

Q1) the definition of I_{MoI}^b is as follows, in \mathcal{F}^b

$$I_{MoI}^b = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \left((\Delta \vec{r}_i^b)^T (\Delta \vec{r}_i^b) I_{3 \times 3} - (\Delta \vec{r}_i^b) (\Delta \vec{r}_i^b)^T \right)$$

where, $\Delta \vec{r}_i^b = \vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_{cm}$

then let \mathcal{F}^c be the principle axis frame.

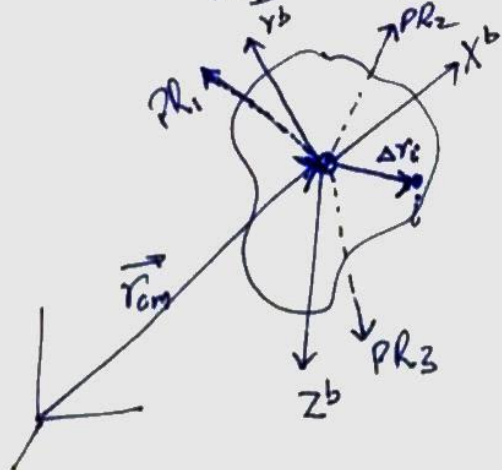
$$I_{MoI}^c = R_{pr}^T I_{MoI}^b R_{pr}$$

where, R_{pr} is a rotation matrix from \mathcal{F}^b to \mathcal{F}^c .

So, we can write the principle moments of inertia as follows.

$$I_{MoI}^c = R_{pr}^T \left[\sum_{i=1}^N m_i \left((\Delta \vec{r}_i^b)^T (\Delta \vec{r}_i^b) I_{3 \times 3} - (\Delta \vec{r}_i^b) (\Delta \vec{r}_i^b)^T \right) \right] R_{pr}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \left((\Delta \vec{r}_i^b)^T (\Delta \vec{r}_i^b) \underbrace{R_{pr}^T I_{3 \times 3} R_{pr}}_{I_{3 \times 3}} - \left(\overbrace{R_{pr}^T \Delta \vec{r}_i^b}^{\Delta \vec{r}_i^c} \right) \left(\underbrace{\Delta \vec{r}_i^b{}^T R_{pr}}_{\Delta \vec{r}_i^c{}^T} \right) \right)$$



because \mathcal{F}^c and \mathcal{F}^b are only rigid rotations, the magnitude of

$$|\Delta \vec{r}_i^c| = |\Delta \vec{r}_i^b|$$

$$\therefore (\Delta \vec{r}_i^b)^T (\Delta \vec{r}_i^b) = (\Delta \vec{r}_i^c)^T (\Delta \vec{r}_i^c)$$

This fact can also be proved as below

$$\vec{\Delta r}_i^b = R_{pr}^T \vec{\Delta r}_i^c \quad ; \quad (\vec{\Delta r}_i^b)^T = \vec{\Delta r}_i^c{}^T R_{pr}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{\Delta r}_i^b)^T (\vec{\Delta r}_i^b) &= (\vec{\Delta r}_i^c)^T \underbrace{R_{pr} R_{pr}^T}_{\mathbb{I}_{3 \times 3}} (\vec{\Delta r}_i^c) \\ &= (\vec{\Delta r}_i^c)^T (\vec{\Delta r}_i^c) \end{aligned}$$

So rewriting \mathbb{I}_{MoI}^C in its final form in terms of $\vec{\Delta r}_i^c$

$$\mathbb{I}_{MoI}^C = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \left[(\vec{\Delta r}_i^c)^T (\vec{\Delta r}_i^c) \mathbb{I}_{3 \times 3} - (\vec{\Delta r}_i^c) (\vec{\Delta r}_i^c)^T \right]$$

All the off-diagonal terms are zero because of the property of the Principle axes. So the diagonal terms are as follows.

$$\mathbb{I}_{pr1} = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \left((\Delta x_i^c)^2 + (\Delta y_i^c)^2 \right); \quad \mathbb{I}_{pr2} = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \left((\Delta x_i^c)^2 + (\Delta z_i^c)^2 \right)$$

$$\mathbb{I}_{pr3} = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \left((\Delta x_i^c)^2 + (\Delta y_i^c)^2 \right)$$

$$\mathbb{I}_{pr1} + \mathbb{I}_{pr2} = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \underbrace{\left((\Delta x_i^c)^2 + (\Delta y_i^c)^2 + 2(\Delta z_i^c)^2 \right)}_{\mathbb{I}_{pr3}}$$

from the last two relations it can be inferred that

$$\mathbb{I}_{pr1} + \mathbb{I}_{pr2} \geq \mathbb{I}_{pr3}$$