

(2010 年预赛第五题) 设 l 是过原点、方向为 (α, β, γ) (其中 $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = 1$) 的直线, 均匀椭球 $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} \leq 1$ (其中 $0 < c < b < a$, 密度为 1) 绕 l 旋转.

(1) 求其转动惯量;

(2) 求其转动惯量关于方向 (α, β, γ) 的最大值和最小值.

解析: (1) 设旋转轴 l 的方向向量为 $\vec{l} = (\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$, 椭球内任意一点

$P(x, y, z)$ 的向径为 $\vec{r} = (x, y, z)$, 则 \vec{r} 在 \vec{l} 上的投影为

$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{l} = \alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z$, 于是点 P 到旋转轴 l 的距离的平方为

$$\begin{aligned} d^2 &= |\vec{r}|^2 - |\vec{r} \cdot \vec{l}|^2 \\ &= x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - (\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z)^2 \\ &= (1 - \alpha^2)x^2 + (1 - \beta^2)y^2 + (1 - \gamma^2)z^2 - 2(\alpha\beta xy + \beta\gamma yz + \alpha\gamma xz) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} J_l &= \iiint_{\Omega} d^2 dx dy dz \\ &= \iiint_{\Omega} [(1 - \alpha^2)x^2 + (1 - \beta^2)y^2 + (1 - \gamma^2)z^2 - 2(\alpha\beta xy + \beta\gamma yz + \alpha\gamma xz)] dx dy dz \end{aligned}$$

因为 Ω 关于坐标 x 对称, 被积函数 xy 关于变量 x 是奇函数, 所

以 $\iiint_{\Omega} xy dx dy dz = 0$. 同理可得, $\iiint_{\Omega} yz dx dy dz = 0$,

$$\iiint_{\Omega} xz dx dy dz = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_{\Omega} x^2 dx dy dz &= \int_{-a}^a x^2 dx \iint_{\frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} \leq 1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2}} dy dz = \int_{-a}^a \pi bc \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2}\right) x^2 dx \\ &= 2\pi bc \int_0^a \left(x^2 - \frac{x^4}{a^2}\right) dx = \frac{4\pi a^3 bc}{15} \end{aligned}$$

同理可得, $\iiint_{\Omega} y^2 dx dy dz = \frac{4\pi b^3 ac}{15}, \quad \iiint_{\Omega} z^2 dx dy dz = \frac{4\pi c^3 ab}{15}.$

因此, $J_l = \frac{4\pi abc}{15} [(1-\alpha^2)a^2 + (1-\beta^2)b^2 + (1-\gamma^2)c^2].$

其中, 计算 $\iiint_{\Omega} x^2 dx dy dz$ 也可以采用椭球坐标系

$$\begin{cases} x = a\rho \sin \varphi \cos \theta \\ y = b\rho \sin \varphi \sin \theta \\ z = c\rho \cos \varphi \end{cases} \Rightarrow \left| \frac{\partial(x,y,z)}{\partial(\rho, \varphi, \theta)} \right| = abc\rho^2 \sin \varphi, \text{ 所以}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_{\Omega} x^2 dx dy dz &= \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^{\pi} d\varphi \int_0^1 a^2 \rho^2 \sin^2 \varphi \cos^2 \theta \cdot abc\rho^2 \sin \varphi d\rho \\ &= a^3 bc \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2 \theta d\theta \int_0^{\pi} \sin^3 \varphi d\varphi \int_0^1 \rho^4 d\rho \\ &= \pi a^3 bc \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{5} = \frac{4\pi a^3 bc}{15} \end{aligned}$$

(2) 目标函数为 $f(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = (1-\alpha^2)a^2 + (1-\beta^2)b^2 + (1-\gamma^2)c^2,$

构造拉格朗日函数为

$$L(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda) = (1-\alpha^2)a^2 + (1-\beta^2)b^2 + (1-\gamma^2)c^2 + \lambda(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 - 1)$$

则 $\begin{cases} L'_x = 2\alpha(\lambda - a^2) = 0 \\ L'_y = 2\beta(\lambda - b^2) = 0 \\ L'_z = 2\gamma(\lambda - c^2) = 0 \\ L'_\lambda = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 - 1 = 0 \end{cases}, \text{ 解得 } Q_1(\pm 1, 0, 0), Q_2(0, \pm 1, 0),$

$Q_3(0, 0, \pm 1).$ 比较可知, $J_{\max} = \frac{4\pi abc}{15} (a^2 + b^2),$

$J_{\max} = \frac{4\pi abc}{15} (b^2 + c^2).$