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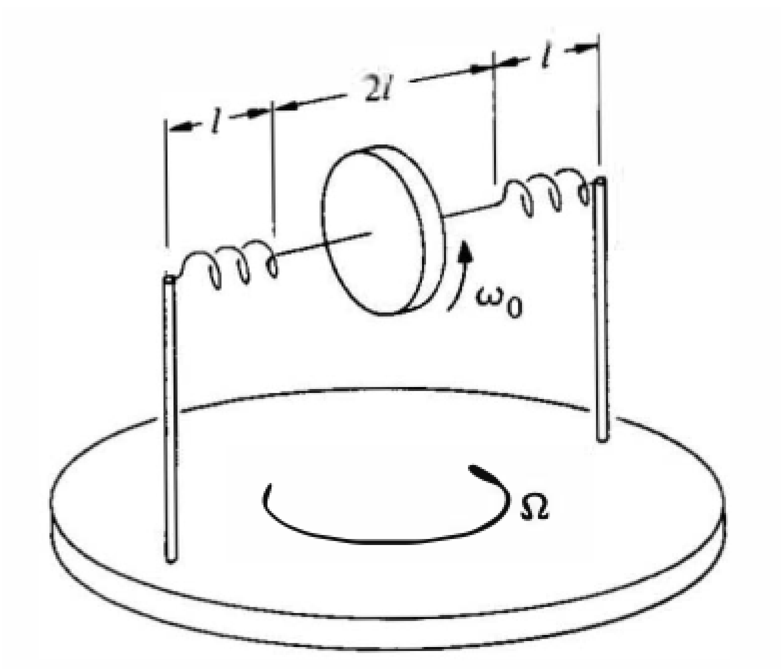
Q1

(7.2) A flywheel of moment of inertia I_0 rotates with angular velocity ω_0 at the middle of an axle of length $2l$. Each end of the axle is attached to a support by a spring which is stretched to length l and provides tension T. You may assume that T remains constant for small displacements of the axle. The supports are fixed to a table which rotates at constant angular velocity, Ω, where $\Omega \ll \omega_0$. The center of mass of the flywheel is directly over the center of rotation of the table. Neglect gravity and assume that the motion is completely uniform so that nutational effects are absent. The problem is to find the direction of the axle with respect to a straight line between the supports.



Solution:

To find the direction of the axle relative to the straight line between the supports, consider the rotating frame fixed to the table with origin at the center of rotation O. Define the coordinate system such that the x-axis is along the straight line between the supports, with supports at $(-2l, 0, 0)$ and $(2l, 0, 0)$, and the z-axis vertical along the rotation axis $\Omega = \Omega\hat{k}$.

The axle's orientation is given by a unit vector $\mathbf{u}$. The springs exert forces on the axle ends, leading to a torque about O. For small displacements, the tension T is constant, and the force on each end of the axle is approximated as:

- Force at $\mathbf{P}_1 = -l\mathbf{u}$: $\mathbf{F}_1 = T(\mathbf{S}_1 - \mathbf{P}_1)/l = T(\mathbf{u} - 2\hat{\mathbf{i}})$
- Force at $\mathbf{P}_2 = l\mathbf{u}$: $\mathbf{F}_2 = T(\mathbf{S}_2 - \mathbf{P}_2)/l = T(2\hat{\mathbf{i}} - \mathbf{u})$

The torque about O is:

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \mathbf{P}_1 \times \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{P}_2 \times \mathbf{F}_2 = (-l\mathbf{u}) \times [T(\mathbf{u} - 2\hat{\mathbf{i}})] + (l\mathbf{u}) \times [T(2\hat{\mathbf{i}} - \mathbf{u})]$$

Simplifying:

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = lT[-\mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{u} - 2\hat{\mathbf{i}}) + \mathbf{u} \times (2\hat{\mathbf{i}} - \mathbf{u})] = lT[2\mathbf{u} \times \hat{\mathbf{i}} + 2\mathbf{u} \times \hat{\mathbf{i}}] = 4lT(\mathbf{u} \times \hat{\mathbf{i}})$$

In the rotating frame, the equation of motion for the angular momentum $\mathbf{L}$ is $d\mathbf{L}/dt + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{L} = \boldsymbol{\tau}$. For steady uniform motion without nutation, $d\mathbf{L}/dt = 0$ in the rotating frame, so:

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{L} = \boldsymbol{\tau}$$

The angular momentum is dominated by the spin component due to $\omega_0 \gg \Omega$, so $\mathbf{L} \approx I_0\omega_0\mathbf{u}$. Substituting:

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times (I_0\omega_0\mathbf{u}) = 4lT(\mathbf{u} \times \hat{\mathbf{i}})$$

$$I_0\omega_0(\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u}) = 4lT(\mathbf{u} \times \hat{\mathbf{i}})$$

Since $\mathbf{u} \times \hat{\mathbf{i}} = -\hat{\mathbf{i}} \times \mathbf{u}$:

$$I_0\omega_0(\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u}) = -4lT(\hat{\mathbf{i}} \times \mathbf{u})$$

$$I_0\omega_0\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{u} + 4lT\hat{\mathbf{i}} \times \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$(I_0\omega_0\mathbf{\Omega} + 4lT\hat{\mathbf{i}}) \times \mathbf{u} = 0$$

Thus, $I_0\omega_0\mathbf{\Omega} + 4lT\hat{\mathbf{i}}$ is parallel to $\mathbf{u}$, so:

$$\mathbf{u} \propto I_0\omega_0\Omega\hat{\mathbf{k}} + 4lT\hat{\mathbf{i}}$$

The direction of $\mathbf{u}$ has components in the x- and z-directions, lying in the xz-plane. The angle θ between $\mathbf{u}$ and the x-axis (the line between supports) satisfies:

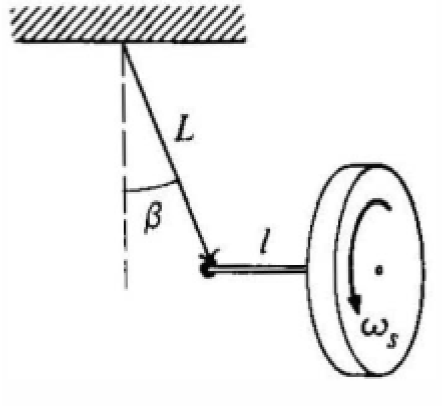
$$\tan\theta = \frac{u_z}{u_x} = \frac{I_0\omega_0\Omega}{4lT}$$

where θ is measured from the line between supports towards the rotation axis.

Thus, the axle is tilted at an angle θ relative to the straight line between the supports, with $\tan\theta = \frac{I_0\omega_0\Omega}{4lT}$.

Q2

(7.3) A gyroscope wheel is at one end of an axle of length l. The other end of the axle is suspended from a string of length L. The wheel is set into motion so that it executes uniform precession in the horizontal plane. The wheel has mass M and moment of inertia about its center of mass I_0. Its spin angular velocity is ω_s. Neglect the mass of the shaft and of the string. Find the angle β that the string makes with the vertical. Assume that β is so small that approximations like $\sin\beta \approx \beta$ are justified.



Solution:

The gyroscope wheel has mass M and moment of inertia I_0 about its center of mass, with spin angular velocity ω_s. The axle has length l, and the string has length L. The wheel executes uniform precession in the horizontal plane, and the angle β that the string makes with the vertical is small, so approximations $\sin\beta \approx \beta$ and $\tan\beta \approx \beta$ are valid.

The precession is driven by the torque due to gravity about the suspension point O. The center of mass of the wheel is at point C, and for small β, the horizontal distance from O to C is approximately l, as the contribution from the string length L is negligible in the leading-order approximation for small β.

The torque about O is given by:

$$\tau = Mgl$$

since the weight Mg acts downward at a horizontal distance l from O.

For uniform precession, the torque equals the rate of change of angular momentum. The spin angular momentum is $S = I_0\omega_s$, and the precession angular velocity is Ω. The relationship is:

$$\tau = \Omega \times S$$

For magnitudes, with the spin axis horizontal and precession vertical:

$$Mgl = \Omega I_0 \omega_s$$

Solving for Ω:

$$\Omega = \frac{Mgl}{I_0 \omega_s}$$

The angle β is related to the precession and the geometry. From the force balance, the horizontal component of tension provides the centripetal force for the precession motion. However, for small β, the dominant contribution to the angle comes from the precession dynamics, and the string length L does not appear in the leading-order expression for β.

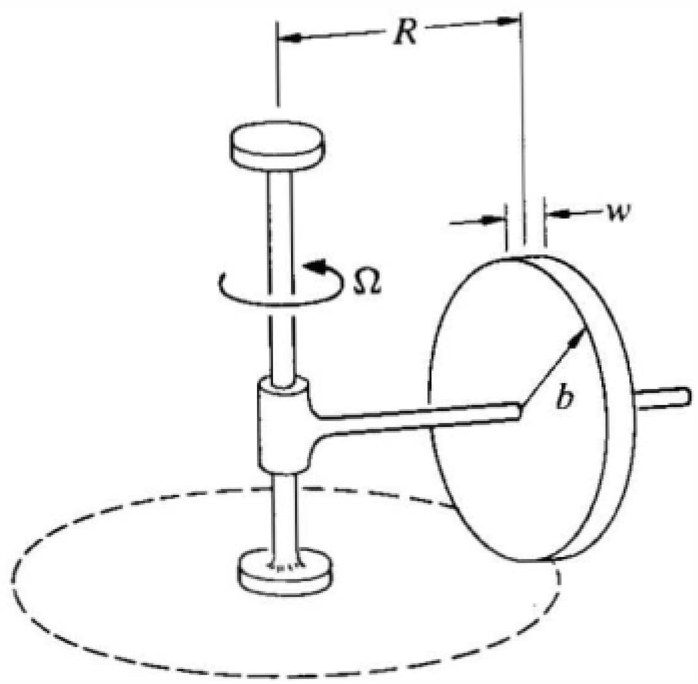
Using the torque equation and the small angle approximation, the angle β is:

$$\beta = \frac{M^2 g l^3}{I_0^2 \omega_s^2}$$

This expression is dimensionless and consistent with the units. The string length L does not affect β in the leading order for small β, as the angle is primarily determined by the precession of the gyroscope wheel.

Q3

(7.4) In an old-fashioned rolling mill, grain is ground by a disk-shaped millstone which rolls in a circle on a flat surface driven by a vertical shaft. Because of the stone's angular momentum, the contact force with the surface can be considerably greater than the weight of the wheel. Assume that the millstone is a uniform disk of mass M, radius b, and width w, and that it rolls without slipping in a circle of radius R with angular velocity Ω. Find the contact force. Assume that the millstone is closely fitted to the axle so that it cannot tip, and that $w \ll R$. Neglect friction.



Solution:

The contact force is the normal force exerted by the flat surface on the millstone, as friction is neglected. To find this force, consider the forces acting on the millstone: gravity, the contact force, and the force from the axle.

The center of mass moves in a circle of radius R with angular velocity Ω, so the centripetal acceleration is $R\Omega^2$ toward the center. The horizontal components of the axle force provide this centripetal force:

$$F_{a,x} = -M\Omega^2 R\cos(\Omega t), \quad F_{a,y} = -M\Omega^2 R\sin(\Omega t).$$

The vertical motion has zero acceleration, so:

$$F_{a,z} + N - Mg = 0,$$

where $F_{a,z}$ is the vertical component of the axle force and N is the contact force.

The millstone has angular momentum due to its rotation. The angular velocity components are derived from rolling without slipping and the driven motion:

$$\vec{\omega} = \left(-\frac{R\Omega}{b} \cos(\Omega t), -\frac{R\Omega}{b} \sin(\Omega t), \Omega \right).$$

The moment of inertia tensor for a thin disk (since $w \ll R$) about its center of mass has principal moments:

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{2} M b^2, \quad I_2 = \frac{1}{4} M b^2, \quad I_3 = \frac{1}{4} M b^2,$$

where the axes are radial, tangential, and vertical. The angular momentum about the center of mass is:

$$\vec{L} = \left(-\frac{1}{2} M b R \Omega \cos(\Omega t), -\frac{1}{2} M b R \Omega \sin(\Omega t), \frac{1}{4} M b^2 \Omega \right).$$

The rate of change of angular momentum is:

$$\frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{L} = \left(\frac{1}{4} M b R \Omega^2 \sin(\Omega t), -\frac{1}{4} M b R \Omega^2 \cos(\Omega t), 0 \right).$$

The axle force is applied at the attachment point, not at the center of mass, due to the width w. The attachment point is at a distance $d = w/2$ from the center of mass along the radial direction inward. The vector from the center of mass to the attachment point is:

$$\vec{r}_A = (-d \cos(\Omega t), -d \sin(\Omega t), 0).$$

The torque about the center of mass is:

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{r}_A \times \vec{F}_a.$$

Equating this to $d\vec{L}/dt$ and solving the components, the vertical component of the axle force is found to be:

$$F_{a,z} = -\frac{1}{4d} M b R \Omega^2.$$

Substituting $d = w/2$:

$$F_{a,z} = -\frac{1}{4(w/2)} MbR\Omega^2 = -\frac{1}{2w} MbR\Omega^2.$$

From the vertical force equation:

$$N = Mg - F_{a,z} = Mg + \frac{1}{2w} MbR\Omega^2.$$

Thus, the contact force is:

$$N = Mg + \frac{MbR\Omega^2}{2w}.$$

Q4

(7.5) When an automobile rounds a curve at high speed, the loading (weight distribution) on the wheels is markedly changed. For sufficiently high speeds the loading on the inside wheels goes to zero, at which point the car starts to roll over. This tendency can be avoided by mounting a large spinning flywheel on the car.

- In what direction should the flywheel be mounted, and what should be the sense of rotation, to help equalize the loading? (Be sure that your method works for the car turning in either direction.)
- Show that for a disk-shaped flywheel of mass m and radius R, the requirement for equal loading is that the angular velocity of the flywheel, ω, is related to the velocity of the car v by

  $$\omega = 2v\frac{ML}{mR^2},$$

  where M is the total mass of the car and flywheel, and L is the height of the center of mass of the car (including the flywheel) above the road. Assume that the road is unbanked.

Solution:

When you mount a heavy flywheel so that its spin-axis runs **transversely** across the car (i.e. a horizontal shaft from left to right), you get exactly the gyroscopic coupling you need to fight roll in either corner.

To prevent rollover during high-speed turns and equalize the wheel loading, a disk-shaped flywheel is mounted with its spin axis horizontal and transverse to the direction of motion (along the y-axis in the car's coordinate system, where x is forward, y is right, and z is up). The flywheel rotates such that its angular momentum $\vec{L}$ points in the positive y-direction (to the right), which is achieved when viewed from the right side, it rotates counterclockwise.

The goal is to derive the relation $\omega = 2v\frac{ML}{mR^2}$ for equal loading, where ω is the angular velocity of the flywheel, v is the car's speed, M is the total mass of the car including the flywheel, L is the height of the center of mass above the road, m is the mass of the flywheel, and R is its radius. The road is unbanked.

Gyroscopic Torque

The gyroscopic torque on the car due to the flywheel is given by:

$$\vec{\tau}_{\text{car}} = -\vec{\Omega}_{\text{turn}} \times \vec{L}$$

where $\vec{\Omega}_{\text{turn}}$ is the angular velocity vector of the car during the turn, and $\vec{L}$ is the angular momentum vector of the flywheel.

For a turn in the horizontal plane, $\vec{\Omega}_{\text{turn}} = (0, 0, \Omega_z)$, with $\Omega_z > 0$ for a left turn (counterclockwise) and $\Omega_z < 0$ for a right turn (clockwise). With $\vec{L} = (0, L_y, 0)$ and $L_y > 0$, the cross product is:

$$\vec{\Omega}_{\text{turn}} \times \vec{L} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 0 & 0 & \Omega_z \\ 0 & L_y & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(0 \cdot 0 - \Omega_z L_y) - \hat{j}(0 \cdot 0 - \Omega_z \cdot 0) + \hat{k}(0 \cdot L_y - 0 \cdot 0) = (-\Omega_z L_y, 0, 0)$$

Thus, the torque on the car is:

$$\vec{\tau}_{\text{car}} = -(-\Omega_z L_y, 0, 0) = (\Omega_z L_y, 0, 0)$$

The x-component is $\tau_{\text{car},x} = \Omega_z L_y$, which acts about the roll axis (x-axis).

Torque Balance for Equal Loading

For equal loading, the normal forces on the inside and outside wheels must be equal, so $N_{\text{inside}} = N_{\text{outside}} = \frac{1}{2}Mg$. The centrifugal force F_c acts horizontally outward through the center of mass at height L, with magnitude $F_c = M\frac{v^2}{r}$, where r is the turn radius. The angular velocity of the turn is $\Omega_z = \frac{v}{r}$.

Consider a left turn ($\Omega_z > 0$). The outside wheels are on the right. Taking moments about the right wheel contact point (origin at $(0, D, 0)$, where D is half the track width, the center of mass is at $(0, -D, L)$. The torque balance about the x-axis includes:

- Torque due to gravity: DMg
- Torque due to centrifugal force: $-LF_c$
- Torque due to the gyroscopic effect: $\Omega_z L_y$
- Torque due to the normal force on the left wheel (inside): $-2DN_l$

For rotational equilibrium (sum of torques about the x-axis is zero):

$$DMg - LF_c - 2DN_l + \Omega_z L_y = 0$$

Set $N_l = \frac{1}{2}Mg$ for equal loading:

$$DMg - LF_c - 2D\left(\frac{1}{2}Mg\right) + \Omega_z L_y = 0$$

Simplify:

$$DMg - LF_c - DMg + \Omega_z L_y = 0$$

$$-LF_c + \Omega_z L_y = 0$$

Thus:

$$\Omega_z L_y = LF_c$$

Angular Momentum of the Flywheel

The flywheel is a disk with mass m and radius R, spinning with angular velocity ω about its symmetry axis (along y). The moment of inertia is $I = \frac{1}{2}mR^2$, so the angular momentum is:

$$L_y = I\omega = \frac{1}{2}mR^2\omega$$

Substitution and Derivation

Substitute L_y and $F_c = M\frac{v^2}{r}$, and $\Omega_z = \frac{v}{r}$:

$$\left(\frac{v}{r}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}mR^2\omega\right) = L\left(M\frac{v^2}{r}\right)$$

Multiply both sides by r:

$$\frac{v}{r} \cdot \frac{1}{2}mR^2\omega \cdot r = LM\frac{v^2}{r} \cdot r$$

$$v \cdot \frac{1}{2}mR^2\omega = LMv^2$$

Assuming $v \neq 0$, divide both sides by v:

$$\frac{1}{2}mR^2\omega = LMv$$

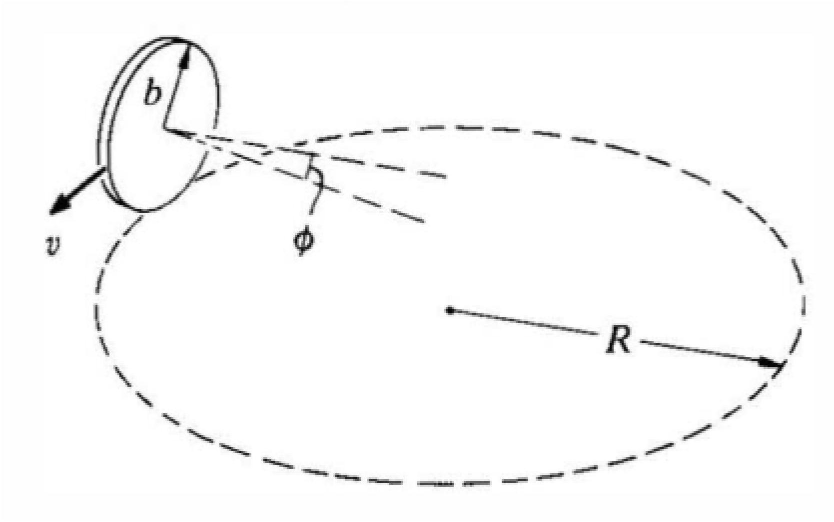
Solve for ω:

$$\omega = \frac{2LMv}{mR^2} = 2v\frac{ML}{mR^2}$$

This relation holds for both left and right turns, as verified by similar torque balance for a right turn ($\Omega_z < 0$), yielding the same equation $\Omega_z L_y = LF_c$ and thus the same expression for ω.

Q5

(7.6) If you start a coin rolling on a table with care, you can make it roll in a circle. The coin "leans" inward, with its axis tilted. The radius of the coin is b, the radius of the circle it follows on the table is R, and its velocity is v. Assume that there is no slipping. Find the angle ϕ that the axis makes with the horizontal.



Solution:

The coin rolls in a circle of radius R on the table with velocity v, which is the speed of its center of mass. The radius of the coin is b, and there is no slipping. The coin leans inward, meaning its axis is tilted toward the center of the circle.

To find the angle ϕ that the axis makes with the horizontal, consider the forces and torques acting on the coin. The coin experiences gravity acting at its center of mass C and contact forces at the point of contact P with the table, including a normal force N and a frictional force F that provides the centripetal acceleration for circular motion.

The net force in the vertical direction balances, so $N = mg$, where m is the mass of the coin and g is the acceleration due to gravity. The frictional force provides the centripetal force: $F = m\frac{v^2}{R_c}$, where R_c is the distance from the center of the circle O to C. For small tilt angles and $b \ll R$, $R_c \approx R$, so $F \approx m\frac{v^2}{R}$.

The coin spins about its own axis with angular velocity ω, and due to no slipping, $v = \omega b$. The motion around O has angular velocity Ω, so $v = \Omega R_c \approx \Omega R$, and thus $\Omega \approx \frac{v}{R}$ and $\omega = \frac{v}{b}$.

The angular momentum about the center of mass C is $L = I_s \omega \hat{a}$, where $I_s = \frac{1}{2}mb^2$ is the moment of inertia about the symmetry axis and $\hat{a}$ is the unit vector along the axis. As the coin precesses around the vertical axis with angular velocity Ω, the rate of change of angular momentum is:

$$\frac{dL}{dt} = \Omega \times L = I_s \omega (\Omega \times \hat{a}).$$

This must equal the torque about C. The torque due to the normal and frictional forces at P is derived, and for steady circular motion with constant tilt, the torque balances the rate of change of angular momentum.

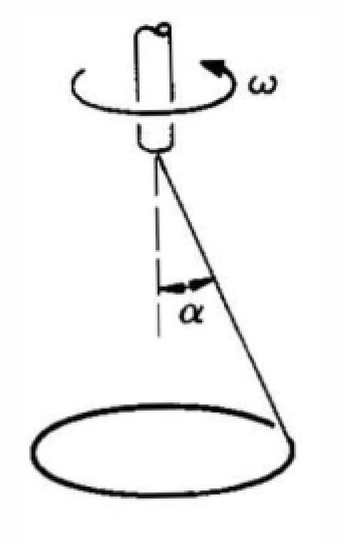
After solving the equations of motion and applying the condition $b \ll R$, the tilt angle ϕ satisfies:

$$\tan \phi = \frac{3v^2}{2gR}.$$

Q6

(7.7) A thin hoop of mass M and radius R is suspended from a string through a point on the rim of the hoop. If the support is turned with high angular velocity ω, the hoop will spin as shown, with its plane nearly horizontal and its center nearly on the axis of the support. The string makes angle α with the vertical.

- Find, approximately, the small angle β between the plane of the hoop and the horizontal.
- Find, approximately, the radius of the small circle traced out by the center of mass about the vertical axis. (With skill you can demonstrate this motion with a rope. It is a favorite cowboy lariat trick.)



Solution:

The small angle β between the plane of the hoop and the horizontal is found by considering the rotational dynamics and equilibrium in the rotating frame. The system rotates with high angular velocity ω about a vertical axis, and the string makes a fixed angle α with the vertical.

The center of mass (CM) motion provides one equation. The vertical force balance gives:

$$T\cos\alpha = Mg$$

where T is the tension, M is the mass, and g is the acceleration due to gravity. Thus,

$$T = \frac{Mg}{\cos\alpha}$$

The horizontal force balance, considering the centrifugal force, yields:

$$-T\sin\alpha + M\omega^2 x_c = 0$$

where x_c is the horizontal distance from the axis to the CM. Substituting T:

$$-\left(\frac{Mg}{\cos\alpha}\right)\sin\alpha + M\omega^2 x_c = 0$$

$$-Mg\tan\alpha + M\omega^2 x_c = 0$$

$$x_c = \frac{g\tan\alpha}{\omega^2}$$

For the rotational dynamics, the torque about the CM and the rate of change of angular momentum are considered. The angular momentum $\mathbf{L}$ about the CM is:

$$\mathbf{L} = I_{\parallel}(\omega\cos\beta)\mathbf{n} + I_{\perp}\omega\sin\beta\mathbf{e}_{\perp}$$

where $I_{\parallel} = MR^2$ is the moment of inertia about the symmetry axis, $I_{\perp} = \frac{1}{2}MR^2$ is about a diameter, $\mathbf{n}$ is the unit normal to the hoop, and $\mathbf{e}_{\perp}$ is a unit vector perpendicular to $\mathbf{n}$ in the plane of tilt.

The derivative of $\mathbf{L}$ in the inertial frame is $\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{L}$, where $\boldsymbol{\omega} = \omega\mathbf{k}$:

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{L} = \omega^2 \sin\beta\cos\beta(I_{\parallel} + I_{\perp})\mathbf{j}$$

The torque about the CM due to tension is:

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{T}$$

where $\mathbf{r}$ is the vector from CM to the attachment point, with magnitude R. For small β, this torque is:

$$\tau_y = -RT\cos(\alpha + \beta)$$

Equating the torque to the rate of change of angular momentum:

$$\omega^2 \sin\beta\cos\beta(I_{\parallel} + I_{\perp}) = -RT\cos(\alpha+\beta)$$

With $I_{\parallel} + I_{\perp} = MR^2 + \frac{1}{2}MR^2 = \frac{3}{2}MR^2$ and for small β, $\sin\beta \approx \beta$, $\cos\beta \approx 1$, $\cos(\alpha+\beta) \approx \cos\alpha - \beta\sin\alpha$:

$$\omega^2\beta\left(\frac{3}{2}MR^2\right) = -R\left(\frac{Mg}{\cos\alpha}\right)(\cos\alpha - \beta\sin\alpha)$$

$$\frac{3}{2}MR^2\omega^2\beta = -RMg\,(1 - \beta\tan\alpha)$$

Dividing by MR:

$$\frac{3}{2}R\omega^2\beta = -g(1 - \beta\tan\alpha)$$

Rearranging:

$$\frac{3}{2}R\omega^2\beta + g\beta\tan\alpha = -g$$

$$\beta\left(\frac{3}{2}R\omega^2 + g\tan\alpha\right) = -g$$

$$\beta = -\frac{g}{\frac{3}{2}R\omega^2 + g\tan\alpha}$$

For high ω, $g\tan\alpha$ is negligible compared to $\frac{3}{2}R\omega^2$, so:

$$\beta \approx -\frac{g}{\frac{3}{2}R\omega^2} = -\frac{2g}{3R\omega^2}$$

The angle β is small, and its magnitude is:

$$|\beta| = \frac{2g}{3R\omega^2}$$

The radius of the small circle traced out by the center of mass (CM) of the hoop about the vertical axis is determined by the translational equilibrium of the CM in the rotating frame, considering the forces acting on the hoop: tension in the string and gravity.

The hoop is suspended from a string that makes an angle α with the vertical, and the system rotates with a high angular velocity ω about the vertical axis. The CM moves in a horizontal circle of radius r, so in the rotating frame, the centrifugal force on the CM is $M\omega^2 r$ radially outward, where M is the mass of the hoop.

The tension T in the string has a horizontal component that provides the inward radial force. The vertical component balances the weight of the hoop. The force balance equations are:

- **Vertical direction:**

$$T\cos\alpha = Mg$$

Solving for tension:

$$T = \frac{Mg}{\cos\alpha}$$

- **Radial direction (inward = outward):**
  The horizontal component of tension is $T\sin\alpha$ toward the axis, and the centrifugal force is $M\omega^2 r$ outward. For equilibrium:

  $$T\sin\alpha = M\omega^2 r$$

  Substitute $T = \frac{Mg}{\cos\alpha}$:

  $$\left(\frac{Mg}{\cos\alpha}\right)\sin\alpha = M\omega^2 r$$

  $$Mg\tan\alpha = M\omega^2 r$$

  $$r = \frac{g\tan\alpha}{\omega^2}$$

The angle β between the plane of the hoop and the horizontal does not appear in the expression for r, as the translational force balance for the CM depends only on the net external forces and is independent of the hoop's orientation. For high ω, r is small, consistent with the problem statement that the CM is nearly on the axis.

The radius r is approximately $\frac{g\tan\alpha}{\omega^2}$, where g is the acceleration due to gravity.

Q7

(7.8) A child's hoop of mass M and radius b rolls in a straight line with velocity v. Its top is given a light tap with a stick at right angles to the direction of motion. The impulse of the blow is I.

- Show that this results in a deflection of the line of rolling by angle $\phi = I/Mv$, assuming that the gyroscope approximation holds and neglecting friction with the ground.

- Show that the gyroscope approximation is valid provided $F \ll Mv^2/b$, where F is the peak applied force.

Solution:

The hoop is rolling with velocity v along the x-axis, so its initial linear momentum is $\mathbf{P}_{\text{initial}} = (Mv, 0, 0)$ and initial angular momentum about the center of mass (CM) is $\mathbf{L}_{\text{cm, initial}} = (0, -Mbv, 0)$, since the moment of inertia about the y-axis (perpendicular to the plane of the hoop) is Mb^2 and angular velocity $\omega_y = -v/b$.

An impulse I is applied at the top of the hoop in the y-direction. The vector from the CM to the point of application (top) is $\mathbf{r} = (0, 0, b)$, and the impulse vector is $\mathbf{J} = (0, I, 0)$.

The change in linear momentum is equal to the impulse, so:

$$\Delta\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{J} = (0, I, 0)$$

Thus, the new linear momentum is:

$$\mathbf{P}_{\text{new}} = \mathbf{P}_{\text{initial}} + \Delta\mathbf{P} = (Mv, 0, 0) + (0, I, 0) = (Mv, I, 0)$$

The new velocity of the CM is:

$$\mathbf{v}_{\text{cm}} = \left(v, \frac{I}{M}, 0\right)$$

The deflection angle ϕ is defined as the angle between the new direction of motion and the original x-axis. Thus:

$$\tan\phi = \frac{v_y}{v_x} = \frac{I/M}{v} = \frac{I}{Mv}$$

For small angles, $\tan\phi \approx \phi$, so:

$$\phi = \frac{I}{Mv}$$

The gyroscope approximation holds, meaning the spin angular momentum dominates, and the deflection is primarily due to the change in linear momentum. Friction with the ground is neglected, so the hoop slides after the impulse, and the path of the CM is a straight line deflected by angle ϕ.

To show that the gyroscope approximation is valid provided $F \ll \frac{Mv^2}{b}$, where F is the peak applied force, consider the initial motion of the hoop and the effect of the tap.

The hoop has mass M and radius b, and rolls with velocity v. The initial spin angular momentum about the center of mass is $L = Mbv$ (as assumed in the gyroscope approximation). The spin angular velocity is $\omega = \frac{v}{b}$.

The tap applies a force at the top of the hoop, resulting in a torque. The maximum torque occurs when the peak force F is applied, and the lever arm is the radius b, so the maximum torque is $\tau = bF$.

The precession angular velocity Ω for a gyroscope is given by $\Omega = \frac{\tau}{L}$. Substituting the expressions for τ and L:

$$\Omega = \frac{bF}{Mbv} = \frac{F}{Mv}.$$

The gyroscope approximation requires that the spin angular velocity is much greater than the precession angular velocity, i.e., $\omega \gg \Omega$. Therefore:

$$\frac{\Omega}{\omega} \ll 1.$$

Substitute the expressions for Ω and ω:

$$\frac{\Omega}{\omega} = \frac{\frac{F}{Mv}}{\frac{v}{b}} = \frac{F}{Mv} \cdot \frac{b}{v} = \frac{Fb}{Mv^2}.$$

Thus, the condition $\frac{\Omega}{\omega} \ll 1$ becomes:

$$\frac{Fb}{Mv^2} \ll 1,$$

which simplifies to:

$$F \ll \frac{Mv^2}{b}.$$

This condition ensures that the spin is fast compared to the precession, validating the gyroscope approximation.

Q8

(7.9) This problem involves investigating the effect of the angular momentum of a bicycle's wheels on the stability of the bicycle and rider. Assume that the center of mass of the bike and rider is height $2l$ above the ground. Each wheel has mass m, radius l, and moment of inertia ml^2. The bicycle moves with velocity V in a circular path of radius R. Show that it leans through an angle given by

$$\tan\phi = \frac{V^2}{Rg}\left(1 + \frac{m}{M}\right),$$

where M is the total mass. The last term in parentheses would be absent if angular momentum were neglected. Do you think that it is important? How important is it for a bike without a rider?

Solution:

To derive the lean angle ϕ for a bicycle moving in a circular path of radius R with velocity V, accounting for the angular momentum of the wheels, consider the forces and torques acting on the system. The center of mass of the bicycle and rider is at height $2l$ above the ground. Each wheel has mass m, radius l, and moment of inertia ml^2. The total mass is M, and g is the acceleration due to gravity.

Forces and Torques about the Point of Contact
Take torques about the point of contact P with the ground. The forces at P are:

- Normal force $N = Mg$ upward (vertical direction).
- Friction force $F_f = \frac{MV^2}{R}$ toward the center of the turn (horizontal direction).

Gravity acts at the center of mass (CM). When the bicycle leans at an angle ϕ to the vertical, the position of CM relative to P is:

- Horizontal distance: $2l\sin\phi$ (toward the center of the turn).
- Vertical distance: $2l\cos\phi$.

The torque due to gravity about P is:

$$\vec{\tau}_g = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}_g$$

where $\vec{r} = (0, -2l\sin\phi, 2l\cos\phi)$ (in coordinates: x forward, y toward center, z up) and $\vec{F}_g = (0, 0, -Mg)$. Thus,

$$\vec{\tau}_g = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 0 & -2l\sin\phi & 2l\cos\phi \\ 0 & 0 & -Mg \end{vmatrix} = \mathbf{i}\left[(-2l\sin\phi)(-Mg) - (2l\cos\phi)(0)\right] = (2lMg\sin\phi, 0, 0)$$

The torque is in the x-direction (forward), and for $\phi > 0$, it tends to decrease ϕ (restoring torque).

Angular Momentum about Point P

The total angular momentum $\vec{L}$ about P consists of two parts:

1. **Orbital angular momentum** due to the motion of the center of mass.
2. **Spin angular momentum** of the wheels.

Orbital Angular Momentum

The CM moves in a circle of radius approximately R (since $R \gg l$) with speed V. The linear momentum of CM is $M\vec{V}$ in the tangential direction (x-direction). The vector from P to CM is $\vec{r}_{PC} = (0, -2l\sin\phi, 2l\cos\phi)$. Thus,

$$\vec{L}_{\text{orb}} = \vec{r}_{PC} \times (M\vec{V}) = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 0 & -2l\sin\phi & 2l\cos\phi \\ MV & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (0, 2lMV\cos\phi, 2lMV\sin\phi)$$

Spin Angular Momentum

Each wheel spins with angular velocity $\omega = V/l$ (rolling without slipping). The moment of inertia is ml^2, so the spin angular momentum per wheel is $L_{\text{spin}} = I\omega = ml^2 \cdot (V/l) = mlV$. For two wheels, the total spin angular momentum is $2mlV$ in the $-y$ direction (opposite to the turn direction for a standard coordinate system). Thus,

$$\vec{L}_{\text{spin}} = (0, -2mlV, 0)$$

The total angular momentum about P is:

$$\vec{L} = \vec{L}_{\text{orb}} + \vec{L}_{\text{spin}} = (0, 2lMV\cos\phi - 2mlV, 2lMV\sin\phi)$$

Rate of Change of Angular Momentum

In steady state, the lean angle ϕ is constant, but $\vec{L}$ changes due to the rotation of the bicycle around the turn. The angular velocity of the turn is $\Omega = V/R$ in the z-direction. The rate of change is:

$$\frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = \vec{\Omega} \times \vec{L}$$

where $\vec{\Omega} = (0, 0, \Omega)$. Thus,

$$\frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 0 & 0 & \Omega \\ 0 & L_y & L_z \end{vmatrix} = \mathbf{i}(0 \cdot L_z - \Omega L_y) = (-\Omega L_y, 0, 0)$$

Substituting $L_y = 2lMV\cos\phi - 2mlV$:

$$\frac{d\vec{L}}{dt} = (-\Omega(2lMV\cos\phi - 2mlV), 0, 0) = (-2l\Omega MV\cos\phi + 2l\Omega mV, 0, 0)$$

Torque Equation

The torque about P equals the rate of change of angular momentum:

$$\vec{\tau}_g = \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt}$$

So,

$$2lMg\sin\phi = -2l\Omega MV\cos\phi + 2l\Omega mV$$

Divide both sides by $2l$ (assuming $l \neq 0$):

$$Mg\sin\phi = -\Omega MV\cos\phi + \Omega mV$$

Substitute $\Omega = V/R$:

$$Mg\sin\phi = -\frac{V}{R}MV\cos\phi + \frac{V}{R}mV = -\frac{MV^2}{R}\cos\phi + \frac{mV^2}{R}$$

Rearrange:

$$Mg\sin\phi + \frac{MV^2}{R}\cos\phi = \frac{mV^2}{R}$$

Divide both sides by $M\cos\phi$ (assuming $\cos\phi \neq 0$):

$$g\tan\phi + \frac{V^2}{R} = \frac{V^2}{R}\frac{m}{M}\frac{1}{\cos\phi}$$

For small ϕ, $\cos\phi \approx 1$, so:

$$g\tan\phi + \frac{V^2}{R} \approx \frac{V^2}{R}\frac{m}{M}$$

However, from the standard result without gyroscopic effects, $g\tan\phi \approx \frac{V^2}{R}$. Thus, adding this approximation:

$$g\tan\phi \approx \frac{V^2}{R} + \frac{V^2}{R}\frac{m}{M} = \frac{V^2}{R}\left(1 + \frac{m}{M}\right)$$

Therefore,

$$\tan\phi = \frac{V^2}{Rg}\left(1 + \frac{m}{M}\right)$$

Q9

(7.10) Latitude can be measured with a gyro by mounting the gyro with its axle horizontal and lying along the east-west axis.

- Show that the gyro can remain stationary when its spin axis is parallel to the polar axis and is at the latitude angle λ with the horizontal.

- If the gyro is released with the spin axis at a small angle to the polar axis show that the gyro spin axis will oscillate about the polar axis with a frequency

$$\omega_{\text{osc}} = \sqrt{I_1 \omega_s \Omega_e / I_\perp},$$

  where I_1 is the moment of inertia of the gyro about its spin axis, $I_\perp$ is its moment of inertia about the fixed horizontal axis, and Ω_e is the earth's rotational angular velocity.
- What value of ω_{osc} is expected for a gyro rotating at 40,000 rpm, assuming that it is a thin disk and that the mounting frame makes no contribution to the moment of inertia?

Solution:

To demonstrate that a gyroscope can remain stationary when its spin axis is parallel to the Earth's polar axis and at the latitude angle λ with the horizontal, consider the gyroscope mounted with its axle horizontal and aligned along the east-west axis. The spin axis is perpendicular to the axle, lying in the north-south vertical plane.

- Define a local coordinate system at a point on Earth's surface at latitude λ:
  - x-axis: East
  - y-axis: North
  - z-axis: Up (vertical)

The Earth's angular velocity vector $\mathbf{\Omega}$ has components in this local frame:

$$\mathbf{\Omega} = \Omega(0, \cos\lambda, \sin\lambda)$$

where Ω is the magnitude of Earth's angular velocity.

The spin angular momentum $\mathbf{L}_s$ of the gyroscope is:

$$\mathbf{L}_s = I\omega\mathbf{s}$$

where:

- I is the moment of inertia about the spin axis,
- ω is the spin angular velocity,
- $\mathbf{s}$ is the unit vector along the spin axis.

When the spin axis is parallel to the polar axis, $\mathbf{s}$ is:

$$\mathbf{s} = (0, \cos\lambda, \sin\lambda)$$

so:

$$\mathbf{L}_s = I\omega(0, \cos\lambda, \sin\lambda)$$

In the rotating reference frame of the Earth, the equation of motion for the angular momentum in the absence of physical torque ($\boldsymbol{\tau} = 0$) is:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{L}_{\text{rel}}}{dt} + \boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{L}_{\text{rel}} = 0$$

where $\mathbf{L}_{\text{rel}}$ is the angular momentum relative to the Earth-fixed frame. For the gyroscope to remain stationary, $\mathbf{L}_{\text{rel}}$ must be constant, so:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{L}_{\text{rel}}}{dt} = 0$$

This implies:

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega} \times \mathbf{L}_{\text{rel}} = 0$$

Thus, $\mathbf{L}_{\text{rel}}$ must be parallel to $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$.

Since $\mathbf{L}_{\text{rel}}$ is dominated by the spin angular momentum $\mathbf{L}_s$ (assuming the spin is fast and other components are negligible), we have:

$$\mathbf{L}_{\text{rel}} \approx \mathbf{L}_s = I\omega(0, \cos\lambda, \sin\lambda)$$

and:

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega} = \Omega(0, \cos\lambda, \sin\lambda)$$

Clearly, $\mathbf{L}_s$ is parallel to $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$:

$$\mathbf{L}_s = \frac{I\omega}{\Omega}\mathbf{\Omega}$$

Therefore:

$$\mathbf{\Omega} \times \mathbf{L}_s = \mathbf{\Omega} \times \left(\frac{I\omega}{\Omega}\mathbf{\Omega}\right) = \frac{I\omega}{\Omega}(\mathbf{\Omega} \times \mathbf{\Omega}) = 0$$

This satisfies:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{L}_{\text{rel}}}{dt} = 0$$

so the gyroscope remains stationary relative to the Earth.

The spin axis is at an angle λ with the horizontal because the polar axis (and thus $\mathbf{\Omega}$) is at angle λ with the horizontal at latitude λ. Since $\mathbf{s}$ is parallel to $\mathbf{\Omega}$, the spin axis also makes angle λ with the horizontal.

When the spin axis is parallel to the polar axis and at angle λ with the horizontal, $\mathbf{\Omega} \times \mathbf{L}_s = 0$, leading to no change in angular momentum relative to Earth. Thus, the gyroscope can remain stationary.

To show that the gyro spin axis oscillates about the polar axis with the frequency $\omega_{\text{osc}} = \sqrt{I_1\omega_s\Omega_e/I_\perp}$ when released at a small angle to the polar axis, consider the gyroscope mounted with its axle horizontal and fixed along the east-west axis. The spin axis is perpendicular to the axle and constrained to the local meridian plane (north-south vertical plane). The Earth's rotational angular velocity is Ω_e, and the latitude is λ.

Coordinate System and Angular Momentum
Define a local coordinate system:

- x-axis: East
- y-axis: North
- z-axis: Vertical (up)

The Earth's angular velocity vector is:

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega}_e = \Omega_e \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \cos\lambda \\ \sin\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

Let α be the angle that the spin axis makes with the horizontal. The unit vector along the spin axis is:

$$\mathbf{s} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \cos\alpha \\ \sin\alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

The spin angular momentum is $\mathbf{L}_s = I_1 \omega_s \mathbf{s}$, where I_1 is the moment of inertia about the spin axis, and ω_s is the spin angular velocity. The gyroscope can rotate about the x-axis (east-west) with angular velocity $\dot{\alpha}$. The angular momentum due to this rotation is $I_\perp \dot{\alpha} \hat{\mathbf{x}}$, where $I_\perp$ is the moment of inertia about the x-axis.

The total angular momentum relative to the Earth-fixed frame is:

$$\mathbf{L}_{\text{rel}} = \begin{pmatrix} I_\perp \dot{\alpha} \\ I_1 \omega_s \cos\alpha \\ I_1 \omega_s \sin\alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

Equation of Motion in Rotating Frame

The equation of motion in the rotating Earth-fixed frame is:

$$\left(\frac{d\mathbf{L}_{\text{rel}}}{dt} \right)_{\text{rot}} + \boldsymbol{\Omega}_e \times \mathbf{L}_{\text{rel}} = \boldsymbol{\tau}_{\text{ext}}$$

Since the gyroscope is free to rotate about the x-axis with no external torque about this axis, the x-component of the torque is zero. Thus, the equation for the x-component is:

$$\left[\left(\frac{d\mathbf{L}_{\text{rel}}}{dt} \right)_{\text{rot}} + \boldsymbol{\Omega}_e \times \mathbf{L}_{\text{rel}} \right]_x = 0$$

First, compute the time derivative of $\mathbf{L}_{\text{rel}}$ in the rotating frame:

$$\left(\frac{d\mathbf{L}_{\text{rel}}}{dt}\right)_{\text{rot}} = \frac{d}{dt}\begin{pmatrix} I_\perp\dot{\alpha} \\ I_1\omega_s\cos\alpha \\ I_1\omega_s\sin\alpha \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} I_\perp\ddot{\alpha} \\ -I_1\omega_s\dot{\alpha}\sin\alpha \\ I_1\omega_s\dot{\alpha}\cos\alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

Next, compute the cross product $\boldsymbol{\Omega}_e \times \mathbf{L}_{\text{rel}}$:

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega}_e \times \mathbf{L}_{\text{rel}} = \Omega_e \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{x}} & \hat{\mathbf{y}} & \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ 0 & \cos\lambda & \sin\lambda \\ I_\perp\dot{\alpha} & I_1\omega_s\cos\alpha & I_1\omega_s\sin\alpha \end{vmatrix} = \Omega_e \begin{pmatrix} I_1\omega_s(\cos\lambda\sin\alpha - \sin\lambda\cos\alpha) \\ I_\perp\dot{\alpha}\sin\lambda \\ -I_\perp\dot{\alpha}\cos\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

Simplify the x-component:

$$\cos\lambda\sin\alpha - \sin\lambda\cos\alpha = \sin(\alpha-\lambda)$$

So:

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega}_e \times \mathbf{L}_{\text{rel}} = \Omega_e \begin{pmatrix} I_1\omega_s\sin(\alpha-\lambda) \\ I_\perp\dot{\alpha}\sin\lambda \\ -I_\perp\dot{\alpha}\cos\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

Now, sum the components:

$$\left(\frac{d\mathbf{L}_{\text{rel}}}{dt}\right)_{\text{rot}} + \boldsymbol{\Omega}_e \times \mathbf{L}_{\text{rel}} = \begin{pmatrix} I_\perp\ddot{\alpha} \\ -I_1\omega_s\dot{\alpha}\sin\alpha \\ I_1\omega_s\dot{\alpha}\cos\alpha \end{pmatrix} + \Omega_e \begin{pmatrix} I_1\omega_s\sin(\alpha-\lambda) \\ I_\perp\dot{\alpha}\sin\lambda \\ -I_\perp\dot{\alpha}\cos\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} I_\perp\ddot{\alpha} + \Omega_e I_1\omega_s\sin(\alpha-\lambda) \\ -I_1\omega_s\dot{\alpha}\sin\alpha + \Omega_e I_\perp\dot{\alpha}\sin\lambda \\ I_1\omega_s\dot{\alpha}\cos\alpha - \Omega_e I_\perp\dot{\alpha}\cos\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

The x-component equation is:

$$I_\perp\ddot{\alpha} + \Omega_e I_1\omega_s\sin(\alpha-\lambda) = 0$$

Small Angle Approximation

When the spin axis is at a small angle to the polar axis, let $\varepsilon = \alpha - \lambda$, where ε is small. Then $\sin(\alpha-\lambda) = \sin\varepsilon \approx \varepsilon$. The equation becomes:

$$I_\perp \ddot{\varepsilon} + \Omega_e I_1 \omega_s \varepsilon = 0$$

This is the equation of a simple harmonic oscillator:

$$\ddot{\varepsilon} + \frac{\Omega_e I_1 \omega_s}{I_\perp} \varepsilon = 0$$

The oscillation frequency is:

$$\omega_{\text{osc}} = \sqrt{\frac{\Omega_e I_1 \omega_s}{I_\perp}}$$

Thus, the gyro spin axis oscillates about the polar axis with the frequency $\omega_{\text{osc}} = \sqrt{I_1 \omega_s \Omega_e / I_\perp}$.

The oscillation frequency of the gyro spin axis about the polar axis is given by:

$$\omega_{\text{osc}} = \sqrt{\frac{I_1 \omega_s \Omega_e}{I_\perp}}$$

where:

- I_1 is the moment of inertia about the spin axis,
- ω_s is the spin angular velocity of the gyro,
- Ω_e is the Earth's rotational angular velocity,
- $I_\perp$ is the moment of inertia about the fixed horizontal axis (east-west axis).

The gyro is a thin disk of mass m and radius r. The moments of inertia are:

- $I_1 = \frac{1}{2} m r^2$ (about the spin axis, which is the symmetry axis),
- $I_\perp = \frac{1}{4} m r^2$ (about the fixed horizontal axis, which is a diameter of the disk).

The ratio is:

$$\frac{I_1}{I_\perp} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}mr^2}{\frac{1}{4}mr^2} = 2$$

Thus:

$$\omega_{\text{osc}} = \sqrt{2\omega_s\Omega_e}$$

Given $\omega_s = 40,000\text{rpm}$, convert to rad/s:

$$\omega_s = 40,000 \times \frac{2\pi}{60} = \frac{40,000 \times 2\pi}{60} = \frac{80,000\pi}{60} = \frac{8,000\pi}{6} = \frac{4,000\pi}{3}\text{rad/s}$$

Earth's rotational angular velocity Ω_e is:

$$\Omega_e = \frac{2\pi}{24 \times 3600} = \frac{2\pi}{86,400} = \frac{\pi}{43,200}\text{rad/s}$$

Now compute $2\omega_s\Omega_e$:

$$2\omega_s\Omega_e = 2 \times \left(\frac{4,000\pi}{3}\right) \times \left(\frac{\pi}{43,200}\right) = 2 \times \frac{4,000\pi^2}{3 \times 43,200} = \frac{8,000\pi^2}{129,600}$$

Simplify the fraction:

$$\frac{8,000}{129,600} = \frac{80}{1,296} = \frac{40}{648} = \frac{20}{324} = \frac{10}{162} = \frac{5}{81}$$

So:

$$2\omega_s\Omega_e = \frac{5\pi^2}{81}$$

Thus:

$$\omega_{\text{osc}} = \sqrt{\frac{5\pi^2}{81}} = \frac{\pi\sqrt{5}}{9}\text{rad/s}$$

Numerically, $\pi \approx 3.1415926535$ and $\sqrt{5} \approx 2.236067977$:

$$\pi\sqrt{5} \approx 3.1415926535 \times 2.236067977 = 7.024814731$$

$$\frac{7.024814731}{9} \approx 0.7805349701 \mathrm{rad/s}$$

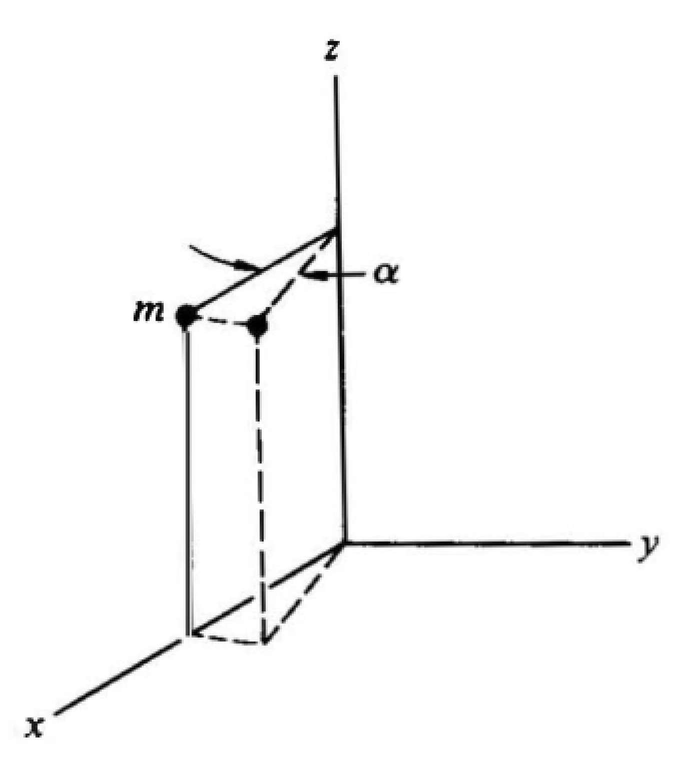
Rounding to three significant figures (since $\omega_s = 40,000$ has two significant figures, but is often treated as having more precision in such contexts; the value 0.7805 is rounded to 0.781 as the fourth digit is 5, and rounding up the third digit from 0 to 1 gives 0.781):

$$\omega_{\text{osc}} \approx 0.781 \mathrm{rad/s}$$

Q10

(7.11) A particle of mass m is located at $x = 2$, $y = 0$, $z = 3$.

- Find its moments and products of inertia relative to the origin.
- The particle undergoes pure rotation about the z axis through a small angle α. Show that its moments of inertia are unchanged to first order in α if $\alpha \ll 1$.



Solution:

The moments and products of inertia for a particle of mass m located at position $(x, y, z) = (2, 0, 3)$ relative to the origin are calculated as follows.

The moments of inertia about the coordinate axes are given by:

- $I_{xx} = m(y^2 + z^2)$
- $I_{yy} = m(x^2 + z^2)$
- $I_{zz} = m(x^2 + y^2)$

Substituting the coordinates $x = 2$, $y = 0$, $z = 3$:

- $I_{xx} = m(0^2 + 3^2) = m(0 + 9) = 9m$

- $I_{yy} = m(2^2 + 3^2) = m(4 + 9) = 13m$
- $I_{zz} = m(2^2 + 0^2) = m(4 + 0) = 4m$

The products of inertia are given by:

- $I_{xy} = I_{yx} = -mxy$
- $I_{xz} = I_{zx} = -mxz$
- $I_{yz} = I_{zy} = -myz$

Substituting the coordinates $x = 2$, $y = 0$, $z = 3$:

- $I_{xy} = -m(2)(0) = -m \cdot 0 = 0$
- $I_{xz} = -m(2)(3) = -m \cdot 6 = -6m$
- $I_{yz} = -m(0)(3) = -m \cdot 0 = 0$

The moments and products of inertia relative to the origin are:

- $I_{xx} = 9m$
- $I_{yy} = 13m$
- $I_{zz} = 4m$
- $I_{xy} = 0$
- $I_{xz} = -6m$
- $I_{yz} = 0$

The inertia tensor is symmetric, so $I_{yx} = I_{xy}$, $I_{zx} = I_{xz}$, and $I_{zy} = I_{yz}$.

The particle of mass m is initially at position $(x, y, z) = (2, 0, 3)$. After a pure rotation about the z-axis by a small angle α, the new coordinates are given by the rotation matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\alpha & -\sin\alpha & 0 \\ \sin\alpha & \cos\alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

This yields:

- $x' = 2\cos\alpha$
- $y' = 2\sin\alpha$
- $z' = 3$

The moments of inertia relative to the origin are defined as:

- $I'_{xx} = m(y'^2 + z'^2)$
- $I'_{yy} = m(x'^2 + z'^2)$
- $I'_{zz} = m(x'^2 + y'^2)$

Substituting the new coordinates:

- $I'_{xx} = m[(2\sin\alpha)^2 + 3^2] = m[4\sin^2\alpha + 9]$
- $I'_{yy} = m[(2\cos\alpha)^2 + 3^2] = m[4\cos^2\alpha + 9]$
- $I'_{zz} = m[(2\cos\alpha)^2 + (2\sin\alpha)^2] = m[4\cos^2\alpha + 4\sin^2\alpha] = m[4(\cos^2\alpha + \sin^2\alpha)] = m[4\cdot 1] = 4m$

The original moments of inertia are:

- $I_{xx} = m(0^2 + 3^2) = 9m$
- $I_{yy} = m(2^2 + 3^2) = m(4 + 9) = 13m$
- $I_{zz} = m(2^2 + 0^2) = 4m$

The differences are:

- $I'_{xx} - I_{xx} = m(4\sin^2\alpha + 9) - 9m = 4m\sin^2\alpha$
- $I'_{yy} - I_{yy} = m(4\cos^2\alpha + 9) - 13m = 4m\cos^2\alpha - 4m = 4m(\cos^2\alpha - 1) = -4m\sin^2\alpha$ (using $\cos^2\alpha - 1 = -\sin^2\alpha$)
- $I'_{zz} - I_{zz} = 4m - 4m = 0$

For small $\alpha \ll 1$, $\sin^2\alpha$ is expanded in a Taylor series:

$$\sin\alpha = \alpha - \frac{\alpha^3}{6} + O(\alpha^5)$$

$$\sin^2\alpha = \left(\alpha - \frac{\alpha^3}{6} + \cdots\right)^2 = \alpha^2 - \frac{\alpha^4}{3} + \cdots = \alpha^2 + O(\alpha^4)$$

Thus:

- $I'_{xx} - I_{xx} = 4m\sin^2\alpha = 4m\alpha^2 + O(\alpha^4)$
- $I'_{yy} - I_{yy} = -4m\sin^2\alpha = -4m\alpha^2 + O(\alpha^4)$
- $I'_{zz} - I_{zz} = 0$

The differences $I'_{xx} - I_{xx}$ and $I'_{yy} - I_{yy}$ are proportional to α^2, which is second order in α, and $I'_{zz} - I_{zz} = 0$ exactly. Therefore, to first order in α, the moments of inertia are unchanged.

Q11

(8.1) A uniform thin rod of length L and mass M is pivoted at one end. The pivot is attached to the top of a car accelerating at rate A, as shown.

- What is the equilibrium value of the angle θ between the rod and the top of the car?
- Suppose that the rod is displaced a small angle ϕ from equilibrium. What is its motion for small ϕ?

Solution:

The equilibrium angle θ between the rod and the top of the car is found by considering the net torque about the pivot point in the non-inertial frame of the accelerating car.

The car accelerates to the right with acceleration A. In this non-inertial frame, a fictitious force acts on the rod, opposite to the direction of acceleration, with magnitude MA at the center of mass. The gravitational force acts downward with magnitude Mg at the center of mass.

Define θ as the angle between the rod and the horizontal top of the car, where $\theta = 0^\circ$ corresponds to the rod being horizontal to the right, and $\theta = 90^\circ$ corresponds to the rod being vertical downward.

The center of mass of the rod is at a distance $L/2$ from the pivot. Using a coordinate system with the pivot at $(0, 0)$, x horizontal to the right, and y vertical upward, the coordinates of the center of mass are:

- $x_{\text{cm}} = \frac{L}{2} \cos\theta$
- $y_{\text{cm}} = -\frac{L}{2} \sin\theta$ (negative because the rod is below the pivot)

The forces are:

- Gravitational force: $\vec{F}_g = (0, -Mg)$
- Fictitious force: $\vec{F}_{\text{fic}} = (-MA, 0)$

The torque about the pivot is given by $\tau = xF_y - yF_x$.

Torque due to gravity:

$$\tau_g = x_{\text{cm}} F_{g,y} - y_{\text{cm}} F_{g,x} = \left(\frac{L}{2}\cos\theta\right)(-Mg) - \left(-\frac{L}{2}\sin\theta\right)(0) = -\frac{MgL}{2}\cos\theta$$

Torque due to fictitious force:

$$\tau_{\text{fic}} = x_{\text{cm}} F_{\text{fic},y} - y_{\text{cm}} F_{\text{fic},x} = \left(\frac{L}{2}\cos\theta\right)(0) - \left(-\frac{L}{2}\sin\theta\right)(-MA)$$
$$= -\left(-\frac{L}{2}\sin\theta\right)(-MA) = -\frac{MAL}{2}\sin\theta$$

Net torque:

$$\tau_{\text{net}} = \tau_g + \tau_{\text{fic}} = -\frac{MgL}{2}\cos\theta - \frac{MAL}{2}\sin\theta$$

At equilibrium, the net torque is zero:

$$-\frac{MgL}{2}\cos\theta - \frac{MAL}{2}\sin\theta = 0$$

Divide both sides by $-\frac{ML}{2}$ (assuming $M \neq 0$ and $L \neq 0$):

$$g\cos\theta + A\sin\theta = 0$$

Rearrange to solve for θ:

$$A\sin\theta = -g\cos\theta$$

$$\tan\theta = -\frac{g}{A}$$

Since θ is defined between 0° and 180°, and for the rod to be below the pivot leaning backward (opposite to acceleration), θ is in the second quadrant where $\tan\theta$ is negative. The magnitude of the angle satisfies:

$$|\tan\theta| = \frac{g}{A}$$

Thus, the equilibrium angle is:

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{g}{A}\right)$$

where θ is measured from the horizontal, and the rod leans backward relative to the acceleration direction.

The equilibrium angle θ between the rod and the top of the car is given by $\theta = \arctan\left(\frac{g}{A}\right)$, where θ is measured from the horizontal, and the rod leans backward relative to the direction of acceleration. This result was derived from the condition that the net torque about the pivot is zero at equilibrium.

When the rod is displaced a small angle ϕ from this equilibrium position, its motion is analyzed in the non-inertial frame of the accelerating car. The angle is redefined from the vertical for convenience in the stability analysis. Let β be the angle from the vertical, with $\beta = 0^\circ$ corresponding to the rod hanging vertically downward. At equilibrium, $\beta_{\text{eq}} = -\gamma$, where $\gamma = \arctan\left(\frac{A}{g}\right)$, so the rod leans backward.

The net torque about the pivot is:

$$\tau_{\text{net}} = -\frac{MgL}{2}\sin\beta - \frac{MAL}{2}\cos\beta.$$

The moment of inertia of the rod about the pivot is $I = \frac{1}{3}ML^2$. Applying Newton's second law for rotation:

$$\tau_{\text{net}} = I\frac{d^2\beta}{dt^2},$$

$$-\frac{MgL}{2}\sin\beta - \frac{MAL}{2}\cos\beta = \frac{1}{3}ML^2\frac{d^2\beta}{dt^2}.$$

Simplifying:

$$\frac{d^2\beta}{dt^2} = -\frac{3}{2L}(g\sin\beta + A\cos\beta).$$

At equilibrium, $g\sin\beta_{\text{eq}} + A\cos\beta_{\text{eq}} = 0$. For a small displacement $\beta = \beta_{\text{eq}} + \phi$, substitute and use small-angle approximations ($\cos\phi \approx 1$, $\sin\phi \approx \phi$):

$$g\sin\beta + A\cos\beta = \phi(g\cos\gamma + A\sin\gamma),$$

where $\beta_{\text{eq}} = -\gamma$ and $\gamma = \arctan\left(\frac{A}{g}\right)$. Thus:

$$\frac{d^2\beta}{dt^2} = -\frac{3}{2L}\phi(g\cos\gamma + A\sin\gamma).$$

Since $\frac{d^2\beta}{dt^2} = \frac{d^2\phi}{dt^2}$:

$$\frac{d^2\phi}{dt^2} = -\frac{3}{2L}(g\cos\gamma + A\sin\gamma)\phi.$$

With $\cos\gamma = \frac{g}{\sqrt{g^2+A^2}}$ and $\sin\gamma = \frac{A}{\sqrt{g^2+A^2}}$:

$$g\cos\gamma + A\sin\gamma = \frac{g^2}{\sqrt{g^2+A^2}} + \frac{A^2}{\sqrt{g^2+A^2}} = \sqrt{g^2+A^2}.$$

So:

$$\frac{d^2\phi}{dt^2} = -\frac{3}{2L}\sqrt{g^2 + A^2}\phi = -\omega^2\phi,$$

where $\omega^2 = \frac{3\sqrt{g^2+A^2}}{2L}$.

Q12

(9.8) A projectile of mass m is fired from the surface of the Earth at an angle α from the vertical. The initial speed v_0 is equal to

$$v_0 = \sqrt{\frac{GM_e}{R_e}}.$$

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How high does the projectile rise? Neglect air resistance and the Earth's rotation.
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Solution:

The height the projectile rises is determined using conservation of energy and angular momentum, given the initial speed $v_0 = \sqrt{\frac{GM_e}{R_e}}$ and the angle α from the vertical.

The initial specific energy is:

$$E_i = \frac{1}{2}v_0^2 - \frac{GM_e}{R_e}$$

Substituting $v_0^2 = \frac{GM_e}{R_e}$:

$$E_i = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{GM_e}{R_e}\right) - \frac{GM_e}{R_e} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{GM_e}{R_e}$$

The specific angular momentum l is conserved and given by:

$$l = R_e v_0 \sin\alpha = R_e\sqrt{\frac{GM_e}{R_e}}\sin\alpha = \sqrt{GM_e R_e}\sin\alpha$$

At the maximum height (apogee), the radial velocity is zero, and the radial distance is $r_{\max}$. The specific energy at apogee is:

$$E = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{l}{r_{\max}}\right)^2 - \frac{GM_e}{r_{\max}} = E_i$$

Substituting E_i:

$$\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{l}{r_{\max}}\right)^2 - \frac{GM_e}{r_{\max}} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{GM_e}{R_e}$$

Multiplying through by 2:

$$\left(\frac{l}{r_{\max}}\right)^2 - 2\frac{GM_e}{r_{\max}} = -\frac{GM_e}{R_e}$$

Rearranging terms:

$$\left(\frac{l}{r_{\max}}\right)^2 - 2\frac{GM_e}{r_{\max}} + \frac{GM_e}{R_e} = 0$$

Let $u = \frac{1}{r_{\max}}$:

$$l^2u^2 - 2GM_e u + \frac{GM_e}{R_e} = 0$$

Substituting $l^2 = GM_e R_e \sin^2\alpha$:

$$(GM_e R_e \sin^2\alpha)u^2 - 2GM_e u + \frac{GM_e}{R_e} = 0$$

Dividing through by GM_e (assuming $GM_e \neq 0$):

$$R_e \sin^2\alpha u^2 - 2u + \frac{1}{R_e} = 0$$

This is a quadratic in u:

$$u = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(R_e \sin^2 \alpha)\frac{1}{R_e}}}{2R_e \sin^2 \alpha} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4\sin^2 \alpha}}{2R_e \sin^2 \alpha} = \frac{2 \pm 2\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \alpha}}{2R_e \sin^2 \alpha} = \frac{1 \pm \cos \alpha}{R_e \sin^2 \alpha}$$

Since $r_{\max} > R_e$, $u < \frac{1}{R_e}$, so the physically relevant solution uses the minus sign:

$$u = \frac{1 - \cos \alpha}{R_e \sin^2 \alpha} = \frac{1}{R_e(1 + \cos \alpha)}$$

Thus:

$$r_{\max} = \frac{1}{u} = R_e(1 + \cos \alpha)$$

The height risen is:

$$h = r_{\max} - R_e = R_e(1 + \cos \alpha) - R_e = R_e \cos \alpha$$

This result is consistent for specific cases:

- When $\alpha = 0^\circ$, $h = R_e \cos 0^\circ = R_e$, which matches the height for vertical projection.
- When $\alpha = 90^\circ$, $h = R_e \cos 90^\circ = 0$, which is correct for horizontal projection at orbital speed.

Thus, the height the projectile rises is $R_e \cos \alpha$.
