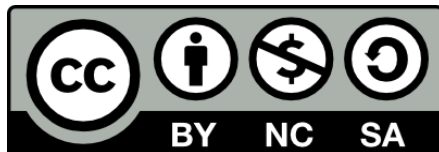


# Euler's Dynamical Equations

Parallel Axis Theorem

Principle Moments of Inertia



Dynamics: Euler Equations

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# Euler's Dynamical Equations (about center of mass)

- About Center of Mass
- Written in terms of the components in body frame

# Rotational Kinematics

- Consider a Newtonian reference frame  $N$
- Consider the reference frame fixed in the body  $B$ :  $(\hat{b}_1, \hat{b}_2, \hat{b}_3)$
- Angular Velocity:  ${}^N\vec{\omega}^B = \omega_1 \hat{b}_1 + \omega_2 \hat{b}_2 + \omega_3 \hat{b}_3$
- Angular Acceleration:  ${}^N\vec{\alpha}^B = \dot{\omega}_1 \hat{b}_1 + \dot{\omega}_2 \hat{b}_2 + \dot{\omega}_3 \hat{b}_3$
- Moment of Inertia (about the center of mass  $C$ ):  
... always relative to the body axes!

$\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$   
are components  
of  $\vec{\omega}$  in  $B$ -frame

$$\begin{aligned} {}^N\vec{\alpha}^B &= \frac{{}^N d {}^N\vec{\omega}^B}{dt} \\ &= \frac{{}^B d {}^N\vec{\omega}^B}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

$$[I^C] = \begin{bmatrix} I_{11}^C & I_{12}^C & I_{13}^C \\ I_{12}^C & I_{22}^C & I_{23}^C \\ I_{13}^C & I_{23}^C & I_{33}^C \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{--- components of } \vec{I} \text{ in } B\text{-frame}$$

# Angular Momentum

- Angular Momentum (about the center of mass  $C$ ):

$$\vec{H}^C = H_1^C \hat{b}_1 + H_2^C \hat{b}_2 + H_3^C \hat{b}_3$$

... in terms of moment of inertia and angular velocity

$$\begin{Bmatrix} H_1^C \\ H_2^C \\ H_3^C \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{11}^C & I_{12}^C & I_{13}^C \\ I_{12}^C & I_{22}^C & I_{23}^C \\ I_{13}^C & I_{23}^C & I_{33}^C \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{H}^C = \vec{I}^C \cdot \vec{\omega}$$

- Applied Torque:  $\vec{M}^C = M_1^C \hat{b}_1 + M_2^C \hat{b}_2 + M_3^C \hat{b}_3$

# Euler's Dynamical Equations (matrix form using components in the $B$ -frame)

- Equations of Motion:

$$\vec{M}^C = \frac{{}^N d\vec{H}^C}{dt} = \frac{{}^B d\vec{H}^C}{dt} + {}^N \vec{\omega}^B \times \vec{H}^C$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} M_1^C \\ M_2^C \\ M_3^C \end{Bmatrix} = [I^C] \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{\omega}_1 \\ \dot{\omega}_2 \\ \dot{\omega}_3 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{Bmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 \end{Bmatrix} \times \begin{Bmatrix} H_1^C \\ H_2^C \\ H_3^C \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} M_1^C \\ M_2^C \\ M_3^C \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{11}^C & I_{12}^C & I_{13}^C \\ I_{12}^C & I_{22}^C & I_{23}^C \\ I_{13}^C & I_{23}^C & I_{33}^C \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \dot{\omega}_1 \\ \dot{\omega}_2 \\ \dot{\omega}_3 \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega_3 & \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 & 0 & -\omega_1 \\ -\omega_2 & \omega_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{11}^C & I_{12}^C & I_{13}^C \\ I_{12}^C & I_{22}^C & I_{23}^C \\ I_{13}^C & I_{23}^C & I_{33}^C \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

# Euler's Dynamical Equations (about a fixed point)

- About a point fixed in the inertial frame
  - We will talk about a general point later
- Again will be written in terms of the components in body frame

# Angular Momentum Expression for Rigid Bodies about non-CM point on the Body

- Consider a point  $P$  on the body :

$$\vec{H}^P = \int (\vec{r}^{PQ} \times \vec{v}^Q) dm$$

where  $Q$  is a point on  $dm$  on the body

- For a rigid body we can write the velocity at any point in terms of velocity at one point and the angular velocity of the body

$$\vec{v}^Q = \vec{v}^P + \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}^{PQ}$$

- Thus:

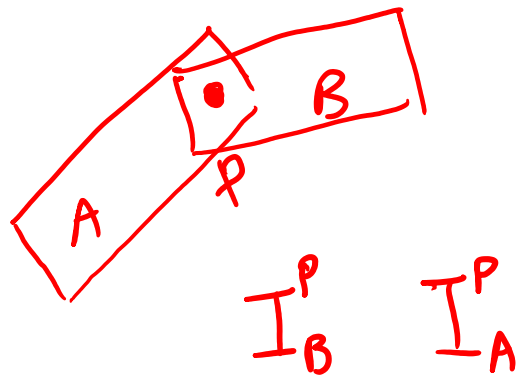
$$\vec{H}^P = \int [\vec{r}^{PQ} \times (\vec{v}^P + \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}^{PQ})] dm$$

$$\vec{H}^P = \underline{m \vec{r}^{PC} \times \vec{v}^P} + \int (\vec{r}^{PQ} \times \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}^{PQ}) dm$$

# Angular Momentum Expression about non-CM point on Body which is Fixed in Inertial Frame

- Such a point would be a “pivot” point (or socket) and would translate to a fixed axis (or hinge) in 2D
- For such a point  $O$  fixed in the inertial frame:

$$\vec{H}^O = \int [\vec{r}^{OQ} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}^{OQ})] dm$$



$$\sum \vec{M}^C = \frac{d\vec{H}^C}{dt} \quad \sum \vec{M}^O = \frac{d\vec{H}^O}{dt}$$

$$\vec{H}^C = \int \vec{r}^{CQ} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}^{CQ}) dm$$

$$\vec{H}^O = \int \vec{r}^{OQ} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}^{OQ}) dm$$



# Angular Momentum Expression about non-CM point on Body which is Fixed in Inertial Frame

- Consider points  $O$  and  $Q$  on the rigid body  $B$  :  $\vec{r}^{OQ} = x^{OQ}\hat{b}_1 + y^{OQ}\hat{b}_2 + z^{OQ}\hat{b}_3$
- The angular velocity can be written in terms of its components in body axis

$$\vec{\omega} = \omega_x\hat{b}_1 + \omega_y\hat{b}_2 + \omega_z\hat{b}_3$$

- The Angular Momentum can be calculated as:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{H}^O &= \int (\vec{r}^{OQ} \times \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}^{OQ}) dm \\ &= \left[ \int (y^{OQ^2} + z^{OQ^2}) dm \omega_x - \int (x^{OQ} y^{OQ}) dm \omega_y - \int (x^{OQ} z^{OQ}) dm \omega_z \right] \hat{b}_1 \\ &\quad + \left[ - \int (x^{OQ} y^{OQ}) dm \omega_x + \int (x^{OQ^2} + z^{OQ^2}) dm \omega_y - \int (y^{OQ} z^{OQ}) dm \omega_z \right] \hat{b}_2 \\ &\quad + \left[ - \int (x^{OQ} z^{OQ}) dm \omega_x - \int (y^{OQ} z^{OQ}) dm \omega_y + \int (x^{OQ^2} + y^{OQ^2}) dm \omega_z \right] \hat{b}_3\end{aligned}$$

# Moments and Products of Inertia about $O$

$$I_{xx}^O = \int (y^{OQ^2} + z^{OQ^2}) dm$$

$$I_{xy}^O = - \int (x^{OQ} y^{OQ}) dm$$

$$I_{yy}^O = \int (x^{OQ^2} + z^{OQ^2}) dm$$

$$I_{xz}^O = - \int (x^{OQ} z^{OQ}) dm$$

$$I_{zz}^O = \int (x^{OQ^2} + y^{OQ^2}) dm$$

$$I_{yz}^O = - \int (y^{OQ} z^{OQ}) dm$$

$$\{H^O\} = [I^O] \{\omega\}$$

- For a point  $O$  fixed in the inertial frame:

$$\{M^O\} = [I^O] \{\dot{\omega}\} + [\tilde{\omega}] [I^O] \{\omega\}$$

$$I^O = \begin{bmatrix} I_{xx}^O & I_{xy}^O & I_{xz}^O \\ - & - & - \\ - & - & - \end{bmatrix}$$

... similar to the equation about the center of mass, but we need to use the Mol about  $P$

# Parallel Axis Theorem

- Relates moment/product of inertia about any point fixed on the body to the moment/product of inertia about the center of mass

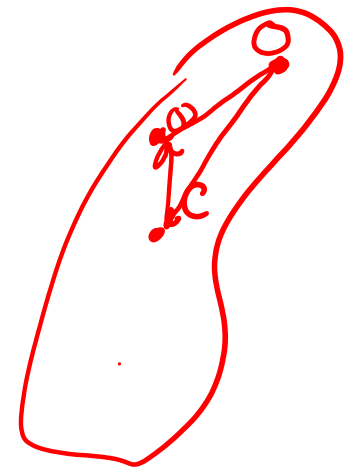
$$I_{xx}^O = \int (y^{OQ^2} + z^{OQ^2}) dm$$

$$= \int [(y^{Oc} + y^{cQ})^2 + (z^{Oc} + z^{cQ})^2] dm$$

$$= \int (y^{Oc^2} + z^{Oc^2}) dm + 2y^{Oc} \int y^{cQ} dm$$

$$+ 2z^{Oc} \int z^{cQ} dm + \int (y^{cQ^2} + z^{cQ^2}) dm$$

$$= (y^{Oc^2} + z^{Oc^2}) m + I_{xx}^C$$



# Parallel Axis Theorem

- Are Moments of Inertia about two points related? For example, is  $I_{zz}^O$  related to  $I_{zz}^C$ ? Yes ...

$$I_{zz}^O = I_{zz}^C + \underline{md^2}$$

$$I_{zz}^C \neq I_{zz}^O + md^2$$

... where,  $d$  is the distance between the two  $z$ -axis passing through  $O$  and  $C$

$$d^2 = x^{CO^2} + y^{CO^2}$$

... the Mol is always positive and minimum about the CoM

- Are Products of Inertia about two points related? For example, is  $I_{xy}^O$  related to  $I_{xy}^C$ ? Yes again.

$$I_{xy}^O = I_{xy}^C - m x^{CO} y^{CO}$$

... the Pol can be positive or negative




# Use of Parallel Axis Theorem

- Parallel axis theorem is commonly used to calculate the moment of inertia about the CM for a single rigid body composed of multiple parts.
- If the mass and moment of inertia of each part about its own CM is given as:  $m_i$
- The moment of inertia of each part about the body CM will be:

$$I_{zz_i}^C = I_{zz_i}^{C_i} + m_i d_i^2 \quad d_i^2 = x^{CC_i^2} + y^{CC_i^2}$$

- The moment of inertia of the whole body about its CM will be:


 $I_{zz}^C + I_{zz}^C$

$$I_{zz}^C = \sum I_{zz_i}^C = \sum (I_{zz_i}^{C_i} + m_i d_i^2)$$

$I_{zz}^P = I_{zz}^C + m d^2$ 
  
 You can only sum MoI which are ① about same axis  
 ② about same point

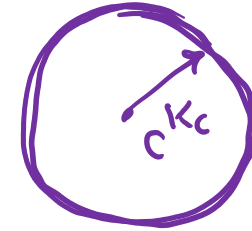
$$I_{zz_i}^{C_i}$$

# Radius of Gyration

- A measure of how the mass is distributed about an axis and is defined for Mol as:

$$I_{zz}^C = mk_C^2$$

$$I_{zz}^O = mk_O^2$$



... commonly used in 2D problems

- The two radii of gyration are related (using the parallel axis theorem):

$$k_O^2 = k_C^2 + d^2$$

# Principal Axis and Principal Moments of Inertia

- For any rigid body, there exist a set of three orthogonal body fixed axes about which all the Products of Inertia are zero
  - No need for symmetry
  - The Euler's dynamical equations in this axis system are significantly simpler (less terms)



$$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{v} = v_n$$

# Rotation of Moment of Inertia Tensor

- Moment of inertia about any axis can be calculated as:

$$I_{nn} = \underbrace{\{n\}^T [I] \{n\}}_{\text{Projection}}$$

... where  $\{n\}$  is a unit vector

$$\begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} I_{xx} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}^T \begin{Bmatrix} I_{xx} \\ I_{xy} \\ I_{xz} \end{Bmatrix} = I_{xx}$$

- Product of Inertia about any two axis can be calculated as:

$$I_{nm} = I_{mn} = \{m\}^T [I] \{n\} = \{n\}^T [I] \{m\}$$

... where  $\{n\}$  and  $\{m\}$  are orthogonal unit vectors

- Moment of Inertia Matrix in two different axis systems  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  (both fixed in the body reference frame):

$$[{}^{B_2}I] = [C]^T [{}^{B_1}I] [C]$$

$$\{{}^{B_2}v\} = [C]^T \{{}^{B_1}v\}$$

# Principal Moment of Inertia and Principal Axes

- Is it possible to have an axis system with zero products of inertia?
- Yes, if:

$$[I]\{n\} = I_p\{n\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\{m\}^T [I] \{n\} &= 0 \\ I_p \{m\}^T \{n\} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

... when multiplied by any orthogonal unit vector the above will give zero products of inertia.

- The above is an eigenvalue problem which has three eigenvalues -  $I_p^1, I_p^2, I_p^3$ , (principal moments of inertia) about three (orthogonal) axes -  $\{n^1\}, \{n^2\}, \{n^3\}$ .
- The three principal axes could be used as the body axis so that the moment of inertia matrix is diagonal

$$[I^C] = \begin{bmatrix} I_p^1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_p^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_p^3 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Eigenvalues Analysis $[A]\{x\} = \lambda\{x\}$ (Quick Cheat-Sheet)

- $n \times n$  matrix will have  $n$  eigenvalues and corresponding  $n$  eigenvectors
  - Lets assume distinct eigenvectors for now *(you should read up on algebraic / geometric multiplicity)*
- Eigenvectors do not have a magnitude, only "direction"
  - We typically choose the magnitude to be unity, especially to use as unit vectors  *$\{b_i\}^T \{b_i\} = 1$*
- If matrix is <sup>real</sup> symmetric, the eigenvalues are real and then the eigenvectors are orthogonal!  *$\{b_i\}^T \{b_j\} = 0$* 
  - We can use the eigenvectors as basis vectors for a new axis system (yay!)
  - Be careful and check that  $b_3 = b_1 \times b_2$ , if not choose negative  $b_3$
  - The eigenvectors are orthogonal w.r.t. the matrix  $\{b_i\}^T [A] \{b_j\} = 0$  (for  $i \neq j$ )
    - i.e., off-diagonal terms of Mol matrix are zero if the eigenvectors are used as basis vectors
- If matrix is symmetric and positive-definite (which Mol matrix is), the eigenvalues are all positive
- If the matrix is not symmetric then we have two sets of eigenvector – right and left
  - The right eigenvectors are orthogonal to the left eigenvector
- A generalized eigenvalue problem is of the form  $[A]\{x\} = \lambda[B]\{x\}$ 
  - For symmetric generalized eigenvalue problems, the eigenvectors are orthogonal w.r.t.  $[A]$  and  $[B]$ :  $\{n_i\}^T [A] \{n_j\} = 0$  and  $\{n_i\}^T [B] \{n_j\} = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ , but not directly orthogonal  $\{n_i\}^T \{n_j\} \neq 0$

# Euler's Dynamical Equations (about Principal Axes in Body frame)

- If  $I_{12}^C = I_{13}^C = I_{23}^C = 0$

$$M_1^C = I_{11}^C \dot{\omega}_1 + (I_{33}^C - I_{22}^C) \omega_2 \omega_3$$

$$M_2^C = I_{22}^C \dot{\omega}_2 + (I_{11}^C - I_{33}^C) \omega_1 \omega_3$$

$$M_3^C = I_{33}^C \dot{\omega}_3 + (I_{22}^C - I_{11}^C) \omega_1 \omega_2$$