

271(3) : Same Na-New Newtonian Terms in Plane  
and Spherical Polar Coordinates

Plane Polar

The acceleration is :

$$\underline{a} = \frac{d}{dt} (\dot{r} \underline{e}_r + r \dot{\theta} \underline{e}_\theta) - (1)$$
$$= (\ddot{r} - r \dot{\theta}^2) \underline{e}_r + (r \ddot{\theta} + 2 \dot{r} \dot{\theta}) \underline{e}_\theta$$

Note that for:  $\dot{\theta} = \frac{L}{mr^2} - (2)$

Then  $\ddot{\theta} = \dot{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left( \frac{L}{mr^2} \right) = -2 \dot{r} \frac{L}{mr^3} - (3)$

so  $r \ddot{\theta} + 2 \dot{r} \dot{\theta} = 0 - (4)$

Therefore:  $\underline{a} = \frac{d}{dt} (\dot{r} \underline{e}_r + \underline{\omega} \times \underline{r})$

$$= (\ddot{r} \underline{e}_r + \underline{\omega} \times (\underline{\omega} \times \underline{r})) - (5)$$

where the centrifugal acceleration is:

$$\underline{a}_{\text{cent}} = -\underline{\omega} \times (\underline{\omega} \times \underline{r}) - (6)$$
$$= \frac{L^2}{mr^3} \underline{e}_r = \omega^2 r \underline{e}_r$$

This follows from:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{\omega} \times (\underline{\omega} \times \underline{r}) &= \underline{\omega} \times (r \dot{\theta} \underline{e}_{\theta}) \\
 &= \dot{\theta} \underline{k} \times r \dot{\theta} \underline{e}_{\theta} = -r \dot{\theta}^2 \underline{e}_r \quad - (7)
 \end{aligned}$$

The Leibniz equation is, therefore:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{F} &= m \ddot{r} \underline{e}_r = -\underline{\omega} \times (\underline{\omega} \times \underline{r}) - \frac{k}{r^2} \underline{e}_r \\
 &= \left( \frac{L^2}{mr^3} - \frac{k}{r^2} \right) \underline{e}_r \quad - (8)
 \end{aligned}$$

The centrifugal acceleration is non Newtonian and was first analysed correctly by Coriolis in the nineteenth century.

### Spherical Polar

The total linear velocity is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{v} &= \dot{r} \underline{e}_r + r \dot{\theta} \underline{e}_{\theta} + r \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \underline{e}_{\phi} \quad - (9) \\
 &= \underline{v}_N + \underline{\omega} \times \underline{r}
 \end{aligned}$$

where the angular velocity is: - (10)

$$\underline{\omega} = \dot{\phi} \underline{e}_{\phi} - \dot{\theta} \sin \theta \underline{e}_{\theta} = \frac{\underline{L}}{mr^2}$$

where  $\underline{L}$  is the total angular momentum.

) This follows from:

$$\underline{e}_\theta \times \underline{e}_\phi = \underline{e}_r \quad - (11)$$

$$\underline{e}_\phi \times \underline{e}_r = \underline{e}_\theta \quad - (12)$$

$$\underline{e}_r \times \underline{e}_\theta = \underline{e}_\phi \quad - (13)$$

and

$$\underline{r} = r \underline{e}_r \quad - (14)$$

Now use:

$$\underline{e}_\phi = -\sin \phi \underline{i} + \cos \phi \underline{j} \quad - (15)$$

$$\underline{e}_\theta = \cos \theta \cos \phi \underline{i} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \underline{j} - \sin \theta \underline{k} \quad - (16)$$

to find that:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\omega} &= (-\dot{\theta} \sin \phi - \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \cos \theta \cos \phi) \underline{i} \\ &\quad + (\dot{\theta} \cos \phi - \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \cos \theta \sin \phi) \underline{j} \\ &\quad + \dot{\phi} \sin^2 \theta \underline{k} \\ &= \frac{1}{mr^2} (L_x \underline{i} + L_y \underline{j} + L_z \underline{k}) \end{aligned} \quad - (17)$$

$$\text{So } \omega_x = \frac{L_x}{mr^2}, \omega_y = \frac{L_y}{mr^2}, \omega_z = \frac{L_z}{mr^2}$$

There are three components of angular velocity instead of one in plane polar. - (18)

t) The orbital linear velocity is:

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{V} &= \underline{\omega} \times \underline{r} = r \dot{\theta} \underline{e}_{\theta} + r \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \underline{e}_{\phi} \\ &= r (\dot{\theta} \cos \theta \cos \phi - \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \sin \phi) \underline{i} \\ &\quad + \dot{\theta} \cos \theta \sin \phi + \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \cos \phi) \underline{j} \\ &\quad - \dot{\theta} \sin \theta \underline{k} \quad - (19)\end{aligned}$$

Using these equations:

$$\dot{\phi} = \frac{L_z}{mr^2 \sin^2 \theta} \quad - (20)$$

$$\dot{\theta} = \frac{1}{mr^2} \left( L^2 - \frac{L_z^2}{\sin^2 \theta} \right)^{1/2} \quad - (21)$$

The orbital velocity is not Newtonian  
and is not in the X-Y plane.

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