Chapter 12 Equilibrium & Elasticity

If there is a net force, an object will experience a linear acceleration. (period, end of story!)

If there is a net torque, an object will experience an angular acceleration. (period, end of story!)

How can we keep things from moving, then?

Recall, \( \vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \frac{d\vec{P}}{dt} \) and \( \vec{\tau} = \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} \)

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- Equilibrium: \( \dot{\vec{P}} = \) constant and \( \dot{\vec{L}} = \) constant
- Static equilibrium: Objects that are not moving either in translation or rotation. \( \dot{\vec{P}} = 0 \quad \dot{\vec{L}} = 0 \)
- Requirements of equilibrium

\[ \vec{F}_{\text{net}} = \frac{d\vec{P}}{dt} \quad \vec{F}_{\text{net}} = 0 \quad \text{(balance of forces)} \]

\[ \vec{\tau} = \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} \quad \vec{\tau}_{\text{net}} = 0 \quad \text{(balance of torques)} \]
• For the situations in which the forces that act on the body lie in the xy plane. Then the only torque that can act on the body is $\tau_z$. We have

$$F_{\text{net},x} = 0 \quad F_{\text{net},y} = 0 \quad \tau_{\text{net},z} = 0$$

$\tau_{\text{net},z}$ is the net torque that the external forces produce either about the z axis or about any axis parallel to it

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**Center of gravity**

• Center of gravity: gravitational force on a body effectively act at a single point.

• For everyday objects, the center of gravity coincident with its center of mass.
Sample Problem 12-1

A beam of length $L$ and mass $m = 1.8$ kg, is at rest with its ends on two scales. A block of $M = 2.7$ kg, is at rest on the beam, with its center a distance $L/4$ from the beam’s left end. What do the scales read ($F_l$ and $F_r$)?

Sum of all the forces on the beam must equal zero.

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\hat{y} : \sum_{i} F_i = 0 \Rightarrow F_l - Mg - mg + F_r = 0
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Sum of all the torques about any point on the beam must equal zero. Choose this point to be the left end of the beam.

Which yields,

$$F_r = \left(\frac{L}{4}\right)Mg + \left(\frac{L}{2}\right)mg$$

and

$$F_i = Mg + mg - F_r = \left(\frac{3L}{4}\right)Mg + \left(\frac{L}{2}\right)mg$$
Sample problem 12-2: a ladder $L = 12$ m and mass $m = 45$ kg leans against a frictionless wall. $h = 9.3$ m. The ladder’s c.o.m. is $L/3$ from the lower end. A firefighter of $M = 72$ kg climbs the ladder until her c.o.m. is $L/2$ from the lower end. What are the magnitudes of the forces on the ladder from the wall and the pavement?

Question

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\[ \sum \vec{F}_i = 0 \Rightarrow 20 \text{N} - 10 \text{N} - F_i - 30 \text{N} + 65 \text{N} = 0 \Rightarrow F_i = 45 \text{N} \]

\[ \sum \vec{z}_i = 0 \]

\[ -(8d)20 \text{N} + (4d)10 \text{N} + (2d)F_i + (d)30 \text{N} - (0d)65 \text{N} = 0 \Rightarrow F_i = 45 \text{N} \]

What should \( F_i \) be in order to keep the uniform rod in static equilibrium?

1) 45 N  
2) 0 N  
3) 40 N  
4) it’s pointed in the wrong direction  
5) none of the above

Daily Quiz, October 20, 2004

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\[ \sum \tau_i = I F + \frac{L}{2} mg - LT \sin \theta > \frac{L}{2} F + \frac{L}{2} mg - LT \sin \theta \]

since $l > L/2$, the torque increases

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**Stress and Strain**

Microscopic view of materials: Materials are made of atoms held in place by electrostatic interactions with neighboring atoms.

These interactions are such that the atoms are constantly in harmonic motion about their equilibrium positions.

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**Stress and Strain**

External forces can be exerted on these atoms. The atoms will react to these forces depending on their microscopic environment.
**Deformation Types**

- **Elongation** (tensile strength)
- **Shear**
- **Hydraulic compression**

*modulus* is a constant depended on how much the materials react (deform) to the applied forces.

\[ \text{stress} = \text{modulus} \times \text{strain} \]

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**Elongation (tensile strength) and compression**

Stress is defined as perpendicular force per unit area. \( \text{Stress} = \frac{F}{A} \)

Strain is defined as the fractional change in the length of the object. \( \text{Strain} = \frac{\Delta L}{L} \)

*Young’s modulus* \( E \) is the proportionality constant.

\[
\frac{F}{A} = E \frac{\Delta L}{L}
\]
Shear stress

Stress is defined as force in the plane per unit area. \( \text{Stress} = \frac{F}{A} \)

Strain is defined as the fractional change in the movement of the object. \( \text{Strain} = \frac{\Delta x}{L} \)

Shear modulus \( G \) is the proportionality constant.

\[
\frac{F}{A} = G \frac{\Delta x}{L}
\]

Hydraulic Stress

For three dimensions we use pressure, which is also defined as force per unit area. \( \text{Pressure} \ p = \frac{F}{A} \)

Strain is defined as the fractional change in the volume of the object. \( \text{Strain} = \frac{\Delta V}{V} \)

Bulk modulus \( B \) is the proportionality constant.

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p = \frac{F}{A} = B \frac{\Delta V}{V}
\]
Materials science studies cause of specific shape of this curve.

Region we’ll be discussing this semester. Additional region of interest to engineers.

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**World Trade Center**

**Study Suggests Design Flaws Didn't Doom Towers**

*By ERIC LIPTON*

*NY Times Article*

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This article discusses the stresses, strains exerted on the supporting columns.