

1. Mind Map: Rolling Without Slipping

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The Concept

Think of (1) Smooth motion without slipping, sliding, or bouncing. (2) No relative motion between the rolling object and the surface. — e.g., bicycle wheels, bowling balls, rolling cans

Made of 2 Types of Motions

- Translation (center of the wheel moves in a straight line)
- Rotation (wheel spinning around its axis)
- Translation + Rotation = Rolling

Diving Deeper

Center (O) and Contact Point (P)

- Center of wheel (O) moves at speed $v_{center\ of\ mass}$
- Contact point (P) also moves forward at v_{com}

Geometry of rolling

Distance moved by COM in time t is s . Point P also moves the same distance s in an arc. Therefore $s = \theta R$ (eq. 1)

Differentiation (eq. 1)

$$\begin{aligned} ds/dt &= v_{com} \\ d\theta/dt &= \omega \end{aligned} \quad v_{com} = \omega R$$

Condition for Rolling without Slipping

$$v_{com} = \omega R$$

Example of Rolling WITH Slipping

- Racer accelerating: $\omega R > v_{com}$
- Evidence of Rolling with Slipping: Smoke due to friction and heating.

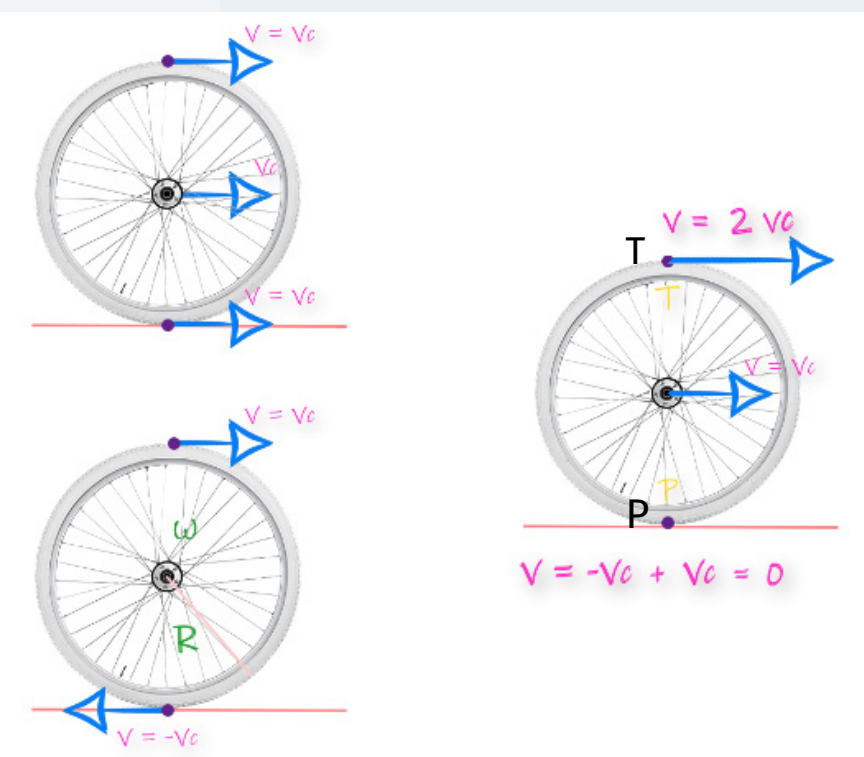
Key Observations

Bottom point (P): Rotational tangential velocity cancels the forward translation velocity. Momentarily stationary ($v=0$)

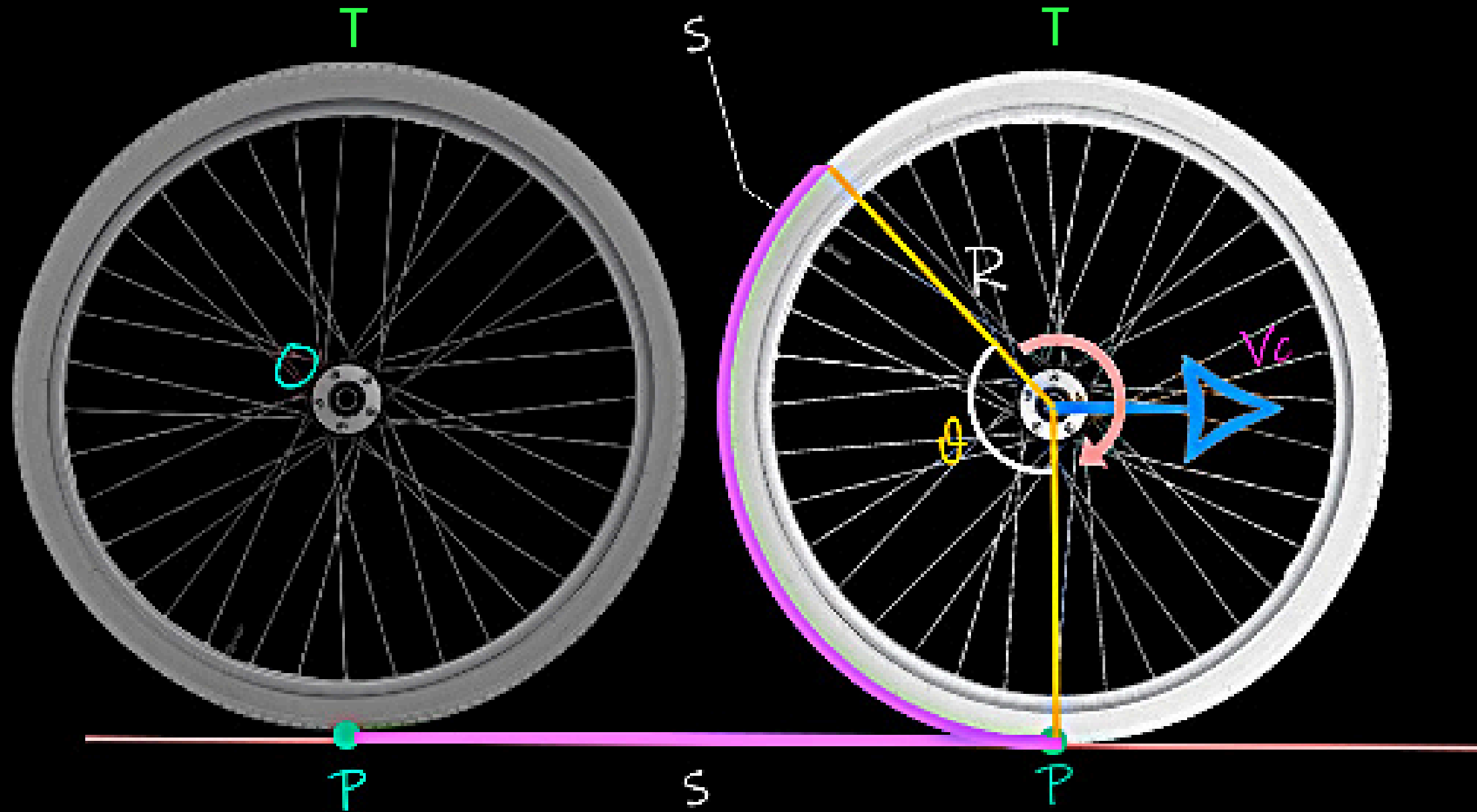
Zero velocity ensures no skidding

Top point (T): Moving at $2 v_{com}$

Time exposure image of a rolling wheel: spokes at top blurred (high velocity). Bottom spokes visible (low vel.)



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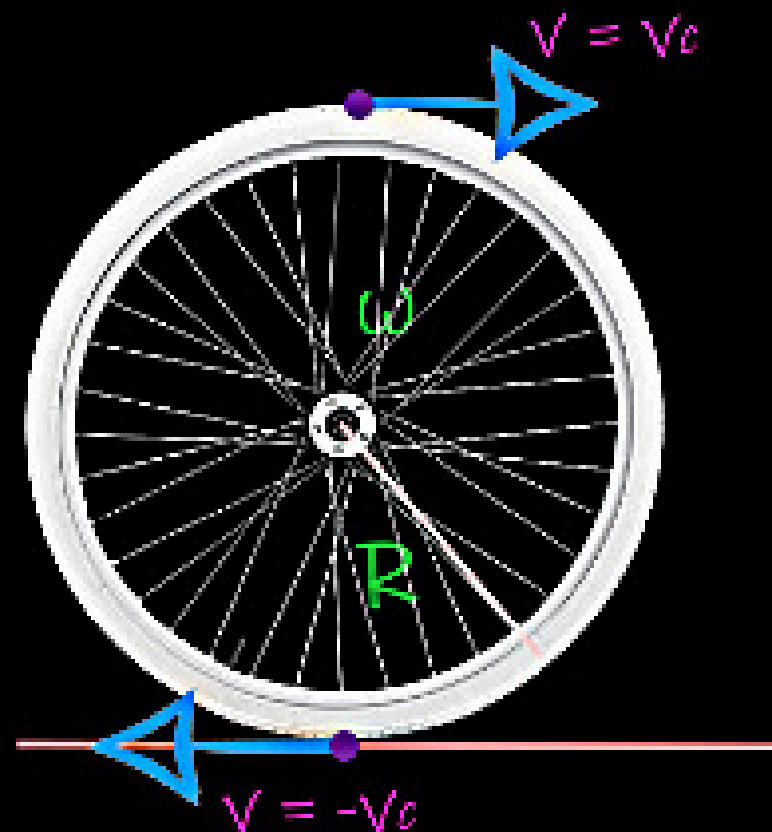
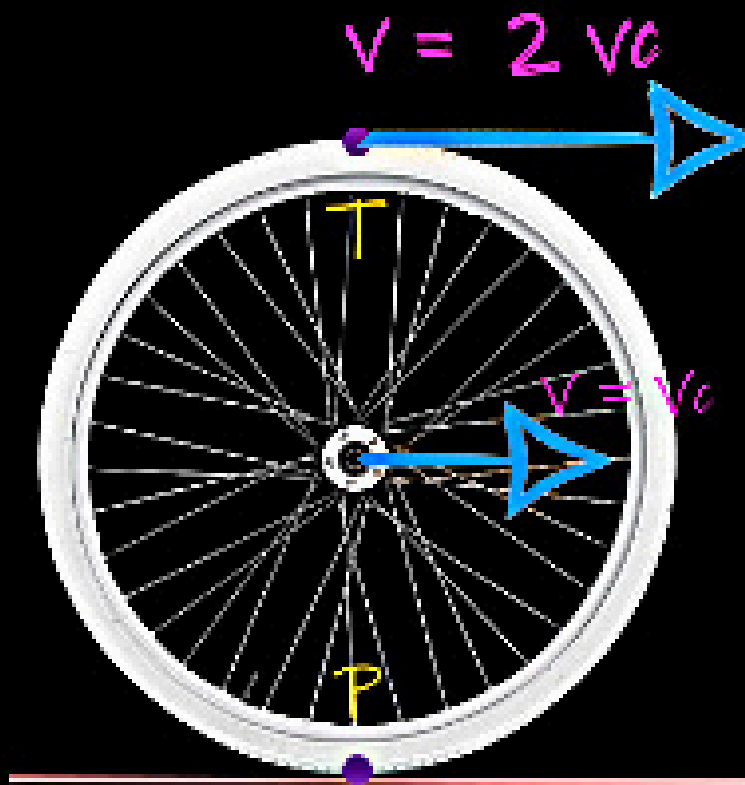
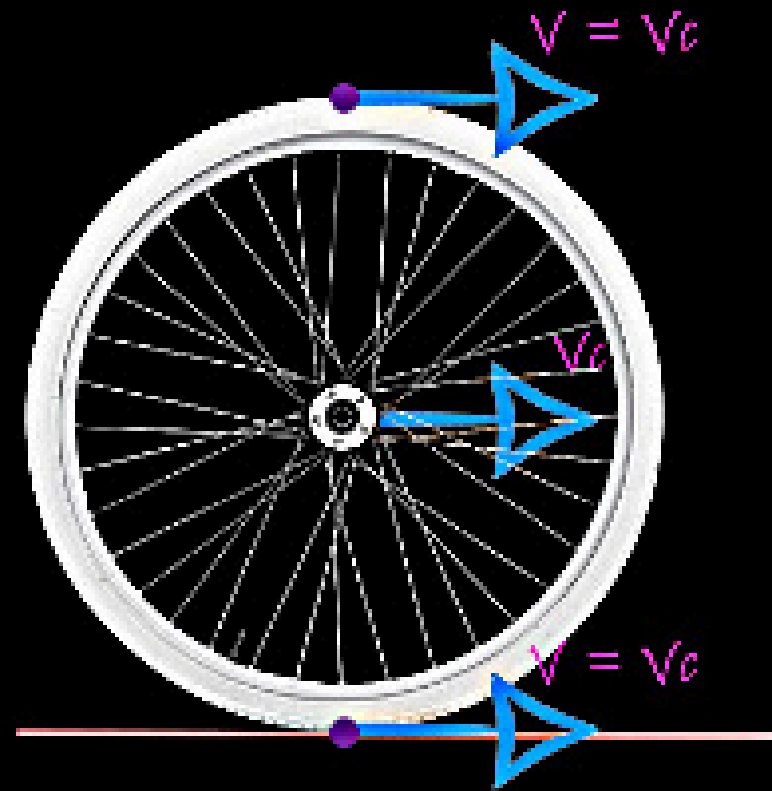
$$s = \theta R$$

$$ds/dt = (d\theta/dt) R$$

$$v_c = \omega R$$

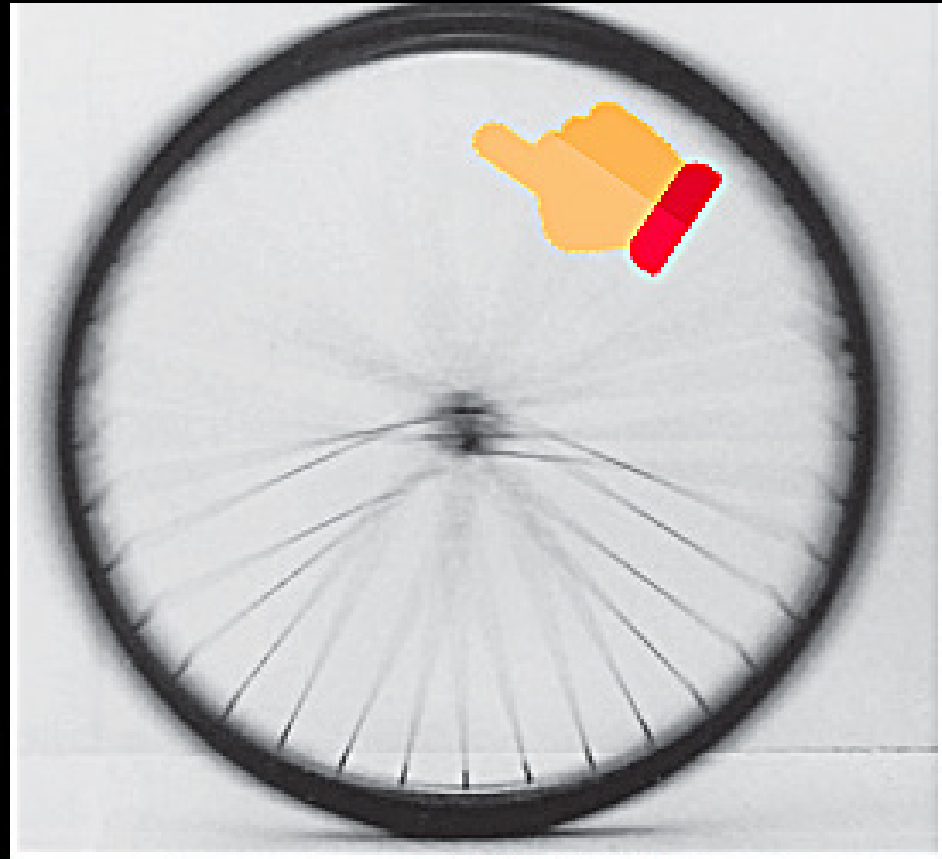
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- Velocity vectors at top add up
- Velocity vectors at bottom cancel



$$V = -V_c + V_c = 0$$

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- Spokes in the upper part of the wheel look blurred compared to the lower part
- This indicates higher velocity at the top compared to the bottom

