

## Angular momentum of a rigid body

### $\vec{L}$ in non-inertial frame

$$\vec{L} = \sum m(\vec{r} \times \vec{v}) = \sum m[\vec{\Omega} r^2 - \vec{r}(\vec{\Omega} \cdot \vec{r})]$$

$$L_i = \boxed{I_{ij}\Omega_j} \quad \vec{L} = I * \vec{\Omega}$$

If  $(x_1 x_2 x_3)$  are principal axis,  $L_1 = I_1 \Omega_1$ ,  $L_2 = I_2 \Omega_2$ ,  $L_3 = I_3 \Omega_3$

### Free motion of a rigid body

angular momentum is conserved if no external torque. Motion in inertial COM frame is simpler.

- *ex motion of a symmetric top*  $I_1 = I_2 = I_3 = I$ ,  $\tilde{I} = I \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$\vec{L} = I\vec{\Omega} \rightarrow \dot{\vec{L}} = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{\vec{\Omega}} = 0$  Uniform rotation about fixed axis parallel to  $\vec{L}$

- *ex rigid rotor*  $I_1 = I_2 = \sum m x_3^2$ ,  $I_3 = 0$

$\vec{L} = I\vec{\Omega}$ ,  $\vec{\Omega} \perp x_3$  by geometry We have  $\dot{\vec{\Omega}} = 0 \Rightarrow$  Motion is unif in plane perp to  $\vec{\Omega}$  and that it stays in that plane.

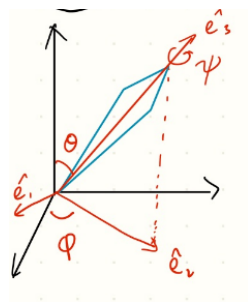
- *ex asymmetric top*  $I_1 = I_2 = I_{\perp} \neq I_3 \Rightarrow \tilde{I} = \begin{pmatrix} I_{\perp} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_{\perp} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_3 \end{pmatrix}$   $x_3$  is symm. axis, for any orthogonal

axes

## Rigid body EOM

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\vec{p}} = \vec{F} \\ \dot{\vec{L}} = \vec{K} \text{ torque} \end{cases}$$

### Euler angles: $\psi$ spin, $\theta$ nutation, $\varphi$ precession



$(\theta \in [0, \pi], \varphi \in [0, 2\pi], \psi \in [0, 2\pi])$  in turns of rotation  $R = R(\hat{z}, \varphi)R(\hat{X}, \theta)R(\hat{Z}, \psi)$

### The lagrangian in Euler angles

- First:  $T = \frac{1}{2}(I_1 \Omega_1^2 + I_2 \Omega_2^2 + I_3 \Omega_3^2)$
- Rotation in components:

$$\Omega_1 = \dot{\varphi} \sin \theta \sin \psi + \dot{\theta} \cos \psi$$

$$\Omega_2 = \dot{\varphi} \sin \theta \cos \psi - \dot{\theta} \sin \psi$$

$$\Omega_3 = \dot{\varphi} \cos \theta + \dot{\psi}$$

- $T = \frac{1}{2}I_1(\dot{\varphi} \sin \theta \sin \psi + \dot{\theta} \cos \psi)^2 + \frac{1}{2}I_2(\dot{\varphi} \sin \theta \cos \psi - \dot{\theta} \sin \psi)^2 + \frac{1}{2}I_3(\dot{\varphi} \cos \theta + \dot{\psi})^2$
- $L(\theta, \varphi, \psi, \dot{\theta}, \dot{\varphi}, \dot{\psi}) = T - U$

### Free motion of symmetric top in Euler angles

$$I_1 = I_2 = I_{\perp} \Rightarrow T = \frac{1}{2}I_{\perp}(\dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{\varphi}^2 \sin^2 \theta) + \frac{1}{2}I_3(\dot{\varphi} \cos \theta + \dot{\psi})^2$$

$$\Omega_{\perp} = L_z/I_{\perp}, \quad \Omega_3 = L_z \cos \theta/I_3 \quad \text{E-L} \rightarrow$$

$$\theta : \frac{d}{dt}I_{\perp}\dot{\theta} = I_{\perp} \sin \theta \cos \theta \dot{\varphi}^2 - I_3 \dot{\varphi} \sin \theta (\dot{\varphi} \cos \theta + \dot{\psi})$$

$$\varphi : \frac{d}{dt}(I_{\perp} \dot{\varphi} \sin^2 \theta + I_3 \cos \theta (\dot{\varphi} \cos \theta + \dot{\psi})) = 0$$

$$\psi : \frac{d}{dt}I_3(\dot{\varphi} \cos \theta + \dot{\psi}) = 0$$

choosing  $\hat{z}$  along the angular momentum, we have  $L_3 = L_z \cos \theta = I_3 \Omega_3 = I_3(\dot{\varphi} \cos \theta + \dot{\psi})$   
 $\Rightarrow \dot{L}_3 = \text{const} \Rightarrow \theta = \text{const} \quad \Omega_3 = \frac{L_z \cos \theta}{I_3} \quad \dot{\varphi} = \frac{L_3}{I_{\perp} \cos \theta} = \frac{L_z}{I_{\perp}} = \text{const}$

- ex heavy symmetric top with one pt fixed By parallel axis thm,  $I'_{ij}I_{ij} + M(l^2 \delta_{ij} - l_i l_j)$

$$\Rightarrow I'_{\perp} = I_{\perp} + Ml^2, \quad I'_3 = I_3, \quad U = mgZ = Mgl \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow L = T - U = \frac{1}{2}I'_{\perp}(\dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{\varphi}^2 \sin^2 \theta) + \frac{1}{2}I_3(\dot{\psi} + \dot{\varphi} \cos \theta)^2 = Mgl \cos \theta$$

E-L :

$$L_z = p_{\varphi} = (I'_{\perp} \sin^2 \theta + I_3 \cos^2 \theta) \dot{\varphi} \quad \text{const}$$

$$L_3 = p_{\psi} = I_3(\dot{\psi} + \dot{\varphi} \cos \theta) \quad \text{const}$$

Considering energy conservation

$$E = T + U \Rightarrow \underbrace{E - \frac{L_3^2}{2I_3} - Mgl}_{E'} = \frac{1}{2}I'_{\perp}\dot{\theta}^2 + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2I'_{\perp}} \frac{(L_z - L_3 \cos \theta)^2}{\sin^2 \theta} - Mgl(1 - \cos \theta)}_{U_{\text{eff}}(\theta)}$$

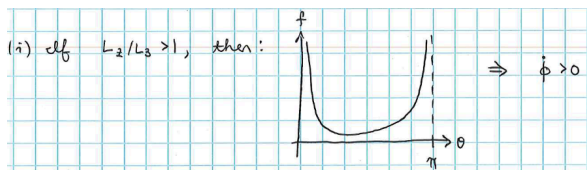
effective 1 dof problem. recognizing

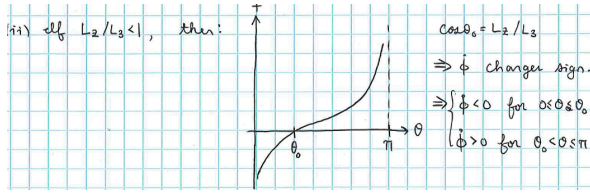
$$\dot{\theta} = \frac{d\theta}{dt} \Rightarrow t = \int \frac{d\theta}{(\sqrt{2[E - U_{\text{eff}}(\theta)]/I'_{\perp}})}$$

Considering  $U_{\text{eff}}$ : when  $\theta = 0$ ,  $L_z = L_3$  when  $\theta \approx 0 \Rightarrow U_{\text{eff}} \approx \left(\frac{L_3^2}{8I'_{\perp}} - \frac{Mgl}{2}\right)\theta^2$

Motion about  $\theta = 0$  stable if  $L_3^2 > 4I'_{\perp}Mgl \Rightarrow \Omega_3^2 > 4I'_{\perp}Mgl/I_3^2$ , or stable if spinning ab. symm. axis is fast enough.

- Nutation: consider  $\dot{\varphi} = \frac{L_3}{I'_{\perp}} \frac{(L_z/L_3) - (\cos \theta)}{\sin^2 \theta} = \frac{L_3}{I'_{\perp}} f(\theta)$





considering the sign and trends of  $f(\theta)$  given constraints on theta, we can differentiate different nutation motion. If  $\theta_0$  in graph 2 is out of range, the nutation is smooth; if  $\theta_0$  is in range, the nutation is oscillatory (will change sign and spin in spiral.); if  $\theta_0$  is on the endpoint of our constrained range, the nutation is spiky and “not smooth” at points.

## Euler equations

set body frame  $(X, Y, Z) = (\hat{e}_1^0, \hat{e}_2^0, \hat{e}_3^0)$ , space frame  $(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (\hat{e}_1, \hat{e}_2, \hat{e}_3)$  Set any vector  $\vec{A} = \sum A_i^0 \hat{e}_i^0 = \sum A_i \hat{e}_i$  By magic of vec analysis,

$$\left( \frac{d\vec{A}}{dt} \right)_{\text{Space}} = \left( \frac{d\vec{A}}{dt} \right)_{\text{Body}} + \vec{\Omega} \times \vec{A}_{\text{Space}}$$

When applied to  $\left( \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} \right)_{\text{Space}} = \vec{K} = \left( \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} \right)_{\text{body}} + \vec{\Omega} \times \vec{L}$ , recognizing  $L_i = I_i \Omega_i$ :

$$I_1 \dot{\Omega}_1 + (I_3 - I_2) \Omega_2 \Omega_3 = K_1$$

$$I_2 \dot{\Omega}_2 + (I_1 - I_3) \Omega_3 \Omega_1 = K_2$$

$$I_3 \dot{\Omega}_3 + (I_2 - I_1) \Omega_1 \Omega_2 = K_3$$

$K_i = 0$  if  $\vec{L}$  is conserved on  $i$  axis.

- ex symmetric top  $I_1 = I_2 = I$ ,  $\vec{K} = 0$   $\left( \dot{\Omega}_1 + \frac{I_3 - I_1}{I_+} \Omega_2 \Omega_3 = 0; \dot{\Omega}_2 + \frac{I_1 - I_3}{I_+} \Omega_3 \Omega_1 = 0; \dot{\Omega}_3 = 0 \right)$   
let  $\omega = ((I_3 - I_+)/I_+) \Omega_3 \Rightarrow \boxed{\left( \Omega_1 = A \cos \omega t; \Omega_2 = -\frac{1}{\omega} \dot{\Omega}_1 = +A \sin \omega t \right)}$

## Motion in non-inertial frame

- Set non-inertial frame with velocity  $\vec{V}(t)$ ,  $\vec{A} = \dot{\vec{V}}$ ,  $\vec{v} = \vec{v}' + \vec{V}(t)$  where  $\vec{v}'$  is velocity w.r.t. non-inertial frame.

lagrangian  $L' = \frac{1}{2} m v'^2 - m \vec{r}' \cdot \vec{A} - U$ , using E-L eq:  $m \dot{\vec{v}}' = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial \vec{r}'} - m \vec{A}$

- ex pendulum in acc. car  $m \ddot{\vec{r}} = \vec{T} + m \vec{g} - m \vec{A}$ ,

finding equil. angle:  $\vec{T} = -m(\vec{g} - \vec{A}) = -m \vec{g}_{\text{eff}}$ , then use geometry between  $\vec{g}$ ,  $-\vec{A} \Rightarrow \tan \varphi_0 = \frac{A}{g}$ . Oscillation freq.  $\omega = \sqrt{g_{\text{eff}}/l}$

## Motion in rotating frame

Set rotation with  $\vec{\Omega}$ ,  $L = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 + \vec{m} \vec{v} \cdot (\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{r}) + \frac{1}{2} m (\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{r})^2 - m \vec{r} \cdot \vec{A} - U$

Using E-L,  $\boxed{m \dot{\vec{v}} = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial \vec{r}} - m \vec{A} + 2m(\vec{v} \times \vec{\Omega}) + m \vec{\Omega} \times (\vec{r} \times \vec{\Omega}) + m \vec{r} \times \dot{\vec{\Omega}}}$

- Namely,

$$m \dot{\vec{v}} = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial \vec{r}} + \vec{F}_{\text{cor}} + \vec{F}_{\text{cent}}$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{Cor}} = 2m(\vec{v} \times \vec{\Omega}), \quad \vec{F}_{\text{cent}} = m \vec{\Omega} \times (\vec{r} \times \vec{\Omega}) = m(\vec{\Omega} \times \vec{r}) \times \vec{\Omega}$$

- ex free fall on earth, centrifugal force  $\vec{F} = \vec{g}_0 + m\Omega^2 R \sin \theta \hat{\rho} \Rightarrow \vec{g}_{\text{eff}} = \vec{g}_0 + \Omega^2 R \sin \theta \hat{\rho}$
- ex free fall, coriolis force  $\dot{\vec{v}} = \vec{g} + 2\vec{v} \times \vec{\Omega}$ ,  $\vec{\Omega} = \Omega \sin \theta \hat{y} + \Omega \cos \theta \hat{z}$

In components,

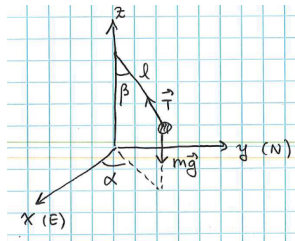
$$\vec{v}_x = 2\Omega(v_y \cos \theta - v_z \sin \theta)$$

$$\vec{v}_y = -2\Omega v_x \cos \theta$$

$$\vec{v}_z = 2\Omega v_x \sin \theta - g$$

Free fall EOM:  $\vec{R} = \int v \, dr$ , consider  $\vec{v} = \vec{v}_1 + \vec{v}_2 = -\vec{g} + 2\vec{v}_1 \times \vec{\Omega} + 2\vec{v}_2 \times \vec{\Omega}$  where approximately,  $\vec{v}_2 = 2(\vec{v}_0 - gt\hat{z}) \times \vec{\Omega}$ . If no initial velocity, integrating velocity in x components gives,  $x(t) = \frac{1}{3}g\Omega\left(\frac{2h}{g}\right)^{3/2} \sin \theta$

- ex foucaults pendulum EOM



$$\vec{r} = l \sin \beta \cos \alpha \hat{x} + l \sin \beta \sin \alpha \hat{y} + (l - l \cos \beta) \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{T} = -T \sin \beta \cos \alpha \hat{x} - T \sin \beta \sin \alpha \hat{y} + T \cos \beta \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{\Omega} = \Omega \sin \theta \hat{y} + \Omega \cos \theta \hat{z}$$

$$\begin{cases} T = mg \\ m\ddot{x} = T_x + 2m\hat{x} \cdot (\dot{\vec{r}} \times \vec{\Omega}) = -\frac{mgx}{l} + 2m\Omega\dot{y} \cos \theta \\ m\ddot{y} = -\frac{mgy}{l} - 2m\Omega\dot{x} \cos \theta \end{cases}$$

letting  $\omega^2 = \frac{g}{l}$ ,  $\Omega_z = \Omega \cos \theta$ ,  $\eta = x + iy = e^{i\gamma t}$

$$\ddot{x} + \omega^2 x = 2\Omega_z \dot{y}, \ddot{y} + \omega^2 y = -2\Omega_z \dot{x}$$

$$\gamma = -\Omega_z \pm \sqrt{\omega^2 - \Omega_z^2}$$

$$\eta(t) = ae^{-i\Omega_z t} \cos \omega t$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = a \cos \Omega_z t \cos \omega t \\ y = a \sin \Omega_z t \cos \omega t \end{cases}$$

## Hamiltonian Mechanics

$$H(q, p, t) = \sum_{j=1}^n p_j \dot{q}_j - L(q, \dot{q}, t) \quad 1D: H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + U(x)$$

- Hamilton's equation  $\dot{q}_i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i}$   $\dot{p}_i = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i}$