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# GyroSoft Simulation Documentation

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Contents:

This document shows all the functions used in the python program to calculate the equations of motion of the top, the parameters users can change, and the 3D figure and animation generating functions.

## 1 Funtional Descriptions of equation of motion of top

Module of the Rigid Body class.

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There are two global functions CK and euler2space.

RGCoRDTransV13.**CK** (*rotvec*)

Cayley-Klein parameters. Important: the built rotation matrix is with its counterclockwise active sense. This is basically the Rodriguez rotation formula in a matrix form.

RGCoRDTransV13.**euler2space** (*eulerW*)

Return Euler angles transformation matrix from lab frame to time t frame.

Matrix takes on passive right-hand sense. The list of input argument w is w(0):phi, w(1):phi\_dot, w(2):theta, w(3):theta\_dot, w(4):psi

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Functions of RigidBodyObject class followed by parameters of top that can be used by the user in the program:

**class** RGCoRDTransV13.**RigidBodyObject**  
Rigid body class

**EulerDCMiter()**

Solve Euler equations directly with a integration of DCM method.

This is the A method. Also this method use  $w(t_{i+1})$  in rotation vector approximation. See manuscript.

**EulerDCMiter\_wt\_i()**

'This is A method with  $w(t_i)$  approximation.

**GenerateDependentVariables()**

Initialize arrays and calculate needed parameters

**HasbunEulerEquationODEsolve()**

Numerically solve euler angles euler equations using Python ode library.

This is rewritten from Prof Hasbun's matlab code in his book "Classical Mechanics with MATLAB Applications" The list of Euler\_angles\_hasbun = w(0):phi, w(1):phi\_dot, w(2):theta, w(3):theta\_dot, w(4):psi

**directDCMiter()**

direct DCM iteration from body angular velocity. This is method C.

w\_b are calculated from method B

**eulerW2bodyW()**

Convert Hasbun's euler angles solution to body angular velocity

The euler\_angles\_hasbun array has size N+1-1

**setcase(case, \*arg)**

Choose from four classical nutation and precession motions or set customary initial condition

**topEOM(wi, torquei)**

EOM of a symmetric top

**topRK(wi, torquei)**

4th order Runge Kutta numeric solver

**uniformprecesscal()**

return the initial condition required to generate a uniform precession top.

Calculation base on the parameters and the setup of the top. The formula is in Goldstein's book. Also this formula will have a singularity at  $\theta = 90$  degrees.

**Ix = 0.00057687500000000001**

x moment of inertia

**Iy = 0.00057687500000000001**

y moment of inertia

**Iz = 9.3750000000000002e-05**

z moment of inertia

**L = 0.005**

width of disk in m

**M = 0.3**

mass of top in kg

**R = 0.025**

top is a disk with radius R in meters

**arm = 0.01**

location of center of mass of top from origin in meters

**classical\_case = 1**

selection of four typical gyroscopic motions: 1,2,3,4

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counter_weight = 0.05
    other mass used to balance the gyro

counter_weight_location_from_origin = 0.1
    location from origin

freq = 20.0
    top revolution speed in hertz, along symmetric axis

g = 9.8
    gravity m/s^2

orien = array([-1.04719755, 0. , 0. ])
    starting orientation vector of z' of top from lab xyz

samplerate = 2000
    rate of iteration in Hz

t0 = 0.0
    start of time zero

tn = 1.5
    end of simulation time, take longer time if tn > 10 seconds

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The following parameters are used in command like `Drawoption['A_axes'] = True` to make the belonging physical observable visible in a 3D animation.

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class RGCordTransV13.RigidBodyObject

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    GenerateDependentVariables ()

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    DrawOption

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        'A_axes': False,
        'B_axes': False,
        'C_axes': False,
        'A_z_axis_trace': False,
        'B_z_axis_trace': False,
        'A_Angular Momentum Trace' : False,
        'B_Angular Momentum Trace' : False,
        'Angular Velocity Trace' : False,
        'A_Angular Momentum Vec' : False,
        'B_Angular Momentum Vec' : False,
        'A_Angular Velocity Vec' : False,
        'A_square': False

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## 2 3D plotting and animation functions

Plot and animation functions/environment setup for Rigid Body class

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`RBPlotFunctionV3.AnimationFrameSetUp (RBO, ax, plt)`

plot the first frame of animation

`RBPlotFunctionV3.CalDiffInDeg (cordvec)`

Calculate and return angle difference between A and B method's 111 unit vectors

`RBPlotFunctionV3.CalDiffInDegBC (cordvec)`

Calculate and return angle difference between B and C method's 111 unit vectors

`RBPlotFunctionV3.get111norm (xyzaxes)`

Return array of body (1,1,1) unit vector as a function of time N in size (N,3)

`RBPlotFunctionV3.getPlotAnimationLines (RBO)`

Construct and return the line animation data sequence in a rigid body object for 3D animation

`RBPlotFunctionV3.plot_back (axes)`

plot the lucid sphere, back part

`RBPlotFunctionV3.plot_front (axes)`

plot the lucid sphere, front part

`RBPlotFunctionV3.update_line_new (x, *arg)`

line animation function, will be called by functionanimation, take multiple line data sequences as arguments