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Return to Poinot ConstructionRolling of a spheroid σ on a plane π

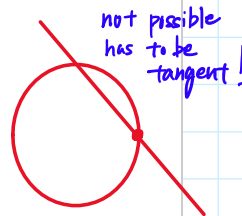
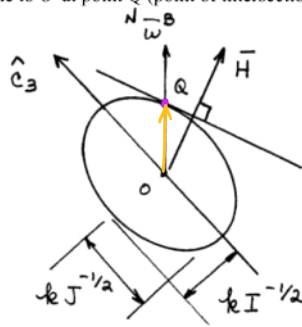
Inertia Ellipsoid

$$\frac{x_1^2}{\left(k I_1^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2} + \frac{x_2^2}{\left(k I_2^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2} + \frac{x_3^2}{\left(k I_3^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2} = 1$$

Energy Ellipsoid

$$\frac{\omega_1^2}{\left(c I_1^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2} + \frac{\omega_2^2}{\left(c I_2^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2} + \frac{\omega_3^2}{\left(c I_3^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2} = 1$$

σ is spheroid with center O; for axisymmetric body, principal semi-diameters equal to $k I^{-\frac{1}{2}}$, $k J^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

Symmetry axis of σ parallel to \hat{c}_3 π is tangent plane to σ at point Q (point of intersection of σ with ω)

How do we know that π is tangent to σ ?

Determine the gradient of the ellipsoid at point Q

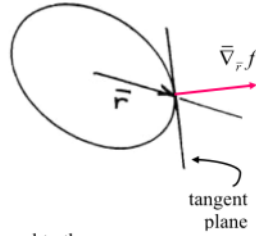
ellipsoid:

$$\frac{x_1^2}{\left(k I^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2} + \frac{x_2^2}{\left(k I^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2} + \frac{x_3^2}{\left(k J^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^2} = 1$$

OR

$$f(\vec{r}) = I x_1^2 + I x_2^2 + J x_3^2 - k^2$$

constant



Plane tangent to σ at any position \vec{r} is normal to the gradient vector $\bar{\nabla}_r f$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\nabla}_r f &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \hat{c}_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \hat{c}_2 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_3} \hat{c}_3 \\ &= 2I x_1 \hat{c}_1 + 2I x_2 \hat{c}_2 + 2J x_3 \hat{c}_3 \\ &= 2\vec{I} \cdot \vec{r}\end{aligned}$$

Choose "position vector" at Q: $\vec{q} = \lambda {}^N \vec{\omega}^B$

$$\bar{\nabla}_q f = 2\vec{I} \cdot \vec{q}$$

$$= 2\lambda \vec{I} \cdot {}^N \vec{\omega}^B$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_q f = 2\lambda \vec{H} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \pi \text{ is normal to } \vec{H} \text{ by definition;} \\ \text{plane tangent to ellipsoid is also} \\ \text{normal to } \vec{H} \end{array}$$

Space Cones / Body Cones

Consistent with the decomposition of the motion into the sum of two rotations are some additional definitions and observations

Assume $I > J$ then $\frac{1}{\sqrt{I}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{J}}$ (axisymmetric "rod" shape)

Assume initial ${}^N\bar{\omega}^B$ known $\rightarrow \omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$ constants
 $\bar{\omega}$ remains in same relative position with respect to the \hat{c}'_s
 ← angle constant

$$\bar{H} = I\omega_1\hat{c}_1 + I\omega_2\hat{c}_2 + J\omega_3\hat{c}_3$$

Each component of constant magnitude
 ← angle constant

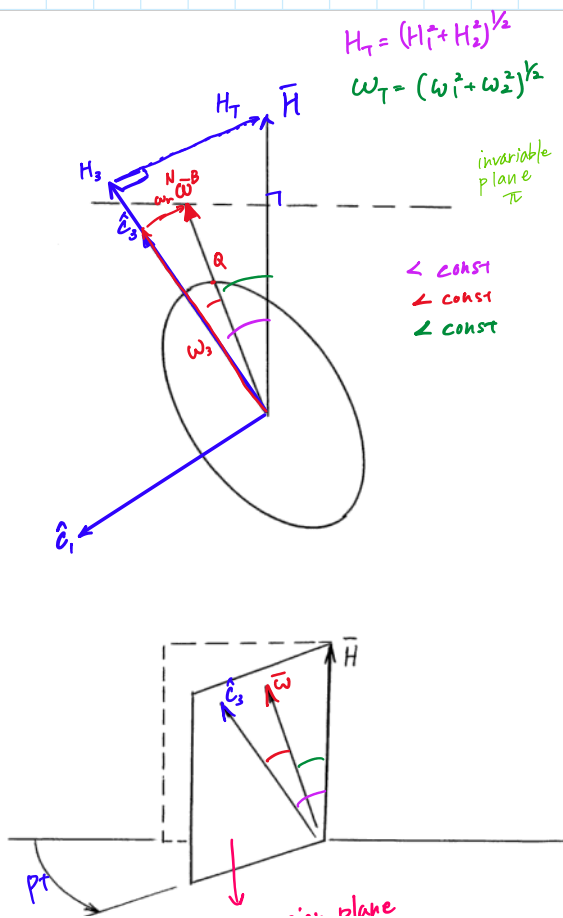
Note: All three vectors $\bar{H}, \bar{\omega}, \hat{c}_3$ will remain in the same relative position throughout the motion

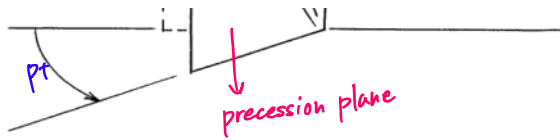
$\bar{H}, \bar{\omega}, \hat{c}_3$ define a plane

System in motion:

#1 \bar{H} fixed; plane rotation about \bar{H}

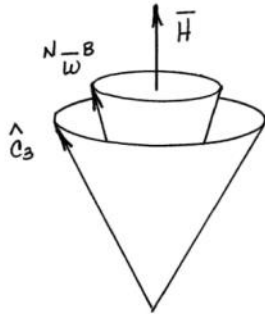
$${}^N\bar{\omega}^C = p\hat{h} \quad (\text{precession})$$





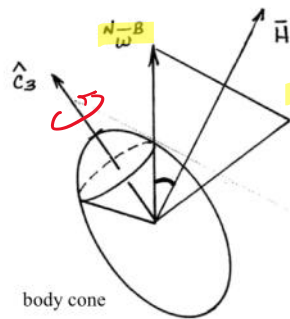
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Note: $\hat{\omega}$, \hat{c}_3 each trace out a cone about \bar{H}



tip of $N \bar{\omega}^B$ traces out curve on the invariant plane π

→ herpolhode curve
closed circle because it's axisymmetric



space cone

#2 $\hat{c}_3 \bar{\omega}^B = s \hat{c}_3$

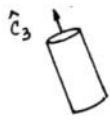
Spin on own axis → $s t$

tip of $N \bar{\omega}^B$ traces curve on σ

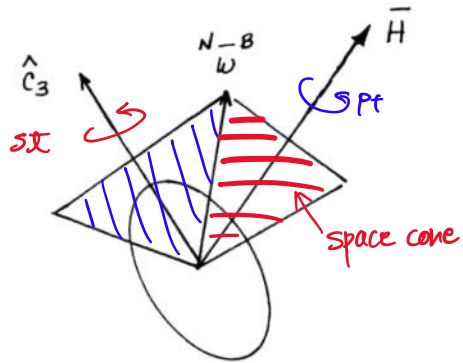
circle on ellipsoid

→ polhode curve

Example 1: σ prolate (elongated)



"rod" $I > J$

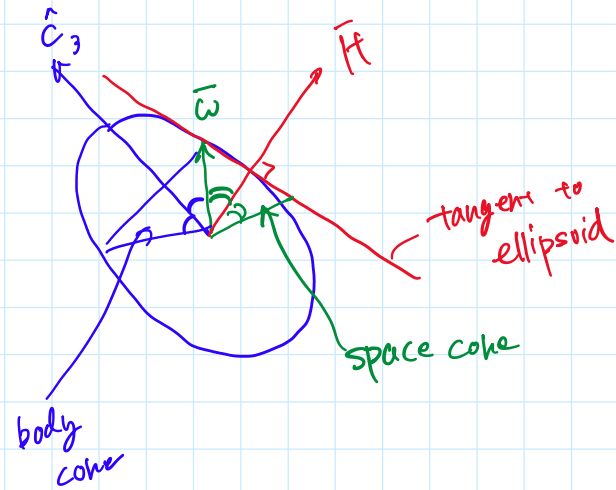
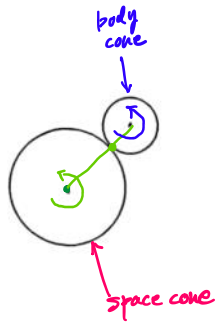


Motion of body: body cone rolls on space cone

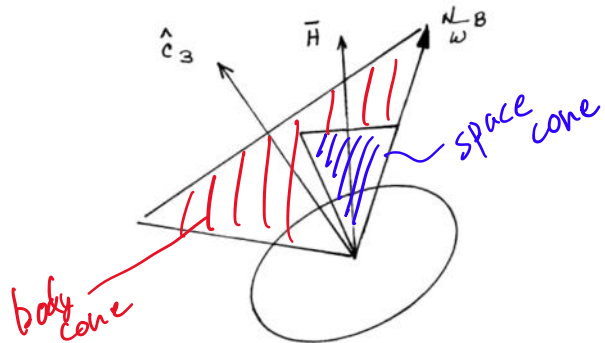
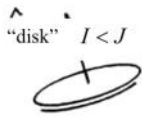
$$\text{const.} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} s = \frac{I-J}{I} \omega_3 \\ p = \frac{H}{I} \end{array} \right\} \text{ same sign}$$

Direct Precession

"rod-like" shape!

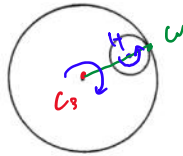


Example: σ oblate (squashed)

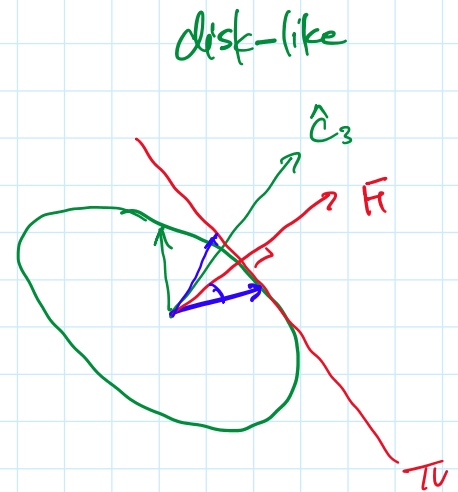


Motion of body: body cone rolls on space cone; space cone is inside body cone

$$\left. \begin{aligned} s &= \frac{I-J}{I} \omega_3 \\ p &= \frac{H}{I} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{opposite} \\ \text{signs} \end{array}$$



Retrograde Precession



What happens when $I = J$ (spherical inertia ellipsoid)?

$$\bar{H} = I {}^N \bar{\omega}^B \rightarrow \bar{H}, {}^N \bar{\omega}^B \text{ parallel}$$

