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an illusion...
information transfer

sense-making
in class

information transfer

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information transfer

out of class

sense-making
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Should focus on THIS!
out of class

information transfer

in class

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Peer Instruction
1. transfer of information (out of class)

2. assimilation of that information (in class)
question
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think
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→
think
→
poll
question
→
think
→
poll
→
discuss
question
→ think
→ poll
→ discuss
→ repoll
question
think
poll
discuss
repoll
explain
Higher learning gains
Higher learning gains

- Lecture: 20%
- Peer instruction: 80%

Normalized gain (%)
Peer instruction leads to higher learning gains and better retention.
how to effectively transfer information outside classroom?
but...
• transfer pace set by video
• viewer passive
• viewing/attention tanks as time passes
• isolated/individual experience
we’re simply moving this outside classroom!
• transfer pace set by reader

• viewer active
but...
isolated/individual experience &

no real accountability
want:

every student prepared for every class
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(without additional instructor effort)
Solution

turn out-of-class component also into a social interaction!
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Like other rotational quantities, torque carries a sign that depends on the choice of direction for increasing \( \theta \). In Figure 12.4, for example, the torque caused by \( F_1 \) about the pivot tends to rotate the rod in the direction of increasing \( \theta \) and so is positive; the torque caused by \( F_2 \) is negative. The sum of the two torques about the pivot is then \( r_1F_1 + (-r_2F_2) \). As we've seen, the two torques are equal in magnitude when the rod is balanced, and so the sum of the torques is zero. When the sum of the torques is not zero, the rod's rotational acceleration is nonzero, and so its rotational velocity and angular momentum change.

In the situations depicted in Figures 12.4 and 12.5 we used the pivot to calculate the lever arm distances. This is a natural choice because that is the point about which the object under consideration is free to rotate. However, torques also play a role for stationary objects that are suspended or supported at several different points and that are not free to rotate—for example, a plank or bridge supported at either end. To determine what reference point to use in such cases, complete the following exercise.

**Exercise 12.1 Reference point**

Consider again the rod in Figure 12.4. Calculate the sum of the torques about the left end of the rod.

**SOLUTION** I begin by making a sketch of the rod and the three forces exerted on it, showing their points of application on the rod (Figure 12.6).

The lever arm distances must now be determined relative to the left end of the rod. The lever arm distance of force \( F_1 \) to this point is zero, and so the torque caused by that force about the left end of the rod is zero. If \( \theta \) is chosen counterclockwise as the positive direction of rotation, \( F_2 \) causes a negative torque about the left end of the rod; the force \( F_2 \) exerted by the pivot causes a positive torque about the left end of the rod. The lever arm distance of \( F_3 \) about the left end of the rod is \( r_1 + r_2 \); that of \( F_3 \) is \( r_1 \). Because the rod is at rest, the magnitude of the force exerted by the pivot is equal to the sum of the forces \( F_1 \) and \( F_2 \). Taking into account the signs of the torques, we find that the sum of the torques about the left end of the rod is \( r_1(F_1 + F_2) - (r_1 + r_2)F_3 = r_1F_1 - r_2F_3 \). This is the same result we obtained for the torques about the pivot, and so the sum of the torques about the left end is zero.

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In the situation depicted in Figure 12.2a, you must continue to exert a force on the seesaw to keep the child off the ground. The force you exert causes a torque on the seesaw, and yet the seesaw’s rotational acceleration is zero. How can this be if torques cause objects to accelerate rotationally?

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I don’t understand how this combination of factors tells you anything about direction? Aren’t magnitude and lever arm distance both scalar quantities? It seems like we would need to know some sort of direction to calculate torque.

I think you may be able to think about the direction separately. So, after multiplying this magnitude and distance, you can attach a sign to the torque based on the defined parameters of the system. In the following paragraph, they start to explain how to choose this direction.

This is a great question. To further elaborate on this, we can think of this in terms of the Torque equation. The equation for torque is \( \tau = r \times F \), with \( r \) being the lever arm distance and \( F \) being force. We know that force is a vector vector from previous chapters, and in regards to "r" it can also be thought of as the radial vector. What this means is that this distance from the pivot points from the axis of rotation to the point where the force acts. In as previously mentioned, there is a general convention (the right-hand rule) that is used to determine the direction which happens to be perpendicular to both the radius from the axis and to the force.
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connect pre-class and in-class activities
Confusion report for Chapter 24

**right hand rule (11 questions)**

- **JB**: Can someone in simpler terms explain the right-hand rule?

- **WJ**: Is there another way, besides the right hand rule, to find the direction of the magnetic field with a current?

- **SB**: Using the right hand rule, I believe the answer is D. Is that correct?

**direction magnetic field (8 questions)**

- **CP**: Why is it that the magnet field points away from the north pole and towards the south pole? When on the previous page it stated that the direction of the magnetic field is the direction that the north pole of a compass needle points.

- **AB**: How can you determine which direction the magnetic field will point towards?

- **KH**: So whichever way the north pole faces is the direction of the magnetic field but that doesn’t always mean its pointing true north?

**earth magnetic field (6 questions)**

- **CP**: Does that mean that the compass will be distracted from the Earth’s magnetic field and use the magnetic field that the current of the wire gives off?

- **AK**: Can someone explain why this type of bacteria knows what direction the earth’s magnetic fields are facing?

- **J**: Does the circular loop of current have any similarities with the look of the earth’s magnetic field? They kind of look similar to me.
motivating factors

Intrinsic:

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Extrinsic:

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• assessment (fully automated)
class test results

percent of students

number of chapters missed before class
class test results

close to 95%!
class test results

every student prepared for every class
out of class

**information transfer**

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can think of this in terms of the Torque equation. The equation for torque is \( T = r \times F \), with \( r \) being the lever arm distance and \( F \) being force. We know that force is a vector vector from previous chapters, and in regards to \( r \) it can also be thought of as the radial vector. What this means is that this distance from the pivot point from the axis of rotation to the point where the force acts. In as previously mentioned, there is a general convention (the right-hand rule) that is used to determine the direction which happens to be perpendicular to both the radius from the axis and to the force.

in class

**sense-making**

Peer Instruction

12.2 In the situation depicted in Figure 12.2a, you must continue to exert a force on the seesaw to keep the child off the ground. The force you exert causes a torque on the seesaw and yet the seesaw's rotational acceleration is zero. How can this be if torques cause objects to accelerate rotationally?

Example 12.2 Torques on lever

Three forces are exerted on the lever of Figure 12.7. Forces \( F_1 \) and \( F_2 \) are equal in magnitude, and the magnitude of \( F_3 \) is half as great. Force \( F_1 \) is horizontal, \( F_2 \) and \( F_3 \) vertical, and the lever makes an angle of 45° with the horizontal. Do these forces cause the lever to rotate about the pivot? If so, in which direction?
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