

Classical Mechanics

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Part I

Newtonian mechanics

Chapter 1

Kinematics of a Rigid body

1.1 Definition: Rigid body

1.2 Chasles theorem: General motion of a rigid body has six degrees of freedom, three which represents translational motion of one given point of the rigid body, and three describing rotation around the same point.

Proof: Here will come the proof. ■

1.3 Definition: Basis fixed in space

1.4 Definition: Co-rotating basis

1.1 Angular velocity

Let $\{e_i\}$ be a basis fixed in space, $\{e'_i(t)\}$ a basis co-rotating with a rigid body. As a co-rotating orthonormal basis is only rotated with respect to a fixed orthonormal basis, we can write $e'_i(t) = A_{ik}(t)e_k$. Consider now an arbitrary, time dependent vector $w = w(t)$ and express it in both bases, $w(t) = w_i(t)e_i = w'_i(t)e'_i(t)$. Time derivative of $w(t)$ with respect to the inertial fixed basis but expressed in the co-rotating basis is

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{dw'_i}{dt}e'_i + w'_i \frac{de'_i}{dt} = \frac{dw'_i}{dt}e'_i + w'_i \frac{dA_{ik}}{dt}e_k = \frac{dw'_i}{dt}e'_i + w'_i \frac{dA_{ik}}{dt}A_{jk}e'_j. \quad (1)$$

Therefore, we can formulate a definition:

1.5 Definition: Let $\{e_i\}$ be an orthonormal basis¹ fixed in space, $\{e'_i(t)\}$ an orthonormal basis co-rotating with a rigid body and $A_{ij}(t) \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ elements of orthogonal matrix² such that $e'_i(t) = A_{ij}(t)e_j$. Then the *tensor of angular velocity* $\Omega : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined as

$$\Omega = \frac{dA}{dt}A^t, \quad (2)$$

with elements

$$\Omega = \frac{dA_{ik}}{dt}A_{jk}. \quad (3)$$

¹Both bases are bases of V , what is defined as a vector space over \mathbb{R} , such that $\dim V = 3$.

² $A^t = A^{-1}$ and $A_{ik}A_{jk} = \delta_{ij}$

Part II

Lagrangian and Hamiltonian mechanics

Part III

Fluid mechanics