

Lecture 27:

Rotational Kinetic Energy and Angular Momentum

Making you see the world from a different angle:

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Announcements

- Homework #9 (on paper) was due yesterday!
 - Will be graded within the next couple of days
 - Practice version of homework will be made available on WebAssign.
- Homework #10: due Tue Apr 4th (1 day before midterm!)
 - Warning: No extension possible for HW 10 !
- Lab #6 (Torque & Moment of Inertia) this week
 - Hope you did your pre-lab!

General structure of the midterm

- 7 problems in total
- Problem 1, worth 10 points:
 - Multiple Choice questions about concepts and some stuff you should memorize
- Problems 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, each worth 15 points:
 - Similar problems as on quizzes and homework
 - Conservation of energy
 - Conservation of momentum
 - Rotational kinematics
 - Static equilibrium (sum of forces is zero & sum of torques is zero)
 - Torque and rotational motion (using $\tau_{\text{net}} = I\alpha$)
 - ??? (conservation of angular momentum? Universal gravity? More of the other stuff?)
- Sums up to 100 points in total

How to prepare for the midterm

Midterm 2: WEDNESDAY (Apr 5th) at 6:30pm in PHO-206

- Try to do the quizzes again, and understand the solutions *solutions = soon on Piazza*
 - Quiz 4: introducing energy
 - Quiz 5: conservation of energy
 - Quiz 6: conservation of momentum
 - Quiz 7: rotational kinematics
 - Quiz 8: torque and/or moment of inertia and/or conservation angular momentum (?)
- Practice the homework problems – worked-out solutions are on Piazza! *solutions = soon on Piazza*
 - HW-6, problems 2, 5, 7, 9
 - HW-7, problems 2, 4, 5
 - HW-8, problem 1
 - HW-9, problems 5, 7, 8
 - HW-10, problems 2, 4, 5, 6 = available at last minute: after Tuesday midnight!
- Go to Piazza, and make sure you understand slides
- Do the practice exams
 - Midterm 2 of Fall 2012 and Fall 2013 and Fall 2014 are on Piazza!
- Check out the list on Piazza: Things_you_should_know_for_Test2.pdf *NEW on Piazza*
- Memorize the "List of things to memorize"

Things you need to memorize!

These things are literally
Problem 1 on midterm!

- And check out the list of things in [Things_you_should_know_for_Test2.pdf](#) --- soon on Piazza!

Today's Concepts

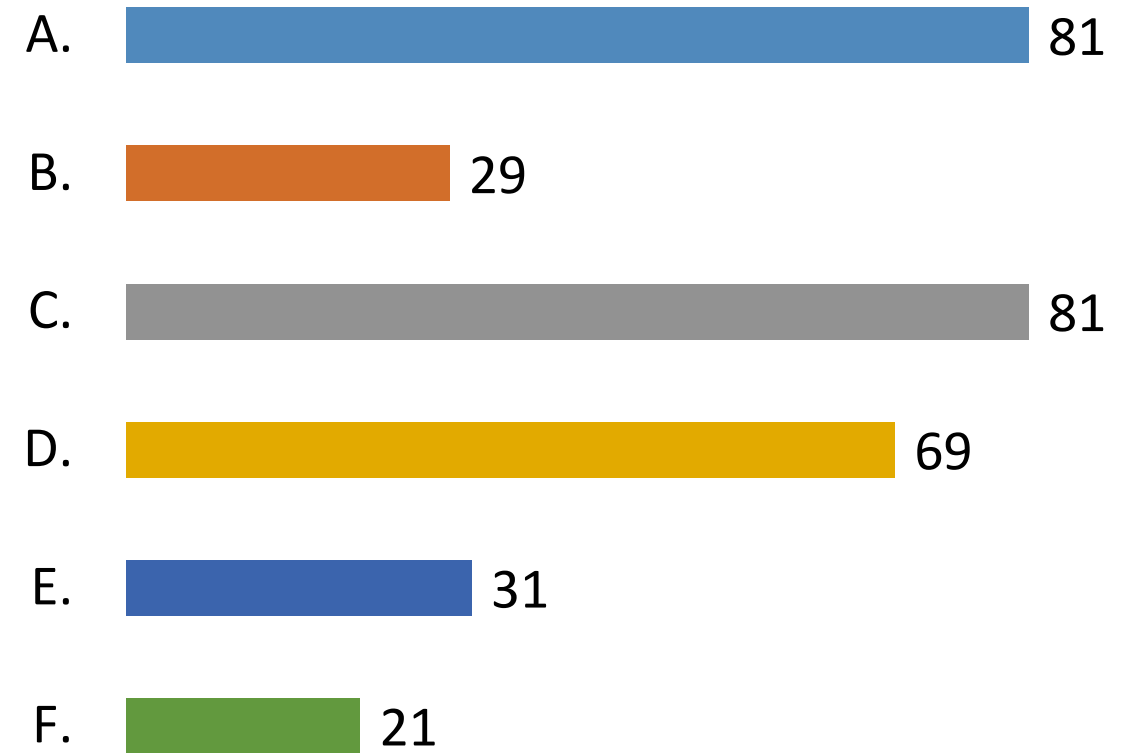
- Will be covered in today's lecture
- Make sure you'll know their meaning!

- Linear kinetic energy ($K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$)
- Rotational kinetic energy ($K_{\text{rot}} = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$)
- Angular velocity, ω
- Moment of inertia, I
- Angular momentum, L
- Conservation of angular momentum, $L_i = L_f$

Textbook Chapter 11

Which concepts are you already familiar with?

- A. Linear kinetic energy ($K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$)
- B. Rotational kinetic energy ($K_{\text{rot}} = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$)
- C. Angular velocity, ω
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Quick reminder:
radians, torque, moment of inertia

The special unit "radians"

- Several people hit on this problem:
what is the unit for angular acceleration α (alpha) if $\tau = I\alpha$???
 - The standard unit for moment of inertia I is: kg m^2
 - The standard unit for torque τ (tau) is: N m
- **RULE: If you use the correct equation and plug in values with the right units, then what comes out will automatically have the right units as well.**
- Using $\tau = I\alpha$ you'd get: $[\text{N m}] = [\text{kg m}^2] [\text{alpha}]$ is same as $[\text{kg m/s}^2] = [\text{kg m}^2] [\text{alpha}]$ so the units of alpha would be $1/\text{s}^2$??
- Actually the standard unit for angular acceleration α (alpha) is: **rad/s^2**
- Reason: "radians" (rad) is **not a real unit**. For example in arc length $s = r\theta$ both s and r are in meters, while θ is in radians!

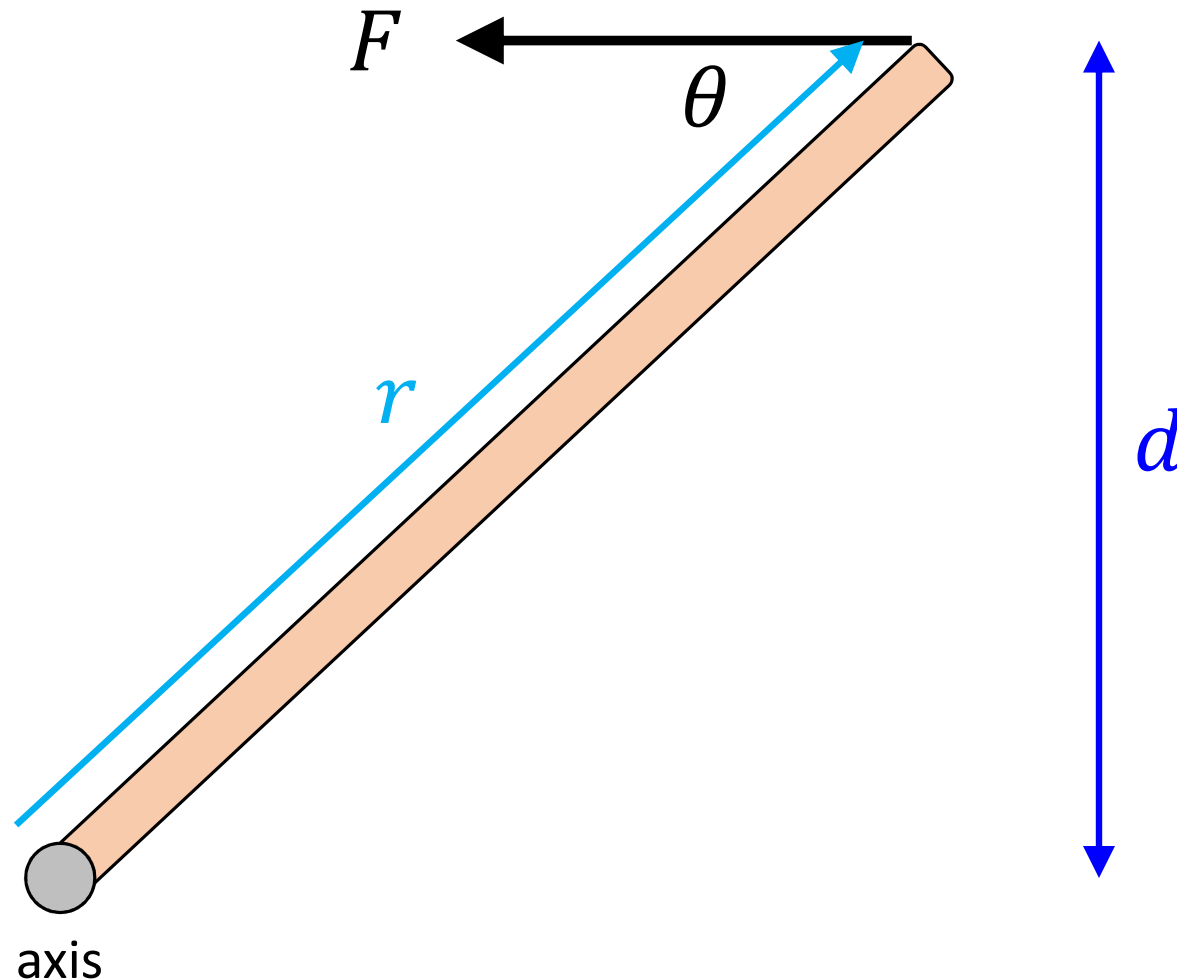
Torque τ

- Often the easiest way to get torque is by finding the arm length d .

$$\tau = Fd$$

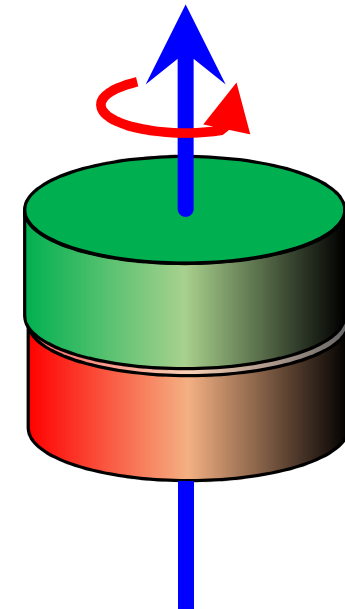
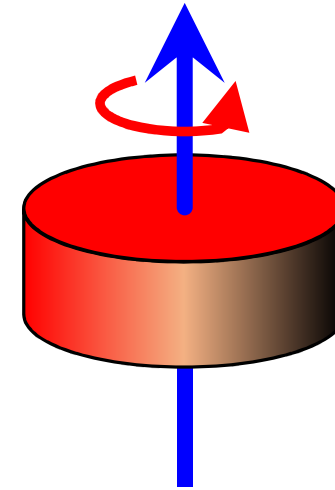
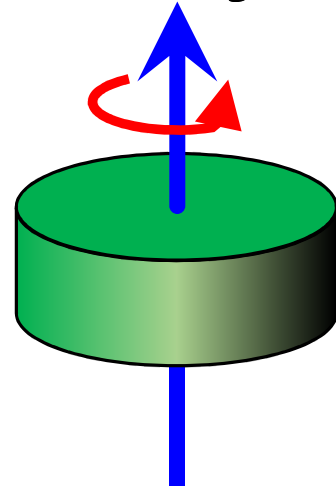
- If instead you know r and θ it makes sense to use

$$\tau = Fr \sin \theta$$



Moment of inertia of two objects together

- If disk 1 has moment of inertia I_1
- And disk 2 has moment of inertia I_2
- Then the moment of inertia of both disks glued together is: $I_{12} = I_1 + I_2$



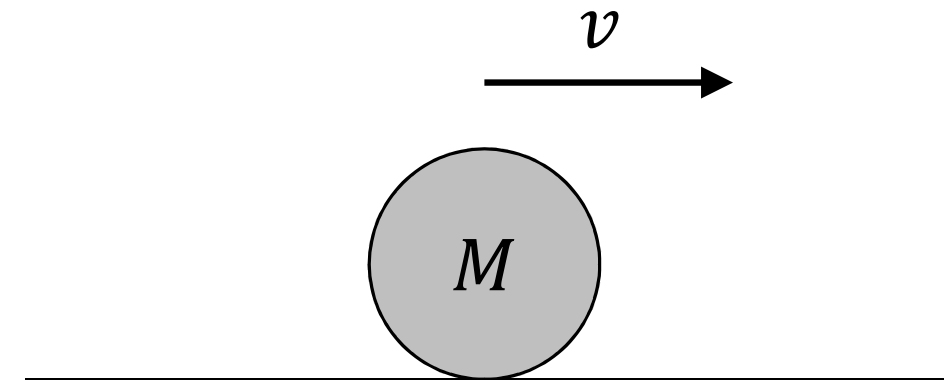
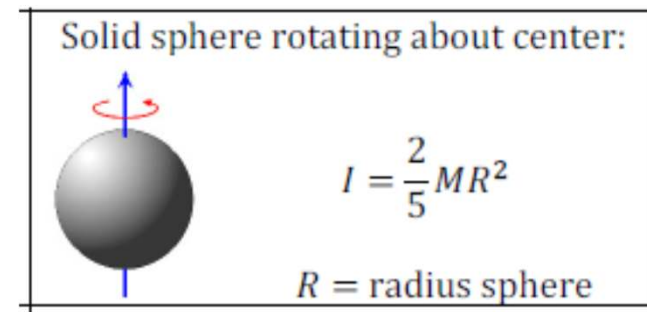
Rotational Kinetic Energy

Rotational kinetic energy

- In addition to regular kinetic energy $K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$,
an object can also have **rotational kinetic energy** $K_{rot} = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$
- A disk spinning at ω rad/s carries a kinetic energy of $K = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2}MR^2 \right) \omega^2$
 - You could also chop up the disk in tiny pieces, and consider the speed of each little piece – the total kinetic energy would be the same.
- An object can also have both linear and rotational kinetic energy
 - For example: a ball that is rolling.

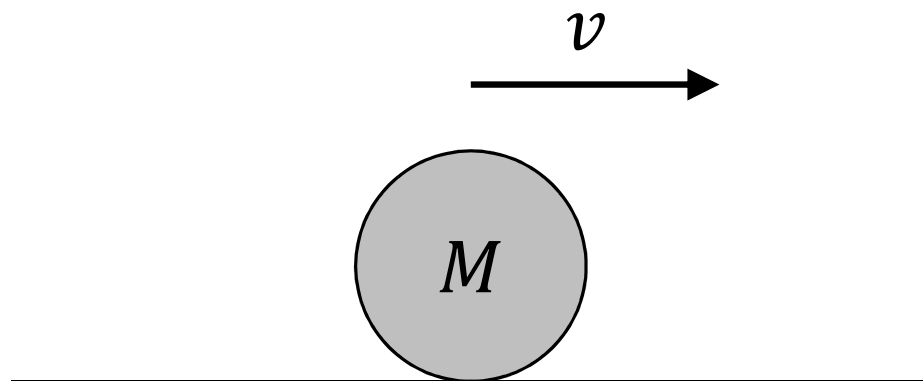
Rolling ball

- Imagine a ball rolling on the floor.
- The ball moves with a speed v .
- If the ball is **rolling without slipping** then it is also rotating!
- With what angular speed does the ball rotate?

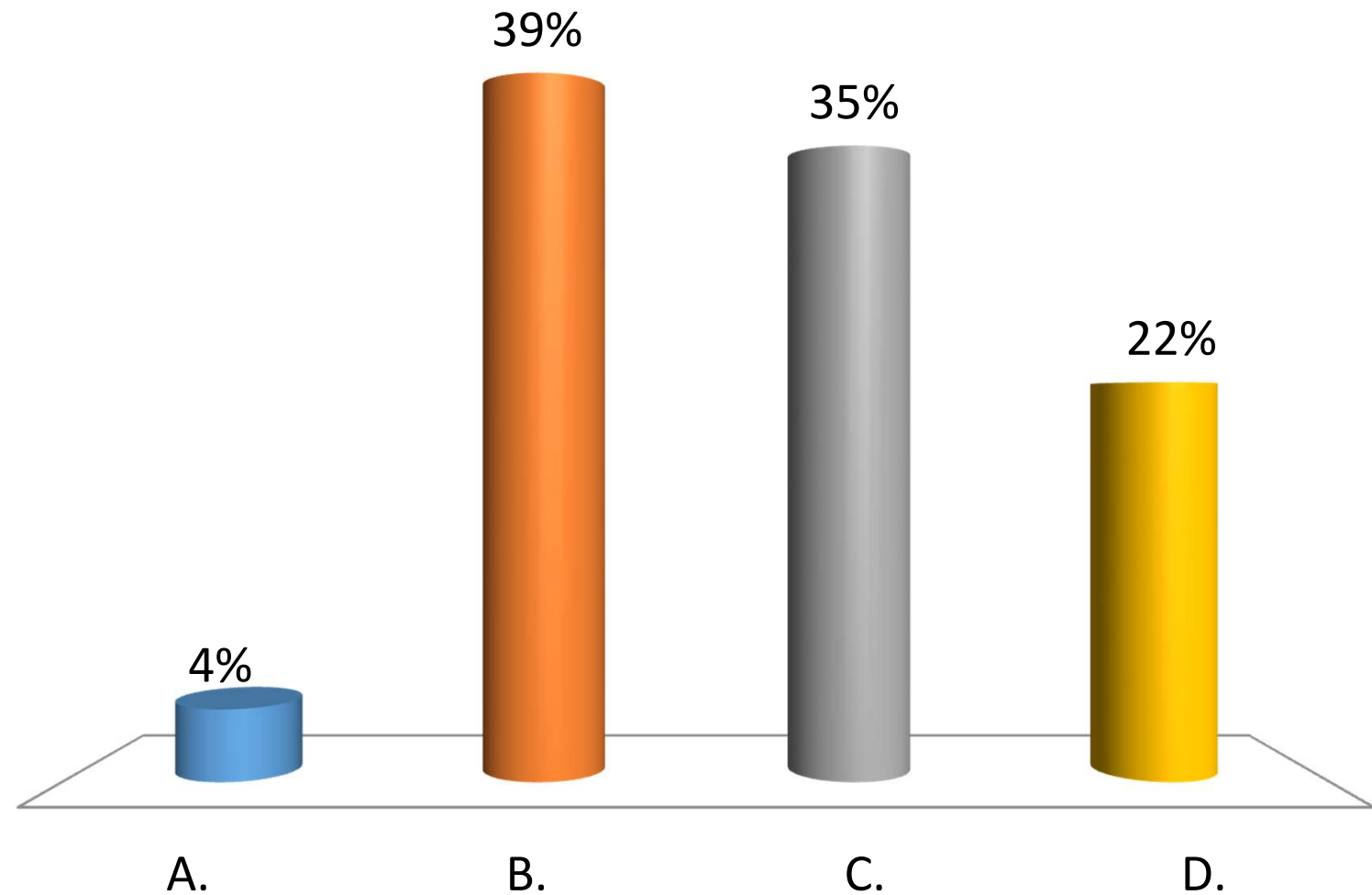


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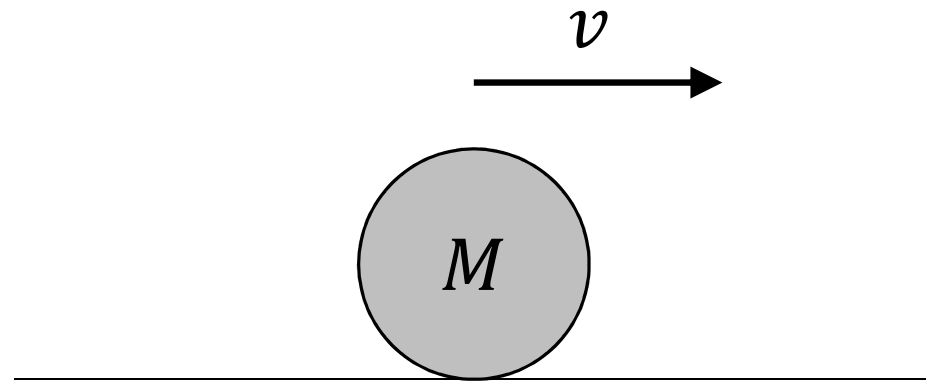


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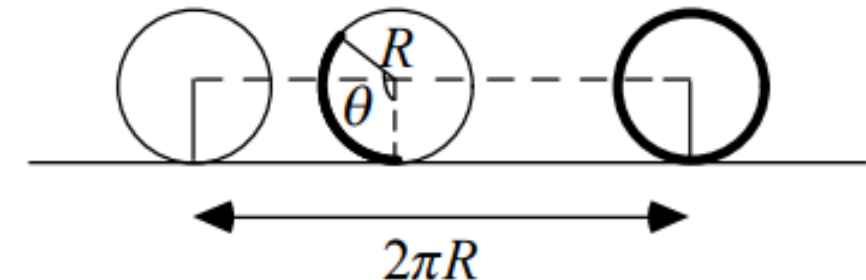
During one revolution, the ball moves a distance

$$\Delta x = 2\pi R$$

which takes $\Delta t = \Delta x/v = 2\pi R/v$ seconds.

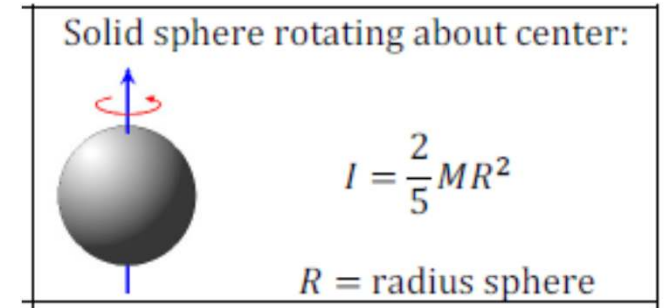
We rotate 2π radians in those Δt seconds, so

$$\omega = \frac{\Delta\theta}{\Delta t} = \frac{2\pi}{\Delta t} = \frac{2\pi}{(2\pi R/v)} = \frac{v}{R}$$



What is the total kinetic energy of the rolling ball?

- It is moving at a speed v
- It is rotating at an angular speed $\omega = v/R$



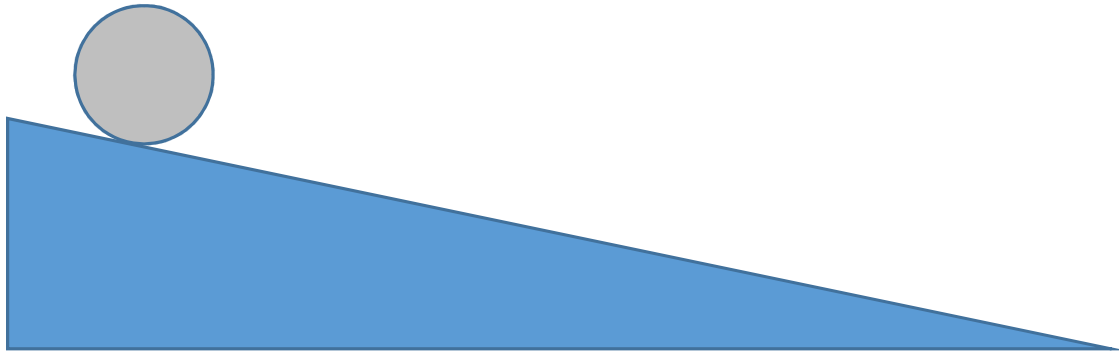
- So total kinetic energy is: $K_{total} = \frac{1}{2}Mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$

- Since $I = \frac{2}{5}MR^2$ we can simplify this as:

$$K_{total} = \frac{1}{2}Mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{2}{5}MR^2\right)(v/R)^2 = \frac{1}{2}Mv^2 + \frac{2}{10}Mv^2 = \frac{7}{10}Mv^2$$

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Three objects are rolling down.

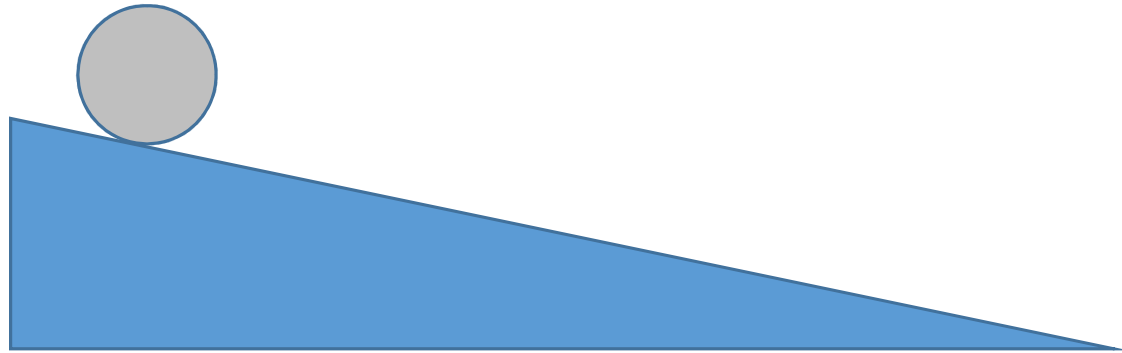


- I've got 3 objects with the same mass
 - Hollow cylinder
 - Solid cylinder
 - Solid sphere
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- I will let them go at the same time, which object hits the bottom first?

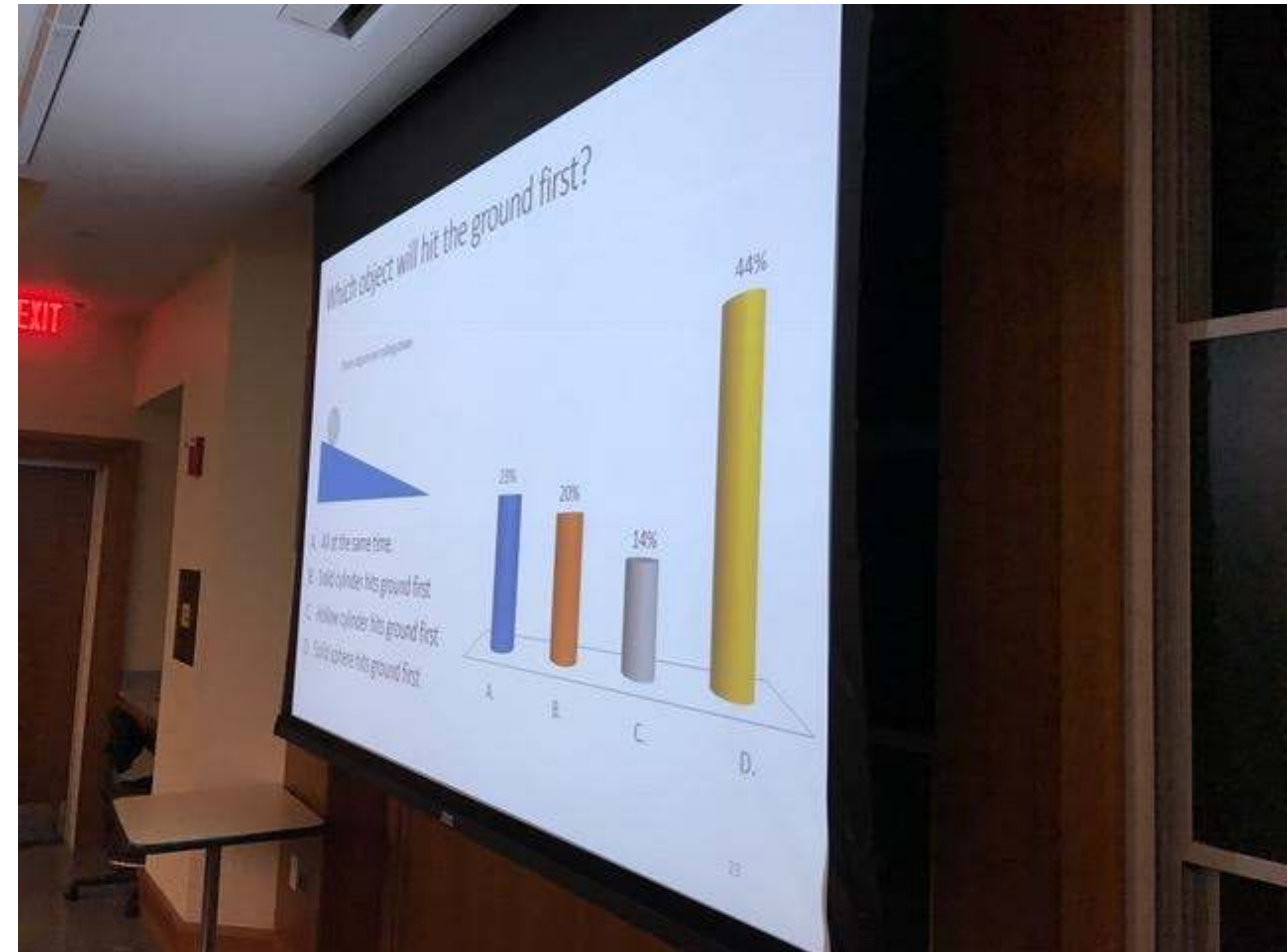
(this will be a clicker question!)

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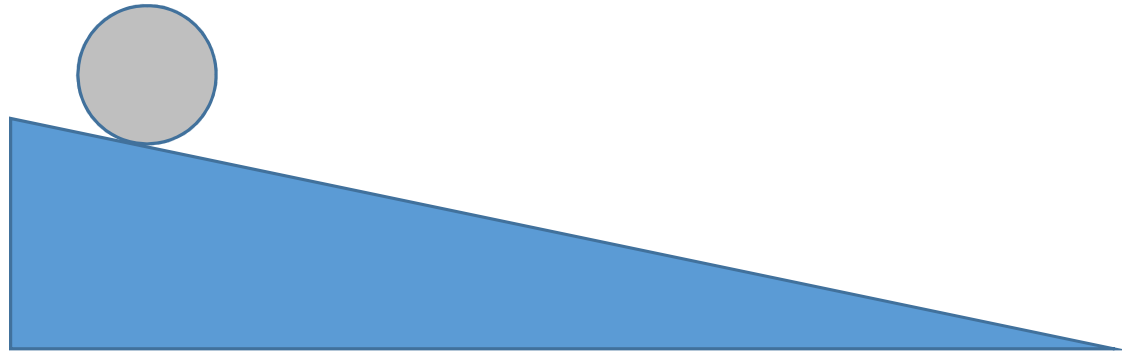
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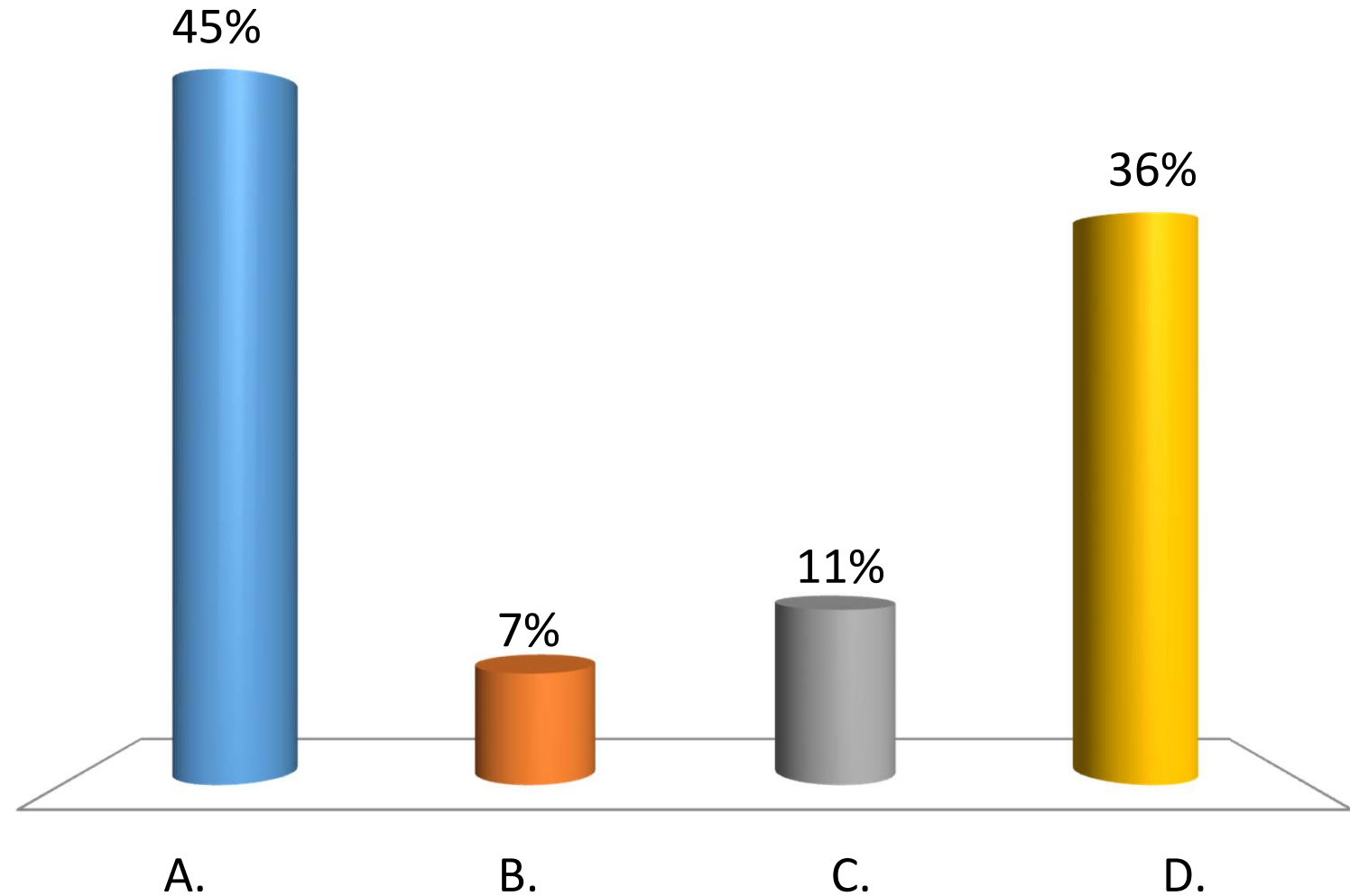
Before I mention that
"oh, the objects have the same mass!"

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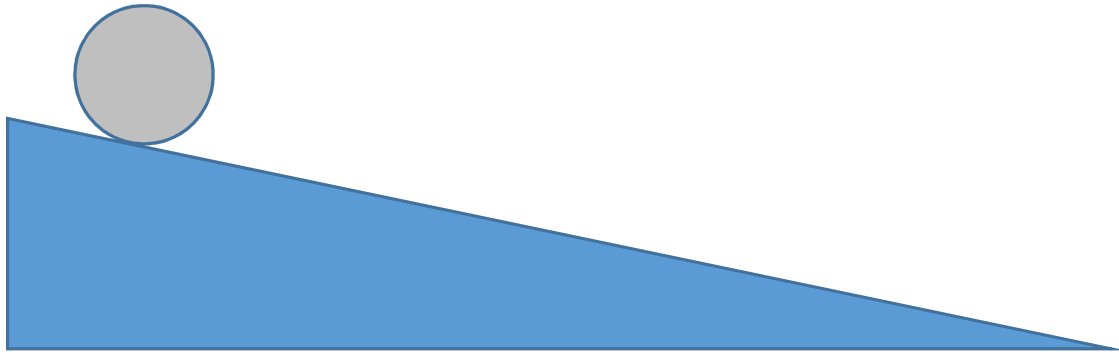


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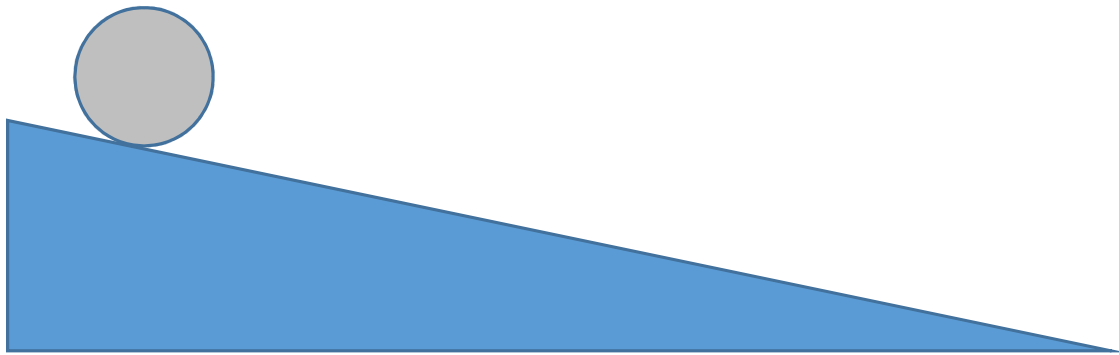


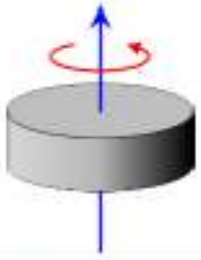
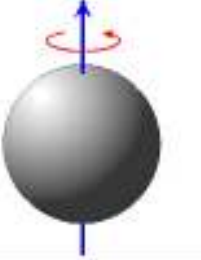
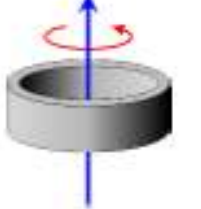
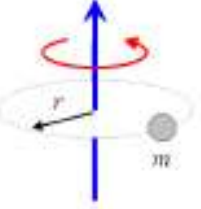
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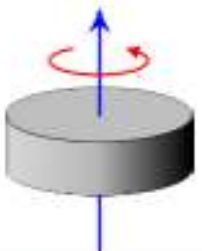

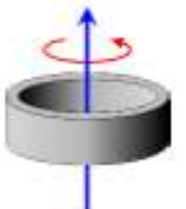
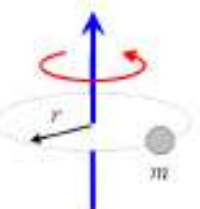
<p>Solid disk rotating about its center:</p>  $I = \frac{1}{2}MR^2$ <p>$R =$ radius disk</p>	<p>Solid sphere rotating about center:</p>  $I = \frac{2}{5}MR^2$ <p>$R =$ radius sphere</p>
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Which object will move faster when it hits bottom?

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You should use $mgh = K_f$ to solve this!
But use the TOTAL kinetic energy

Angular momentum

Angular momentum, L

- Similar to "translational" momentum $p = mv$ but for rotations.
- Equation is: $L = I\omega$
- If there is no external torque, angular momentum is conserved: $L_i = L_f$

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With some demos!

Thank you!

See you next time: Friday 31 March at 2:30pm