

Derivation of angular momentum of a rigid body.
In general angular momentum is: $\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times m\vec{v}$

By the definition of the cross product:

$$L = mrV \sin \theta$$

For a rigid body



The angular momentum of a small piece of mass dm is:

$$dL = dm r v \sin \theta$$

and we integrate to get the total L .

$$\int dL = \int r v \sin \theta dm$$

But we know $\theta = 90^\circ$ for all r so $\sin \theta = 1$

and $v = r\omega$ and ω is constant for all r

$$\Rightarrow L = \int r r \omega dm \quad \Rightarrow \quad L = \left[\int r^2 dm \right] \omega$$

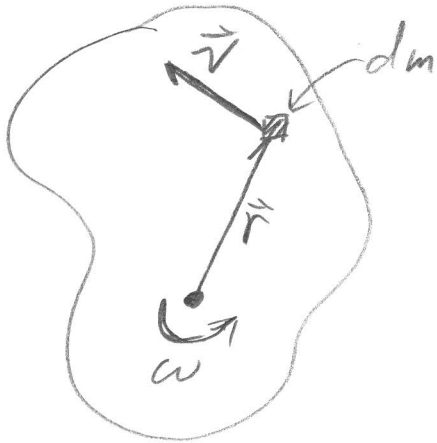
and because $I \equiv \int r^2 dm$

$$\boxed{\therefore L = I\omega} \quad \text{QED}$$

Derivation of Rotational Kinetic Energy, Rigid Body

For a point mass: $K = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$

For a rigid body:



The kinetic energy of a small piece of mass dm is:

$$dK = \frac{1}{2} dm v^2$$

and we integrate to get the total K :

$$\int dK = \frac{1}{2} \int v^2 dm$$

But we know $v = r\omega$

So: $K = \frac{1}{2} \int r^2 \omega^2 dm$, But ω is constant (independent of r)

$$\Rightarrow K = \frac{1}{2} \left[\int r^2 dm \right] \omega^2, \quad \underline{I \equiv \int r^2 dm}$$

$$\boxed{\therefore K = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2} \quad \text{QED}$$