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Problem 1

Consider a particle B moving along a space curve \mathcal{C} . Let s be the arclength of \mathcal{C} . The position vector of B at time t is given by

$$\mathbf{r} = \chi(B, t) = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}. \quad (1)$$

Let $\{\mathbf{e}_t, \mathbf{e}_n, \mathbf{e}_b = \mathbf{e}_t \times \mathbf{e}_n\}$ be the Serret-Frenet basis and recall that

$$\frac{d\mathbf{e}_t}{ds} = \kappa \mathbf{e}_n, \quad (2)$$

where $\kappa \geq 0$ is the curvature of \mathcal{C} .

(a) Show that the velocity and acceleration of B may be expressed as

$$\mathbf{v} = \dot{s} \mathbf{e}_t, \quad \mathbf{a} = \ddot{s} \mathbf{e}_t + \kappa \dot{s}^2 \mathbf{e}_n. \quad (3)$$

(b) Suppose that during an interval of time, the coordinates of a particle moving along a channel in a horizontal plane are specified in meters by

$$x = 0.3t, \quad y = 0.5t^2. \quad (4)$$

Calculate the velocity and acceleration of the particle and evaluate them at $t = 0.2$ s.

(c) Calculate the unit tangent vector \mathbf{e}_t and unit normal vector \mathbf{e}_n at $t = 0.2$ s.

(d) Calculate the tangential and normal components of acceleration at $t = 0.2$ s.

(e) Calculate the radius of curvature, $\rho = \frac{1}{\kappa}$, for $t = 0.2$ s.

Problem 2

Consider a rigid plate which is rotating with constant angular velocity $\boldsymbol{\omega} = 2.5\mathbf{k}$ rad/s about a vertical axle OZ . Place a corotational basis $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3 = \mathbf{k}\}$ on the plate. Suppose that a particle \mathcal{B} is moving across the plate and that its position vector is given by

$$\mathbf{r} = x_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + x_2 \mathbf{e}_2. \quad (5)$$

(a) Show that the velocity of \mathcal{B} can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{v} = \dot{\mathbf{r}} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}, \quad (6)$$

where

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}} = \dot{x}_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + \dot{x}_2 \mathbf{e}_2 \quad (7)$$

is the corotational rate of \mathbf{r} .

(b) Show that the acceleration of A can be expressed as

$$\dot{\mathbf{v}} = \ddot{\mathbf{r}} + 2\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \dot{\mathbf{r}} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}), \quad (8)$$

where $\dot{\mathbf{r}}$ is the corotational rate of \mathbf{r} .

(c) What is the velocity and acceleration of the particle A' that belongs to the plate and with which A is coincident at the instant t ?

(d) If x_1 and x_2 are specified in meters by

$$x_1 = 0.3t, \quad x_2 = 0.2t^2, \quad (9)$$

calculate the magnitude of the velocity of B at $t = 5$ s.

Problem 3

A body \mathcal{B}_1 of mass $2m$ kg is sliding along a smooth horizontal rod with velocity v m/s. It collides with a stationary body \mathcal{B}_2 of mass m kg and becomes attached to it. The pair \mathcal{B}_1 and \mathcal{B}_2 subsequently collide with another stationary body \mathcal{B}_3 of mass m kg and become attached to it.

(a) Use Newton's second and third laws to prove that the linear momentum of the combined body $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_1 \cup \mathcal{B}_2 \cup \mathcal{B}_3$ is conserved.

(b) Calculate the velocity of \mathcal{B} after the second impact.

(c) Calculate the fractional loss, $\frac{T - T'}{T}$, of kinetic energy.

(d) If, after some time, all three bodies become separated again, write an equation that their velocities v'_1, v'_2, v'_3 must satisfy. Without any further information, can we solve for v'_1, v'_2 and v'_3 (Explain.)?

Problem 4

Let OZ be a rigid massless vertical axle. Let three particles, each of mass m kg, be attached to the axle by massless rigid rods, each of length ℓ m, and lying along the X and Y axes, as indicated in Fig.1.

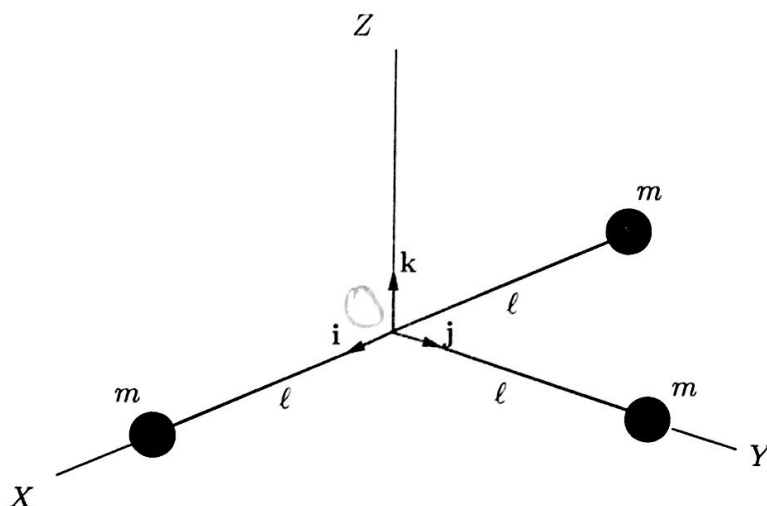


Figure 1: X, Y, Z are fixed axes in a Newtonian space

Suppose that the particles rotate rigidly about OZ with angular velocity $\boldsymbol{\omega} = 2t \mathbf{k}$ rad/s. Attach a corotational basis $\{\mathbf{e}_1(t), \mathbf{e}_2(t), \mathbf{e}_3(t)\}$ to the body, with $\mathbf{e}_1(0) = \mathbf{i}$, $\mathbf{e}_2(0) = \mathbf{j}$, and $\mathbf{e}_3 = \mathbf{k}$ for all t .

(a) Calculate the linear momentum of the body \mathcal{B} consisting of the 3 particles. Calculate the resultant force that must act on \mathcal{B} .

(b) The inertia tensor of \mathcal{B} about O is defined by

$$\mathbf{I}^O = \sum_{K=1}^3 m_K [(\mathbf{r}_K \cdot \mathbf{r}_K) \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{r}_K \otimes \mathbf{r}_K], \quad (10)$$

where \mathbf{I} is the identity tensor and \otimes denotes the tensor product $[(\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{b})\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{u})]$. Also, the angular momentum of \mathcal{B} about O is given by

$$\mathbf{H}^O = \mathbf{I}^O \boldsymbol{\omega}. \quad (11)$$

Evaluate \mathbf{I}^O and \mathbf{H}^O .

(c) Apply Euler's second law to calculate the resultant torque that must act on \mathcal{B} .

(d) What are the eigenvectors (or principal directions) and the eigenvalues (or principal moments of inertia) of the inertia tensor \mathbf{I}^O of \mathcal{B} ?

Problem 5

Consider a 3-dimensional rigid body \mathcal{B} which is rotating about an axle lying along a fixed axis OZ . Let the unit vector \mathbf{k} point along OZ , and let $\{\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}\}$ be a fixed orthonormal basis in a Newtonian frame of reference. Define a right-handed orthonormal basis $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3\}$, which is fixed to the body (i.e., it is corotational), by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{e}_1 &= \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{k}, \theta) \mathbf{i} = \cos \theta \mathbf{i} + \sin \theta \mathbf{j}, \\ \mathbf{e}_2 &= \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{k}, \theta) \mathbf{j} = -\sin \theta \mathbf{i} + \cos \theta \mathbf{j}, \\ \mathbf{e}_3 &= \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{k}, \theta) \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{k}, \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

where $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{k}, \theta)$ is the rotation tensor for B , and is given by

$$\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{k}, \theta) = \cos \theta (\mathbf{i} \otimes \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} \otimes \mathbf{j}) - \sin \theta (\mathbf{i} \otimes \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{j} \otimes \mathbf{i}) + \mathbf{k} \otimes \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{k}. \quad (13)$$

(a) Calculate the value of the rotation tensor $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{k}, 40^\circ)$ and write out the matrix of $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{k}, 40^\circ)$, using the vectors $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}$ to form a basis.

(b) If a particle $A \in \mathcal{B}$ is located at

$$\mathbf{R}_A = 0.2\mathbf{i} - 0.5\mathbf{j} + 0.3\mathbf{k} \quad \text{m} \quad (14)$$

in the initial configuration of \mathcal{B} ($\theta = 0$), find its new location

$$\mathbf{r}_A = \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{k}, 40^\circ) \mathbf{R}_A. \quad (15)$$

Problem 6

Consider a rigid body \mathcal{B} of mass m rotating about a fixed axis OZ in a Newtonian space, with angular velocity $\boldsymbol{\omega} = \omega \mathbf{k} = \dot{\theta} \mathbf{k}$. Place a corotational basis $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3 = \mathbf{k}\}$ on \mathcal{B} , with $\mathbf{e}_1 = \mathbf{i}, \mathbf{e}_2 = \mathbf{j}$ at time $t = 0$. The inertia tensor about O at time t may be expressed as

$$\mathbf{I}^O = I_{xx}^O \mathbf{e}_1 \otimes \mathbf{e}_1 + I_{yy}^O \mathbf{e}_2 \otimes \mathbf{e}_2 + \dots + I_{zz}^O \mathbf{e}_3 \otimes \mathbf{e}_3. \quad (16)$$

(a) Recall that the angular momentum of \mathcal{B} about O may be expressed as

$$\mathbf{H}^O = \mathbf{I}^O \boldsymbol{\omega}. \quad (17)$$

Resolve Eq. (17) on the corotational basis.

(b) If

$$\mathbf{M}^O = M_1^O \mathbf{e}_1 + M_2^O \mathbf{e}_2 + M_3^O \mathbf{e}_3 \quad (18)$$

is the resultant torque acting on \mathcal{B} , prove that

$$\begin{aligned} M_1^O &= I_{xz}^O \dot{\omega} - I_{yz}^O \omega^2, \\ M_2^O &= I_{yz}^O \dot{\omega} + I_{xz}^O \omega^2, \\ M_3^O &= I_{zz}^O \dot{\omega}. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

(c) Consider an unbalanced rotor for which

$$I_{xz}^O = 2 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2, \quad I_{yz}^O = 4 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2, \quad I_{zz}^O = 150 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2, \quad (20)$$

and $\boldsymbol{\omega} = \omega(t) \mathbf{e}_3$, $\omega(0) = 0$. Suppose that during an interval of time $0 \leq t \leq 25$ s, a torque

$$M_3^O = 30 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} \quad (21)$$

is being supplied by a motor. Calculate $\omega(t)$, $H_1^O(t)$, $H_2^O(t)$, $H_3^O(t)$, $M_1^O(t)$, and $M_2^O(t)$, and evaluate these at $t = 25$ s.

Problem 7

Consider a compound pendulum that consists of massless rigid rod to which is attached a rigid ball of mass m kg and radius r m (see Fig.2). The distance from the pivot O to the mass center C of the ball is ℓ m.

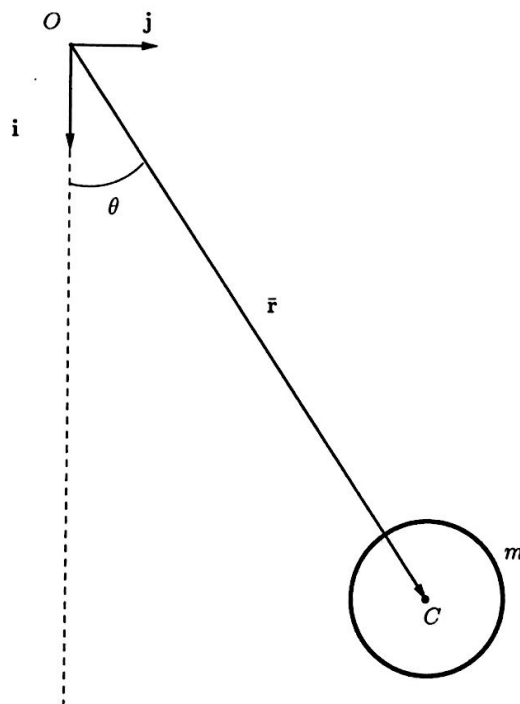


Figure 2

Place a corotational basis

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e}_1 \\ \mathbf{e}_2 \\ \mathbf{e}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{i} \\ \mathbf{j} \\ \mathbf{k} \end{pmatrix} \quad (22)$$

on the rod. The inertia tensor of the ball about its mass center is

$$\mathbf{I}^C = \frac{2}{5}mr^2 \mathbf{I} \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2. \quad (23)$$

(a) Apply the transfer theorem, namely

$$\mathbf{I}^O = \mathbf{I}^C + m[(\bar{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{r}})\mathbf{I} - \bar{\mathbf{r}} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{r}}], \quad (24)$$

to calculate \mathbf{I}^O .

(b) Apply Euler's law for angular momentum about O to obtain the differential equation for $\theta(t)$.

(c) Let $\mathbf{N} = N_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + N_2 \mathbf{e}_2 + N_3 \mathbf{e}_3$ be the force supplied by the axle. Calculate N_1 , N_2 , and N_3 as functions of θ and its time derivatives.

(d) Recall that the kinetic energy of the pendulum is given by

$$T = \frac{1}{2}I_{zz}^O \dot{\theta}^2 \quad (25)$$

Argue that energy is conserved for the pendulum, and write out its energy equation, taking the potential energy is taken to be zero in the stable equilibrium configuration.

Problem 8

Consider a rigid wheel that is a narrow disk. Suppose that it is rolling without slipping along a rough horizontal straight road. Let the origin O be at the point of contact of the wheel with the ground in the reference configuration. Let \mathbf{i} point horizontally and to the right, and let \mathbf{j} point vertically downwards. At time t , the position vector of the mass center C of the wheel is

$$\bar{\mathbf{r}} = x \mathbf{i} - r \mathbf{j}, \quad (26)$$

where r is the radius of the wheel and x is the horizontal displacement of C . The angular velocity of the wheel is $\boldsymbol{\omega} = \omega \mathbf{k} = \dot{\theta} \mathbf{k}$, and its angular acceleration is $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \alpha \mathbf{k} = \dot{\omega} \mathbf{k}$. The moment of inertia of the wheel about the principal axis CZ is

$$I_{zz}^C = \frac{1}{2}mr^2 \quad (27)$$

where m is the mass of the wheel.

(a) Obtain expressions for the velocity $\bar{\mathbf{v}}$ and acceleration $\bar{\mathbf{a}}$ of C at time t .

(b) What is the kinematical relationship between \dot{x} and $\dot{\theta}$?

(c) Recall that if A is any point on the wheel, then the velocity of A is given by

$$\mathbf{v}_A = \bar{\mathbf{v}} + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times (\mathbf{r}_A - \bar{\mathbf{r}}). \quad (28)$$

Suppose that B is the particle on the wheel with position vector

$$\mathbf{r}_B = \bar{\mathbf{r}} + r \mathbf{i} \quad (29)$$

at time t . Calculate the velocity \mathbf{v}_B of B as a function of \dot{x} .

(d) Recall that the kinetic energy of the wheel may be expressed in the form

$$T = \bar{T} + \tilde{T}, \quad (30)$$

where

$$\bar{T} = \frac{1}{2} m \bar{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{v}}, \quad \tilde{T} = \frac{1}{2} I_{zz}^C \omega^2. \quad (31)$$

Calculate T as a function of \dot{x} .

(e) Consider an unpowered cart that has four disk wheels, each of mass m kg, and also has an additional mass of $70m$ kg. Suppose that the cart is travelling along a road $KLMN$ and that the wheels are all rolling without slipping. Let KL and MN be horizontal and let LM a gentle downward slope. Let h be the height of KL above MN in meters. Argue that the total mechanical energy E of the cart is conserved. If the cart is travelling at a constant speed v_0 along KL , what would its speed v be along LN ?

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