



Rotational Motion

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

AFTER THIS WORKSHEET YOU CAN

- ✓ Understand: Angular Displacement, Velocity, and Acceleration
- ✓ Understand: Rotational Equations of Motion
- ✓ Understand: Relating Linear and Angular Quantities
- ✓ Understand: Moment of Inertia

Section A • Concept Check • BEGINNER $4 \times 1 = 4$ _____

- 1 A wheel accelerates from rest to 30 rad/s in 6s. Find angular acceleration.

- 2 A wheel of radius 0.6m spins at 15 rad/s. Find the linear speed at its rim.

- 3 A wheel has $I=5 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2$ and $\omega=4 \text{ rad/s}$. Find rotational KE.

- 4 A wheel starts at 5 rad/s and accelerates at 2 rad/s^2 for 3s. Find its final angular velocity.

Section B • Problem Solving • INTERMEDIATE $4 \times 3 = 12$ _____

- 5 Using the previous wheel, find the angular displacement over those 3 seconds.

- 6 Why does an object's moment of inertia depend on how its mass is distributed, not just its total mass?

- 7 A point on a spinning disk of radius 0.3m has linear speed 6 m/s. Find the disk's angular velocity.

- 8 What everyday object demonstrates rotational kinetic energy?

Section C • Challenge • CHALLENGE $2 \times 2 = 4$ _____

- 9 A wheel with $I=10 \text{ kg}\cdot\text{m}^2$ has rotational KE of 500 J. Find its angular velocity.

- 10 Why do the rotational equations of motion mirror the linear equations of motion so closely?

Reflection — the most useful thing I learned: _____

✂ ANSWER KEY – FOLD OR CUT BEFORE HANDING OUT

1 = 5 rad/s^2 2 = 9 m/s 3 = 40 J 4 = $\omega = 5 + 2 \times 3 = 11 \text{ rad/s}$ | 5 = $\theta = 5 \times 3 + 0.5 \times 2 \times 9 = 15 + 9 = 24 \text{ rad}$
6 = Mass farther from the rotation axis contributes more resistance to rotational change than mass close to the axis 7 = $\omega = v/r = 6/0.3 = 20 \text{ rad/s}$ 8 = Any valid example, e.g. a spinning top, a flywheel, or a rotating fan blade | 9 = $500 = 0.5 \times 10 \times \omega^2$, $\omega^2 = 100$, $\omega = 10 \text{ rad/s}$ 10 = Rotational quantities (θ , ω , α) are the direct rotational analogs of linear quantities (position, velocity, acceleration), following the same underlying physics