

370(3) : General Theory

Consider the position vector in the moving frame $(1, 2, 3)$:

$$\underline{r} = x_1 \underline{e}_1 + x_2 \underline{e}_2 + x_3 \underline{e}_3 \quad - (1)$$

then $\frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} = \dot{x}_1 \underline{e}_1 + \dot{x}_2 \underline{e}_2 + \dot{x}_3 \underline{e}_3 \quad - (2)$

The same vector \underline{r} in the laboratory frame (X, Y, Z) is

$$\underline{r} = X \underline{i} + Y \underline{j} + Z \underline{k} \quad - (3)$$

and in (X, Y, Z) :

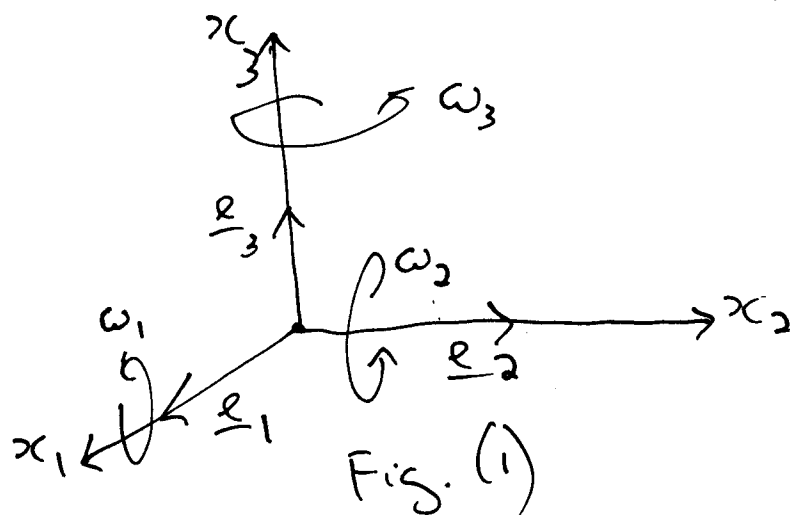
$$\left(\frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} \right)_{X12} = \dot{X} \underline{i} + \dot{Y} \underline{j} + \dot{Z} \underline{k} \quad - (4)$$

It follows that:

$$\underline{r}_{X12} = \underline{r}_{123} \quad - (5)$$

i.e. $X \underline{i} + Y \underline{j} + Z \underline{k} = x_1 \underline{e}_1 + x_2 \underline{e}_2 + x_3 \underline{e}_3 \quad - (6)$

and $\left(\frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} \right)_{X12} = \left(\frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} + x_1 \dot{\underline{e}}_1 + x_2 \dot{\underline{e}}_2 + x_3 \dot{\underline{e}}_3 \right)_{123} \quad - (7)$



a) W.r.t respect to Fig (1):

1) ω_2 rotates \underline{e}_1 towards $-\underline{e}_3$

2) ω_3 rotates \underline{e}_1 towards \underline{e}_2 .

It follows that:

$$\frac{d\underline{e}_1}{dt} = \omega_3 \underline{e}_2 - \omega_2 \underline{e}_3 \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{d\underline{e}_2}{dt} = -\omega_3 \underline{e}_1 + \omega_1 \underline{e}_3 \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{d\underline{e}_3}{dt} = \omega_2 \underline{e}_1 - \omega_1 \underline{e}_2 \quad (10)$$

i.e.

$$\dot{\underline{e}}_i = \underline{\omega} \times \underline{e}_i \quad (11)$$

where

$$i = 1, 2, 3$$

and

$$\underline{\omega} = \omega_1 \underline{e}_1 + \omega_2 \underline{e}_2 + \omega_3 \underline{e}_3 \quad (12)$$

It follows that:

$$\left(\frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} \right)_{x12} = \left(\frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} \right)_{123} + \sum_i \underline{\omega} \times x_i \underline{e}_i \quad (13)$$

i.e.

$$\left(\frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} \right)_{x12} = \left(\frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} + \underline{\omega} \times \underline{r} \right)_{123} \quad (14)$$

It also follows that:

$$\underline{\omega} = \omega_x \underline{i} + \omega_y \underline{j} + \omega_z \underline{k} = \omega_1 \underline{e}_1 + \omega_2 \underline{e}_2 + \omega_3 \underline{e}_3 \quad (15)$$

and

$$\omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2 + \omega_3^2 = \omega_x^2 + \omega_y^2 + \omega_z^2 \quad (16)$$

Note that in frame (1, 2, 3):

$$\underline{\omega} \times \underline{r} = \begin{vmatrix} \underline{e}_1 & \underline{e}_2 & \underline{e}_3 \\ \omega_1 & \omega_2 & \omega_3 \\ r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \end{vmatrix} \quad - (17)$$

$$= (\omega_2 r_3 - \omega_3 r_2) \underline{e}_1 + (\omega_3 r_1 - \omega_1 r_3) \underline{e}_2 + (\omega_1 r_2 - \omega_2 r_1) \underline{e}_3$$

where

$$\underline{r} = r_1 \underline{e}_1 + r_2 \underline{e}_2 + r_3 \underline{e}_3. \quad - (18)$$

Therefore:

$$\left(\frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} \right)_{x12} = \left(\frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} + (\omega_2 r_3 - \omega_3 r_2) \underline{e}_1 + (\omega_3 r_1 - \omega_1 r_3) \underline{e}_2 + (\omega_1 r_2 - \omega_2 r_1) \underline{e}_3 \right)_{123} \quad - (19)$$

Eq. (19) can be expressed as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ r_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega_3 & \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 & 0 & -\omega_1 \\ -\omega_2 & \omega_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ r_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad - (20)$$

Eq. (20) is true for any vector \underline{F} , so:

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_x \\ F_y \\ F_z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega_3 & \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 & 0 & -\omega_1 \\ -\omega_2 & \omega_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad - (21)$$

Eq. (21) is a special case of the Coriolis invariant derivative:

$$\frac{DV^a}{dx^\mu} = \frac{\partial V^a}{\partial x^\mu} + \Omega^a_{\mu b} V^b \quad - (22)$$

for $\mu = 0$. So the well known result (21) can be generalized, giving fundamentally important results.

In eq. (22), $\Omega^a_{\mu b}$ is the Cartan spin connection.

Considering space components in eq. (22):

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a = 1, 2, 3 \\ b = 1, 2, 3 \end{array} \right\} - (23)$$

$$\text{Then: } \frac{DV^1}{dt} = \frac{\partial V^1}{\partial t} + \Omega^1_{01} V^1 + \Omega^1_{02} V^2 + \Omega^1_{03} V^3 \quad - (24)$$

etc. It follows that:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} F_x \\ F_y \\ F_z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \Omega^1_{01} & \Omega^1_{02} & \Omega^1_{03} \\ \Omega^2_{01} & \Omega^2_{02} & \Omega^2_{03} \\ \Omega^3_{01} & \Omega^3_{02} & \Omega^3_{03} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \\ F_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad - (25)$$

so the spin connection matrix is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Omega^1_{01} & \Omega^1_{02} & \Omega^1_{03} \\ \Omega^2_{01} & \Omega^2_{02} & \Omega^2_{03} \\ \Omega^3_{01} & \Omega^3_{02} & \Omega^3_{03} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega_3 & \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 & 0 & -\omega_1 \\ -\omega_2 & \omega_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad - (26)$$

In general therefore, for any vector \underline{F} :

$$\left(\frac{d\underline{F}}{dt} \right)_{x12} = \left(\frac{d\underline{F}}{dt} \right)_{123} + (\underline{\omega} \times \underline{F})_{123} \quad - (27)$$

Consider the torque \underline{T}_V , defined by:

$$\underline{T}_V = \left(\frac{d\underline{L}}{dt} \right)_{123} = \left(\frac{d\underline{L}}{dt} + \underline{\omega} \times \underline{L} \right)_{123} \quad - (28)$$

where \underline{L} is the angular momentum. Using:

$$L_i = I_i \omega_i \quad - (29)$$

where I_i are the principal moments of inertia for $i = 1, 2, 3$ - (30)

The right hand side of eq. (28) becomes Euler's equations for a rigid body in a force field. In frame (1, 2, 3):

$$T_{V1} = I_1 \dot{\omega}_1 - (I_2 - I_3) \omega_2 \omega_3 \quad - (29)$$

$$T_{V2} = I_2 \dot{\omega}_2 - (I_3 - I_1) \omega_3 \omega_1$$

$$T_{V3} = I_3 \dot{\omega}_3 - (I_1 - I_2) \omega_1 \omega_2$$

Note that the Coriolis correction for eqs (29)

is given by eq. (26).

The torque vector is defined by:

$$\underline{T}_V = T_{Vx} \underline{i} + T_{Vy} \underline{j} + T_{Vz} \underline{k} \quad - (30)$$

$$= T_{V1} \underline{e}_1 + T_{V2} \underline{e}_2 + T_{V3} \underline{e}_3$$

so: $T_{Vx}^2 + T_{Vy}^2 + T_{Vz}^2 = T_{V1}^2 + T_{V2}^2 + T_{V3}^2 \quad - (31)$

6) Similarly, the force components in the frame (1, 2, 3) are:

$$F_1 = m (\dot{v}_1 + \omega_2 v_3 - \omega_3 v_2) \quad - (32)$$

$$F_2 = m (\dot{v}_2 + \omega_3 v_1 - \omega_1 v_3)$$

$$F_3 = m (\dot{v}_3 + \omega_1 v_2 - \omega_2 v_1)$$

The spin connection is again given by Eq. (26). The force vector is:

$$\underline{F} = F_x \underline{i} + F_y \underline{j} + F_z \underline{k} = F_1 \underline{e}_1 + F_2 \underline{e}_2 + F_3 \underline{e}_3$$

so $F_x^2 + F_y^2 + F_z^2 = F_1^2 + F_2^2 + F_3^2 \quad - (34)$

Using plane polar coordinates in orbital plane, eq. (34) reduces to:

$$F_r = -\frac{nmb}{r^2} = \ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2 \quad - (35)$$

and

$$r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta} = 0 \quad - (36)$$

because: $\underline{F} = -\frac{nmb}{r^2} \underline{e}_r = (\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2) \underline{e}_r + (r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta}) \underline{e}_\theta \quad - (37)$

The spin connection is again eq. (26).

It is clear from eqs. (31) and (34) that the application of an additional torque or force in the θ plane will change ω_1 , ω_2 and ω_3 of a gyroscope.

) These angular velocities of frame (1, 2, 3) are related to the Euler angles θ , ϕ and ψ by:

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_1 &= \dot{\phi}_1 + \dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\psi}_1 = \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \sin \phi + \dot{\theta} \cos \phi \\ \omega_2 &= \dot{\phi}_2 + \dot{\theta}_2 + \dot{\psi}_2 = \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \cos \phi - \dot{\theta} \sin \phi \quad (38) \\ \omega_3 &= \dot{\phi}_3 + \dot{\theta}_3 + \dot{\psi}_3 = \dot{\phi} \cos \theta + \dot{\psi}\end{aligned}$$

It is possible to solve the above equations with various models for the torque, but it is easier to use the Lagrangian method with:

$$L = T(\text{trans}) + T(\text{rot}) - U \quad (39)$$

If \underline{r} is the coordinate of the centre of mass of the gyroscope then the translational kinetic energy is:

$$T(\text{trans}) = \frac{1}{2} m \underline{\dot{r}} \cdot \underline{\dot{r}} \quad (40)$$

and the rotational kinetic energy is:

$$T(\text{rot}) = \frac{1}{2} (I_1 \omega_1^2 + I_2 \omega_2^2 + I_3 \omega_3^2) \quad (41)$$

In general, the potential energy is:

$$U = U(\underline{r}, \phi, \theta, \psi) \quad (42)$$

and there are four Euler-Lagrange equations in 4 Lagrange variables \underline{r} , ϕ , θ , and ψ .

These can be solved simultaneously to give all the required information and we:

$$\underline{\nabla} \mathcal{L} = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\underline{r}}} \quad - (43)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\phi}} \quad - (44)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \theta} = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \quad - (45)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \psi} = \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\psi}} \quad - (46)$$

Eqs. (39) and (40) give:

$$\underline{\vec{F}} = m \underline{\ddot{r}} = - \underline{\nabla} U \quad - (47)$$

so any force can be described in terms of a given potential U . In general, U is a function of θ , ϕ and ψ , so the force is related to θ , ϕ and ψ . In general, eqs. (44), (45) and (46) will contain terms in $\partial U / \partial \phi$, $\partial U / \partial \theta$ and $\partial U / \partial \psi$.