

# Translational vs. Rotational Motion

## Nomenclature

$\Delta s$ : displacement (m),  $v$ : velocity(m/s),  $a$ : acceleration (m/s<sup>2</sup>),  $\Delta t$ : duration (s),  $r$ : radius or radial distance from the axis of rotation (m),  $F$ : force (N),  $m$ : mass (kg),  $p$ : linear momentum (kg·m/s),  $P$ : power (W)

$\Delta\theta$ : angular displacement (rad),  $\omega$ : angular velocity (rad/s),  $\alpha$ : angular acceleration (rad/s<sup>2</sup>),  $\tau$ : torque (Nm),  $L$ : angular momentum (kg·m<sup>2</sup>/s),  $I$ : moment of inertia (kg·m<sup>2</sup>),  $T$ : period (s)

## Subscripts

i: initial, f: final, t: tangential, r: radial, K: kinetic

Translational Kinematic Equations (constant $a$ )	Rotational Kinematic Equations (constant $\alpha$ )
$\Delta s = v_i \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} a (\Delta t)^2$	$\Delta\theta = \omega_i \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} \alpha (\Delta t)^2$
$v_f = v_i + a \Delta t$	$\omega_f = \omega_i + \alpha \Delta t$
$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2 a \Delta s$	$\omega_f^2 = \omega_i^2 + 2 \alpha \Delta\theta$

Translational (instantaneous motion)	Rotational (instantaneous motion)	Relationship
$a ds = v dv$	$\alpha d\theta = \omega d\omega$	$\Delta s = r \Delta\theta$
$\vec{v} = \frac{d\vec{s}}{dt}$	$\vec{\omega} = \frac{d\vec{\theta}}{dt}$	$v_t = r \omega$
$\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt}$	$\vec{\alpha} = \frac{d\vec{\omega}}{dt}$	$a_t = r \alpha$ $a_r = \frac{v_t^2}{r} = \omega^2 r$
$\vec{F} = m\vec{a}$	$\vec{\tau} = I\vec{\alpha}$	$\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$
$\vec{p} = m\vec{v}$	$\vec{L} = I\vec{\omega}$	$\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$

## Simple Harmonic Motion

$$T = \frac{2\pi r}{v} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

## Work, Energy, and Power

$W = \int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{s}$	$W = \int \vec{\tau} \cdot d\vec{\theta}$
$E_K = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$	$E_K = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2$
$P = Fv$	$P = \tau\omega$

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