

Lecture 8, Oct 3, 2023

Rotational Version of Newton's Laws

- Recall the momentum is $\underline{p} = m\underline{r}'$
- $\underline{h}_O = \underline{r} \times \underline{p}$ is the *angular momentum*, or moment of momentum
- $\underline{h}'_O = \underline{r}' \times \underline{p} + \underline{r} \times \underline{p}' = m\underline{r}' \times \underline{r}' + \underline{r} \times \underline{f} = \underline{r} \times \underline{f} = \underline{\tau}_O$ is the *torque*, or moment of force
 - Note that when we talk about moments such as angular momentum or torque, we need some reference point O
 - Here O is assumed to be inertially fixed; if it moves, then $\underline{\tau}_O = \underline{h}'_O + \underline{v}_O \times \underline{p}$ where \underline{v}_O is the moment with respect to inertial space
- $\underline{f} = \underline{p}' = \underline{p}'' + \underline{\omega} \times \underline{p}$
 - We can think of this as the *translational equation of motion*
- $\underline{\tau}_O = \underline{h}'_O = \underline{h}''_O + \underline{\omega} \times \underline{h}_O$
 - We can think of this as the *rotational equation of motion*
 - But this is not a law because it is derivable from the other laws and assumptions
- Impulse is defined as $\underline{I} = \int_{t_a}^{t_b} \underline{f} dt = \underline{p}_b - \underline{p}_a$
- Rotational impulse is $\underline{J}_O = \int_{t_a}^{t_b} \underline{\tau}_O dt = \underline{h}_{O,b} - \underline{h}_{O,a}$

Work and Energy

- $$W = \int_A^B \underline{f} \cdot d\underline{r}$$

$$= \int_A^B m\underline{r}'' \cdot d\underline{r}$$

$$= m \int \frac{1}{2} dv^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} mv_B^2 - \frac{1}{2} mv_A^2$$

$$= T_B - T_A$$
 - T_A, T_B are the *kinetic energy*; this is known as the principle of work and kinetic energy
 - Note $v^2 = \underline{r}' \cdot \underline{r}'$ so $\frac{dv^2}{dt} = \frac{d\underline{r}' \cdot \underline{r}'}{dt} = 2\underline{r}'' \cdot \underline{r}' = 2\underline{r}'' \cdot \frac{d\underline{r}}{dt}$
 - Therefore $dv^2 = 2\underline{r}'' \cdot d\underline{r}$
- A force \underline{f} is *conservative* iff $\int_{P_a} \underline{f} \cdot d\underline{r} = \int_{P_b} \underline{f} \cdot d\underline{r}$ for any two paths P_a, P_b that have the same start and end points
 - Equivalently, $\nabla \times \underline{f} = \underline{0}$ (no curl) or $\underline{f} = -\nabla V$ or $\oint \underline{f} \cdot d\underline{r} = 0$
 - If $\underline{f} = -\nabla V$, then $\underline{f} \cdot d\underline{r} = -\nabla V \cdot d\underline{r} = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1} dx_1 - \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_2} dx_2 - \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_3} dx_3 = dV$
 - $\int_A^B \underline{f} \cdot d\underline{r} = - \int dV = V_A - V_B$, regardless of the path taken from A to B
- If we combine the above with the principle of work and kinetic energy, we see $V_A - V_B = T_B - T_A \implies T_A + V_A = T_B + V_B$
 - This is the *conservation of (total) energy* - under a conservative force field \underline{f} , the sum of kinetic and potential energies, $T + V$, is conserved
 - * V is the *potential energy*
 - * $T + V = E$ is the *total (mechanical) energy*