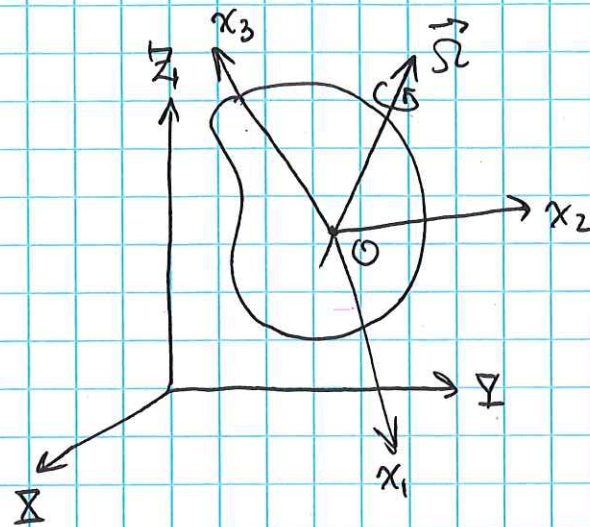


Summary

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(X, Y, Z) = fixed inertial frame.

(x_1, x_2, x_3) = moving (body) frame.

$$\begin{cases} T = \frac{1}{2} M V^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} I_{ij} \Omega_i \Omega_j \\ I_{ij} = \sum_a m_a (\delta_{ij} r_a^2 - x_{a,i} x_{a,j}) \end{cases} \quad \text{"inertia tensor"}$$

$I_{ij} = I_{ji}$ (a symmetric matrix).

Review of eigenvalues & eigenvectors (Math).

• Consider $n \times n$ matrix A . components of $A = A_{ij}$.

• Suppose there is a vector \vec{v} s.t.:

$$A \vec{v} = \lambda \vec{v}, \quad \lambda = \text{some number.}$$

Then \vec{v} = "eigenvector" of matrix A & λ is the corresponding "eigenvalue". In components:

$$\sum_j A_{ij} v_j = \lambda v_i$$

When considering e.value problems, a special role is played by symmetric matrices, $A_{ij} = A_{ji}$.

~~Thm: iff A is symmetric (real matrix)~~

Thm: An $n \times n$ symmetric matrix A possesses n real eigenvalues & n associated real eigenvectors, which can be chosen to be orthogonal.

That is, there exist n vectors $(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \dots, \vec{v}_n)$ s.t.:

$$A \vec{v}_i = \lambda_i \vec{v}_i \quad \lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\& \quad \vec{v}_i \cdot \vec{v}_j = \delta_{ij}$$

Now, since I_{ij} = symmetric matrix we use the stated properties of eigenvalues & eigenvectors of symmetric matrices to conclude that:

I_{ij} = diagonalizable w/ real eigenvalues (I_1, I_2, I_3) & orthonormal eigenvectors.

\Rightarrow choose body axes (x_1, x_2, x_3) to be e.vectors of I_{ij} ; i.e., choose axes (x_1, x_2, x_3) s.t. I_{ij} = diagonal matrix.

In such a frame: $T_{\text{rot.}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} I_{ij} \Omega_i \Omega_j$
 $= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} I_i \delta_{ij} \Omega_i \Omega_j$ \rightarrow $I_{ij} = I_i \delta_{ij}$ for diagonal matrix
 $= \frac{1}{2} \sum_i I_i \Omega_i^2$

$$\Rightarrow T_{\text{rot}} = \frac{1}{2} (I_1 \Omega_1^2 + I_2 \Omega_2^2 + I_3 \Omega_3^2)$$

$(I_1, I_2, I_3) = \text{"principal moments of inertia"}$

$(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \text{"principal axes"}$

→ preferred choice of axes in the body frame.

Different cases:

• $I_1 = I_2 = I_3 \rightarrow \text{"spherical top"}$

$I = I_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \text{proportional to identity matrix.} \Rightarrow \text{any three } \perp \text{ axes can be principal axes.}$

• $I_1 = I_2 \neq I_3 \rightarrow \text{"symmetric top"}$

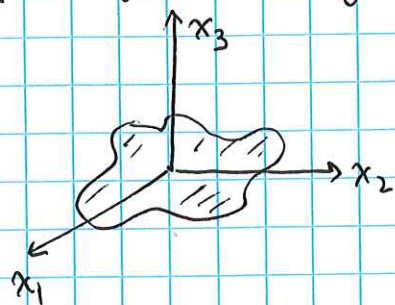
$I = \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} I_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & I_3 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \text{top } 2 \times 2 \text{ block prop. to identity} \\ \Rightarrow \text{any two } \perp \text{ axes in } x_1, x_2 \text{-plane are principal axes.}$

• $I_1, I_2, I_3 \rightarrow \text{"asymmetric top"}$

$$I = \begin{pmatrix} I_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

In general, principal axes determined by solving eigenvalue eqn. However, determination of principal axes simplified in situations w/ symmetry.

Ex: Coplanar system of particles.



→ Take plane of system as x_1, x_2 -plane.

⇒ for each particle in the rigid body $x_3 = 0$.

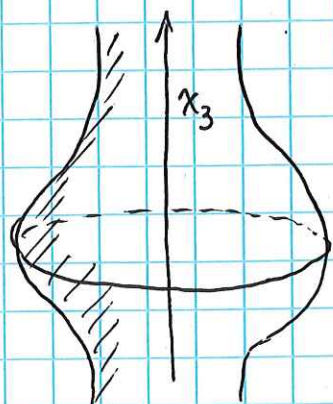
⇒ $I_{13} = I_{23} = 0$. ⇒ x_3 = principal axis

$$\& I_1 = \sum m x_2^2, \quad I_2 = \sum m x_1^2, \quad I_3 = \sum m (x_1^2 + x_2^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow I_3 = I_1 + I_2.$$

Ex: Continuous rigid body w/ axis of symmetry.

→ choose x_3 axis along symmetry axis



use cylindrical coord.'s (r, ϕ, x_3)

w/ (r, ϕ) = polar coord.'s in x_1, x_2 -plane

symmetry ⇒ $\rho(\vec{r}) = \rho(r, x_3)$

i.e. ρ indep. of ϕ .

$$I_{ij} = \int dV \rho(\vec{r}) (r^2 \delta_{ij} - x_i x_j)$$

we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{13} &= - \int dV \rho(\vec{r}) x_1 x_3 \\
 &= - \int dx_3 r dr d\varphi \rho(r, x_3) r \cos \varphi x_3 \\
 &= - \int dx_3 r dr \rho(r, x_3) r x_3 \underbrace{\int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \cos \varphi}_{=0} \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

& $I_{23} = 0$ by same analysis w/ $\cos \varphi \rightarrow \sin \varphi$.

$$\Rightarrow I = \begin{pmatrix} I_{11} & I_{12} & 0 \\ I_{21} & I_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_3 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow x_3 = \text{principal axis;} \\
 \text{i.e., symm. axis} = \text{princ. axis}$$

we also have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{12} &= - \int dV \rho(\vec{r}) x_1 x_2 \\
 &= - \int dx_3 r dr d\varphi \rho(r, z) r^2 \cos \varphi \sin \varphi \\
 &= - \int dx_3 r dr d\varphi \rho(r, z) r^2 \underbrace{\int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \cos \varphi \sin \varphi}_{=0} \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \begin{pmatrix} I_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad x_1, x_2, x_3 = \text{principal axes.}$$

Finally:

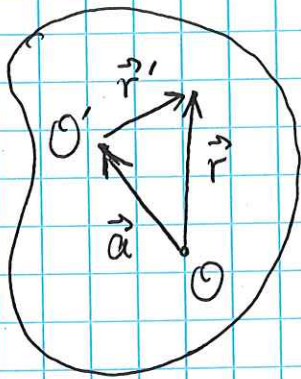
$$\begin{aligned}
 I_1 - I_2 &= \int dV \rho(\vec{r}) (x_2^2 - x_1^2) \\
 &= \int dx_3 r dr \rho(r, z) r^2 \underbrace{\int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi (\sin^2 \varphi - \cos^2 \varphi)}_{=0} \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow I_1 = I_2 \equiv I_1.$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} I_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & I_3 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \text{any two } \perp \text{ axes in } x_1 x_2 \text{-plane} \\
 \text{are principal axes.}$$

Parallel axis Thm.

- Sometimes more convenient to compute I_{ij} about an origin different from COM.



$O = \text{COM.}$

$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}' + \vec{a}$$

$$\text{Let } I'_{ij} = \sum m (r'^2 \delta_{ij} - x'_i x'_j)$$

(dropping "a" subscript for ~~not~~ notational convenience).

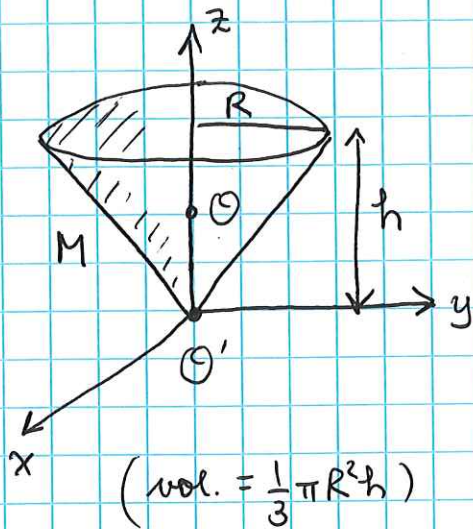
~~we have:~~

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have: } I'_{ij} &= \sum m [(r^2 - 2\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a} + a^2) \delta_{ij} - (x_i - a_i)(x_j - a_j)] \\ &= \sum m (r^2 \delta_{ij} - x_i x_j) + M (a^2 \delta_{ij} - a_i a_j) \\ &\quad - 2 \cancel{\delta_{ij}} \delta_{ij} \vec{a} \cdot \underbrace{(\sum m \vec{r})}_{=0} + a_i \underbrace{\sum m x_j}_{=0} + a_j \underbrace{\sum m x_i}_{=0} \end{aligned}$$

Since $O = \text{COM.}$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{I_{ij} = I'_{ij} - M (a^2 \delta_{ij} - a_i a_j)} \quad (*)$$

→ sometimes easier to compute I' about convenient origin O' & translate to I using Eq. (*).

Ex: (Circular Cone)

• To calculate I about com ,
convenient to calculate first I'
about O' & then use \parallel -axis thm.

• First, retrn.'l symm. about \hat{z} :

$$I' = \begin{pmatrix} I'_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I'_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I'_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow I'_z = \int dv \, g (x^2 + y^2)$$

cylindrical coord.'s

$$= \int dz \, r dr d\phi \, g r^2$$

$$= 2\pi g \int_0^h dz \int_0^{zR/h} dr \, r^3$$

$$\frac{r}{z} = \frac{R}{h}$$

$$= 2\pi g \int_0^h dz \, \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{zR}{h} \right)^4$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{10} g R^4 h$$

$$\downarrow \quad M = g \times \frac{1}{3} \pi R^2 h$$

$$= \frac{3}{10} M R^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow I'_\perp &= \frac{1}{2} (I_{xx} + I_{yy}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int dV \rho (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} I'_z + \underbrace{\int dV \rho z^2}_S
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2\pi\rho \int_0^h dz z^2 \int_0^{zR/h} dr r \quad (\text{cylindrical coord.'s}).$$

$$= \pi\rho \frac{R^2}{h^2} \int_0^h dz z^3$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \pi\rho R^2 h^3$$

$$= \frac{3}{5} M h^2$$

$$\Rightarrow I'_z = \frac{3}{10} M R^2, \quad I'_\perp = \frac{3}{20} M R^2 + \frac{3}{5} M h^2.$$

$$\vec{\alpha} = \alpha \hat{z} \Rightarrow I_z^\circ = I'_z, \quad I_\perp = I'_\perp - M a^2$$

$$\& a = \frac{3h}{4} \Rightarrow I_z = \frac{3}{10} M R^2, \quad I_\perp = \frac{3}{20} M (R^2 + \frac{1}{4} h^2).$$
