

1. The masses $m, m, 2m$ are placed at the vertices of an equilateral triangle of side a . Find c.m. of the combined system.
 show that the ratio of the distances of two masses m_1, m_2 from their centre of mass is in inverse ratio of their masses.
2. Find centre of mass of a uniform solid hemisphere of radius a .

3. Linear momentum and angular momentum and their conservation laws.

If m is mass of a particle moving with velocity v , then $p = mv$ is called linear momentum.

where as angular momentum is defined as the moment of linear momentum.

$$\text{i.e. Angular momentum} = J = r \times p$$

$$\text{or } J = r \times mv$$

Now using Newton's law of motion, if F is applied force,

$$\text{then } F = ma \text{ or}$$

$$F = m \frac{dv}{dt}$$

$$F = \frac{d}{dt}(mv) = \frac{dp}{dt}$$

In the absence of external force

$$\text{i.e. if } F=0 \Rightarrow \frac{dP}{dt} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow P = \text{constant}$$

i.e. If total force F acting on a particle is zero, then linear momentum is conserved.

This is known as law of conservation of momentum.

ii) To prove the law of conservation of angular momentum, we have from def

$$J = \vec{r} \times \vec{P}$$

$$\Rightarrow J = \vec{r} \times m\vec{v}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dJ}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{r} \times m\vec{v})$$

$$= \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} \times m\vec{r} + \vec{r} \times m \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$$

$$= m(\vec{v} \times \vec{v}) + m \vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$$

$$= 0 + \vec{r} \times m\vec{a}$$

$$= \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$$

$$= T \quad (\text{torque of the body})$$

Now if $F=0$ or F is a central force,

then line of action of F is along \vec{r}

$$\text{i.e. } \vec{F} \parallel \vec{r} \Rightarrow \vec{r} \times \vec{F} = 0$$

Hence in case of ^{the absence of the} external force or in case of central force,

$$\frac{dJ}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow J = \text{constant}$$

i.e. angular momentum is conserved.

N/B For a single body (or a particle)

$$\underline{p} = m \underline{v} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{J} = \underline{r} \times \underline{p}$$

In case of a system of particles, we have

$$\underline{P} = \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{p}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \underline{v}_i$$

$$\text{and } \underline{J} = \sum_{i=1}^n \underline{r}_i \times \underline{p}_i$$

§ Angular momentum of a system of particles in terms of centre of mass of the system.

Let \underline{r}_i is the position vector of the particle of mass m_i (any i th particle from system of n particles m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)

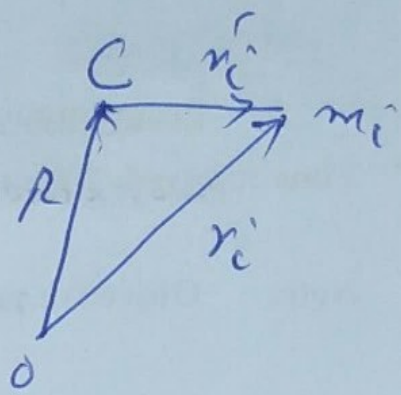
If $\sum_{i=1}^n m_i = M$, let R is p.v. of the whole system c.m. of the system.

If \underline{r}'_i is position vector of the mass m_i with respect to c.m. C

Then
$$R + \underline{r}'_i = \underline{r}_i$$

$$\text{or } \mathbf{r}'_i = \mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{R}$$

If \mathbf{P}_i is linear momentum of the mass m_i w.r.t. centre of mass, then



$$\mathbf{P}'_i = m_i \mathbf{v}'_i$$

$$\mathbf{P}'_i = m_i \dot{\mathbf{r}}'_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{v}'_i = \frac{d\mathbf{r}'_i}{dt} = \dot{\mathbf{r}}'_i$$

$$= m_i (\dot{\mathbf{r}}_i - \dot{\mathbf{R}})$$

$$= m_i \dot{\mathbf{r}}_i - m_i \dot{\mathbf{R}} = m_i \mathbf{v}_i - m_i \mathbf{V}_{cm}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{P}'_i = \mathbf{P}_i - m_i \mathbf{V}_{cm}$$

So angular momentum about c.m. is

$$\mathbf{J}' = \sum \mathbf{r}'_i \times \mathbf{P}'_i$$

$$= \sum (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{R}) \times (\mathbf{P}_i - m_i \mathbf{V}_{cm})$$

$$= \sum (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{R}) \times (m_i \mathbf{v}_i - m_i \mathbf{V}_{cm})$$

$$= \sum m_i (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{R}) \times (\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{V}_{cm})$$

$$= \sum m_i \mathbf{r}_i \times \mathbf{v}_i - (\sum m_i \mathbf{r}_i) \times \mathbf{V}_{cm}$$

$$- \sum m_i \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{v}_i + \sum m_i \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{V}_{cm}$$

$$= \sum \mathbf{r}_i \times m_i \mathbf{v}_i - M \left(\frac{\sum m_i \mathbf{r}_i}{M} \right) \times \mathbf{V}_{cm}$$

$$- \sum m_i \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{v}_i + (\sum m_i) \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{V}_{cm}$$

$$= \sum \mathbf{r}_i \times \mathbf{P}_i - M \mathbf{R} \times \dot{\mathbf{R}}$$

$$- \mathbf{R} \times \sum m_i \mathbf{v}_i + M \mathbf{R} \times \dot{\mathbf{R}}$$

$$\mathbf{J}' = \sum \mathbf{r}_i \times \mathbf{P}_i + \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{J} - \mathbf{J}_{cm}$$

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