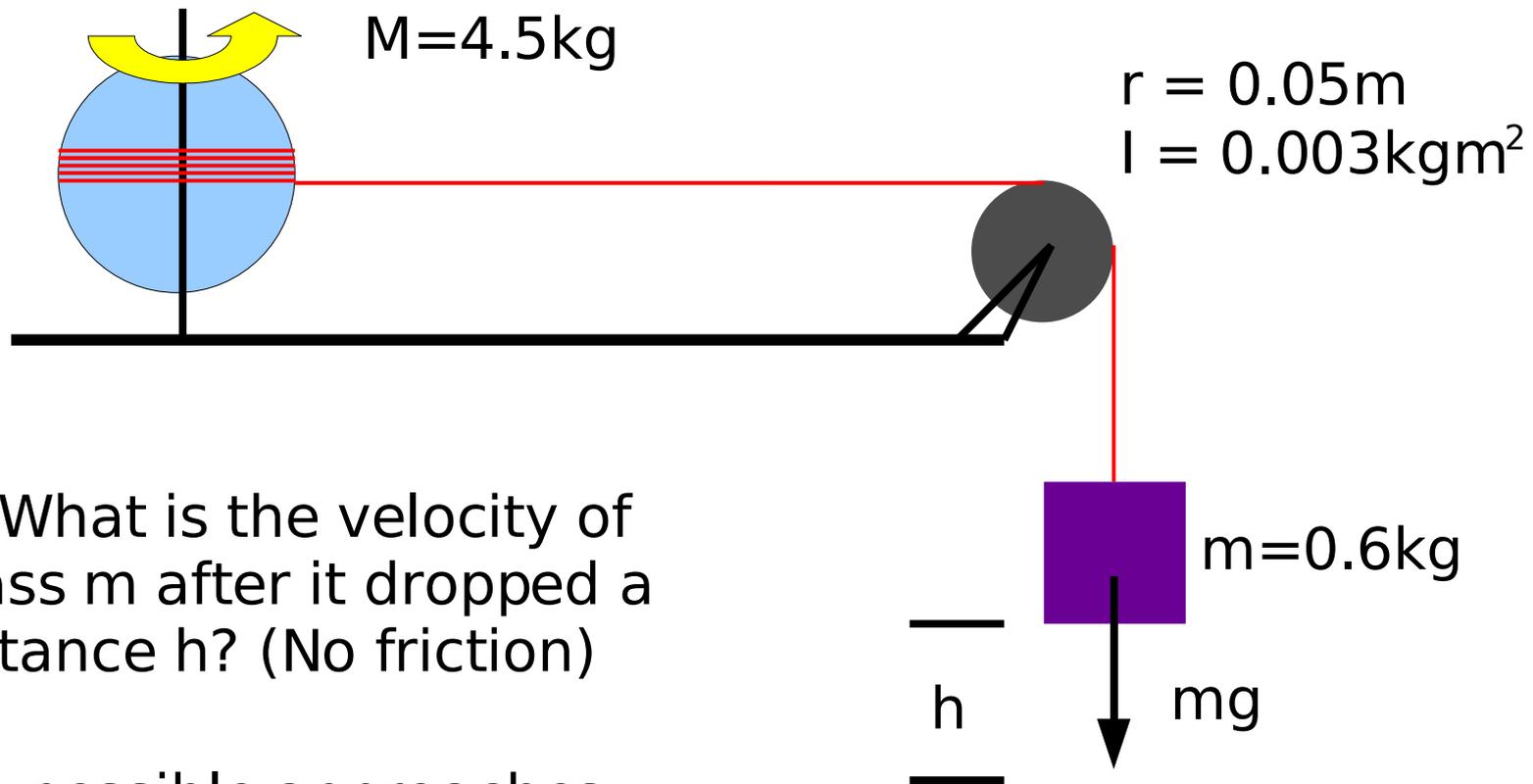
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# Work and kinetic Energy

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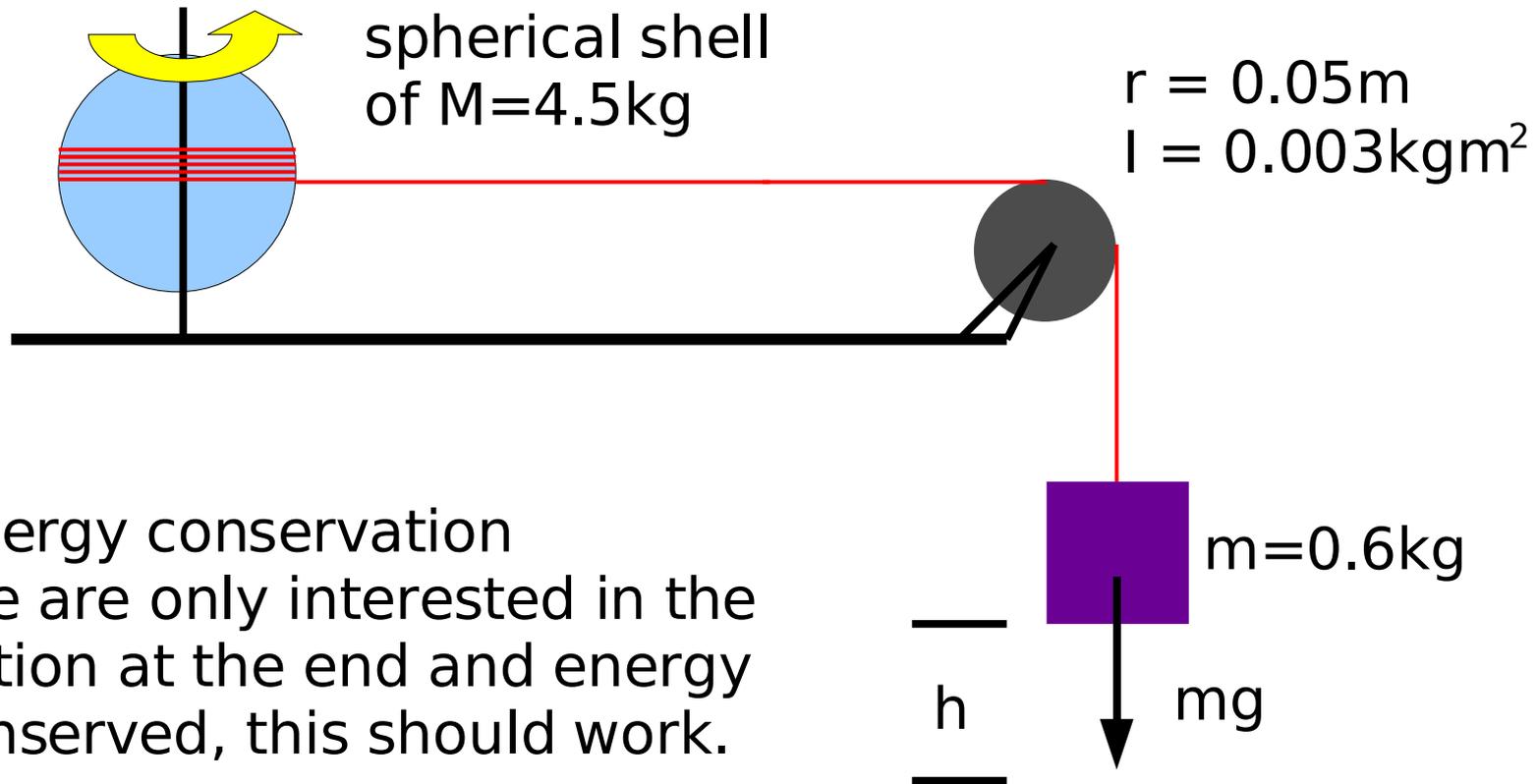
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Two possible approaches:

- Use forces (gravity and tension) and torques
- Energy conservation

# Work and kinetic Energy

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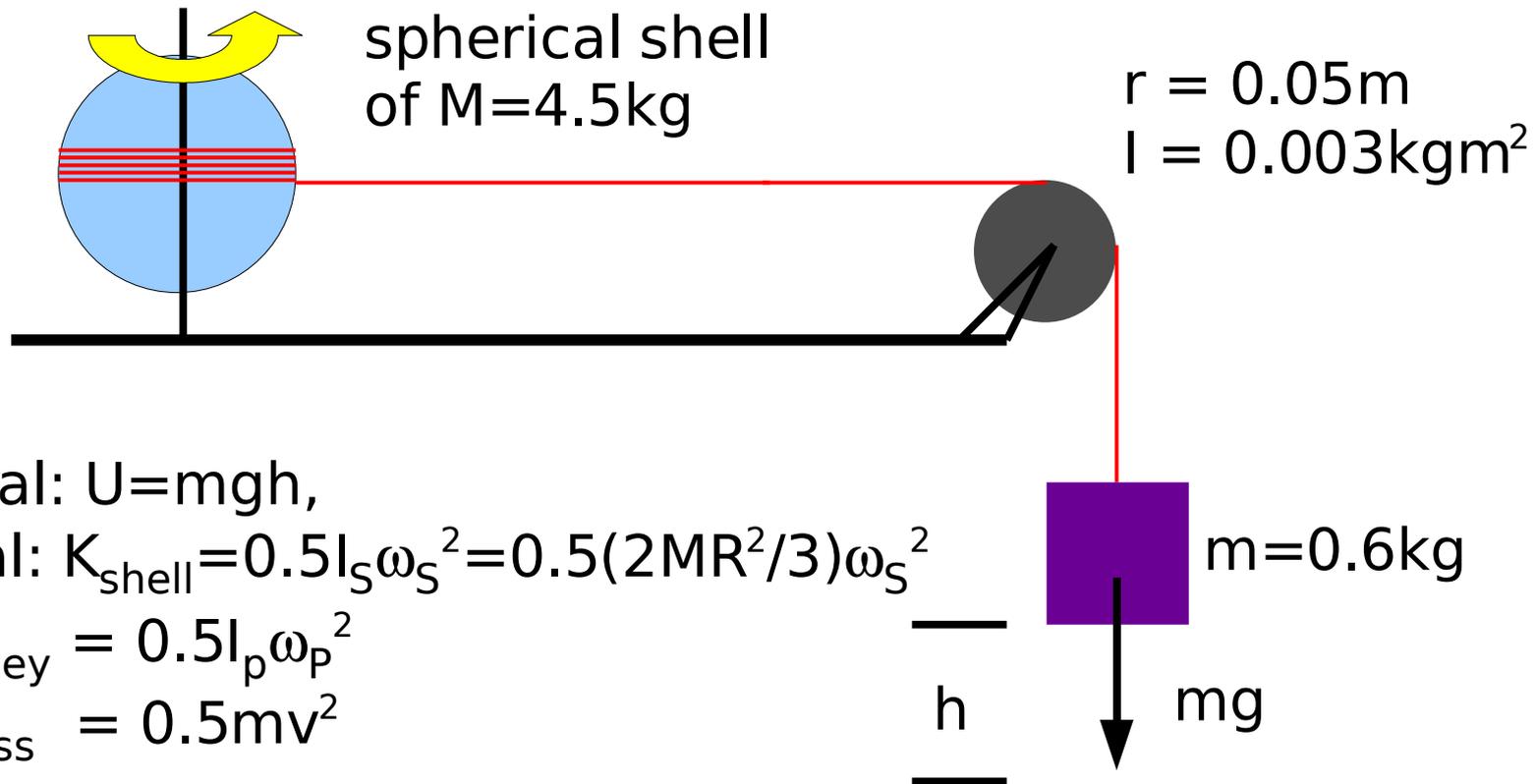


b) Energy conservation  
As we are only interested in the situation at the end and energy is conserved, this should work.

$$\text{Initial: } U = mgh, \quad \text{Final: } K_{\text{shell}} + K_{\text{pulley}} + K_{\text{mass}}$$

# Work and kinetic Energy

## Problem 66.



Initial:  $U = mgh$ ,

Final:  $K_{\text{shell}} = 0.5 I_S \omega_S^2 = 0.5 (2MR^2/3) \omega_S^2$

$K_{\text{pulley}} = 0.5 I_p \omega_p^2$

$K_{\text{mass}} = 0.5 mv^2$

Also know that the 'length of the string is conserved':  
 $v = \omega_p r$ ,  $v = \omega_S R$  Use this to replace the  $\omega$ 's in the kinetic energies

$$mgh = Mv^2/3 + 0.5 I_p v^2/r^2 + 0.5 mv^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{Solve for } v = 1.4\text{ m/s}$$