

## 1 Rotating Frames

- Apply twice to Newton II: e.o.m in rot. frame:

$$m \frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}}{dt^2} \Big|_R = \mathbf{F} \underbrace{-2m\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{v}_R}_{\text{Coriolis Force}} \underbrace{-m\boldsymbol{\omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r})}_{\text{Centrifugal Force}}$$

## 2 Rigid Bodies

1. to obtain centre of mass at origin, solve:

$$\mathbf{R} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_a m_a \mathbf{r}_a = 0, \quad \mathbf{R} = \frac{1}{M} \int_V \rho(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{r} d^3r = 0$$

2. tensor of inertia:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{discrete} \quad I_{ij} &= \sum_a m_a (|\mathbf{r}_a|^2 \delta_{ij} - r_{ai} r_{aj}) \\ \text{continuous} \quad I_{ij} &= \int_V \rho(\mathbf{r}) (|\mathbf{r}|^2 \delta_{ij} - r_i r_j) d^3r \end{aligned}$$

**hint:** use symmetry  $\rightarrow$  diagonal in principal axes basis.  
 $I_1$  along rot. axis;  $I_2 = I_3$  along any perpendiculars

**strategy:** calculate  $X = \sum_a m_a x_a^2$ ,  $Y = \dots$ ,  $Z = \dots$   
 then  $I_x = Y + Z$ ,  $I_y = X + Z$ ,  $I_z = \dots$

**hint:** if the body is totally symmetric:  $I_1 = I_2 = I_3$ ,  
 calculate the sum  $3I = 2\rho \int dV r^2$

3. angular momentum:  $\mathbf{L} = \bar{\mathbf{I}}\boldsymbol{\omega}$  and torque  $\boldsymbol{\tau} = \dot{\mathbf{L}}|_I = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F}$

**state:** in object's frame  $\dot{\bar{\mathbf{I}}}|_R = 0 \implies \dot{\mathbf{L}}|_R = \bar{\mathbf{I}}\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$

**use:** relation between inertial and rotating frame:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt} \Big|_I = \frac{d\mathbf{L}}{dt} \Big|_R + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{L} \quad (1)$$

4. kinetic energy:  $T = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{\mathbf{R}}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_i I_i \omega_i^2$

## 3 Lagrangian Mechanics

1. Conservative system:  $L = T - V$ ,  $H = T + V$

$T$ : total kinetic energy:  $\frac{1}{2} m v^2 + \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2$

$V$ : total potential energy

2. conservation laws

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial t} = 0 \iff H = \sum_i p_i \dot{q}_i - L \text{ is conserved}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} = 0 \iff p_i = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \text{ is conserved}$$

3. Euler-Lagrange equations (no need to derive)

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta q_i} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) = 0$$

### 3.1 Small Oscillations

- equilibrium points  $\mathbf{q}(t) = \bar{\mathbf{q}}$  satisfy  $\left. \frac{\partial V}{\partial q_i} \right|_{\bar{\mathbf{q}}} = 0$

- perturbations about eq. points:  $q_i(t) = \bar{q}_i + \varepsilon \delta q_i(t)$

1. expand  $L$  to second order in  $\varepsilon$ ,  $\mathbf{q} = (\delta q_1, \dots, \delta q_N)$

**hint:** ignore  $\bar{q}_i$  and  $\varepsilon$  cancels, so only  $O(\varepsilon^2)$  matters

2. diagonalise kinetic term  $T = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\mathbf{q}} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{q}}$

**hint:** build perfect squares, define normalised  $\mathbf{q}$

3. Lagrangian allows identification of  $\underline{\mathbf{k}}$

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\mathbf{q}} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{q}} - \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{q} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{q}, \quad k_{ij} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial q_i \partial q_j} \right|_{\mathbf{q}=\bar{\mathbf{q}}}$$

4. EL eq<sup>ns</sup>:  $\ddot{\mathbf{q}} = -\underline{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{q}$  have sol<sup>n</sup>:  $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{A} e^{\pm i \omega t}$

5. look for eigenvalues:  $\underline{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{A}_n = \omega_n^2 \mathbf{A}_n$

**normal modes:** eigenvectors  $\mathbf{A}_n$

**normal frequencies:** root of eigenvalues  $\omega_n^2$

**stability:**  $\bar{\mathbf{q}}$  only stable if all eigenvalues  $\omega_n^2 > 0$

**hint:**  $2 \times 2$  matrix, stable if

$$\text{Tr } \underline{\mathbf{k}} = \sum \omega_n^2 > 0 \quad \text{AND} \quad \det \underline{\mathbf{k}} = \prod \omega_n^2 > 0$$

## 4 Hamiltonian Mechanics

Hamilton's equations:

$$\dot{q}_i = \{q_i, H\} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} \quad \dot{p}_i = \{p_i, H\} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i} \quad (2)$$

Poisson Brackets:

$$\{F, H\} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial q_i} \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i} - (p_i \leftrightarrow q_i) \right) \quad (3)$$

- time-evolution of  $F(q, p, t)$ :

$$\frac{dF}{dt} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} + \{F, H\}$$

- canonical coordinates:  $\{q_i, p_i\} = \delta_{ij}$

### 4.1 Noether's theorem

Any phase-space function  $G(q, p)$  generates transformations:

$$\delta q_i = \frac{\partial G}{\partial p_i} \delta \lambda, \quad \delta p_i = -\frac{\partial G}{\partial q_i} \delta \lambda,$$

If  $G$  is a generator of symmetry, then

$$\frac{dH}{d\lambda} = \{H, G\} = 0 \iff \frac{dG}{dt} = \{G, H\} = 0 \quad (4)$$

then  $G(q, p)$  is called a conserved charge.

## 5 Relativistic EM $[(-+++), c = 1]$

1. field strength tensor:  $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$

$A_\mu = (-\phi, \mathbf{A})$ : photon vector field

2. Lorentz law (tensor eq: valid in any frame)

$$\frac{dp^\mu}{d\tau} = q F^\mu{}_\nu u^\nu \quad (\text{provided in exam})$$

3. Gauss' & Ampère's laws:

$$\partial_\mu F^\mu{}_\nu = -\mu_0 J_\nu \quad (\text{provided in exam})$$

$J_\mu = (-\rho, \mathbf{J})$ : charge density

4. Lorentz & Gauge transformation

- physics invariant under these
- can choose frame / gauge that simplifies calculations

### 5.1 Lorentz Transforms

$$x'^{\mu'} = \Lambda^{\mu'}{}_\mu x^\mu$$

Need to be able to write down LT matrix for boosts in any direction  $(x, y, z)$

$$\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -v\gamma & 0 & 0 \\ -v\gamma & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-v^2}}$$

**check:** if  $v = 0$ , same frame, so  $\Lambda^{\mu'}{}_\mu = \delta^\mu{}_\mu$

- can just state that  $(\Lambda^\mu{}_\nu)^{-1} = \Lambda^\nu{}_\mu$  has  $v \rightarrow -v$

**hint:** raising both indices changes sign in first row & col:

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & x \\ \hline -x & y \end{array} \right) \longleftrightarrow F^{\mu\nu} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & -x \\ \hline x & y \end{array} \right)$$

- need to be able to derive how  $\mathbf{E}$  &  $\mathbf{B}$  transform
- matrix multiplication: contract second with first index:

$$C = A \cdot B \iff C_{\mu\nu} = A_\mu{}^\alpha B_{\alpha\nu}$$

### 5.2 Gauge Transforms

$$A_\mu \xrightarrow{\chi} A_\mu + \partial_\mu \chi, \quad F_{\mu\nu} \xrightarrow{\chi} F_{\mu\nu}$$

**Lorentz Gauge:**  $\partial_\mu A^\mu = 0$  (by using  $\square\chi = -\partial_\mu A^\mu$ )

$\partial_\mu F^\mu{}_\nu = -\mu_0 J_\nu$  becomes wave equation:  $\square A_\nu = 0$

**Coulomb Gauge:**  $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = 0$

**Weyl / Temporal Gauge:**  $A^0 = \phi = 0$