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Homework 8 hints

A few reminders:

Kinematical linear quantities are often related to their rotational counterparts through multiplication by the radius:

$$\text{Displacement:} \quad d = r\theta$$

$$\text{Speed/velocity:} \quad v = r\omega$$

$$\text{Acceleration:} \quad a_T = r\alpha$$

In each case the same word is used in the rotational world with a “rotational” tagged onto the linear word. If a new word is needed, it is explicitly written down below.

The relationship of dynamical linear quantities to their rotational counterparts is not always so simple, but here’s a list of the two sets:

$$\text{Inertia:} \quad m, I$$

$$\text{Force/torque:} \quad F, \tau$$

$$\text{Momentum:} \quad p, L$$

Within the rotational world the interrelationship of rotational quantities parallels that of linear quantities:

$$p = mv: \quad L = I\omega$$

$$F = ma: \quad \tau = I\alpha$$

$$F = \Delta p / \Delta t: \quad \tau = \Delta L / \Delta t$$

$$KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2: \quad KE_{\text{rot}} = \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$$

$$W = Fd: \quad W = \tau\theta$$

Keeping these in mind allows you to answer the questions and misconceptuals.

Hints for problems (pages 222–225):

2. Use $d = r\theta$, converting θ to radians; r is the given earth-sun distance, and d will be the diameter of the sun.

3. Use $d = r\theta$ where θ is the given angle and r the given earth-moon distance.

11. The earth spins through 2π radians in 24 hours. Calculate the angular speed, ω , in radians/second. Using $R_E = 6.4 \times 10^6 \text{m}$, and $v = r\omega$ you can directly get the linear speed at the equator. For another latitude, Θ , the effective radius you use is $R_E \cos \Theta$.

14. Do this in steps: (i) convert rpm to radians per second to get ω_i and ω_f . (ii) Given these two and the time, use the appropriate equation to get α . (iii) α allows you to get a_T , after you convert the given r to m. (iv) Use your new knowledge of α to get ω at the 2 sec mark, and use that ω and r to get v . (v) Use v and r and the formula for centripetal acceleration to get a_R .

17. Do this in steps: (i) convert rpm to radians per second to get ω_i and ω_f . (ii) Given these two and the time, use the appropriate equation to get α . (iii) Get the total angle by using any equation that has θ in it, then get number of revolutions from it.

18. Similar steps to previous.

24. Force exerted by cyclist is mg . Get torque from the force and the radius.

26. Use equation giving torque from force, r and θ .

50. Use formula for rotational KE.

60. Calculate I , the moment of inertia, from m and r . Once you have it, calculate L , the angular momentum.

61. Page 210 lists the moments of inertia for different objects. Use that and ω (from rpm information) to get L . Use change in L and t to get the torque.