

Thursday March 21

- Topics for this Lecture:
- *Rotational*
 - *Angular momentum*

- Assignment 9 due Friday
- Pre-class due 15min before class
- Help Room: Here, 6-9pm Wed/Thurs
- SI: Morton 226, M&Tu 6:10-7:20pm
- Office Hours: This week by appointment (meisel@ohio.edu)
- Midterm 2: Monday April 1st
7:15-9:15pm Morton Hall Room 201

***Actual class-content for lecture likely to be somewhat different from this. Guest lecture given by Dr. Piccard.**

• Fun facts to know & tell:

Equations for kinematics in 1D & Newton's Laws apply to rotational motion as well, by substituting the appropriate quantities:

Linear Quantity			Corresponding Rotational Quantity		
Quantity	Variable	SI units	Quantity	Variable	SI units
length	x	m	angle	$\theta = s/r$	rad
velocity	$v = \Delta x/\Delta t$	m/s	angular velocity	$\omega = \Delta\theta/\Delta t$	rad/s
acceleration	$a = \Delta v/\Delta t$	m/s^2	angular acceleration	$\alpha = \Delta\omega/\Delta t$	rad/s^2
mass	m	kg	moment of inertia	I (formula depends on object shape)	$kg \cdot m^2$
force	$F = ma$	N	torque	$\tau = I\alpha$	$N \cdot m$
momentum	$p = mv$	$kg \cdot m/s$	angular momentum	$L = I\omega$	$kg \cdot m^2/s$

Consider two masses on a rod rotating as shown.

In case A, the masses are at the end of the rod.

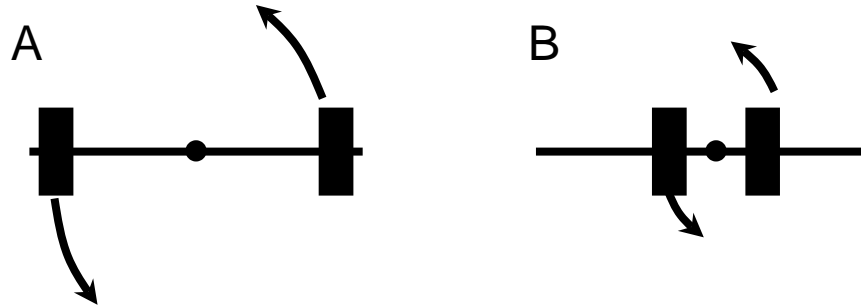
In case B the same 2 masses are closer to the center.

If the same torque is applied to each situation, which arrangement of masses has the lowest angular acceleration?

A. A

B. B

C. Both have the same



1. $\tau = I\alpha = F \cdot r \cdot \sin(\theta) = \text{same for all}$

2. $\alpha = \tau/I$

3. The mass for case A is less concentrated toward the axis of rotation.

So, case A has a larger moment of inertia, I .

4. From (2), larger I means smaller α So case A will have the lowest α .

Consider two masses on a rod that is attached to an axle, rotating as shown.

The masses are placed identically in each situation.

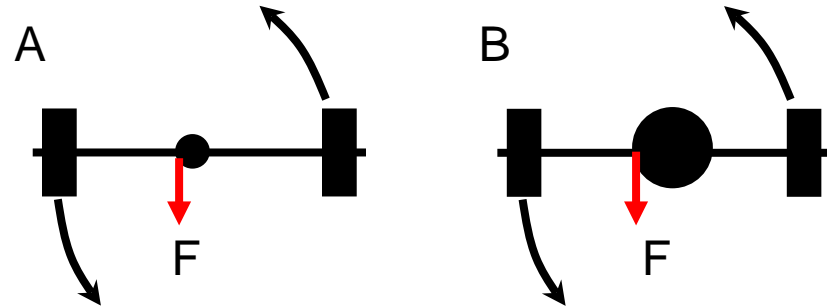
In each case the rod (massless) is turned by pulling a string wrapped around the center axle (also massless). The center axle in case B has a much larger radius.

If the force is the same, which situation has the smallest angular acceleration?

A. A

B. B

C. Both have the same



1. $\tau = I\alpha = F \cdot r \cdot \sin(\theta)$

2. $\alpha = \tau/I$

3. The masses are distributed identically, so both have the same moment of inertia, I .

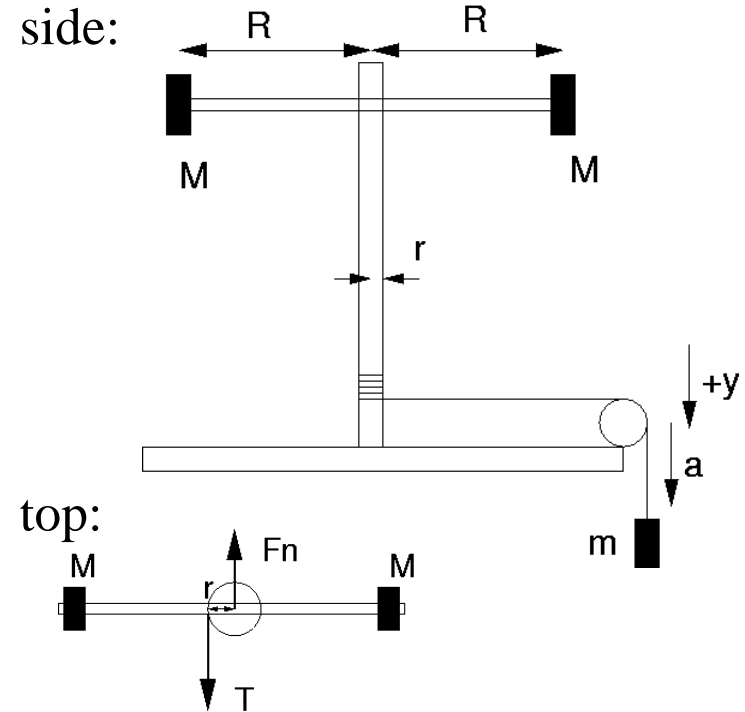
4. However, the force F in case A is applied at a shorter distance r from the axis of rotation. So, the applied torque is smaller in case A.

5. From (2), smaller τ means smaller αSo case A will have the lowest α .

A T-shaped rotating post, with a mass M and radius r , has two point-like masses of mass M positioned a distance R from the rotation axis, at the end of the T, as pictured. A string that is wrapped around the base of the post runs through a pulley and is attached to a hanging mass m . $M=1.0\text{kg}$, $R=0.5\text{m}$, $m=0.1\text{kg}$, and $r=0.1\text{m}$. What is the total moment of inertia of the post (cylinder) and its masses?

- (A) $5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$ (B) $5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$
(C) $5 \times 10^{-1} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$ (D) $5.0 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$

- The moment of inertia for a multi-component object is just the sum of the moment of inertia for the components: $I_{\text{total}} = \sum I_i$
- The multi-component object here is a cylinder plus two point masses.
- $I = I_{\text{cyl}} + I_{\text{point},1} + I_{\text{point},2}$
- $I = (1/2)Mr^2 + MR^2 + MR^2$
- $I = (1/2)(1.0\text{kg})(0.1\text{m})^2 + 2*(1.0\text{kg})(0.5\text{m})^2$
- $I = 0.005\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 + 0.5 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2 \approx 0.5 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$



$$I_{\text{point}} = MR^2$$

$$I_{\text{cylinder}} = (1/2)Mr^2$$

Angular Momentum, L

• Recall:

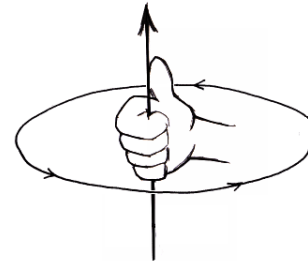
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• Just as linear momentum (p) is conserved in the absence of an external force, angular momentum (L) is conserved in the absence of an external torque.

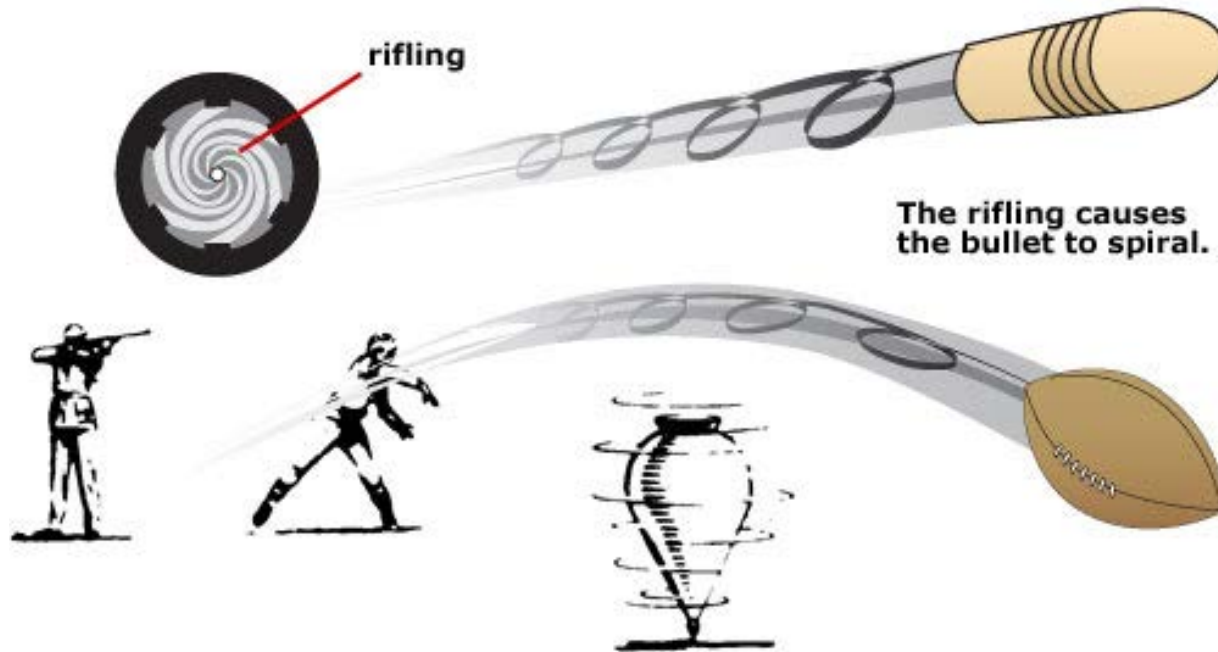
- $L_{\text{initial}} = L_{\text{final}}$
- $I_{\text{initial}} \cdot \omega_{\text{initial}} = I_{\text{final}} \cdot \omega_{\text{final}}$

• Angular momentum, L, is a vector whose direction corresponds to the spin-axis.



Angular Momentum Conservation

- Consequence 1:
 - A spinning object keeps pointing in the same direction
 - Spinning objects require an external torque to change their direction
 - So, a spinning object will tend to stay pointed the way it is originally pointed



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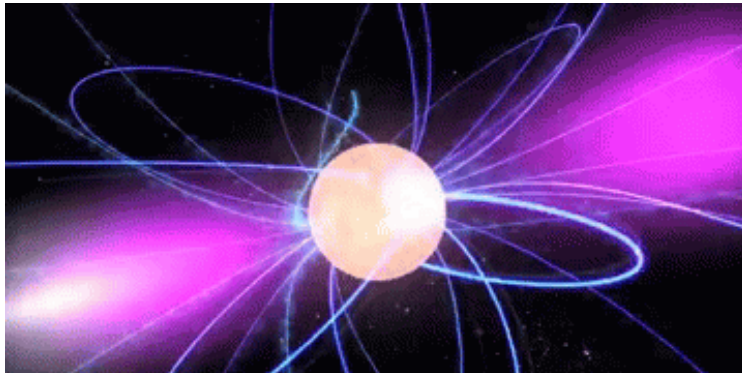
- Consequence 2:

An object whose mass distribution changes will change rotation rate & vice versa

– E.g. Figure skater:



– E.g. Pulsar (ultra-dense, ultra-fast spinning remnant from a supernova)



*~mass of sun compressed to
~size of city, spinning at
~60-60,000 RPM,
Left over from a massive stellar
explosion.*

A professor sits on a turntable holding two 2-kg masses in their hands. Their arms are folded close to their body. They are rotating. When the professor stretches their arms out (with the masses in-hand), the angular velocity of the professor will:

A. Increase

B. Decrease

C. Stay the Same



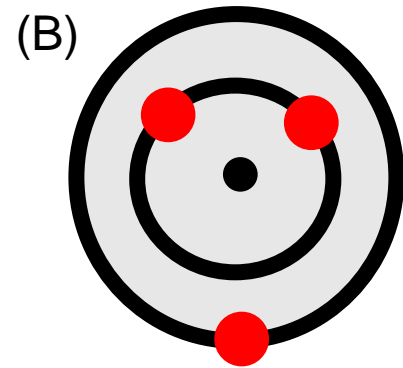
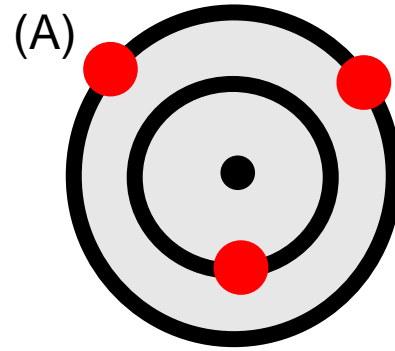
1. Angular momentum is conserved.
2. So, $L = I\omega = \text{constant}$.
3. When the masses are moved outward, the mass distribution is less concentrated, and so the moment of inertia, I , increases.
4. To maintain L , ω must decrease.

Each Red dot represents a 1kg mass attached to a massless turntable.

The inner circle has a radius half that of the outer circle.

If the masses start in Configuration A and move to Configuration B while the turntable is spinning, how does the final moment of inertia of the turntable compare to the initial? (assume no external torque)

- A. Greater
- B. Smaller**
- C. Same



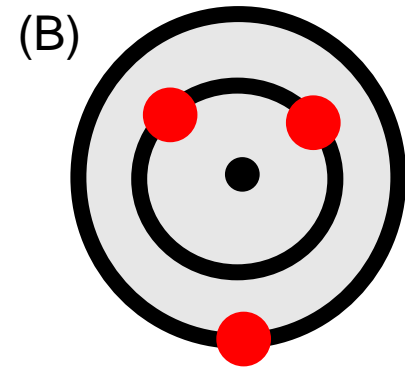
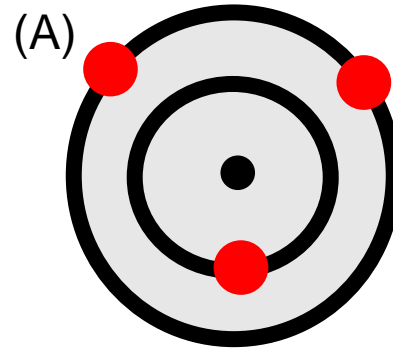
1. The masses are moved inward, the mass distribution is more concentrated, and so the moment of inertia, I , decreases.

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- A. Greater
- B. Smaller
- C. Same



1. Angular momentum is conserved in the absence of external torques.
2. There are no external torques, so $L_{\text{initial}} = L_{\text{final}}$

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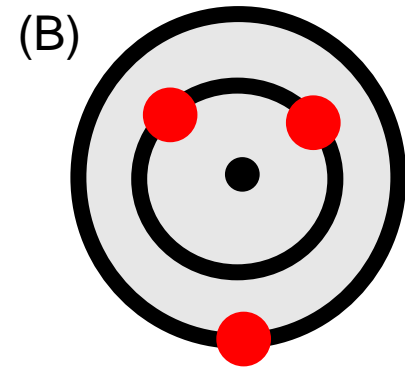
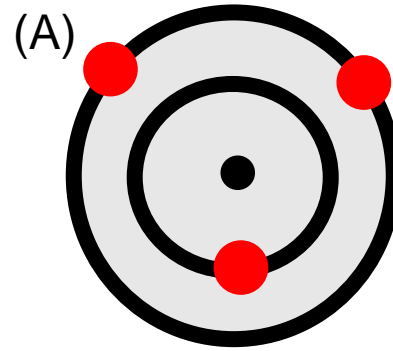
The inner circle has a radius half that of the outer circle.

If the masses start in Configuration A and move to Configuration B while the turntable is spinning, how does the final angular velocity of the turntable compare to the initial? (assume no external torque)

A. Greater

B. Smaller

C. Same



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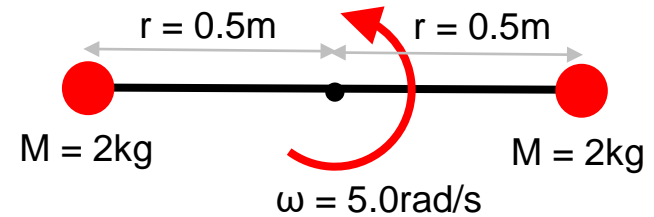
Suppose a rod of negligible mass has a 2.0kg object on each end. The rod is 1.0m long and is spinning at an angular speed of 5.0rad/s. What is the angular momentum?

(A) $2 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{s}$

(B) $4 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{s}$

(C) $5 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{s}$

(D) $10 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{s}$



1. $L_i = I_i \omega_i$

2. $L_i = (MR_i^2 + MR_i^2)\omega_i$

3. $L_i = 2(2.0\text{kg})(0.50\text{m})^2(5.0\text{rad/s}) = 5\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{s}$

$I_{\text{point}} = MR^2$

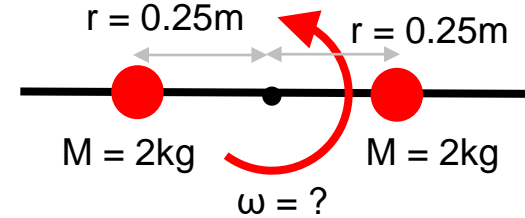
Suppose a rod of negligible mass has a 2.0kg object on each end. The rod is 1.0m long and is spinning at an angular speed of 5.0rad/s. Little motors move the masses inward by 0.25m. What is the new angular momentum?

(A) $2 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{s}$

(B) $4 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{s}$

(C) $5 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{s}$

(D) $10 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{s}$



1. There are no external torques, so angular momentum is conserved.
2. $L_f = L_i = 5\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{s}$

$$I_{\text{point}} = MR^2$$

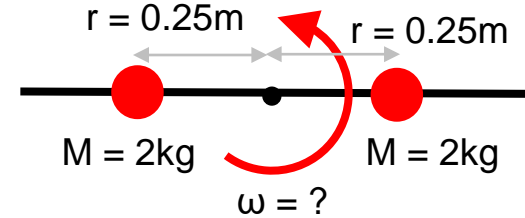
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(A) 2.5 rad/s

(B) 5 rad/s

(C) 10 rad/s

(D) 20 rad/s



$$1. L_i = 5\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{s} = I_i \omega_i = L_f = I_f \omega_f$$

$$2. \omega_f = L_i/I_f$$

$$3. I_f = 2\cdot(Mr^2) = 2\cdot(2\text{kg})(0.25\text{m})^2 = 0.25 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2$$

$$4. \omega_f = L_i/I_f = (5\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^2/\text{s})/(0.25 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2) = 20 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$I_{\text{point}} = MR^2$$

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The blue dot is 2kg.

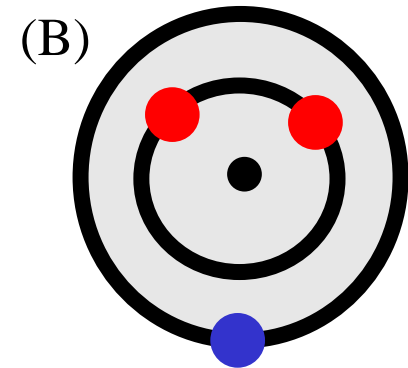
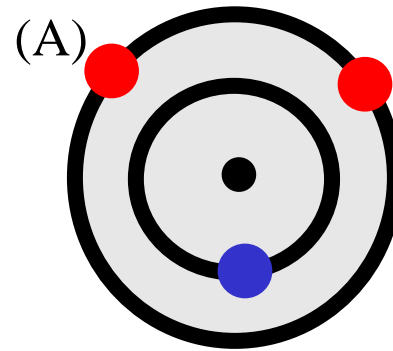
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A. Greater

B. Smaller

C. Same



$$1. L_i = I_i \omega_i = L_f = I_f \omega_f$$

$$2. I_i = 2*(M_{red})(R_{red,i})^2 + (M_{blue})(R_{blue,i})^2$$

$$3. R_{blue,i} = (1/2)*R_{red,i} \text{ and } M_{blue} = 2*M_{red}, \text{ so } \dots I_i = (5/2)*(M_{red})(R_{red,i})^2.$$

$$4. I_f = 2*(M_{red})(R_{red,f})^2 + (M_{blue})(R_{blue,f})^2$$

$$5. \text{ Since } R_{red,f} = (1/2)*R_{blue,f} \text{ and } M_{blue} = 2*M_{red} \dots I_f = (5/2)*(M_{red})(R_{blue,f})^2$$

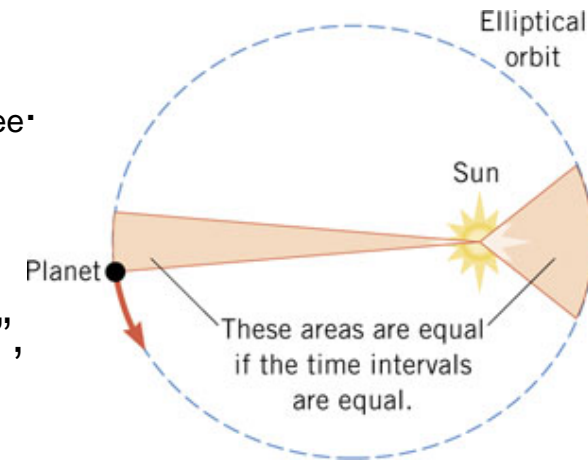
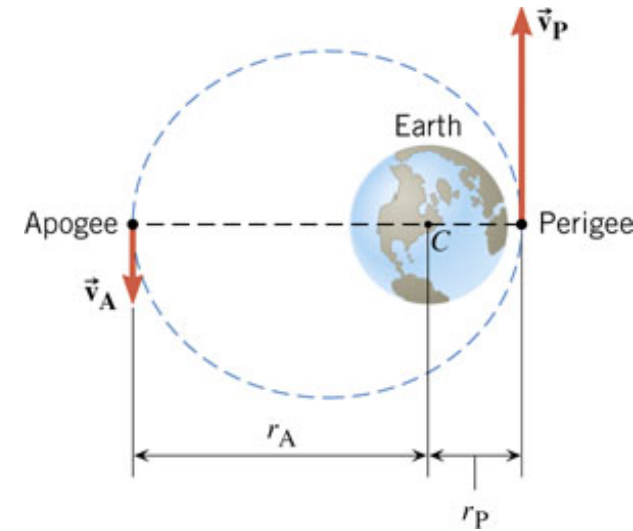
$$6. \text{ Since } R_{blue,f} = R_{red,i} \dots I_i = I_f$$

$$7. \text{ Since } L = \text{constant and } I = \text{constant}, \omega = \text{constant.}$$

$$I_{\text{point}} = MR^2$$

Conservation of Angular Momentum for Elliptical Orbits

- Angular momentum is conserved in any system without an external torque.
- This includes objects in elliptical orbits, like planets in the solar system.
- In an elliptical orbit, the orbiting object moves further from & closer to the more massive object it is orbiting as it orbits.
- The furthest distance is called apogee; the closest distance is called perigee.
- Since angular momentum is conserved, $L_{\text{apogee}} = L_{\text{perigee}}$.
- In both cases, $L = I\omega$, and $I = M_{\text{satellite}}R^2$, but $R_{\text{apogee}} > R_{\text{perigee}}$.
- This means $\omega_{\text{perigee}} > \omega_{\text{apogee}}$ (since L is the same).
- Consequently, the satellite moves faster as it approaches the object it slows down as it moves away.
- This means, “planets sweep out equal areas in equal times”, which is known as Kepler’s 2nd law of planetary motion

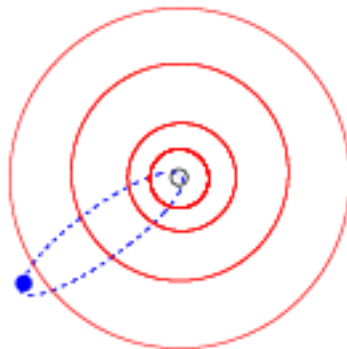


Haley's comet completes a full orbit of the sun every ~75 years.
 At closest approach to the sun (perihelion), it is moving at 54m/s 0.57AU from the sun.
 How fast is Haley's comet moving when it is farthest from the sun (aphelion) at 35AU?

- (A) 0.02m/s
- (C) 27m/s

(B) 0.88m/s

(D) 54m/s



1. $L_{\text{perihelion}} = I_{\text{perihelion}} \omega_{\text{perihelion}} = L_{\text{aphelion}} = I_{\text{aphelion}} \omega_{\text{aphelion}}$
2. $L_{\text{perihelion}} = (M_{\text{Haley}} R_{\text{perihelion}}^2) \left(\frac{v_{\text{perihelion}}}{R_{\text{perihelion}}} \right) = M_H r_p v_p$
3. $L_{\text{aphelion}} = M_H r_a v_a$
4. $M_H r_a v_a = M_H r_p v_p \dots \text{SO: } r_a v_a = r_p v_p$
5. $v_a = \frac{r_p v_p}{r_a} = \frac{(0.57\text{AU})(54\text{m/s})}{35\text{AU}} = 0.88\text{m/s}$

$$I_{\text{point}} = MR^2$$

$$v = r\omega$$

1AU = 1 "astronomical unit" = 1 Earth-Sun distance