

21 - Euler's Laws and Torque Free Motion

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Euler's Laws

- I. The product of the inertial acceleration of the center of mass of a rigid body and its total mass is equal to the total external force applied to the body

$$\mathbf{F}_G = m_G \mathbf{\ddot{a}}_{G/O}$$

- II. The rate of change of the inertial angular momentum of a rigid body about a fixed point O in the inertial frame is equal to the total external moment applied to the body about O

$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{\dot{h}}_O = \mathbf{M}_O$$

Center of Mass (A Quick Reminder)

$$\mathbf{r}_{G/O} = \frac{1}{m_G} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{r}_{i/O} m_i$$

- As $N \rightarrow \infty$: $m_i \rightarrow 0$

$$\mathbf{r}_{G/O} = \frac{1}{m_G} \int_{\mathcal{B}} \mathbf{r}_{dm/O} dm$$

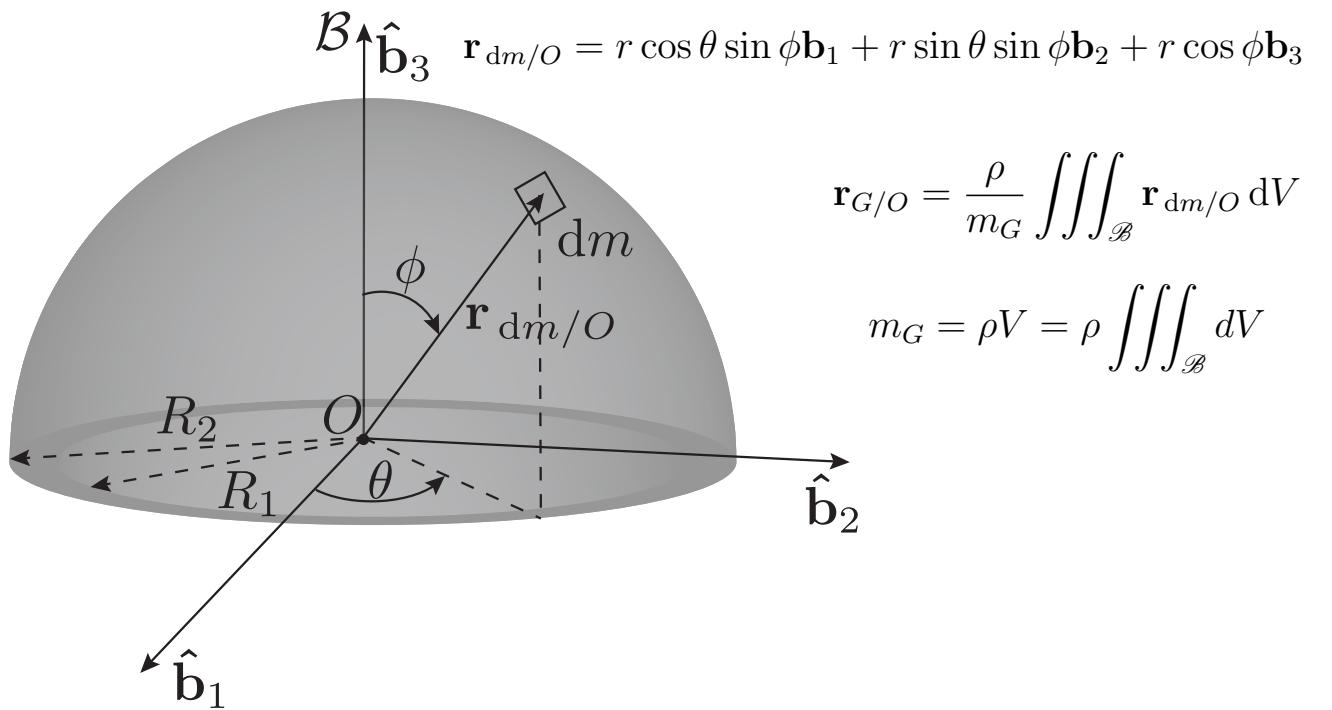
- If the density is given by $\rho(\mathbf{r}_{dm/O})$:

$$\mathbf{r}_{G/O} = \frac{1}{m_G} \int_{\mathcal{B}} \mathbf{r}_{dm/O} \rho(\mathbf{r}_{dm/O}) dV$$

- The center of mass corollary becomes:

$$\int_{\mathcal{B}} \mathbf{r}_{dm/G} \rho(\mathbf{r}_{dm/G}) dV = 0$$

Example: Center of Mass of a Hemispherical Shell



Euler's Second Law, Expanded

$${}^T \mathbf{h}_O = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \mathbf{r}_{i/O} \times {}^T \mathbf{v}_{i/O} \Rightarrow {}^T \mathbf{h}_O = \int_{\mathcal{B}} \mathbf{r}_{dm/O} \times {}^T \mathbf{v}_{dm/O} dm$$

$$\frac{{}^T d}{dt} ({}^T \mathbf{h}_O) = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{r}_{i/O} \times \mathbf{F}_i^{(ext)}}_{= \mathbf{M}_O^{(ext)}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N (\mathbf{r}_{i/O} - \mathbf{r}_{j/O}) \times \mathbf{F}_{i,j}}_{\text{Must equal zero for rigid bodies}}$$

$${}^T \mathbf{h}_O = \underbrace{{}^T \mathbf{h}_{G/O}} + \underbrace{{}^T \mathbf{h}_G}_{= \mathbf{M}_G^{(ext)}}$$

Must equal zero for rigid bodies

$${}^T \mathbf{h}_{G/O} \triangleq m_G \mathbf{r}_{G/O} \times {}^T \mathbf{v}_{G/O} \quad {}^T \mathbf{h}_G \triangleq \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \mathbf{r}_{i/G} \times {}^T \mathbf{v}_{i/G} & \text{Particles} \\ \int_{\mathcal{B}} \mathbf{r}_{dm/G} \times {}^T \mathbf{v}_{dm/G} dm & \text{Continuous Bodies} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{{}^T d}{dt} ({}^T \mathbf{h}_{G/O}) = \underbrace{\mathbf{M}_{G/O}}_{\triangleq \mathbf{r}_{G/O} \times \mathbf{F}_G} \quad \frac{{}^T d}{dt} ({}^T \mathbf{h}_G) = \mathbf{M}_G \triangleq \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{r}_{i/G} \times \mathbf{F}_i^{(ext)} & \text{Contact Forces} \\ \int_{\mathcal{B}} \mathbf{r}_{dm/G} \times \mathbf{f}_{dm} dm & \text{Field Forces} \end{cases}$$

Moment of Inertia

$${}^T \mathbf{h}_G = \mathbb{I}_G \cdot {}^T \boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}}$$

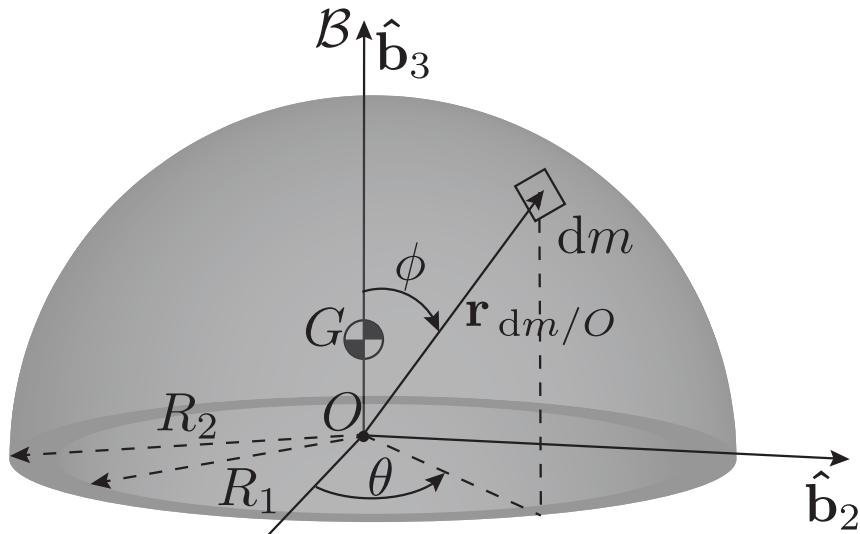
$$\mathbb{I}_G \triangleq \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^N m_i [(\mathbf{r}_{i/G} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{i/G}) \mathbb{U} - (\mathbf{r}_{i/G} \otimes \mathbf{r}_{i/G})] & \text{Collection of Particles} \\ \int_{\mathcal{B}} [(\mathbf{r}_{dm/G} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{dm/G}) \mathbb{U} - (\mathbf{r}_{dm/G} \otimes \mathbf{r}_{dm/G})] dm & \text{Rigid Body} \end{cases}$$

Matrix of Inertia

$$\mathbb{I}_G = \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 I_{ij} \mathbf{b}_i \otimes \mathbf{b}_j$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbb{I}_G]_{\mathcal{B}} &= \begin{bmatrix} I_{11} & I_{12} & I_{13} \\ I_{21} & I_{22} & I_{23} \\ I_{31} & I_{32} & I_{33} \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N m_i (([\mathbf{r}_{i/G}]_{\mathcal{B}}^T [\mathbf{r}_{i/G}]_{\mathcal{B}}) I - [\mathbf{r}_{i/G}]_{\mathcal{B}} [\mathbf{r}_{i/G}]_{\mathcal{B}}^T) \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{B}} (\|\mathbf{r}_{dm/G}\|^2 I - [\mathbf{r}_{dm/G}]_{\mathcal{B}} [\mathbf{r}_{dm/G}]_{\mathcal{B}}^T) dm \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{B}} (\|\mathbf{r}_{dm/G}\|^2 I - [\mathbf{r}_{dm/G}]_{\mathcal{B}} [\mathbf{r}_{dm/G}]_{\mathcal{B}}^T) \rho(\mathbf{r}_{dm/G}) dV \end{aligned}$$

Example: Moment of Inertia of a Hemispherical Shell



$$\mathbf{r}_{G/O} = \frac{3(R_1^4 - R_2^4)}{8(R_1^3 - R_2^3)} \mathbf{b}_3$$

$$[\mathbb{I}_O]_{\mathcal{B}} = \underbrace{\frac{m_G}{V}}_{\equiv \rho} \iiint_{\mathcal{B}} (\|\mathbf{r}_{dm/O}\|^2 I - [\mathbf{r}_{dm/O}]_{\mathcal{B}} [\mathbf{r}_{dm/O}]_{\mathcal{B}}^T) dV$$

Moments and Angular Momentum about an Arbitrary Point on a Rigid Body

$$\mathbf{M}_Q = \mathbf{M}_G - \mathbf{r}_{Q/G} \times \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{F}_i^{(\text{ext})}$$

$${}^{\mathcal{I}}\frac{d}{dt}({}^{\mathcal{I}}\mathbf{h}_Q) = {}^{\mathcal{B}}\frac{d}{dt}({}^{\mathcal{I}}\mathbf{h}_Q) + {}^{\mathcal{I}}\boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}} \times {}^{\mathcal{I}}\mathbf{h}_Q = \mathbf{M}_Q + \mathbf{r}_{Q/G} \times m_G {}^{\mathcal{I}}\mathbf{a}_{Q/O}$$

$${}^{\mathcal{I}}\mathbf{h}_Q = \mathbb{I}_Q \cdot {}^{\mathcal{I}}\boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}} \quad \mathbb{I}_Q \triangleq \sum_{i=1}^N m_i ((\mathbf{r}_{i/Q} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{i/Q})) \mathbb{U} - (\mathbf{r}_{i/Q} \otimes \mathbf{r}_{i/Q}) \cdot {}^{\mathcal{I}}\boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}}$$

The Parallel Axis Theorem

$$\mathbb{I}_Q = \mathbb{I}_G + m_G [(\mathbf{r}_{Q/G} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{Q/G}) \mathbb{U} - (\mathbf{r}_{Q/G} \otimes \mathbf{r}_{Q/G})]$$

Rigid Body Dynamics

$${}^{\mathcal{I}}\frac{d}{dt}{}^{\mathcal{I}}\mathbf{h}_G = \mathbb{I}_G \cdot {}^{\mathcal{B}}\frac{d}{dt}{}^{\mathcal{I}}\boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}} + {}^{\mathcal{I}}\boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}} \times (\mathbb{I}_G \cdot {}^{\mathcal{I}}\boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}}) = \mathbf{M}_G$$

$$[\mathbb{I}_G]_{\mathcal{B}} \left[{}^{\mathcal{B}}\frac{d}{dt}{}^{\mathcal{I}}\boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}} \right]_{\mathcal{B}} + [{}^{\mathcal{I}}\boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}} \times]_{\mathcal{B}} [\mathbb{I}_G]_{\mathcal{B}} [{}^{\mathcal{I}}\boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}}]_{\mathcal{B}} = [\mathbf{M}_G]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

Diagonalization

For any tensor \mathbb{T} : $[\mathbb{T}]_{\mathcal{B}} = {}^{\mathcal{B}}C^{\mathcal{A}} [\mathbb{T}]_{\mathcal{A}} \underbrace{{}^{\mathcal{A}}C^{\mathcal{B}}}_{\equiv ({}^{\mathcal{B}}C^{\mathcal{A}})^T}$

Recall the eigendecomposition of a symmetric matrix

$$A = A^T \Rightarrow A\mathbf{v}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{v}_i \Rightarrow \lambda_i \in \mathbb{R} \ \forall i, \quad \mathbf{v}_i \cdot \mathbf{v}_j = 0 \ \forall i, j$$

$$\text{Let } P \triangleq [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{v}_n] \Rightarrow A = PDP^{-1}, \quad P^{-1} = P^T$$

$$D = \text{diag}(\{\lambda_i\}) = P^T AP$$

$$[\mathbb{I}_G]_{\mathcal{B}_P} = {}^{\mathcal{B}_P}C^{\mathcal{A}} [\mathbb{I}_G]_{\mathcal{A}} {}^{\mathcal{A}}C^{\mathcal{B}_P}$$

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 Eigenvectors of $[\mathbb{I}_G]_{\mathcal{A}}$

Principle Axis Frame (\mathcal{B}_p) and Euler's Equations

$$[\mathbb{I}_G]_{\mathcal{B}_p} = \begin{bmatrix} I_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_3 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}_p}$$

$$[\mathbb{I}_G]_{\mathcal{B}_p} \left[\frac{\mathcal{B}}{dt} \mathcal{I}\boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}} \right]_{\mathcal{B}_p} + [\mathcal{I}\boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}} \times]_{\mathcal{B}_p} [\mathbb{I}_G]_{\mathcal{B}_p} [\mathcal{I}\boldsymbol{\omega}^{\mathcal{B}}]_{\mathcal{B}_p} = [\mathbf{M}_G]_{\mathcal{B}_p} \implies$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_3 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}_p} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\omega}_1 \\ \dot{\omega}_2 \\ \dot{\omega}_3 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}_p} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega_3 & \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 & 0 & -\omega_1 \\ -\omega_2 & \omega_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}_p} \begin{bmatrix} I_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_3 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}_p} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}_p} = \begin{bmatrix} M_1 \\ M_2 \\ M_3 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}_p}$$

Euler's Equations

$$I_1 \dot{\omega}_1 + (I_3 - I_2) \omega_2 \omega_3 = M_1$$

$$I_2 \dot{\omega}_2 + (I_1 - I_3) \omega_1 \omega_3 = M_2$$

$$I_3 \dot{\omega}_3 + (I_2 - I_1) \omega_1 \omega_2 = M_3$$

Torque Free Motion

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

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

$$I_3\dot{\omega}_3 + (I_2 - I_1)\omega_1\omega_2 = 0$$

$$\tau_{\boldsymbol{\omega}^B} = \omega_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + \omega_2 \mathbf{b}_2 + \omega_3 \mathbf{b}_3$$

$$\underline{I_1 = I_2}$$

$$\underline{\omega_3 \gg \omega_1, \omega_2}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \dot{\omega}_1 = -\frac{I_3 - I_2}{I_1}\omega_2\omega_3 \\ \dot{\omega}_2 = -\frac{I_1 - I_3}{I_2}\omega_1\omega_3 \end{array} \right\} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \ddot{\omega}_1 = -\frac{I_3 - I_2}{I_1}\dot{\omega}_2\omega_3 \\ \ddot{\omega}_2 = -\frac{I_1 - I_3}{I_2}\dot{\omega}_1\omega_3 \end{array} \right\} \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{l} \ddot{\omega}_1 + \omega_n^2\omega_1 = 0 \\ \ddot{\omega}_2 + \omega_n^2\omega_2 = 0 \\ \omega_n^2 \triangleq \frac{(I_3 - I_2)(I_3 - I_1)\omega_3^2}{I_1 I_2} \end{array}}$$