

# Chapter 9

## Rigid Body Motion

### 9.1 Introduction; Rotation About an Axis; Moments of Inertia

11/3:

- Today.
  - Rigid bodies (special case of many-body motion in which particles are fixed relative to each other).
  - Motion about an axis.
- Today, we will primarily focus on rotation about an axis.
- The setup is as follows.
  - We choose rotation to be in the  $\hat{z}$  direction. This means that we choose a shape (whatever we want) and let it rotate about this  $\hat{z}$  axis.
  - It is often useful to use cylindrical coordinates  $(\rho, \phi, z)$  here because of the axial symmetry.
    - Conversions:  $x = \rho \cos \phi$ ,  $y = \rho \sin \phi$ , and  $z = z$ .
  - Note that  $\vec{r} = z\hat{z} + \rho\hat{\rho}$  (much like in Figure 5.1) and recall that  $d\vec{r}/dt = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r} = \dot{\vec{r}}$ .
  - We can now calculate our  $\vec{J}$ . It is equal to

$$\vec{J} = \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} \vec{r}_{\alpha} \times \dot{\vec{r}}_{\alpha} = \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} \vec{r}_{\alpha} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}_{\alpha})$$

- Expanding out the cross product in parentheses, we obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\rho} & \hat{\phi} & \hat{z} \\ 0 & 0 & \omega \\ \rho & 0 & z \end{pmatrix} = \omega \rho \hat{\phi}$$

- Expanding out our second cross product, we obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\rho} & \hat{\phi} & \hat{z} \\ \rho & 0 & z \\ 0 & \rho\omega & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -z\rho\omega\hat{\rho} + \rho^2\omega\hat{z}$$

- Thus, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{J} &= \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} (\rho_{\alpha}^2 \omega \hat{z} - z_{\alpha} \omega \rho_{\alpha} \hat{\rho}) \\ &= \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} [\rho_{\alpha}^2 \omega \hat{z} - z_{\alpha} \omega (\rho_{\alpha} \cos \phi \hat{x} + \rho_{\alpha} \sin \phi \hat{y})] \\ &= \omega \left( \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} \rho_{\alpha}^2 \right) \hat{z} + \omega \left( - \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} z_{\alpha} x_{\alpha} \right) \hat{x} + \omega \left( - \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} z_{\alpha} y_{\alpha} \right) \hat{y} \end{aligned}$$

- We can get this into a more familiar form via **moments of inertia**.

- **Moment of inertia** (about the  $z$ -axis). Denoted by  $I_{zz}$ . Given by

$$I_{zz} = \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} \rho_{\alpha}^2 = \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} (x_{\alpha}^2 + y_{\alpha}^2)$$

- In general, these are **second** moments about an axis. This name just reflects the fact that the axial distance  $\rho_{\alpha}$  is *squared*.

- **Products of inertia**. *Examples*.

$$I_{xz} = - \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} x_{\alpha} z_{\alpha} \qquad I_{yz} = - \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} y_{\alpha} z_{\alpha}$$

- It follows from these definitions and the above expression for  $\vec{J}$  that, for  $\vec{\omega} = \omega \hat{z}$ , we have

$$J_z = I_{zz}\omega \qquad J_y = I_{yz}\omega \qquad J_x = I_{xz}\omega$$

- Note that if  $\vec{\omega} = \omega \hat{x}$ , we have

$$J_z = I_{zx}\omega \qquad J_y = I_{yx}\omega \qquad J_x = I_{xx}\omega$$

- If we have  $\vec{\omega} = \omega_x \hat{x} + \omega_y \hat{y} + \omega_z \hat{z}$ , then the contributions to angular momentum add as a linear combination via

$$\begin{bmatrix} J_x \\ J_y \\ J_z \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} I_{xx} & I_{xy} & I_{xz} \\ I_{yx} & I_{yy} & I_{yz} \\ I_{zx} & I_{zy} & I_{zz} \end{bmatrix}}_{\overleftrightarrow{I}} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix}$$

- $\overleftrightarrow{I}$  is the **moment of inertia tensor**.

- It follows that, for example,

$$J_x = I_{xx}\omega_x + I_{xy}\omega_y + I_{xz}\omega_z$$

- Since  $I_{xy} = I_{yx}$ , for example,  $\overleftrightarrow{I}$  is a symmetric matrix.

- What's a tensor?

- It's like a matrix with a tiny bit more structure.

- For now, think of it as a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, and we'll talk more about it a little bit more next time.

- Consider again  $\vec{\omega} = \omega \hat{z}$ .

- We know that

$$J_z = I_{zz}\omega = \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} \rho_{\alpha}^2 \omega$$

- Additionally, recall that

$$\dot{\vec{J}} = \sum_{\alpha} \vec{r}_{\alpha} \times \vec{F}_{\alpha}$$

- Computing the cross product in the above expression, we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\rho} & \hat{\phi} & \hat{z} \\ \rho_{\alpha} & 0 & z_{\alpha} \\ F_{\rho} & F_{\phi} & F_z \end{pmatrix} = -F_{\phi} z_{\alpha} \hat{\rho} + \rho_{\alpha} F_{\phi} \hat{z}^{[1]}$$

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<sup>1</sup>Why is there not a  $\hat{\phi}$  term in this cross product??

– Then

$$\dot{J}_z = I_{zz}\dot{\omega} = \sum_{\alpha} \rho_{\alpha} F_{\phi}$$

- This equation determines the rate of change of angular velocity, and hence may be called the equation of motion of the rotating body.
  - It gives  $\omega(t)$  in terms of force  $F_{\phi}$ .
- Example: Let the shape depicted in Figure 9.1 be in equilibrium, i.e.,  $\dot{\omega} = 0$ .

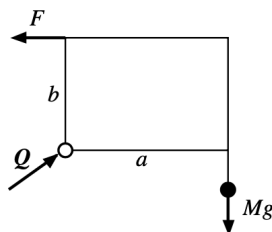


Figure 9.1: The rectangular lamina.

- This shape is called the **rectangular lamina**. It is of size  $a \times b$ , of negligible mass, pivoted at one quarter, carrying a weight  $Mg$  at one corner, and supported by a horizontal force  $\vec{F}$ .
- We're pulling on two corners, and if it's in equilibrium, the thing is not rotating.
- This means that the force  $F$  with which we have to pull on the top-left corner in order for the shape to stay in equilibrium is

$$bF - aMg = 0$$

$$F = \frac{a}{b}Mg$$

- Kinetic energy.

– We have that

$$T = \sum_{\alpha} \frac{1}{2} m_{\alpha} (\rho_{\alpha} \omega)^2 = \frac{1}{2} I_{zz} \omega^2$$

– It follows that the time rate of change of the kinetic energy is

$$\dot{T} = I_{zz} \omega \dot{\omega} = \sum_{\alpha} \omega \rho_{\alpha} F_{\phi} = \sum_{\alpha} (\rho \dot{\phi}) F_{\phi} = \sum_{\alpha} \dot{\vec{r}}_{\alpha} \cdot \vec{F}_{\alpha}$$

- Thus, in this case, the internal forces do no work (which makes sense for a rigid body).
- Thus, the KE is just related to the external forces, as shown above.

- We'll talk about pivot points next time.

## 9.2 Center of Mass Acceleration; Compound Pendulum

11/6:

- Announcements.

- Our exams are graded; we can pick them up after class.
  - High: 96%.
  - Median: 71%.
- Our course grades will be curved.

- $A^-/B^+$  cutoff is likely 83%.
  - $B^-/C^+$  cutoff is likely 60%.
- Office hours are back in her office today.
- Where we're going.
  - Next week: Hamiltonians and conservation laws.
  - Then Thanksgiving.
  - Then a bit of dynamical systems.
- Recap.
  - Rigid bodies — rotation about a fixed axis.
  - Moments and products of inertia.
    - What is a tensor?
- Addressing a question from last time: Why do we call  $T^* + V_{\text{int}}$  the “total energy” in the CM frame?
  - It's tautological: This is the only possible definition of “total energy” in the CM frame.
  - More specifically, recall that  $d/dt (T + V_{\text{int}}) = \sum_{\alpha} \dot{\vec{r}}_{\alpha} \cdot \vec{F}_{\alpha}$  and  $d/dt (T^* + V_{\text{int}}) = \sum_{\alpha} \dot{\vec{r}}_{\alpha}^* \cdot \vec{F}_{\alpha}$ .
    - If the  $\vec{F}_{\alpha}$  are *conservative*, then we can define  $V_{\text{ext}}$  via

$$-\frac{d}{dt}(V_{\text{ext}}(\{\vec{r}_{\alpha}\})) = -\sum_{\alpha,i} \frac{\partial V_{\text{ext}}}{\partial r_{\alpha i}} \frac{dr_{\alpha i}}{dt} = -\sum_{\alpha} \dot{\vec{r}}_{\alpha} \cdot \vec{F}_{\alpha}$$

- Plugging the above into the expression for  $d/dt (T + V_{\text{int}})$  given above yields
- $$\frac{d}{dt}(T + V_{\text{int}} + V_{\text{ext}}) = 0$$
- But this is exactly the condition we expect for *conservative* external forces.
  - Visualizing the system also helps make this definition of total energy more clear.
    - Recall that the system is like a bunch of particles connected by springs, all of which are connected to some external potential like gravity.
    - When we talk about the “total energy” in the CM frame, we're essentially just “diagonalizing” the system between external and internal forces.
  - Back to rigid bodies now.
  - Rigid body motion is completely specified by the following two equations of motion.

1.  $\dot{\vec{P}} = M\ddot{\vec{R}} = \sum_{\alpha} \vec{F}_{\alpha}$ .
  - Looks like a particle of mass  $M$  at the CM.
2.  $\dot{\vec{J}} = \sum_{\alpha} \vec{r}_{\alpha} \times \vec{F}_{\alpha}$ .

- Recap.
  - Last time, we found that there's a huge simplification we can make because all the particles in a rigid body are locked together.
    - The simplification is that  $\vec{J} = \overleftrightarrow{I}\vec{\omega}$ , where  $\overleftrightarrow{I}$  is the moment of inertia tensor.
      - Jerison writes out the matrix formula all over again.
    - Key point:  $\overleftrightarrow{I}$  is an *intrinsic* property of the rigid body, playing the role of mass.
    - If we have a continuous object, the sums over indices  $\alpha$  turn into an integral! Recall this from prior courses.

- Compare  $\vec{J} = \overleftrightarrow{I} \vec{\omega}$  to  $\vec{P} = M\vec{R}$ ; there is a similar structure in the equations.
- Special case: Rotation about a fixed axis.
  - We're headed toward the **compound pendulum**.
  - For such a problem, we use cylindrical coordinates.
    - Jerison rewrites the coordinate conversions.
  - We take  $\vec{\omega}$  to lie in the  $\hat{k}$  direction via  $\vec{\omega} = \omega \hat{k}$ .
  - The moment with which we're most concerned is  $I_{zz}$ , defined as previously. Differentiating gets us to  $J_z = I_{zz}\omega_z$  and  $\dot{J}_z = I_{zz}\dot{\omega}^{[2]}$ .
  - From here, we can define the kinetic energy

$$T = \sum_{\alpha} \frac{1}{2} m_{\alpha} \dot{\vec{r}}_{\alpha}^2 = \sum_{\alpha} \frac{1}{2} m_{\alpha} (\rho_{\alpha} \omega)^2 = \frac{1}{2} I_{zz} \omega^2$$

where we recall that  $\dot{\vec{r}}_{\alpha} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}_{\alpha} = \rho_{\alpha} \omega \hat{\phi}$ .

- The EOMs for this system are given by  $\dot{\vec{J}} = \sum_{\alpha} \vec{r}_{\alpha} \times \vec{F}_{\alpha}$ .
  - We're mostly interested in the  $z$  component, i.e.,  $\dot{J}_z = \sum_{\alpha} \rho_{\alpha} F_{\phi}$ .
  - Sometimes, it can be useful to separate out the forces into axial forces and other forces via

$$\dot{\vec{P}} = M\ddot{\vec{R}} = \vec{Q} + \sum_{\alpha} \vec{F}_{\alpha}$$

- $\vec{Q}$  is the force on the axis and  $\sum_{\alpha} \vec{F}_{\alpha}$  denotes other forces.
- To make calculations, it will additionally be useful to have the following expression. For a rotating body,  $\ddot{\vec{R}}$  can be found as follows: Since  $\dot{\vec{R}} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{R}$ , we have that

$$\ddot{\vec{R}} = \dot{\vec{\omega}} \times \vec{R} + \vec{\omega} \times \dot{\vec{R}} = \dot{\vec{\omega}} \times \vec{R} + \vec{\omega} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{R})$$

- The above expression for  $\ddot{\vec{R}}$  holds true in general.
- If we specialize to the case of rotation about an axis, we can obtain a more tailored expression.
  - First, choose the origin so that  $z_{\text{cm}} = 0$ .
  - Then the above expression simplifies to

$$\ddot{\vec{R}} = \dot{\omega} \hat{z} \times R \hat{\rho} + \omega \hat{z} \times (\omega \hat{z} \times R \hat{\rho}) = R \dot{\omega} \hat{\phi} - \omega^2 R \hat{\rho} = R \ddot{\phi} \hat{\phi} - \dot{\phi}^2 R \hat{\rho}$$

- The right term above is tangential acceleration minus centripetal acceleration.
- Example: Compound pendulum.

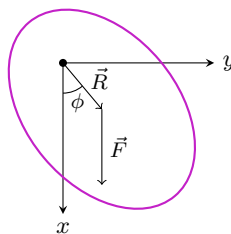


Figure 9.2: Compound pendulum.

<sup>2</sup>Where did the subscript  $z$  come from and why did it promptly disappear?? I don't think there's anything special going on here; notation is just wacky and confusing.

- We want to look at the force on the pivot.
- We define a new coordinate system as in Figure 9.2. Explicitly,  $\hat{x}$  points straight downwards and  $\hat{y}$  points straight rightwards.
- We put our pendulum's center of mass such that it rotates through angle  $\phi$ .
- At this point, we have

$$T = \frac{1}{2} I_{zz} \dot{\phi}^2 \qquad V = M \vec{g} \cdot \vec{R} = -MgR \cos \phi$$

- Thus, our Lagrangian is

$$L = T - V = \frac{1}{2} I_{zz} \dot{\phi}^2 + MgR \cos \phi$$

- Going forward, we will denote  $I_{zz}$  with  $I$ .
- It follows from the E-L equation that our EOM is

$$\begin{aligned} I \ddot{\phi} &= -MgR \sin \phi \\ \ddot{\phi} &= -\frac{MgR}{I} \sin \phi \\ &= -\frac{g}{\ell} \sin \phi \end{aligned}$$

where  $\ell = I/MR$ .

- $\ell$  defines the **equivalent simple pendulum**.

- From here, we can solve for the force on the pivot as a function of  $\phi$  (we could also go through  $\phi(t)$ , and solve for  $F(t)$  if we desired).

- We start with the conservation of energy

$$\frac{1}{2} I \dot{\phi}^2 - MgR \cos \phi = E$$

- It follows that

$$\dot{\phi}^2 = \frac{E + MgR \cos \phi}{I/2} = \frac{2E}{MR\ell} + \frac{2g}{\ell} \cos \phi$$

- We want to solve for  $\vec{Q}$  from  $M\ddot{\vec{R}} = \vec{Q} + \sum_{\alpha} \vec{F}_{\alpha}$ .

- Here, the only relevant external force is our gravitational force  $Mg \cos \phi \hat{\rho} - Mg \sin \phi \hat{\phi}$ .

- We also found previously that  $\ddot{\vec{R}} = R\ddot{\phi}\hat{\phi} - \dot{\phi}^2 R\hat{\rho}$ . Thus,

$$MR\ddot{\phi}\hat{\phi} - MR\dot{\phi}^2\hat{\rho} = \vec{Q} + Mg \cos \phi \hat{\rho} - Mg \sin \phi \hat{\phi}$$

- Splitting this vector equation into scalar equations, we obtain

$$Q_{\rho} = -MR\dot{\phi}^2 - Mg \cos \phi \qquad Q_z = 0 \qquad Q_{\phi} = MR\ddot{\phi} + Mg \sin \phi$$

- Substituting from the conservation of energy and EOM, we obtain

$$Q_{\rho} = -\frac{2E}{\ell} - Mg \left(1 + \frac{2R}{\ell}\right) \cos \phi \qquad Q_z = 0 \qquad Q_{\phi} = Mg \left(1 - \frac{R}{\ell}\right) \sin \phi$$

- These are the final formulae for the forces on pivot as a function of  $\phi$ .

- **Equivalent simple pendulum:** The simple pendulum having the same equation of motion as our extended body.
- What happens in a similar system if it receives a “sudden blow” or impulse?

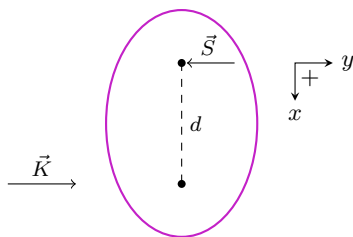


Figure 9.3: The “sweet spot” of a compound pendulum.

- Such pendulums have a sweet spot or equilibrium where the CM is just hanging down.
- We imagine that we kick the pendulum with impulse  $\vec{K}$  in the  $\hat{y}$  direction (using our modified coordinate system), as shown above.
- We have that  $K\hat{y} = \vec{K} = \vec{F}\Delta t$ .
- Let  $\vec{S} = \vec{Q}\Delta t$ .
- What we’ll see is that there is a special value of  $d$  (between the pivot and CM) for which  $\vec{\rho}$  vanishes!
- During the short interval,

$$I\ddot{\phi} = -MgR\sin\phi + Fd$$

- We make the approximation that  $\ddot{\phi}$  is constant during  $\Delta t$  and that  $\sin\phi = 0$ .
- It follows that

$$\omega_{\text{final}} = \ddot{\phi}\Delta t = F\Delta t \frac{d}{I} = \frac{Kd}{I}$$

- Additionally, we have that  $\dot{\vec{P}} = \vec{Q} + \vec{F}$  so that

$$P_{\text{final}} = \dot{P}\Delta t = -Q\Delta t + F\Delta t = -S + K$$

- But we also know that

$$P_{\text{final}} = M\dot{R}_{\text{final}} = M\omega_{\text{final}}R = \frac{MKdR}{I}$$

- Thus, putting everything together, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{MKdR}{I} &= -S + K \\ S &= K \left( 1 - \frac{MdR}{I} \right) \end{aligned}$$

- Thus,  $S$  vanishes if we choose  $d = \ell = I/MR$ .
- Takeaway: Regardless of the shape of our pendulum, if we hit it at the distance of the equivalent simple pendulum, we’ll have no impulse on the pivot.
- This is the “sweet spot” of our baseball bat or whatever.

### 9.3 Office Hours (Jerison)

- 11/6:
- The final will slant toward the second half of the course, but everything is fair game.
  - Is there an abstract environment in which we can view mass vs. angular mass and momentum vs. angular momentum, etc. as special cases of the same generalized construct?
    - Yes.

- One answer.
  - We can get this mapping from a speed-type thing to a momentum-type thing with linear operators.
  - A tensor is a mathematical object with some kind of geometrical meaning independent of the coordinate basis.
- Another answer.
  - These are both examples of equations of motion that come from the Lagrangian (think *generalized mass*, *generalized momentum*, *generalized force*, etc.).
- Could you post the KE of a free particle derivation?
- There will not be another *in-class* review session, but she will hold one outside of class.
- We will get to Euler angles on Friday.

## 9.4 Moment of Inertia Tensor; Principal Axis Rotation

11/8:

- Outline.
  - Moment of inertia tensor.
    - What is a tensor?
    - Principal axes.
    - Calculating moments of inertia.
  - Rotation about a principal axis.
    - Precession.
- Next time.
  - Stability of rotation about a principal axis.
  - Euler angles.
  - Lagrangian for rigid bodies.
- Recall.
  - Our EOMs are

$$\dot{\vec{P}} = M\ddot{\vec{R}} = \sum_{\alpha} \vec{F}_{\alpha} \qquad \dot{\vec{J}} = \sum_{\alpha} \vec{r}_{\alpha} \times \vec{F}_{\alpha}$$

- Last time, we talked about rotation about a fixed axis.
- We’ve also seen (more generally) that if  $\vec{\omega} = \omega_x \hat{i} + \omega_y \hat{j} + \omega_z \hat{k}$ , then the angular momentum is given by
 
$$\vec{J} = \overset{\leftrightarrow}{I} \vec{\omega}$$
- **Tensor:** A mathematical object that has geometric meaning independent of the coordinate basis.
- What is a tensor?
  - She won’t belabor the point because most of this machinery is orthogonal to our present aims.
  - The “geometric meaning” alluded to in the definition has to be some kind of multilinear relationship, usually between vectors.
  - In particular,  $\overset{\leftrightarrow}{I}$  is an intrinsic property of the rigid body and its geometry.
    - Its *numerical* representation will change with the basis, though.



- To calculate it, we need to be able to define it in a particular basis.
  - The tensor comes prepackaged with (1) a definition in one basis and (2) a rule about how to change bases.
- So, in our specific example,  $\overleftrightarrow{T}$  is the linear operator that takes  $\vec{\omega}$  and returns to you  $\vec{J}$  for your rigid body.
- The rule to calculate entries of  $\overleftrightarrow{T}$  is: Start with the  $3 \times 3$  matrix and then employ

$$I_{xx} = \iiint \rho_m(\vec{r})(z^2 + y^2) \quad I_{xy} = - \iiint \rho_m(\vec{r})xy$$

and the like where herein,  $\rho_m$  is the density (i.e., mass/volume), not the radial coordinate.

- Change of basis rule: If you have a change-of-basis matrix  $R$ , then  $\overleftrightarrow{T}$  in your new basis looks like  $R^{-1}\overleftrightarrow{T}R$ .
- Note that  $\overleftrightarrow{T}$  is called a  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  tensor since it has 1 **contravariant** and 1 **covariant** dimension, meaning that it is like a regular matrix with 1 dimension that transforms as row vectors and 1 dimension that transforms as column vectors.
- Other examples of tensors.
  - Scalars: Rank 0 tensors (same in any dimension).
  - Vectors: Rank 1 tensors (can be row or column vectors).
  - Metrics: There are  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  tensors which do *not* transform as matrices, even though they are arrays of numbers.
- We don't need to worry about any of this stuff if we don't want to.
- Note that since  $I_{xy} = I_{yx}$ , etc.,  $\overleftrightarrow{T}$  is **symmetric**. Thus, by the real spectral theorem, it is orthonormally diagonalizable.
  - This implies that  $\overleftrightarrow{T}$  has three real eigenvalues.
  - Moreover, the eigenvectors of  $\overleftrightarrow{T}$  are orthonormal.
  - Thus, we may use the eigenvectors of  $\overleftrightarrow{T}$  to define an orthonormal basis of 3D space. We call these eigenvectors the **principal axes**  $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3$ . Thus, in principle, we can find these for any object we choose, even though in any object we study in this class, it will be obvious which axes are which.
  - In the special basis of the principal axes,  $\overleftrightarrow{T}$  is diagonal, i.e.,  $\overleftrightarrow{T} = \text{diag}(I_{xx}, I_{yy}, I_{zz})$ . It follows that

$$\vec{J} = I_1\omega_1\vec{e}_1 + I_2\omega_2\vec{e}_2 + I_3\omega_3\vec{e}_3$$

- We now put some of these tensor machinations to good use.
  - We begin with a couple of observations and a consequence. We then relate these back to principal axes.
  - Observe that we can express the kinetic energy as follows.

$$T = \sum_{\alpha} \frac{1}{2} m_{\alpha} \dot{\vec{r}}_{\alpha}^2 = \sum_{\alpha} \frac{1}{2} m_{\alpha} (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}_{\alpha})^2 = \sum_{\alpha} \frac{1}{2} m_{\alpha} [\omega^2 r_{\alpha}^2 - (\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{r}_{\alpha})^2]$$

- A derivation of the vector algebra identity  $(\vec{u} \times \vec{v})^2 = u^2 v^2 - (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v})^2$  can be found in Kibble and Berkshire (2004).
- Observe that we can express the angular momentum as follows.

$$\vec{J} = \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} \vec{r}_{\alpha} \times \dot{\vec{r}}_{\alpha} = \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} \vec{r}_{\alpha} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}_{\alpha}) = \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} [r_{\alpha}^2 \vec{\omega} - (\vec{r}_{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\omega}) \vec{r}_{\alpha}]$$

- Comparing the above two results, we obtain

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{J}$$

- In particular, in the basis of principal axes,

$$T = \frac{1}{2} I_1 \omega_1^2 + \frac{1}{2} I_2 \omega_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} I_3 \omega_3^2$$

- We can use the above expression to get the Lagrangian for general rigid body motion.
- A few notes on this.

- $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3$  rotate with the body.

- $\vec{J} = \overleftrightarrow{I} \vec{\omega}$  implies that in general,  $\vec{J}$  is not parallel to  $\vec{\omega}$ . However, if  $\vec{\omega}$  lies along one of  $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3$ , then  $\vec{J}$  is parallel to  $\vec{\omega}$ .

- We now consider rigid bodies with certain symmetries.
- **Symmetric body:** A rigid body for which two of the moments of inertia (usually taken to be  $I_1, I_2$ ) are equal.
- **Totally symmetric body:** A rigid body for which all three of the moments of inertia are equal.
- Examples of (totally) symmetric bodies.
  - A cylinder and square pyramid are both symmetric.
  - A sphere and cube are both totally symmetric.

- We'll mostly be dealing with *symmetric* bodies.

- In this case:

- We have that

$$\vec{J} = I_1(\omega_1 \vec{e}_1 + \omega_2 \vec{e}_2) + I_3 \omega_3 \vec{e}_3$$

- Thus, any orthonormal axes in the plane defined by  $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2$  can serve as principal axes.

- In the case of a totally symmetric object, any axis acts a principal axis and  $\vec{J}$  is always parallel to  $\vec{\omega}$ .

- Calculating  $\overleftrightarrow{I}$ .

1. If we take  $\vec{r} = \vec{R} + \vec{r}^*$ , then since  $\vec{R}^* = 0$ ,

$$\sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} x^* = \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} y^* = \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} z^* = 0$$

- Let  $\vec{R} = (X, Y, Z)$ .

- The above identities imply that the cross terms work out as follows.

$$I_{xy} = - \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} (X + x^*)(Y + y^*) = -MXY - \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} x_{\alpha}^* y_{\alpha}^*$$

- Similarly, for the moments of inertia,

$$I_{xx} = M(Y^2 + Z^2) + I_{xx}^*$$

- The above equation merits additional comment.

- It decomposes the moment of inertia into the sum of the moment of the center of mass about the origin and the moment of inertia relative to the center of mass  $\vec{R}$ .

- This is the **parallel axis theorem**.

## 2. Objects with 3 perpendicular symmetry planes.

- Picture a cylinder, ellipsoid, or parallelepiped with uniform density and three axes  $a, b, c$ .
- Then

$$I_1^* = M(\lambda_y b^2 + \lambda_z c^2) \quad I_2^* = M(\lambda_x a^2 + \lambda_z c^2) \quad I_3^* = M(\lambda_x a^2 + \lambda_y b^2)$$

where...

- $\lambda_x = \lambda_y = \lambda_z = 1/5$  for an ellipsoid;
- $\lambda_x = \lambda_y = \lambda_z = 1/3$  for a parallelepiped;
- $\lambda_x = \lambda_y = 1/4$  and  $\lambda_z = 1/3$  for a cylinder.
- The derivation of the above results is on Kibble and Berkshire (2004, pp. 209–11).
  - We should look through this as we may be expected to do the integrals!
  - Known by the name, **Routh's rule**.
- What are the  $\lambda$ 's?
  - It's just a number that has to do with the geometry of the subscripted axis.
- An interesting case: The effect of a small force on an axis; **precession**.
  - Imagine an object that is spinning fairly rapidly about one of its axes.
  - Assume that we have a symmetric body and that initially,  $\vec{\omega} = \omega \vec{e}_3$ .
  - It follows that initially,  $\vec{J} = I_3 \omega \vec{e}_3$ .
  - In the case of no external forces, we have

$$\dot{\vec{J}} = I_3 \dot{\vec{\omega}} = \sum \vec{r}_\alpha \times \vec{F}_\alpha = 0$$

- Now imagine we exert a small force  $\vec{F}$  at a distance  $\vec{r}$  up the axis from the CM/origin.
- It follows that  $\dot{\vec{J}} = I_3 \dot{\vec{\omega}} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$ .
- Thus,  $\dot{\vec{J}}$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{\omega}$  and  $\vec{\omega}$  changes direction, so the system turns.
- For example, if the system is a rolling bicycle wheel under gravity, the wheel turns right.
- At this point, we can analyze the motion of a top/gyroscope!

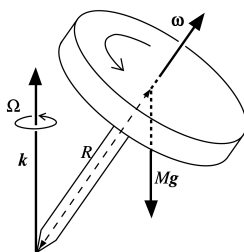


Figure 9.4: A spinning top/gyroscope.

- We have that

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 \dot{\vec{\omega}} &= R \vec{e}_3 \times (-Mg \hat{k}) \\ I_3 \omega \dot{\vec{e}}_3 &= MgR \hat{k} \times \vec{e}_3 \\ \dot{\vec{e}}_3 &= \frac{MgR}{I_3 \omega} \hat{k} \times \vec{e}_3 \end{aligned}$$

- Defining  $\vec{\Omega} = \frac{MgR}{I_3\omega} \hat{k}$ , we have that

$$\dot{\vec{e}}_3 = \vec{\Omega} \times \vec{e}_3$$

- Thus,  $\vec{e}_3$  rotates about the  $\hat{k}$  axis (direction of  $\vec{\Omega}$ ) at rate  $\Omega$ . This is precession!
- We make the approximation that the value for  $\Omega \ll \omega$ , or  $I_3\omega^2/2 \gg MgR$ .
- We are making the approximation that  $\vec{J}$  points in the  $\vec{\omega}$  direction ( $\vec{e}_3$  direction), which is not quite true due to the  $\Omega$  contribution.

## 9.5 Euler's Angles; Freely Rotating Symmetric Body

11/10:

- Recap.
  - Stability of rotation about a principal axis.
- Today.
  - Euler angles.
  - Freely rotating body.
- Recall.
  - Last time, we talked about the moment of inertia tensor  $\overleftrightarrow{I}$ .
  - Before you diagonalize it, this  $3 \times 3$  matrix has an element like  $I_{xy}$  in each slot.
  - Moreover, since it is a real symmetric matrix, the moment of inertia tensor is orthonormally diagonalizable.
    - We call it's eigenvectors the principal axes.
  - In general, we will deal with nice symmetric objects like the cylinder, which you can just look at and see its principal axes.
    - Moreover, in the particular case of the cylinder, *symmetric* has the additional meaning that  $I_1 = I_2$ .
    - In this case, we can choose any two orthogonal vectors in the span of  $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2$  to be the principal axes.
  - Note that to find the principal axes rigorously, the rule is that the cross terms (i.e., those  $I_{xy}$  in which the two subscripted variables differ and which thus do not lie along the diagonal of  $\overleftrightarrow{I}$ ) equal zero.
    - This occurs when integrating  $m_\alpha xy$  over the whole object yields zero.
  - In the principal axes basis,  $\overleftrightarrow{I} = \text{diag}(I_1, I_2, I_3)$ .
    - Calculate  $I_1, I_2, I_3$  either by choosing the principal axes from the beginning or by choosing nonstandard axes and diagonalizing.
  - Specific example: The rotating top.
    - We often want to use the pivot point as the origin (which may well not be the CM of the system).
    - To find the moment of inertia for bodies like this, we usually use the parallel axis theorem.
    - Beware, though, that the principal axes at the CM and a pivot point need not be parallel. However, they are parallel (and thus can be taken to be identical) if the new origin is on a principal axis that passes through the center of mass.
- To start today, we generalize rotation.
  - What if we can have any instantaneous angular velocity  $\vec{\omega}$ ?

- The angular momentum in the basis of the principal axes will still be

$$\vec{J} = I_1\omega_1\hat{e}_1 + I_2\omega_2\hat{e}_2 + I_3\omega_3\hat{e}_3$$

- Recall that  $\hat{e}_1, \hat{e}_2, \hat{e}_3$  rotate with the body.
- To find our EOM, we start with our previously discovered EOMs.

$$\left(\frac{d\vec{J}}{dt}\right)_{\text{inertial}} = \sum_{\alpha} \vec{r}_{\alpha} \times \vec{F}_{\alpha} = \vec{G} = \dot{\vec{J}} + \vec{\omega} \times \vec{J}$$

- In particular,  $\vec{G}$  is the net external torque and  $\dot{\vec{J}}$  is the rate of change of the angular momentum within the rotating frame.
- In this scenario,  $\dot{\vec{J}}$  is easily found by differentiating the equation two lines above:

$$\dot{\vec{J}} = I_1\dot{\omega}_1\hat{e}_1 + I_2\dot{\omega}_2\hat{e}_2 + I_3\dot{\omega}_3\hat{e}_3$$

- It follows by combining the above two equations that the componentwise EOMs are

$$I_1\dot{\omega}_1 + (I_3 - I_2)\omega_2\omega_3 = G_1$$

$$I_2\dot{\omega}_2 + (I_1 - I_3)\omega_3\omega_1 = G_2$$

$$I_3\dot{\omega}_3 + (I_2 - I_1)\omega_1\omega_2 = G_3$$

- We will discuss all of these next time.
- We now discuss a special case of the above motion.
- No external torques: The situation wherein  $\vec{G} = 0$ .
  - Suppose that we initially have some  $\omega_3$  but that  $\omega_1 = \omega_2 = 0$ .
    - This is rotation about just one principal axis.
  - It follows that  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$  are constant and hence rotation continues about the same axis.
- When is rotation about a principal axis stable?
  - Suppose that  $\vec{\omega} = \omega\hat{e}_3$ , but this time, a small perturbation introduces angular momentum about one or more of the other axes.
    - Mathematically, we assume  $\omega_1, \omega_2 \ll \omega_3$ .
    - Thus, we neglect terms that contain a product of  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$ .
  - Under these constraints, our EOMs become

$$I_1\dot{\omega}_1 + (I_3 - I_2)\omega_2\omega_3 = 0$$

$$I_2\dot{\omega}_2 + (I_1 - I_3)\omega_3\omega_1 = 0$$

$$I_3\dot{\omega}_3 = 0$$

- The last line above implies that  $\omega_3$  is constant.
- This leaves us with the task of solving the two remaining first-order, coupled ODEs.
- Try the ansatz

$$\omega_1 = a_1 e^{pt}$$

$$\omega_2 = a_2 e^{pt}$$

- Then we get the following system of equations.

$$\begin{cases} I_1 p a_1 e^{pt} + (I_3 - I_2) a_2 e^{pt} \omega_3 = 0 \\ I_2 p a_2 e^{pt} + (I_1 - I_3) \omega_3 a_1 e^{pt} = 0 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} I_1 p a_1 + (I_3 - I_2) a_2 \omega_3 = 0 \\ I_2 p a_2 + (I_1 - I_3) \omega_3 a_1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

- We can solve this for two separate forms of the ratio  $a_1/a_2$ :

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{-(I_3 - I_2)\omega_3}{I_1 p} \qquad \frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{I_2 p}{-(I_1 - I_3)\omega_3}$$

- The left equation above comes from dividing  $I_1 p a_1 + (I_3 - I_2) a_2 \omega_3 = 0$  through by  $a_2$  and rearranging.
  - The right equation above comes from dividing  $I_2 p a_2 + (I_1 - I_3) \omega_3 a_1 = 0$  through by  $a_2$  and rearranging.
- It follows by transitivity that

$$\frac{I_2 p}{-(I_1 - I_3)\omega_3} = \frac{-(I_3 - I_2)\omega_3}{I_1 p}$$

$$I_1 I_2 p^2 = \omega_3^2 (I_3 - I_2)(I_1 - I_3)$$

- Thus, if

$$(I_3 - I_2)(I_1 - I_3) > 0$$

then  $p > 0$  and the rotation is unstable.

- On the other hand, if the above term is less than zero, then  $p$  is imaginary, so the rotation is purely oscillatory and hence stable.
- Takeaway:
  - If  $I_3$  is the smallest or largest of the moments (i.e., if  $I_3 > I_1, I_2$  or  $I_1, I_2 > I_3$ ), then the rotation is stable.
  - If  $I_3$  is the middle moment (i.e., if  $I_1 > I_3 > I_2$  or  $I_2 > I_3 > I_1$ ), the the rotation is unstable.
- This is called the **tennis racket theorem**.

- Example of the above.

- Consider a rectangular prism with longest axis  $a$ , second longest  $b$ , and third longest  $c$ .
- We can calculate that  $\hat{e}_3 \parallel c$ ,  $\hat{e}_1 \parallel a$ , and  $\hat{e}_2 \parallel b$ .
- Now using Routh's rule, we have that

$$I_3 = M \left( \frac{a^2}{3} + \frac{b^2}{3} \right) \qquad I_2 = M \left( \frac{a^2}{3} + \frac{c^2}{3} \right) \qquad I_1 = M \left( \frac{b^2}{3} + \frac{c^2}{3} \right)$$

- It follows that  $I_3$  is largest,  $I_2$  is middle, and  $I_1$  is smallest.
  - Note that the  $1/3$  comes from integrating  $x^2$ .
- Thus, if the prism is rotating around the smallest axis to begin with, it will remain stably spinning around that axis.
- If the prism is rotating head over heels, the rotation is unstable.
- And if the prism is rotating like a frisbee (i.e., around the largest axis), the rotation is also stable.

- Euler angles.

- A method of specifying the orientation of an object in space that uses three angles.
- For rotation about the CM, these three angles will be our three DOFs for the system.
- Goal: Write  $\vec{J}, T$  in terms of these angles.
- Suppose our object starts such that it is oriented along  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ . We now want to go to an arbitrary new orientation. We do so in three steps.
  1. Rotate it through an angle  $\phi$  about  $\hat{k}$ . Then

$$\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k} \mapsto \hat{e}_1'', \hat{e}_2'', \hat{k}$$

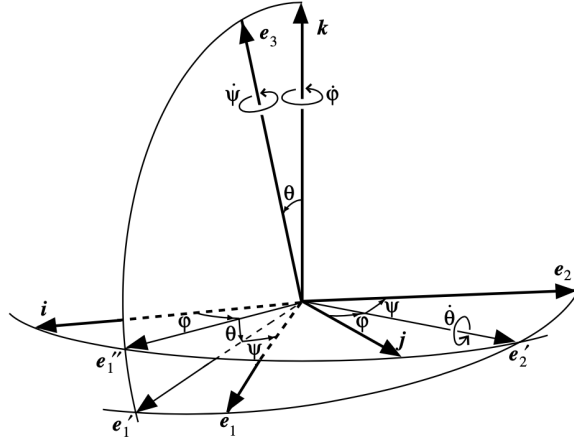


Figure 9.5: Euler angles.

2. Rotate it through an angle  $\theta$  about  $\hat{e}'_2$ . Then

$$\hat{e}''_1, \hat{e}'_2, \hat{k} \mapsto \hat{e}'_1, \hat{e}'_2, \hat{e}_3$$

3. Finally, rotate it about an angle  $\psi$  about  $\hat{e}_3$ . Then

$$\hat{e}'_1, \hat{e}'_2, \hat{e}_3 \mapsto \hat{e}_1, \hat{e}_2, \hat{e}_3$$

- It follows based on these definitions (see reasoning in Kibble and Berkshire (2004)) that

$$\vec{\omega} = \dot{\phi} \hat{k} + \dot{\theta} \hat{e}'_2 + \dot{\psi} \hat{e}_3$$

- But these bases are not ideal since these aren't our principal axis basis. Thus, we wish to define  $\vec{\omega}$  in the principal axis basis.
- In the restrictive case of a symmetric body,  $I_1 = I_2$ . Thus, we can choose  $\hat{e}_1 := \hat{e}'_1$  and  $\hat{e}_2 := \hat{e}'_2$  because we can choose *any* vectors in this plane, as stated above.
- Additionally, we have that  $\hat{k} = -\sin \theta \hat{e}'_1 + \cos \theta \hat{e}_3$ .
- Thus,

$$\vec{\omega} = \dot{\phi}(-\sin \theta \hat{e}'_1 + \cos \theta \hat{e}_3) + \dot{\theta} \hat{e}'_2 + \dot{\psi} \hat{e}_3 = -\dot{\phi} \sin \theta \hat{e}'_1 + \dot{\theta} \hat{e}'_2 + (\dot{\psi} + \dot{\phi} \cos \theta) \hat{e}_3$$

- Therefore, we independently have based on the above that

$$\vec{J} = -I_1 \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \hat{e}'_1 + I_1 \dot{\theta} \hat{e}'_2 + I_3 (\dot{\psi} + \dot{\phi} \cos \theta) \hat{e}_3$$

and

$$T = \frac{1}{2} I \vec{\omega}^2 = \frac{1}{2} I_1 \dot{\phi}^2 \sin^2 \theta + \frac{1}{2} I_1 \dot{\theta}^2 + \frac{1}{2} I_3 (\dot{\psi} + \dot{\phi} \cos \theta)^2$$

## 9.6 Free Rotation; Hamilton's Equations

11/13:

- Outline.
  - Free rotation.
    - Lagrangian + precession under gravity.
  - Hamiltonian.
- Last time.

- We defined the Euler angles  $\theta, \phi, \psi$  so that  $\vec{\omega} = \dot{\phi} \hat{k} + \dot{\theta} \hat{e}'_2 + \dot{\psi} \hat{e}_3$ .
- For a symmetric body,  $I_1 = I_2$ . Thus, we had  $\vec{\omega} = -\dot{\phi} \sin \theta \hat{e}'_1 + \dot{\theta} \hat{e}'_2 + (\dot{\psi} + \dot{\phi} \cos \theta) \hat{e}_3$ 
  - $\hat{e}'_1, \hat{e}'_2, \hat{e}_3$  are the principal axes of the object.
- With  $\vec{\omega}$  in terms of our principal axes basis, it was easy to write down expressions for  $\vec{J}$  and  $T$ .
- We now investigate the motion of such a freely rotating system in a couple of cases.
- Case 1: No external forces.

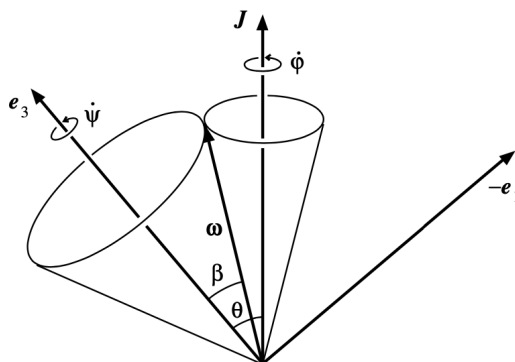


Figure 9.6: Free rotation under no external forces.

- In this case,  $\vec{J}$  is conserved, so we have

$$\vec{J} = J \hat{k} = -J \sin \theta \hat{e}'_1 + J \cos \theta \hat{e}_3$$

- By comparing this with last class's equation defining  $\vec{J}$  in terms of the Euler angles, we obtain the componentwise equations

$$I_1 \dot{\phi} \sin \theta = J \sin \theta$$

$$I_1 \dot{\theta} = 0$$

$$I_3 (\dot{\psi} + \dot{\phi} \cos \theta) = J \cos \theta$$

- The middle equation above implies that  $\theta$  is constant, from which it follows that  $J \sin \theta$  and  $J \cos \theta$  are constant.
- Thus, we can solve for...

$$\dot{\phi} = \frac{J}{I_1} \qquad \dot{\psi} = \frac{J \cos \theta}{I_3} - \frac{J}{I_1} \cos \theta$$

where all of the terms on the right above are constant.

- It follows that in this case,  $\hat{e}_3$  is fixed at angle  $\theta$  with respect to  $\vec{J}$ .
- Moreover,  $\vec{\omega}$  (which depends on the three fixed quantities  $\dot{\theta}, \dot{\phi}, \dot{\psi}$ ) is at a fixed angle with respect to  $\hat{k}$ , precessing around  $\hat{k}$  with rate  $\dot{\phi}$ .
- It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\omega} &= -\dot{\phi} \sin \theta \hat{e}'_1 + (\dot{\psi} + \dot{\phi} \cos \theta) \hat{e}_3 \\ &= \frac{J \sin \theta}{I_1} \hat{e}'_1 + \frac{J \cos \theta}{I_3} \hat{e}_3 \end{aligned}$$



- Separately, we may read from Figure 9.6 that

$$\vec{\omega} = \sin \beta \hat{e}'_1 + \cos \beta \hat{e}_3$$

- It follows by comparing the above two equations that

$$\tan \beta = \frac{\sin \beta}{\cos \beta} = \frac{\frac{J \sin \theta}{I_1}}{\frac{J \cos \theta}{I_3}} = \frac{I_3}{I_1} \tan \theta$$

- The **body cone** “rolls around” the **space cone**; that is, we can check that

$$\dot{\psi} \sin \beta = \dot{\phi} \sin(\theta - \beta)$$

- In particular, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\psi} \sin \beta &= \dot{\psi} \cdot \frac{J \sin \theta}{I_1} \\ &= \left( \frac{J \cos \theta}{I_3} - \frac{J}{I_1} \cos \theta \right) \cdot \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \\ &= \dot{\phi} \left( \sin \theta \cdot \frac{J \cos \theta}{I_3} - \cos \theta \cdot \frac{J \sin \theta}{I_1} \right) \\ &= \dot{\phi} (\sin \theta \cdot \cos \beta - \cos \theta \cdot \sin \beta) \\ &= \dot{\phi} \sin(\theta - \beta) \end{aligned}$$

- The net motion is that the body is rotating on its body cone and also rotating about the axis.

## 9.7 Chapter 9: Rigid Bodies

From Kibble and Berkshire (2004).

- Covered a smattering of results from various sections.

12/4:

- A necessary and sufficient condition for equilibrium: “The sum of the forces and the sum of their moments are both zero” (Kibble & Berkshire, 2004, p. 198).
  - We see this mathematically from the equations

$$\dot{\vec{P}} = M \ddot{\vec{R}} = \sum \vec{F} \qquad \dot{\vec{J}} = \sum \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$$

- **Lamina:** A plane, two-dimensional object.
- Reconsider Figure 9.1 and the associated discussion.

- Letting  $\vec{Q}$ , once again, be the force on the pivot, we see that for equilibrium, we have

$$\vec{Q} = (F, Mg, 0)$$

- **Compound pendulum:** A rigid body pivoted about a horizontal axis and moving under gravity.
  - An alternate way to obtain the energy conservation equation

$$E = \frac{1}{2} I \dot{\phi}^2 - MgR \cos \phi$$

is by multiplying the equation of motion  $I \ddot{\phi} = -MgR \sin \phi$  by  $\dot{\phi}$  and integrating<sup>[3]</sup>.

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<sup>3</sup>This is very similar to the trick used in the 10/13 lecture in the Lagrange undetermined multiplier example.

- A sudden blow.

- Integrating  $I\ddot{\phi} = -MgR\sin\phi$  over a short time interval yields

$$I\omega = dK$$

- The velocity of the center of mass immediately after the blow is  $\omega R$ , so the integral of the EOM is

$$\begin{aligned} M\dot{R} &= \vec{Q} + \sum \vec{F} \\ M\omega R &= -S + k \end{aligned}$$

- It follows by combining the above two equations that

$$S = \left(1 - \frac{MdR}{I}\right) K$$

- **Couple:** ??

- **Principal moment of inertia:** Any one of the eigenvalues of the moment of inertia tensor.

- Shift of origin equations.

$$I_{xx} = M(Y^2 + Z^2) + I_{xx}^* \qquad I_{xy} = -MXY + I_{xy}^*$$

- Derivation of Routh's rule.

- We know that

$$I_{xx} = \iiint \rho(\vec{r})(y^2 + z^2) d^3\vec{r} \quad I_{yy} = \iiint \rho(\vec{r})(x^2 + z^2) d^3\vec{r} \quad I_{zz} = \iiint \rho(\vec{r})(x^2 + y^2) d^3\vec{r}$$

- Thus, letting

$$K_i = \iiint_V \rho i^2 \frac{d}{dx} \frac{d}{dy} \frac{d}{dz}$$

for  $i = x, y, z$  and denoting  $I_1^* := I_{xx}$ ,  $I_2^* := I_{yy}$ , and  $I_3^* := I_{zz}$ , we have that

$$I_1^* = K_y + K_z \qquad I_2^* = K_x + K_z \qquad I_3^* = K_x + K_y$$

- Note that the mass of the body in question is given by

$$M = \iiint_V \rho dx dy dz$$

- $M, K_i$  depend on the end-to-end lengths  $2a, 2b, 2c$  of each class of symmetric rigid body (e.g., ellipsoids, parallelepipeds, etc.).
- Change variables from  $x, y, z$  to

$$x = a\xi \qquad y = b\eta \qquad z = c\zeta$$

- Thus,

$$M = \rho abc \iiint_{V_0} d\xi d\eta d\zeta$$

where  $V_0$  is a standard symmetric rigid body of the given type (i.e., with  $\rho = 1$  and  $a = b = c = 1$ ).

- It follows by a similar result for each  $K_i$  that

$$M \propto \rho abc \qquad K_x \propto \rho a^3 bc \qquad K_y \propto \rho ab^3 c \qquad K_z \propto \rho abc^3$$

- Thus, each  $K_i$  equals  $\lambda_i M i^2$  for some scalar  $\lambda_i$ , the same for all bodies of the given type.
- To summarize, we have Routh's rule as follows.

$$I_1^* = M(\lambda_y b^2 + \lambda_z c^2) \qquad I_2^* = M(\lambda_x a^2 + \lambda_z c^2) \qquad I_3^* = M(\lambda_x a^2 + \lambda_y b^2)$$

- Lastly, we compute the scalars using integrals.
- Example: The standard body for an ellipsoid is a sphere of uniform density.

- We have

$$K_z = \iiint_{V_0} \zeta^2 d\xi d\eta d\zeta = \int_{-1}^1 \zeta^2 \pi(1 - \zeta^2) d\zeta = \frac{4\pi}{15}$$

- We also have

$$M_0 = \frac{4\pi}{3}$$

- Thus,

$$\lambda_z = \frac{K_z}{M_0 1^2} = \frac{1}{5}$$