

Lecture 15

Midterm: Average 21/40
High = 36 Low = 7

A little disappointed about #2

Also have estimated grade to date, including HW

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Discussing inertia tensor I_{ij} for a rigid body:

$$I_{ij} = \int \rho (r^2 \delta_{ij} - r_i r_j) d^3r$$

$\rho(\vec{r}) = \text{mass density}$

Diagonal terms $I_{ii} = \int \rho (r_{i+1}^2 + r_{i-1}^2) d^3r$

off diagonal $I_{ij} = \int \rho r_i r_j d^3r$

Gives $T = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} I_{ij} \omega_i \omega_j$

$$L_i = \sum_j I_{ij} \omega_j$$

in terms of angular velocity of body $\vec{\omega}$

Usually best to calculate \bar{I}_{ij} = inertia tensor
with respect to
center of mass

Then relative to center at \vec{a} , get

$$I_{ij} = \bar{I}_{ij} + M(\delta_{ij} a^2 - a_i a_j)$$

That lets us translate coords... what about rotating them?

Transforms just like any other matrix does

Important to understand: go through

First, consider vector $\vec{a} = a_1 \hat{e}_1 + a_2 \hat{e}_2 + a_3 \hat{e}_3$

rotated coords $\rightarrow a'_1 \hat{e}'_1 + a'_2 \hat{e}'_2 + a'_3 \hat{e}'_3$

Given (a_1, a_2, a_3) , what are (a'_1, a'_2, a'_3) ?

Know $a'_i = \hat{e}'_i \cdot \vec{a} = \sum_j \hat{e}'_i \cdot \hat{e}_j a_j$

$$= \sum_j R_{ij} a_j$$

$$R_{ij} = \hat{e}'_i \cdot \hat{e}_j$$

"rotation matrix"

or, $\vec{a}' = R \vec{a}$

If R describes a rotation, then it is orthonormal:

$$R^T = R^{-1}$$

Because $\vec{a}' \cdot \vec{a}' = (\vec{a}')^T (\vec{a}') = \vec{a}^T R^T R \vec{a} = \vec{a}^T \vec{a}$
for any \vec{a}

Requires $R^T R = \mathbb{1}$

For a matrix, consider arb relation $\vec{b} = M\vec{a}$

Rotate coords, need $\vec{b}' = M'\vec{a}'$

$$R\vec{b} = M'R\vec{a}$$

$$\vec{b} = R^T M' R \vec{a}$$

$$\text{so } M = R^T M' R$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{M' = R M R^T}$$

So if you calculate I_{ij} in one frame,
need in rotated frame, use

$$I'_{ij} = \sum_{k,l} R_{ik} I_{kl} R_{jl}$$

$$\text{again, } R_{ij} = \hat{e}'_i \cdot \hat{e}_j$$

So, if we calculate I_{ij} in one frame, can
easy get in any frame

Turns out, there is a preferred frame where I_{ij} is simplest

\equiv principle axes

Start by noting $I_{ij} = I_{ji}$... symmetric matrix

Any real symmetric matrix can be diagonalized

$$\det(\mathbb{I} - \lambda \mathbb{1}) = 0$$

Roots $\lambda = I_1, I_2, I_3$: principle moments of inertia

Corresponding eigenvectors = principle axes

If we align coord frame to axes, \mathbb{I} is diagonal

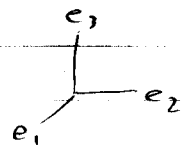
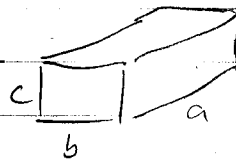
$$\mathbb{I} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbb{I}_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbb{I}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbb{I}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Principle axes correspond to symmetry axes

- good to set up coords along symmetry to start

Common building blocks:

Rectangular block



$$\mathbb{I} = \frac{M}{12} \begin{bmatrix} b^2 + c^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a^2 + c^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a^2 + b^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

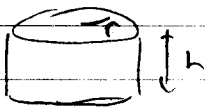
$$\mathbb{I}_{\text{cube}} = \frac{M}{6} \begin{bmatrix} a^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a^2 \end{bmatrix} = \text{isotropic}$$

any axis equivalent

Sphere, radius a

$$\mathbb{I}_{\text{sphere}} = \frac{2}{5} M a^2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Cylinder



$$\mathbb{I} = \frac{M}{12} \begin{bmatrix} 3r^2 + h^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3r^2 + h^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6r^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hoop, radius r :

$$\mathbb{I} = M \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} r^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} r^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & r^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Can use these to construct more complex objects
using composition, translation, & rotation properties

So, we can hopefully calculate \mathbb{I} .

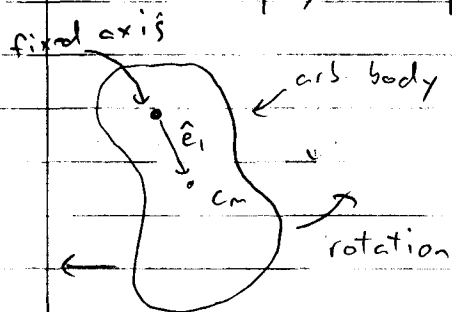
What can we do with it?

→ solve for dynamics of body

• Generally a 3D problem... pretty hard

Start easy: constrain motion to one axis:

"physical pendulum" swings in gravity



Analyze using

$$\left(\frac{d\mathbb{L}}{dt}\right)_{\text{inertial}} = \text{external torque}$$

Derived in first lecture,
for arbitrary system

But requires either

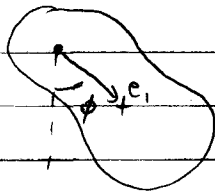
- 1) origin fixed in inertial frame
- or 2) origin = center of mass

Pendulum problem is type (1)... put origin at axis

Set up body coords: \hat{e}_3 along rotation axis
 \hat{e}_1 points from axis to CM
 $\hat{e}_2 = \hat{e}_3 \times \hat{e}_1$

\hat{e}_3 is fixed = \hat{e}_3^0

Then $\left(\frac{dL_3}{dt}\right)_{\text{inert}} = \left(\frac{dL_3}{dt}\right)_{\text{body}} = \Gamma_3$



$$L_3 = \sum_j I_{3j} \omega_j$$

↳ generally not diagonal

But here $\omega_1 = \omega_2 = 0$

can only rotate around \hat{e}_3

So $L_3 = I_{33} \omega_3$

$$\omega_3 = \dot{\phi}$$

Important: I_{jj} gives moment of inertia for rotation about axis \hat{e}_j

Here $I_{33} \ddot{\phi} = -\Gamma_3$

$\vec{\Gamma}$ = from gravity

$$= \int \rho(\vec{r}) \vec{r} \times \vec{g} \, d^3r = M \vec{R} \times \vec{g}$$

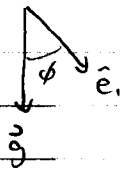
\vec{R} = center of mass

If COM is distance l from axis, $\vec{R} = l \hat{e}_1$

$$\vec{\Gamma} = M l \hat{e}_1 \times \vec{g} = M l g \sin \phi \hat{\otimes}$$

$$= -M l g \sin \phi \hat{e}_3$$

so $\Gamma_3 = -M l g \sin \phi$



So $I_{33} \ddot{\phi} = -Mlg \sin \phi$

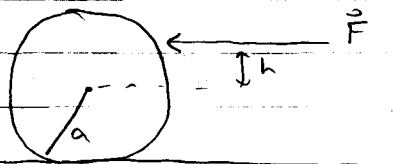
$$\ddot{\phi} + \frac{Mlg}{I_{33}} \sin \phi = 0$$

Pendulum equation, frequency $\Omega^2 = \frac{Mlg}{I_{33}}$

For particle at COM, $I_{33} = Ml^2$

$$\Omega^2 \rightarrow \frac{g}{l}, \text{ as expected}$$

Another example: Billiard ball



--- friction ---

Apply force \vec{F} ,
distance h above center

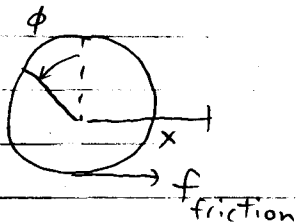
Will ball roll or slide?

(assume \vec{F} centered, so no side spin: rotation axis fixed)

Now two coords

x = position of CM

ϕ = rotation angle



$$\text{Friction force} = \mu Mg$$

Newton gives

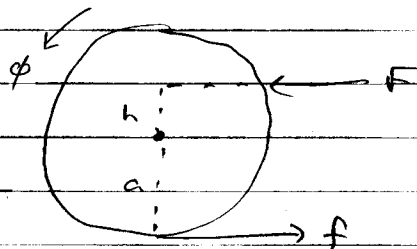
$$M \ddot{x} = -\mu Mg + F$$

For ϕ , use $\frac{dL}{dt} = \frac{3}{1}$

Here need to put origin at center of mass,
since body is accelerating

Then $L = I\omega$ $I = \frac{2}{5}Ma^2$
 $\omega = \dot{\phi}$

Get torques from diagram



For $h > 0$, both torques > 0

$$\Gamma = hF + af$$

So $I\ddot{\phi} = hF + \mu Mg a$

Solve for impulsive force $F(t)$, acts for very short time

Define impulse

$$J = \int F(t) dt$$

Ball initially at rest

After impulse, have $p_x = J$

\rightarrow So center of mass moves with $v_0 = \frac{J}{M}$

Also imparts angular momentum $L = hJ$

\rightarrow angular velocity $\omega_0 = \frac{hJ}{I}$

Use v_0 & ω_0 as initial condition for free motion

$$\ddot{x} = -\mu g$$

$$\ddot{\phi} = \frac{\mu Mg a}{I} = \frac{5}{2} \frac{\mu g}{a}$$

Solutions $x(t) = v_0 t - \frac{1}{2} \mu g t^2$

$$\phi(t) = \omega_0 t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mu M g a}{I} t^2$$

This assumes ball is sliding

Eventually, reach rolling condition $\dot{x} = a\dot{\phi}$

Then ball starts rolling and friction stops

Solve for time t_1 when this occurs:

Have $\dot{x} = v_0 - \mu g t$
 $a\dot{\phi} = a\omega_0 + \frac{\mu M g a^2}{I} t$

Equate:

$$v_0 - \mu g t_1 = a\omega_0 + \frac{\mu M g a^2}{I} t_1$$

$$v_0 - a\omega_0 = \mu g \left(1 + \frac{M a^2}{I}\right) t_1$$

Have $v_0 = \frac{hJ}{Mk}$, $\omega_0 = \frac{hJ}{I} = v_0 \frac{Mk}{I}$

$$\frac{J}{M} \left(1 - \frac{Mk a}{I}\right) = \mu g \left(1 + \frac{M a^2}{I}\right) t_1$$

$$t_1 = \frac{v_0}{\mu g} \left(\frac{I - Mka}{I + Ma^2} \right)$$

Sphere $I = \frac{2}{5} Ma^2$ $t_1 = \frac{v_0}{\mu g} \left(\frac{\frac{2}{5} a - h}{\frac{2}{5} a + a} \right)$

$$\left(\frac{5}{7} \right) \left(\frac{2}{5} - \frac{h}{a} \right)$$

$$t_1 = \frac{2}{7} \frac{v_0}{\mu g} \left(1 - \frac{5h}{2a} \right)$$

If $h < \frac{2}{5}a$, $t_1 > 0$ ball slides for a bit, then rolls

If $h = \frac{2}{5}a$, $t_1 = 0$ ball rolls immediately

If $h > \frac{2}{5}a$, $t_1 < 0$?

Here ball is rolling too fast
friction force will have opposite sign

Fix by reversing sign of μ

or $t_1 = \frac{2}{7} \frac{v_0}{\mu g} \left| 1 - \frac{5h}{2a} \right|$

Interesting to get balls final velocity

Plus t_1 in to $\dot{x} = v_0 - \mu g t_1$

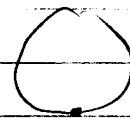
Get $\dot{x}_f = \frac{5}{7} v_0 \left(1 + \frac{h}{a} \right)$

if $h = a$, $\dot{x}_f = \frac{10}{7} v_0$, ball speed up

$h = -a$, $\dot{x}_f = 0$, friction brings ball to rest

Shows that placing origin is important

If tried origin = contact point
then friction torque = 0



But \vec{L} changes

\vec{L} of CM = 0 = constant

\vec{L} about CM = spin = changing

Shows $\vec{P} \neq \frac{d\vec{L}}{dt}$ in general