

# Conservation of Angular Momentum

## Four Questions

1. What is it?

- Moment of LM?
- For a particle, it's

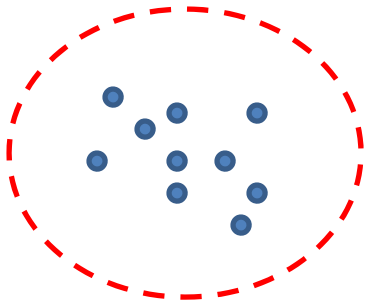
It's a vector



$$\vec{L}_{point} = \vec{r} \times \vec{P} = \vec{r} \times m\vec{V}$$

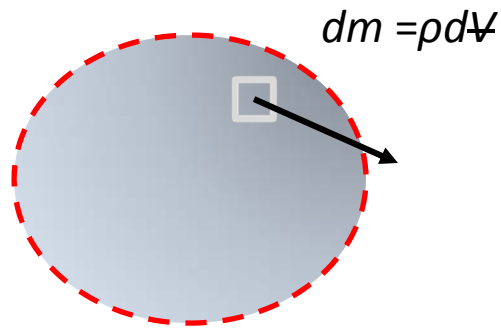
2. How can it be stored (What is  $\vec{L}_{point,sys}$  ?)

System of particles



$$\vec{L}_{point,sys} = \sum_i \vec{r}_{point} \times m_i \vec{V}_i$$

Continuum



$$\vec{L}_{point,sys} = \int_{V_{sys}} \underbrace{\vec{r}_{point} \times \vec{V} \rho dV}_{\text{If translating only } \vec{r}_{point} \times m \vec{V}_G}$$

If translating only  $\vec{r}_{point} \times m \vec{V}_G$

If translating and rotating,  
expressions like

$$\vec{I} \vec{\omega} + \vec{r}_{point} \times m \vec{V}_G$$

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3. How can it be transported? (How does it cross system boundaries?)

Flow boundaries

$$\vec{r}_{point} \times \dot{m} \vec{V}$$

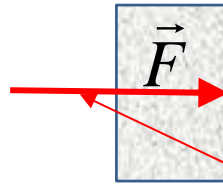


~~Rate of LM of mass  $m$  at boundary is~~

~~$$\vec{r}_{point} \times \dot{m} \vec{V}$$~~

Rate of AM transport due to mass flow is

Non-flow boundaries



~~Rate of LM transport at a non-flow boundary is~~

$$\vec{M}_{point} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$$

A moment is a rate of AM transport at a non-flow boundary!

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4. How is generated and/or consumed?

It's not! It's **conserved**.

$$\frac{d}{dt} (B_{sys}) = \dot{B}_{in} - \dot{B}_{out} + \dot{B}_{gen} - \dot{B}_{con}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (\vec{L}_{point,sys}) = \underbrace{\sum \vec{M}_{point,net}}_{\text{Net rate of AM transport at non-flow boundaries}} + \underbrace{\sum \dot{m}(\vec{r}_{point} \times \vec{V}_{in}) - \sum \dot{m}(\vec{r}_{point} \times \vec{V}_{out})}_{\text{Net rate of AM transport at flow boundaries}}$$

Net rate of AM  
transport at non-flow  
boundaries

Net rate of AM  
transport at flow  
boundaries