



## The scenario

Subject (field/title)	Mechanics / Gyroscope: two disks
Length of movie	3:33
Main Goals	Rigid body dynamics
Detailed Goals	Explanation of the principle of vector addition of angular
	momentum.
Structure and description of	the experiments
1. Introduction	Observation of the behavior of the gyro balance when the weight
	distribution on its arms changes.
2. Main topic	The purpose of the experiment is to introduce students to the subject
	of angular momentum.
	Discussion of the phenomenon of angular momentum, discussion of
	the issue of momentum of force. Adding vector quantities.
Part 1	
Experiment 1: 1:20	Materials :
·	• gyro scale,
	• weights,
	• string.
	Description :
	The discs of the gyro balance spin as shown in Fig. 1.
	Fig. 1. Initial position of the gyro scale.
	rig. 1. initial position of the gyro scale.
	We set the discs in motion so that they spin in opposite directions. We observe what happens after moving the weight to the left and right.
	Questions: Why doesn't the balance rotate around the vertical axis of rotation as in the case of the experiment: <a href="Gyroscope">Gyroscope</a> ? What can we say about momentum of forces? What can we say about angular momentum?







	Conclusions:
	The angular momentum from rotating disks is added vectorally. The
	magnitudes of these vectors are the same but opposite in direction.
	The result of adding of angular momentum is equal to 0. Therefore,
	the system can be treated as an balanced scale (lever). Moving the
	weight on the left side causes the entire system to tilt from one side
	to the other. This move is depending of relation between the
	momentum of force on the right and left side.
Summary, evaluation and	Application:
comments	The film can be used at the beginning of the lesson as an introduction
	to issues related to mechanics and astronomy, and as a summary to
	to issues related to mechanics and astronomy, and as a summary to test students' knowledge.
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	test students' knowledge.  It deals with the subject of angular momentum, torque, unbalanced