

# DOC 221 Dinámica orbital y control de actitud

## Problems Lecture ADCS – IXB

### Problem 1:

Given a homogenous cylinder of radius  $R$  and height  $h$ , what is the smallest possible cylinder height such that this object would still be gravity gradient stabilized in attitude (assume height is aligned with  $\hat{o}_3$ )?

### Problem 2:

A spacecraft with a principal axes body-fixed frame  $b$ , has corresponding principal moments of inertia  $I_x = 100 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$ ,  $I_y = 120 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$  and  $I_z = 80 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$ .

The spacecraft attitude relative to the Earth centered inertial frame  $G$  is described by a yaw-pitch-roll (3-2-1) Euler sequence, represented by the rotation matrix

$$\mathbf{C}_{bG}(\phi, \theta, \psi) = \begin{bmatrix} c_\theta c_\psi & c_\theta s_\psi & -s_\theta \\ s_\phi s_\theta c_\psi - c_\phi s_\psi & s_\phi s_\theta s_\psi + c_\phi c_\psi & s_\phi c_\theta \\ c_\phi s_\theta c_\psi + s_\phi s_\psi & c_\phi s_\theta s_\psi - s_\phi c_\psi & c_\phi c_\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

Where  $s_b = \sin b$  and  $c_b = \cos b$ . Where  $\phi$ ,  $\theta$  and  $\psi$  are the roll, pitch and yaw angles, respectively. Currently, the attitude is represented by  $\phi = \theta = \psi = \pi/4 \text{ rad}$ , and the spacecraft orbital position (in ECI) coordinates is

$$\vec{\mathbf{R}}_o = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ R_o \end{bmatrix} \text{ km},$$

with  $R_o = 7000 \text{ km}$ .

Determine the gravity-gradient torque acting on the spacecraft. Express the result in spacecraft body coordinates. Note that  $\mu = 3.986 \cdot 10^5 \text{ km}^3/\text{s}^2$  is the Earth's gravitational constant.

**Problem 3:**

A spacecraft with a principal axes body-fixed frame  $b$ , has corresponding principal moments of inertia  $I_x = 8 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$ ,  $I_y = 12 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$ ,  $I_z = 10 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$ .

It is desired to spin the spacecraft about the principal  $z$ -axis with angular velocity  $\omega_z = 0.1 \text{ rad/s}$ . Assuming that the spacecraft has the momentum wheel with spin-axis aligned with the principal  $z$ -axis, determine the required relative wheel angular momentum  $h_s$ , to make the desired attitude motion passively stable under torque-free conditions and without energy dissipation.

**Problem 4:**

Consider a nominally non-spinning dual-spin spacecraft with principal inertias  $I_1$ ,  $I_2$  and  $I_3$ . The wheel axis coincides with the 3-axis of a body-fixed principal axes frame. The wheel relative angular momentum is given by  $h_s > 0$ .

- Show that this situation corresponds to an equilibrium for torque-free motion
- Show that small perturbations to the spacecraft angular velocity lead to purely oscillatory behavior in  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  with frequency

$$\Omega_p = \frac{h_s}{\sqrt{I_1 I_2}}.$$