## Chapter 10

## Rotation of a Rigid Object about a Fixed Axis

## Outline for W12,D1

Return Quiz 4. Mean = 7.1/9
Rotation of a rigid solid (Ch. 10)
Worksheet review
The vector nature of $\omega$ and $\alpha$
Torque

Homework
Ch. 10 P. 1,4-6,19-21,25,28-30,34,35,37,53,54,55,64,67,69 Due Wed?

Notes:
Still grading Ch. 8
Last day to "W" is Apr 19. Introduction

## Outline for W12,D2

Rotation of a rigid solid (Ch. 10)
The vector nature of $\omega$ and $\alpha$
Torque $\vec{\tau}=\vec{r} \times \vec{F}$
Rotational inertia $\vec{\tau}=I \vec{\alpha}$

Homework
Ch. 10 P. 1,4-6,19-21,25,28-30,34,35,37,53,54,55,64,67,69 Due Wed? Fri

Notes:
Still grading Ch. 9
Last day to "W" is Apr 19.

## Outline for W12,D3

Rotation of a rigid solid (Ch. 10)
Rotational inertia $I=\sum m_{i} r_{i}^{2}$
Rotational dynamics problems $\vec{\tau}=I \vec{\alpha}$
Rotational kinetic energy
Rotation + translation (rolling objects)
Homework
Ch. 10 P. 1,4-6,19-21,25,28-30,34,35,37,53,54,55,64,67,69
Due today < 3 pm
Ch. 11 Read 11.1-11.6, P. 1,2,3,5,36,42,48 Due Wed
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Graded Ch. 9 mean=9.25/10. Checked MQ 5,7, P. 18, 61(Ch8) Last day to "W" is Apr 19, todaday ${ }_{\text {tition }}$

## Rigid Object

- A rigid object is one that is nondeformable
- The relative locations of all particles making up the object remain constant
- All real objects are deformable to some extent, but the rigid object model is very useful in many situations where the deformation is negligible
- This simplification allows analysis of the motion of an extended object


## Angular Position

- Axis of rotation is the center of the disc
- Choose a fixed reference line
- Point $P$ is at a fixed distance r from the origin
- A small element of the disc can be modeled as
 a particle at $P$


## Angular Position, 2

- Point $P$ will rotate about the origin in a circle of radius $r$
- Every particle on the disc undergoes circular motion about the origin, $O$
- Polar coordinates are convenient to use to represent the position of $P$ (or any other point)
- $P$ is located at $(r, \theta)$ where $r$ is the distance from the origin to $P$ and $\theta$ is the measured counterclockwise from the reference line


## Angular Position, 3

- As the particle moves, the only coordinate that changes is $\theta$
- As the particle moves through $\theta$, it moves though an arc length $s$.
- The arc length and $r$ are related:
- $s=\theta r$



## Radian

- This can also be expressed as

$$
\theta=\frac{s}{r}
$$

- $\theta$ is a pure number, but commonly is given the artificial unit, radian
- One radian is the angle subtended by an arc length equal to the radius of the arc
- Whenever using rotational equations, you must use angles expressed in radians


## Conversions

- Comparing degrees and radians

$$
1 \mathrm{rad}=\frac{360^{\circ}}{2 \pi}=57.3^{\circ}
$$

- Converting from degrees to radians

$$
\theta(\mathrm{rad})=\frac{\pi}{180^{\circ}} \theta(\text { degrees })
$$

## Angular Position, final

- We can associate the angle $\theta$ with the entire rigid object as well as with an individual particle
- Remember every particle on the object rotates through the same angle
- The angular position of the rigid object is the angle $\theta$ between the reference line on the object and the fixed reference line in space
- The fixed reference line in space is often the $x$ axis


## Angular Displacement

- The angular displacement is defined as the angle the object rotates through during some time interval

$$
\Delta \theta=\theta_{f}-\theta_{i}
$$

- This is the angle that the reference line of length $r$ sweeps out



## Average Angular Speed

- The average angular speed, $\omega_{\text {avg }}$, of a rotating rigid object is the ratio of the angular displacement to the time interval

$$
\omega_{a v g}=\frac{\theta_{f}-\theta_{i}}{t_{f}-t_{i}}=\frac{\Delta \theta}{\Delta t}
$$

## Instantaneous Angular Speed

- The instantaneous angular speed is defined as the limit of the average speed as the time interval approaches zero

$$
\omega \equiv \lim _{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \theta}{\Delta t}=\frac{d \theta}{d t}
$$

## Angular Speed, final

- Units of angular speed are radians/sec
- rad/s or s-1 since radians have no dimensions
- Angular speed will be positive if $\theta$ is increasing (counterclockwise)
- Angular speed will be negative if $\theta$ is decreasing (clockwise)


## Average Angular Acceleration

- The average angular acceleration, $\alpha$,
of an object is defined as the ratio of the change in the angular speed to the time it takes for the object to $u$ undergo the change:

$$
\alpha_{a v g}=\frac{\omega_{f}-\omega_{i}}{t_{f}-t_{i}}=\frac{\Delta \omega}{\Delta t}
$$

## Instantaneous Angular Acceleration

- The instantaneous angular acceleration is defined as the limit of the average angular acceleration as the time goes to 0

$$
\alpha \equiv \lim _{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \omega}{\Delta t}=\frac{d \omega}{d t}
$$

## Angular Acceleration, final

- Units of angular acceleration are rad/s $\mathrm{s}^{2}$ or s-2 since radians have no dimensions
- Angular acceleration will be positive if an object rotating counterclockwise is speeding up
- Angular acceleration will also be positive if an object rotating clockwise is slowing down


## Angular Motion, General Notes

- When a rigid object rotates about a fixed axis in a given time interval, every portion on the object rotates through the same angle in a given time interval and has the same angular speed and the same angular acceleration So $\theta, \omega, \alpha$ all characterize the motion of the entire rigid object as well as the individual particles in the object


## Directions, details

- Strictly speaking, the speed and acceleration ( $\omega, \alpha$ ) are the magnitudes of the velocity and acceleration vectors
- The directions are actually given by the right-hand rule



## Hints for Problem-Solving

- Similar to the techniques used in linear motion problems
- With constant angular acceleration, the techniques are much like those with constant linear acceleration
- There are some differences to keep in mind
- For rotational motion, define a rotational axis
- The choice is arbitrary
- Once you make the choice, it must be maintained
- In some problems, the physical situation may suggest a natural axis
- The object keeps returning to its original orientation, so you can find the number of revolutions made by the body


## Rotational Kinematics

- Under constant angular acceleration, we can describe the motion of the rigid object using a set of kinematic equations
- These are similar to the kinematic equations for linear motion
- The rotational equations have the same mathematical form as the linear equations
- The new model is a rigid object under constant angular acceleration
- Analogous to the particle under constant acceleration model


## Rotational Kinematic Equations

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \omega_{f}=\omega_{i}+\alpha t \\
& \theta_{f}=\theta_{i}+\omega_{i} t+\frac{1}{2} \alpha t^{2} \\
& \omega_{f}^{2}=\omega_{i}^{2}+2 \alpha\left(\theta_{f}-\theta_{i}\right) \\
& \theta_{f}=\theta_{i}+\frac{1}{2}\left(\omega_{i}+\omega_{f}\right) t \\
& \text { all with consant } \alpha
\end{aligned}
$$

## Comparison Between Rotational and Linear Equations

## TABLE 10.1

Kinematic Equations for Rotational and Translational Motion Under
Constant Acceleration

Rotational Motion
About a Fixed Axis

$$
\begin{aligned}
\omega_{f} & =\omega_{i}+\alpha t \\
\theta_{f} & =\theta_{i}+\omega_{i} t+\frac{1}{2} \alpha t^{2} \\
\omega_{f}^{2} & =\omega_{i}^{2}+2 \alpha\left(\theta_{f}-\theta_{i}\right) \\
\theta_{f} & =\theta_{i}+\frac{1}{2}\left(\omega_{i}+\omega_{f}\right) t
\end{aligned}
$$

Translational Motion

$$
\begin{aligned}
v_{f} & =v_{i}+a t \\
x_{f} & =x_{i}+v_{i} t+\frac{1}{2} a t^{2} \\
v_{f}^{2} & =v_{i}^{2}+2 a\left(x_{f}-x_{i}\right) \\
x_{f} & =x_{i}+\frac{1}{2}\left(v_{i}+v_{f}\right) t
\end{aligned}
$$

# Relationship Between Angular and Linear Quantities 

- Displacements

$$
s=\theta r
$$

- Speeds

$$
v=\omega r
$$

- Accelerations

$$
a=\alpha r
$$

- Every point on the rotating object has the same angular motion
- Every point on the rotating object does not have the same linear motion


## Speed Comparison

- The linear velocity is always tangent to the circular path
- Called the tangential velocity
- The magnitude is defined by the tangential speed

$$
v=\frac{d s}{d t}=r \frac{d \theta}{d t}=r \omega
$$



## Acceleration Comparison

- The tangential acceleration is the derivative of the tangential velocity

$$
a_{t}=\frac{d v}{d t}=r \frac{d \omega}{d t}=r \alpha
$$



## Speed and Acceleration Note

- All points on the rigid object will have the same angular speed, but not the same tangential speed
- All points on the rigid object will have the same angular acceleration, but not the same tangential acceleration
- The tangential quantities depend on $r$, and $r$ is not the same for all points on the object


## Centripetal Acceleration

- An object traveling in a circle, even though it moves with a constant speed, will have an acceleration
- Therefore, each point on a rotating rigid object will experience a centripetal acceleration

$$
a_{c}=\frac{v^{2}}{r}=r \omega^{2}
$$

## Resultant Acceleration

- The tangential component of the acceleration is due to changing speed
- The centripetal component of the acceleration is due to changing direction
- Total acceleration can be found from these components

$$
a=\sqrt{a_{t}^{2}+a_{r}^{2}}=\sqrt{r^{2} \alpha^{2}+r^{2} \omega^{4}}=r \sqrt{\alpha^{2}+\omega^{4}}
$$

## Rotational Motion Example

- For a compact disc player to read a CD, the angular speed must vary to keep the tangential speed constant ( $v_{t}=\omega r$ )
- At the inner sections, the angular speed is faster than at the outer sections



## Rotational Kinetic Energy

- An object rotating about some axis with an angular speed, $\omega$, has rotational kinetic energy even though it may not have any translational kinetic energy
- Each particle has a kinetic energy of
- $K_{i}=1 / 2 m_{i} V^{2}$
- Since the tangential velocity depends on the distance, $r$, from the axis of rotation, we can substitute $v_{i}=\omega_{i} r$


## Rotational Kinetic Energy, cont

- The total rotational kinetic energy of the rigid object is the sum of the energies of all its particles

$$
\begin{aligned}
& K_{R}=\sum_{i} K_{i}=\sum_{i} \frac{1}{2} m_{i} r_{i}^{2} \omega^{2} \\
& K_{R}=\frac{1}{2}\left(\sum_{i} m_{i} r_{i}^{2}\right) \omega^{2}=\frac{1}{2} / \omega^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

- Where I is called the moment of inertia


## Rotational Kinetic Energy, final

- There is an analogy between the kinetic energies associated with linear motion ( $K=1 / 2 m v^{2}$ ) and the kinetic energy associated with rotational motion ( $K_{R}=$ $\left.1 / 2 / \omega^{2}\right)$
- Rotational kinetic energy is not a new type of energy, the form is different because it is applied to a rotating object
- The units of rotational kinetic energy are Joules (J)


## Moment of Inertia

- The definition of moment of inertia is

$$
I=\sum_{i} r_{i}^{2} m_{i}
$$

- The dimensions of moment of inertia are ML2 and its SI units are $\mathrm{kg} \cdot \mathrm{m}^{2}$
- We can calculate the moment of inertia of an object more easily by assuming it is divided into many small volume elements, each of mass $\Delta \mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{i}}$


## Moment of Inertia, cont

- We can rewrite the expression for $l$ in terms of $\Delta m$

$$
I=\lim _{\Delta m_{i} \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i} r_{i}^{2} \Delta m_{i}=\int r^{2} d m
$$

- With the small volume segment assumption,

$$
I=\int \rho r^{2} d V
$$

- If $\rho$ is constant, the integral can be evaluated with known geometry, otherwise its variation with position must be known


## Notes on Various Densities

- Volumetric Mass Density $\rightarrow$ mass per unit volume: $\rho=m / V$
- Surface Mass Density $\rightarrow$ mass per unit thickness of a sheet of uniform thickness, $t$ : $\sigma=\rho t$
- Linear Mass Density $\rightarrow$ mass per unit length of a rod of uniform cross-sectional area: $\lambda=$ $m / L=\rho A$


## Moment of Inertia of a Uniform Rigid Rod

- The shaded area has a mass
- $d m=\lambda d x$
- Then the moment of inertia is

$$
\begin{aligned}
& I_{y}=\int r^{2} d m=\int_{L / 2}^{\prime / 2} x^{2} \frac{M}{L} d x \\
& I=\frac{1}{12} M L^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$



# Moment of Inertia of a Uniform Solid Cylinder 

- Divide the cylinder into concentric shells with radius $r$, thickness $d r$ and length $L$
- $d m=\rho d V=2 \pi \rho L r d r$
- Then for I
$I_{z}=\int r^{2} d m=\int r^{2}(2 \pi p L r d r)$
$I_{z}=\frac{1}{2} M R^{2}$



# Moments of Inertia of Various Rigid Objects 

## TABLE 10.2

Moments of Inertia of Homogeneous Rigid Objects with Different Geometries

Hoop or thin
cylindrical shel cylindrical
$I_{\mathrm{CM}}=M R^{2}$


## Hollow cylinder



Solid cylinder or disk
$I_{\mathrm{CM}}=\frac{1}{2} M R^{2}$


Long, thin rod with rotation axi through center
$I_{C M}=\frac{1}{12} M L^{2}$


## Long, thin

 rod with rotation axis through end$I=\frac{1}{3} M L^{2}$


Solid sphere
$I_{\mathrm{CM}}=\frac{2}{5} M R^{2}$


Thin spherical
shell
$I_{\mathrm{CM}}=\frac{2}{3} M R^{2}$


## Parallel-Axis Theorem

- In the previous examples, the axis of rotation coincided with the axis of symmetry of the object
- For an arbitrary axis, the parallel-axis theorem often simplifies calculations
- The theorem states $I=I_{\mathrm{CM}}+M D^{2}$
- $I$ is about any axis parallel to the axis through the center of mass of the object
- $I_{C M}$ is about the axis through the center of mass
- $D$ is the distance from the center of mass axis to the arbitrary axis


## Parallel-Axis Theorem Example

- The axis of rotation goes through $O$
- The axis through the center of mass is shown
- The moment of inertia about the axis through $O$ would be $I_{\mathrm{O}}=I_{\text {СМ }}+$ $M D{ }^{2}$

(b)


## Moment of Inertia for a Rod Rotating Around One End

- The moment of inertia of the rod about its center is

$$
I_{C M}=\frac{1}{12} M L^{2}
$$

- $D$ is $1 / 2 L$
- Therefore,
$I=I_{\text {CM }}+M D^{2}$

$I=\frac{1}{12} M L^{2}+M\left(\frac{L}{2}\right)^{2}=\frac{1}{3} M L^{2}$


## Torque

- Torque, $\tau$, is the tendency of a force to rotate an object about some axis
- Torque is a vector, but we will deal with its magnitude here
- $\tau=r F \sin \phi=F d$
- $F$ is the force
- $\phi$ is the angle the force makes with the horizontal
- $d$ is the moment arm (or lever arm) of the force


## Torque, cont

- The moment arm, $d$, is the perpendicular distance from the axis of rotation to a line drawn along the direction of the force
- $d=r \sin \Phi$



## Torque, final

- The horizontal component of the force ( $F$ cos $\phi$ ) has no tendency to produce a rotation
- Torque will have direction
- If the turning tendency of the force is counterclockwise, the torque will be positive
- If the turning tendency is clockwise, the torque will be negative


## Net Torque

- The force $\dot{F}_{1}$ will tend to cause a counterclockwise rotation about $O$
- The force $F_{2}$ will tend to cause a clockwise rotation about $O$
- $\Sigma \tau=\tau_{1}+\tau_{2}=F_{1} d_{1}-$ $\mathrm{F}_{2} \mathrm{~d}_{2}$



## Torque vs. Force

- Forces can cause a change in translational motion
- Described by Newton's Second Law
- Forces can cause a change in rotational motion
- The effectiveness of this change depends on the force and the moment arm
- The change in rotational motion depends on the torque


## Torque Units

- The SI units of torque are $\mathrm{N} \cdot \mathrm{m}$
- Although torque is a force multiplied by a distance, it is very different from work and energy
- The units for torque are reported in N.m and not changed to Joules


## Torque and Angular Acceleration

- Consider a particle of mass $m$ rotating in a circle of radius $r$ under the influence of tangential force $\mathbf{F}_{t}$
- The tangential force provides a tangential acceleration:
- $F_{t}=m a_{t}$
- The radial force, $\dot{F}^{\mathbf{F}}$ causes the particle to move in a circular path



## Torque and Angular Acceleration, Particle cont.

- The magnitude of the torque produced by $\sum \Phi$ around the center of the circle is
- $\Sigma \tau=\Sigma F_{t} r=\left(m a_{t}\right) r$
- The tangential acceleration is related to the angular acceleration
- $\Sigma \tau=\left(m a_{t}\right) r=(m r \alpha) r=\left(m r^{2}\right) \alpha$
- Since $m r^{2}$ is the moment of inertia of the particle,
- $\Sigma \tau=1 \alpha$
- The torque is directly proportional to the angular acceleration and the constant of proportionality is the moment of inertia


## Torque and Angular Acceleration, Extended

- Consider the object consists of an infinite number of mass elements $d m$ of infinitesimal size
- Each mass element rotates in a circle about the origin, 0
- Each mass element has a tangential acceleration



## Torque and Angular Acceleration, Extended cont.

- From Newton's Second Law
- $d F_{t}=(d m) a_{t}$
- The torque associated with the force and using the angular acceleration gives
- $d \tau=r d F_{t}=a_{t} r d m=\alpha{ }^{2} d m$
- Finding the net torque
- $\sum \tau=\int \alpha r^{2} d m=\alpha \int r^{2} d m$
- This becomes $\Sigma \tau=I \alpha$


## Torque and Angular Acceleration, Extended final

- This is the same relationship that applied to a particle
- This is the mathematic representation of the analysis model of a rigid body under a net torque
- The result also applies when the forces have radial components
- The line of action of the radial component must pass through the axis of rotation
- These components will produce zero torque about the axis


## Falling Smokestack Example

- When a tall smokestack falls over, it often breaks somewhere along its length before it hits the ground
- Each higher portion of the smokestack has a larger tangential acceleration than the points below it
- The shear force due to the tangential acceleration is greater than the smokestack can withstand
- The smokestack breaks



## Torque and Angular Acceleration, Wheel Example

- Analyze:
- The wheel is rotating and so we apply $\Sigma \tau=I \alpha$
- The tension supplies the tangential force
- The mass is moving in a straight line, so apply Newton's Second Law
- $\Sigma F_{y}=m a_{y}=m g-T$



## Work in Rotational Motion

- Find the work done by $\dot{F}_{\text {on }}$ the object as it rotates through an infinitesimal distance $d s=r d \theta$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& d W=\dot{\mathbf{F}} g d \mathbf{\prime} \\
& =(F \sin \varphi) r d \theta
\end{aligned}
$$

- The radial component of the force does no work because it is perpendicular to the displacement



## Power in Rotational Motion

- The rate at which work is being done in a time interval $d t$ is

$$
\text { Power }=\wp=\frac{d W}{d t}=\tau \frac{d \theta}{d t}=\tau \omega
$$

- This is analogous to $\wp=F v$ in a linear system


# Work-Kinetic Energy Theorem in Rotational Motion 

- The work-kinetic energy theorem for rotational motion states that the net work done by external forces in rotating a symmetrical rigid object about a fixed axis equals the change in the object's rotational kinetic energy

$$
\sum W=\int_{i_{i}}^{\dot{j}_{t}} l \dot{u} d \dot{u}=\frac{1}{2} l \dot{u}_{f}^{2}-\frac{1}{2} / \grave{u}_{i}^{2}
$$

## Work-Kinetic Energy Theorem, General

- The rotational form can be combined with the linear form which indicates the net work done by external forces on an object is the change in its total kinetic energy, which is the sum of the translational and rotational kinetic energies


## Summary of Useful Equations

TABLE 10.3

## Useful Equations in Rotational and Translational Motion

| Rotational Motion About a Fixed Axis | Translational Motion |
| :---: | :---: |
| Angular speed $\omega=d \theta / d t$ | Translational speed $v=d x / d t$ |
| Angular acceleration $\alpha=d \omega / d t$ | Translational acceleration $a=d v / d t$ |
| Net torque $\Sigma \tau=I \alpha$ | Net force $\Sigma F=m a$ |
| If $\alpha=$ constant $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\omega_{f}=\omega_{i}+\alpha t \\ \theta_{f}=\theta_{i}+\omega_{i} t+\frac{1}{2} \alpha t^{2} \\ \omega_{f}{ }^{2}=\omega_{i}{ }^{2}+2 \alpha\left(\theta_{f}-\theta_{i}\right)\end{array}\right.$ | If $a=$ constant $\left\{\begin{array}{l}v_{f}=v_{i}+a t \\ x_{f}=x_{i}+v_{i} t+\frac{1}{2} a t^{2} \\ v_{f}^{2}=v_{i}^{2}+2 a\left(x_{f}-x_{i}\right)\end{array}\right.$ |
| Work $W=\int_{\theta_{i}}^{\theta_{f}} \tau d \theta$ | Work $W=\int_{x_{i}}^{x_{j}} F_{x} d x$ |
| Rotational kinetic energy $K_{R}=\frac{1}{2} I \omega^{2}$ | Kinetic energy $K=\frac{1}{2} m v^{2}$ |
| Power $\mathscr{P}=\tau \omega$ | Power $\mathscr{P}=F v$ |
| Angular momentum $L=I \omega$ | Linear momentum $p=m v$ |
| Net torque $\Sigma \tau=d L / d t$ | Net force $\Sigma F=d p / d t$ |

## Energy in an Atwood Machine, Example

- The blocks undergo changes in translational kinetic energy and gravitational potential energy
- The pulley undergoes a change in rotational kinetic energy
- Use the active figure to change the masses and the pulley characteristics



## Rolling Object



- The red curve shows the path moved by a point on the rim of the object
- This path is called a cycloid
- The green line shows the path of the center of mass of the object


## Pure Rolling Motion

- In pure rolling motion, an object rolls without slipping
- In such a case, there is a simple relationship between its rotational and translational motions


## Rolling Object, Center of Mass

- The velocity of the center of mass is

$$
v_{\mathrm{CM}}=\frac{d s}{d t}=R \frac{d \theta}{d t}=R \omega
$$

- The acceleration of the center of mass is

$$
a_{\mathrm{CM}}=\frac{d v_{C M}}{d t}=R \frac{d \omega}{d t}=R \alpha
$$



## Rolling Motion Cont.

- Rolling motion can be modeled as a combination of pure translational motion and pure rotational motion
- The contact point between the surface and the cylinder has a translational speed of zero (c)



## Total Kinetic Energy of a Rolling Object

- The total kinetic energy of a rolling object is the sum of the translational energy of its center of mass and the rotational kinetic energy about its center of mass
- $K=1 / 2 I_{\text {См }} \omega^{2}+1 / 2 M v_{\text {СМ }}{ }^{2}$
- The $1 / 2 I_{C M} \omega^{2}$ represents the rotational kinetic energy of the cylinder about its center of mass
- The $1 / 2 M v^{2}$ represents the translational kinetic energy of the cylinder about its center of mass


## Total Kinetic Energy, Example

- Accelerated rolling motion is possible only if friction is present between the sphere and the incline
- The friction produces the net torque required for rotation
- No loss of mechanical energy occurs because the contact point is at rest relative to the surface at any instant
- Use the active figure to vary the objects and compare



## Total Kinetic Energy, Example cont

- Apply Conservation of Mechanical Energy
- Let $U=0$ at the bottom of the plane
- $K_{f}+U_{f}=K_{i}+U_{i}$
- $\begin{aligned} K_{f} & =1 / 2\left(I_{\mathrm{CM}} / R^{2}\right) v_{C M}{ }^{2}+1 / 2 M v_{C M}{ }^{2} \\ \text { - } U_{i} & =M g h\end{aligned}$
- $U_{f}=K_{i}=0$
- Solving for v

$$
v=\left[\frac{2 g h}{1+\left(I_{C M} / M R^{2}\right)}\right]^{1 / 2}
$$

## Sphere Rolling Down an Incline, Example

- Conceptualize
- A sphere is rolling down an incline
- Categorize
- Model the sphere and the Earth as an isolated system
- No nonconservative forces are acting
- Analyze
- Use Conservation of Mechanical Energy to find v
- See previous result


# Sphere Rolling Down an Incline, Example cont 

- Analyze, cont
- Solve for the acceleration of the center of mass
- Finalize
- Both the speed and the acceleration of the center of mass are independent of the mass and the radius of the sphere
- Generalization
- All homogeneous solid spheres experience the same speed and acceleration on a given incline
- Similar results could be obtained for other shapes

