

6. A heavy symmetric wheel, mass m and rotational inertia I , rotates freely with a high angular speed ω about a light central shaft, with one end attached at a frictionless pivot point to a wall. The other end is held by a hand.

shaft is aligned with \hat{k} (z-axis)

A. (6 pts) What force must the hand supply to hold the system fixed?

(a) $-I\omega^2/r \hat{k}$.

(b) $+I\omega^2/r \hat{k}$.

** (c) $\frac{1}{2}mg\hat{j}$.

(d) $mg\hat{j}$.

No net torque, accomplished by
 \hookrightarrow Normal at pivot + Normal from hand
 $= -mg\vec{j}$,
 \hookrightarrow Hand same distance from wheel as the pivot, hence no net torque if mag. of normal forces are same:
 $\therefore N$ from hand = $\frac{1}{2}mg$ up.

B. (4 pts) The hand must now raise the shaft by imparting a velocity $v\hat{j}$ to the end. What force must the hand exert on the shaft end?

(a) $mg\hat{j} + (I\omega v/r^2)\hat{i}$.

(b) $\frac{1}{2}mg\hat{j} - (I\omega v/r^2)\hat{k}$.

(c) $(I\omega^2/r)\hat{k} + (I\omega v/r^2)\hat{i}$.

** (d) $\frac{1}{2}mg\hat{j} + (I\omega v/r^2)\hat{i}$.

The additional force, beyond $\frac{1}{2}mg\hat{j}$, must provide a torque up, so that the change in ω is up. That is a force along \hat{i} (because \vec{r} in the torque eq. is along the shaft, $\vec{r} \sim \hat{k}$, and $\vec{\tau} \sim \vec{r} \times \vec{F} \sim \hat{k} \times \hat{i} \sim \hat{j}$).

Hence (d)