

i am yami satya narayana of the department of physics iit madras today's topic for discussion is systems of particles and rotational motion let me write the title topic systems of particles and rotational motion at the 11th standard and 12 standard level in the cbse curriculum with respect to physics usually one starts with units and dimensions then motion in a straight line then motion in two dimensions then you discuss certain important concepts like work power energy and after that one goes towards this very important topic systems of particles and rotational motion let me give now ah the motivation for studying this center one studies in the beginning the motion of point particles even if one has extended objects like a football you study in kinematics you assume that this football is represented by a point particle a motion of a car it is the car is represented by a point particle but you know but you know it is not going to be terrible at a certain level the reason is very obvious we cannot rather neglect the size of the actual objects now motion of a solid sphere motion of a solid cylinder or we can think about i will give you an important example corresponding to motion of systems of particles it is very customary for us when you look into the sky on a nice evening you will see a group of birds flying this group of birds will be like this they will have in different shapes for that matter but as the birds keep moving the shape of this contour also keeps changing and suppose we empty a glass of water on floor then the water flows the flow of water is nothing but the motion of water molecules there are billions of them trillions of them therefore this is the study of system of particles becomes important when we consider a cylinder we will come to it very solid cylinder when it rolls the cylinder consists of several particles this also an assemblage of collection of particles and right now each is a collection of each is a collection of particles or assemblies of masses that is what we call about a rigid body from a system of particles to on one hand like this example to rigid body so both these kind of systems can be put into ah the simple definition of motion of an assemblage of particles and now what are the various questions which we are going to study in your earlier lessons we would have seen you would have seen for that matter that what are the various conservation laws which are involved conservation of momentum conservation of energy conservation of angular momentum things like that so one needs to apply these notions ah how to extend them or whether we require some additional notions in the case of systems of particles and a rigid body and now let me give a simple definition of a rigid body what is a rigid body a rigid body is when for example you have a metallic sphere and roll it so the metallic sphere would roll on this table and each of the particles is also moving we will come to it and so in a rigid body what happens the distance between two the linear distance between any two points of that object remains constant it does not vary on the other hand if i allow for a some amount of water to flow on the floor the distance between two particles it is not going to remain same this is an example of a non rigid motion motion of flow of water and when i leave it on floor now now there are certain ideal rigid bodies what is an ideal rigid body during its motion its shape its shape remains the same it does not change at all on the other hand if i have a mashed potato and i depending on the amount of force i apply the mashed potato will the shape its shape gets changed right so an ideal rigid body is one which does not deform or the change of shape if at all they are any they are negligible and there are two kinds of motion that is possible for systems of particles or for a rigid body one it

is what you called as a translational motion the translation motions the simplest you have already we have already discussed it in the case of motion in one dimension two dimensions with respect to point particles and if i have an ant and which is moving on this plane the ant goes from a particular point a to some other point b the ant has what we called as a displacement right and now i will give you another example this is very standard suppose i have a wheel this is very ah this happens in our day to day life this is what we call it as skidding another name which another terminology to use in this country is skidding it is a common experience in indian roads on a two wheeler or a cycle when you move on roads at certain points you know we will not be knowing some oil would have been spilt so when your vehicle moves on it till the vehicle reaches that particular point actually the wheel would be rotating about an axis and moving it has got both rotational motion and translation motion but however when it reaches that slippery surface what happens after that the wheel moves like this in a straight this is what you called as skidding or slipping so when this happens it has only translational motion and rotational motion is not there this is one of the reasons why when ah the skidding can be very dangerous and because the front wheel which enters suddenly it has only translational motion and the rear wheel which is yet to enter that particular region which has rotational and translation therefore it is some kind of a very unconventional situation then the vehicle can skid or slip and ok another standard example which you will find in text books is i have an inclined plane and i have a let us say an object and and this slides this is what you called as sliding now all the particles of this body have the same velocity v remember velocity is a vector therefore better you put it there with a symbol ok this is also an example of a translational motion so all particles have the same velocity at every instant of time this must be kept in mind the next example is suppose i have the same inclined plane but i keep a sphere on it it has got it makes an angle inclined plane its not important for us now in this study of this now ah if i take a point here this is the center of the sphere so if i take a point here the velocity is like this this is the direction of velocity if i take a point here the velocity is like this if i take a point here velocity is like this whereas this the center of this sphere which we will call it as a center of mass we are coming to it in a minute it will have a motion like this so the different points on this sphere suppose i take an inner one it will have a different direction the different points of the sphere have different velocity now with respect to this this point of contact this is ah has got it is at rest so is the the point of contact at the point of contact if you calculate the instantaneous velocity it is zero so different points have different velocities and now we come to ah rotation so i have been trying to give you motivation for systems of particles and different kinds of motion which is different from which will not have that kind of situations in linear motion of a point particle center i consider the motion of a top this is very standard a top what you do the top is an object like this what you do is it is made of wood or different material then you you wind around it ah a thick thread rope rather and then you twirl it then it begins to rotate there is an axis about which this top begins to rotate it is an example of a rotational motion now when we we we when we consider the motion this kind of rotational motion of a top we need to extend all those concepts which we studied in the case of a linear motion of a

point particle and then see how well they work and then rotation of rigid body about a fixed axis about a fixed axis that is one axis axis is fixed so i have a rigid bod sorry i draw a better diagram so it is rotating about an axis now you will find that all the points on this axis they are at rest whereas different points if i take a point like this i will call this as  $r_1$  it is having a motion like this its motion will be like this i consider a smaller one its radius is small then its motion will be like this its radius is  $r_2$  right therefore the different points on this rigid body they are having different linear velocities and they go around and right however all the points on the axis are fixed so this is what you call this these planes are perpendicular to this this plane and this plane are perpendicular to the axis of rotation now you may ask me sir is it the only way in which it ah top would rotate about a fixed axis is this point going to be fixed always from our practical experience we would have seen ah we will have slightly complicated motion then motion about the fixed axis and examples we have considered here so i can have a situation this is from our common experience what happens is the top this little so the original axis was like this let us say i call this as the original i axis this as the original i have this original axis here now ah originally it was very vertical initially the top was vertical then its slides and then it goes round it wobbles its head then you will have a you you have what you call it as you have a actually a cone being generated right this is this kind of ah motion is what is known as precession you say that access of the top processes about the vertical line this is known as precession there are they can be little more complicated objects also now let us consider an example of a situation where both are there suppose i have a football we have we all have played football at some time or other i kick a football like this i have a football it all depends on the point of application right i when i kick this what happens is even though what i am having is unlikely instance the ball as it is goes without rotating about any axis the ball the ball bodily on its own it moves and comes even though this is kind of a rotation is this kind of motion is somewhat very rarely happens this is what we call it as pure translation this football when i kicked it it does not rotate about any axis in whatever way this is pure translation on the other hand i can have a situation where in the way i kick it it depends it keeps rotating the ball ah in its along its trajectory it keeps rotating about in all possible ways there may be it may rotate about one fixed axis or it may rotate about two axis or whatsoever we have seen very often when in a football match people kick the ball it has a very aesthetic trajectory especially during free kicks and so and you can see that the ball rotates in its motion when it reaches its final destination now so far in the last 10 minutes 10-15 minutes also have been giving you a motivation for ah different kinds of motion one is translational motion another is rotational motion ah you can have rotation about a fixed fixed axis here you have more complex objects rigid objects which can rotate about two or more ah one or more axis we will come to it little later and now i will give you one ah a simple example suppose i have a door like this there are hinges there is one hinge upwards the there is one hinge here in the lower portion now when i ah this is the floor now how do we rotate a door very often you have to apply the force normal to it i indicate it like this the force is applied in normal way that is the easiest way to close or open a door on the other hand if one way to apply the force at the hinges the door is not going to rotate at all you cannot open it in or close it you can do

so here applying a normal force or some side force which is making an angle to the door whichever way you will find that among all way among all possible such forces if you apply normal forces normal to the door which is which makes our life easier to open or close

so it tells you that the rotation is really about the the point of action of a point of application of a force where you apply becomes very important you may say that i have missed out a standard example like fan when you put on when they put the switch on the blades of the fan they rotate there are you would have seen even pedestal fans in a pedestal fan what happens a fan would rotate a fan would rotate it has a it has a and then from here what you do you have here you head down here

so it can also rotate ah once this blade rotates the blades rotate and you get the air and it has got an oscillation and then this oscillation is done so this moves and provides air to in its range okay there are different kinds of motion are possible and now one now i am going to introduce next one important concept which is called the center of mass in the case of motion of a particle moving on a one dimensions or two dimensions the mass of the particle because is a very important notion we need without that we cannot do anything further either that or momentum now we have to introduce what is called the centre of mass it is a key concept today i am going to introduce center of mass and do the and tell you how to calculate center of mass in various situations later tomorrow i will tell you how this actually arises in a very natural way let me give you the center of mass definition ah i will consider the simplest is simplest of several particle systems is two particle systems

so i have two particles i have two particles of masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  this is a distance of  $x_1$  and this is a distance of  $x_2$  the the center of mass of the system is denoted by capital  $X$  this i will call it as  $x$  axis this i will call it as  $y$  axis i know even though i do not need it right now so the center of mass it is defined as  $m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2$  that divided by total mass of the system this is the center of mass under ok we will see how it is going to arise now if  $m_1$  is equal to  $m_2$  then automatically center of mass is in  $(x_1 + x_2) / 2$  very elementary simple calculation you have to do that

so two objects are there  $m_1$  this is at  $m_1$  which is located at  $x_1$  with respect to a coordinate system a mass  $m_2$  located at  $x_2$  with respect to same coordinate system then its center of mass is the middle of  $x_1 + x_2$  right now we will extend this to several particles extending this to several particles what is that we have

so i have ah along the same straight line i can take  $m_1$  located at  $x_1$   $m_2$  located at  $x_2$  with respect to coordinate system please i am not indicating anyway here i will do it then similarly  $m_n$   $x_n$  then  $x$  center of mass the center of mass is located at  $(m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2 + \dots + m_n x_n) / (m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_n)$  that divided by some of the masses which is nothing but the total masses we should write these things in elegant way it is written like this summation ah  $\sum_{i=1}^n m_i x_i$  i runs from one to little  $n$  divided by sum of all masses  $\sum_{i=1}^n m_i$  running from one to  $n$  this is the centre of mass ok now what happens in the case of in space what i mean is that this is we are considering all the particles are on a straight line and then our coordinate system is center of the coordinate system is here with respect to that we are measuring distances your particles can actually be distributed in space then what do we do i hope you are aware of the concept of position vector this is what you call a position vector

so a position vector is has got it is  $x$  component plus  $y$  component plus  $z$

component this divided by this is how you denote the position vector of a particle

so sometimes we also have this notation as the unit vectors are denoted by  $e_x$ ,  $e_y$  and  $e_z$

so this should not confuse you when we use different kind of this also very standard ok in that situation that we write  $z$  equal to  $x e_x$  plus  $y e_y$  plus  $z$  times the unit vector along  $z$  direction this is the concept of position vector

so now we have particles  $m_1$  this position vector is  $r_1$  and another particle  $m_2$  mass and you say the position vector  $r_2$  etc like this you have and then you have a situation this is the  $r_n$   $r_n$  unit vector corresponding to the  $n$ th particle then its center of mass is given by then its center of mass is a vector quantity what is that you are going to do you are going to let me write it then explain  $m_i r_i$  mass into the position vector of the corresponding particle some over this that divided by some  $m_i$  this is what now this is a vector quantity therefore  $r_i$  must write a vector for sure then denote is the centre of mass what is that we have done sir what we have done is we have done a similar calculation here what we have done here and we have done it the same calculation for each of the axis for the  $x$  axis for  $y$  axis and  $z$  axis we have done that that is what we have done so now you may have a situation where in ah this is if the particles are systems of particles on the other hand if you have rigid body what happens if you have a rigid body what will how do we extend this definition of center of mass

so this particular lecture we are more focusing on this particular this very specific definition of center of mass and we will see how to calculate them suppose i have here let us say this is ah it is like a mass distribution i have a rod like a scale meter scale or a foot scale right now i take an element here this is let us say this is  $x$  this is  $x$  one dimension therefore and then the mass that is this is the position  $x_i$  i divide this into smaller and smaller i consider this is  $x_i$  division now the mass that is here is  $\Delta m$   $m_i$  ok at the position  $x_i$  this is same as what you had done earlier the infinitesimal mass that is available is a small mass that is  $m_i \Delta x_i$

so i need to multiply that times  $x_i$  summation over all  $i$  divided by  $\Delta m$   $i$  runs from whatever this is how this center of mass in one dimension this is exactly same as what we did earlier only thing is at the particular point  $x_i$  there is a small mass that is  $\Delta m_i$

so you may see you may think that here we have denoted ah ah there is a point here there is a line here this  $x_i$  actually represents this if you want you can take it as a center no problem

so it is a  $\Delta m_i$  now if number of such divisions becomes very large infinitely large now in the limit as capital  $n$  tending to infinity the limit as capital  $n$  time to infinity what happens this will go over to  $m dx$  divided by integral integral ah  $\int x dm$  into  $x$   $\int dm$  divided by  $\int dm$  the limit as capital  $n$  tend to infinity  $\Delta m$  it will get convert to the differential  $dm$  here this will convert to differential  $dm$

so in three dimensions what happens the same thing if the mass distribution is there in three distribution and three dimensions then our center of mass is equal to integral you are going to do one such calculation for each of the dimensions one for  $x$  axis one for  $y$  axis one for  $z$  axis and its a vector therefore no longer it will remain ah one coordinate alone therefore it will  $r$   $\int dm$  divided by  $\int dm$  where  $r$  is the position vector of ah a typical point around which the mass distribution is  $dm$  ok

so these are the various cases which have been seen now we will see few illustrations of this concept center of mass and one typical calculation that is you will find in most of the books is about let us take our solar system will take sun earth system you know earth belongs to sun in the sense that it is a it goes around it one of the planets and i will give the typical numbers suppose i have a sun here i do not need a diagram just for sun and its mass is  $2.0 \times 10^{30}$  kilograms this details you can get from standard literature and then you have earth it is very small right here small compared to sun its mass is  $6.0 \times 10^{24}$  kilograms you can see that this is of the order of  $10^{30}$  this is of the order of  $10^{24}$  therefore 6 orders higher the mass of the sun right now in between distance is  $1.5 \times 10^{11}$  meters from the center of center of the earth these values we can get from standard tables now we want to calculate the center of mass of this system now what we will do we need to choose a coordinate system i am going to choose the center of the sun so center of the coordinate system x center of mass choose the origin choose the centre of sun as the sorry as the origin ok then if i do that what will i have i will have mass of sun into i am calculate i am i have to multiply by the corresponding distance it is located here i am now what i am considering is entire mass of sun is located here therefore that is 0 plus mass of the earth times the in between distance  $1.5 \times 10^{11}$  meters that divided by total masses six point blue into ten to the power of twenty four kilograms plus other one is two point zero into ten to the power of thirty kilograms this is corresponding to the mass of the earth this correspond to mass of the sun so i need to substitute for the mass of the earth here six point zero ten to the power of twenty four and you can do the calculation it will turn out to be four point five into ten to the power of five meters now we are getting some number how did we get this we are using the definition of standard definition of center of mass and we are getting a number now we need to compare how big is this or how small is this so one way is to look at the radii of sun and earth respectively what is the radius of sun the radius of sun radius of sun is radius of sun this is the symbol the radius of sun is given by  $7.0 \times 10^8$  meters you can see that this is of the the the center of mass is located from the sun at a distance of four point five ten to the power of five this is the x center of mass it is not lying here or here or here or inside the earth the centre of mass lies well within the sun at a distance of  $10^5$  meters the order of  $10^5$  this much distance is what  $10^8$  to the power of 3  $7 \times 10^8$  therefore this is much much less than the radius of sun ok one did not get shocked about it we are not inside the sun only the center of mass of the system is inside the sun now you may say is it always the case sir whenever we have two bigger planets it need not be the point is it all depends on how dense is the mass of the sun what is the mass distribution here suppose the same amount of mass is located in a distance of  $3 \times 10^3$  meters suppose in some other situation where the same amount of mass is located within a smaller radius then obviously the center of mass is going to lie outside it will not lie inside the sun it will lie outside it it will lie on somewhere here and so the center of mass is a statement about it is also is so we can conclude the conclusion that centre of mass is also a statement about how massive is a when we are dealing in a particular case problem now i will consider one more example you can do the similar calculation in the case of earth moon system now we will take a two dimensional example this is

example one i will consider another example in this example i will consider two dimensional problem i will consider four particles i hope i will draw a nice diagram looks fine x axis y axis so they are on the vertices of a square four masses so this i put here one kilogram this is this coordinate is one comma minus one comma one sorry this coordinate is minus one comma one and this is two kilograms i put it here and the mass is one comma ah here the coordinate is one comma one now here it is one kilogram what are the coordinates of this x axis one y axis minus one here i place a mass of two kilograms what are the coordinates of this x is minus one y is minus one therefore the centre of mass what is the definition we need to apply straight away the definition the mass one kilogram multiplied by the position vector position vector is actually one comma one what is the meaning of minus one comma one minus one comma one it actually represents the vector minus one into unit vector i plus one into unit vector j so this is nothing but minus i plus j so do not get confused that how this denotes a vector this is a another way of denoting this vector which you would have learnt then here it is two kilograms into one comma one plus come to this vertex one kilogram into one comma minus one plus here it is two kilograms into minus one comma minus one divided by i have to add all the masses so four six ok so what will happen to it you will see here this one into minus one is minus one one into one plus one and then here it is ah two kilograms i need not reach just so i am not writing the units here plus two minus two therefore it will be x coordinate is zero similarly y coordinate is zero so therefore in this case the centre of mass or centre of mass is at the origin right this is how you will be doing this various problems we can also ah i can consider this as a lamina and do it what do i do it no i now i am doing the other problem so i am shading this here the mass is 1 kilogram here the mass is 2 kilograms here the mass is one kilogram and here the mass is two kilograms i am doing the next example then what i need to do the center of my this lamina is actually divide into four parts so i take this particular lamina its center of mass i will look for a different colored chalk its around yeah now the center of mass of this square is ah this is half comma this will be again half because the side of each square is half so like this so i can find the center of mass of each of the squares and do the similar calculation ok fine now there are some problems in in center of mass which we can do by inspection what i mean is there is an inherent symmetry we can exploit it we will do one or two problems illustrations so let me consider ah i have a this is by center of mass this another example i will say example four involving symmetry symmetry is a big term in physics you will come across it very often suppose i have a triangular lamina of uniform thickness ok i take a uniform cardboard and cut it i want to find the center of mass now in such cases i can make use of symmetries to tell you what i mean is i can make use of the geometry and straight away i can one can calculate it what we do is i divide into smaller and smaller strips of infinitesimally small thickness so if i take a infinitesimally small thickness its center of mass is going to be at the center so next strip will take it will be at the center therefore all the center of

masses will lie in this is it right now i do the similar thing therefore i have this is what is this line corresponding to the center of mass of such a strip all of them are right therefore now you can find out if i do this for this side also i infinitesimally divide and join the center of mass obviously the center of mass this point this centre of mass is what we call it as where all the midpoints of each side which point of each side is joined to the opposite vertex such a point is known as centroid

so by similarly when i have a solid sphere its center of mass is going to be located at the center solid sphere of uniform mass distribution i can also have a situation where the mass distribution is uneven in various regions not like that its a uniform its a metallic sphere of uniform distribution of mass then its center of mass will be at this point now there are situations where one needs to make use of integration you cannot escape that as a physics student you need to allow and its a tool not very complicated integrations are required suppose i have what i will call it as a uniform mass distribution

so i have a rod which is ah let us say that this is at a  $dm$  is the mass which is located at the  $x$  trans  $x$

so suppose i know that in this  $k$  is the linear density corresponding to an infinitesimal distance  $dx$  this is  $dx$  this thickness is there no this is  $dx$  the mass that is available here is  $dm$  so this is whatever length i take  $dx$  whatever infinitesimal bit i take the mass distribution is  $k$  times  $dx$   $k$  is some constant ok then i need to calculate the center of mass the center of mass by definition is nothing but integral at the distance  $x$  there is a distribution of mass  $dm$  that divided by total mass of the system this is equal how to integrate from  $x$  is equal to zero this end this is  $x$  is equal to  $l$  this integral is  $x^2$  by two i need to evaluate between zero to  $l$  which i forgot to write zero to  $l$  this divided by total mass is  $m$  let us say then this is i can calculate this because  $dm$  is  $k dx$   $k dx$  i forgot write a  $k$  here sorry because this  $dm$  ah this is  $dm$  times  $dx$   $dm$  is  $k dx$  right and so i when i do that this will become  $dx$

so i have  $k dx$  this will be equal to  $l^2$  by two  $k$  and  $k$  will get cancelled all that i will have is  $l^2$  by two therefore if i have a rod of uniform thickness if the mass distribution is uniform then when i calculate it the center of mass will be exactly at the center this is  $l$  by two measured from here right now let me summarize what are the various things we have seen before i do that is it possible such the center of mass of a system lies outside it simplest example is a two particle system centre of mass is not going to be with  $x_1$  or  $x_2$  its a point mass suppose i have an object like this by symmetry arguments i can say that the center of mass where is it going to lie it will be somewhere here it will not lie on this and this is another standard example which people use it in gymnastics i will not go about discussing about it

so let me summarize what are the things various we have seen in this ah first we started with the motivation that is required to move on from the kind of ah problems you study in one particles moving in a straight line in one dimensions or motion of a particle in two dimensions two several particles moving in general in three dimensions and we saw that two kinds of motions are possible one is translational motion and it is rotation

so a general rigid body is one in which the two points are fixed and okay the motion of general motion of rigid body is one translation followed by rotation one important concept that is required we are going to use it i will tell you how this concept comes tomorrow but we have given it and used it is the concept of center of mass and and also given different examples of

rotational motion possible we have calculated a few illustrations we have seen sun earth system then four masses which are distributed on the points of a square then the lamina problem i did not complete it hopefully you will do it otherwise tomorrow i will finish the calculations for you and last one is how you calculate the center of mass using the symmetry that is involved in the problem and there are situations where the center of mass has to be calculated using integration

so just to remove that fear i have taken a simple illustration of a one dimensional problem where in a small infinite symbol location  $dx$  that masses that is available is  $dm$  suppose i know this law ok the mass that is available is proportional to  $dx$  it is called linear mass density then you will find that it is  $\lambda$  by two you can have some other mass distribution also then this if it is going to be mass is more and more distributed away the center of mass will move away with this will stop for today and tomorrow we shall go further tomorrow we will be talking about what are the conservation laws that are required how we how the conservation velocity was used in kinematics of one and two dimensions can be put to use using the centre of mass concept in the case of several particles and rigid bodies thank you

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