

271(5) : The Na-Newtonian Velocity and Acceleration in Spherical Polar Coordinates.

It has been shown in previous notes that the linear velocity is :

$$\underline{v} = \frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} = \frac{dr}{dt} \underline{e}_r + \underline{\omega} \times \underline{r} \quad - (1)$$

where $\underline{r} = r \underline{e}_r \quad - (2)$

and : $\underline{e}_r = \sin \theta \cos \phi \underline{i} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \underline{j} + \cos \theta \underline{k} \quad - (3)$

$$\underline{\omega} = \dot{\theta} \underline{e}_\theta - \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \underline{e}_\phi \quad - (4)$$

So : $\underline{v} = \dot{r} \underline{e}_r + r \dot{\theta} \underline{e}_\theta + r \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \underline{e}_\phi \quad - (5)$

The acceleration is :

$$\underline{a} = \frac{d\underline{v}}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\dot{r} \underline{e}_r + \underline{\omega} \times \underline{r} \right)$$

$$= \ddot{r} \underline{e}_r + \dot{r} \dot{\underline{e}}_r + \dot{\underline{\omega}} \times \underline{r} + \underline{\omega} \times \frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} \quad - (6)$$

Now use :

$$2) \quad \dot{\underline{e}}_r = \dot{\theta} \underline{e}_\theta + \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \underline{e}_\phi - (7)$$

From eqs (4) and (5):

$$\underline{\omega} \times \frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} = \underline{\omega} \times \underline{v} = \dot{r} \dot{\theta} \underline{e}_\theta + \dot{r} \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \underline{e}_\phi - (r \dot{\phi}^2 \sin^2 \theta + r \dot{\theta}^2) \underline{e}_r - (8)$$

From eqs (2) and (4)

$$\underline{\omega} \times (\underline{\omega} \times \underline{r}) = - (r \dot{\phi}^2 \sin^2 \theta + r \dot{\theta}^2) \underline{e}_r - (9)$$

So:

$$\underline{\omega} \times \underline{v} = \underline{\omega} \times (\underline{\omega} \times \underline{r}) + \dot{r} \dot{\theta} \underline{e}_\theta + \dot{r} \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \underline{e}_\phi - (10)$$

From eqs (6), (7) and (10):

$$\underline{a} = \ddot{r} \underline{e}_r + \underline{\omega} \times (\underline{\omega} \times \underline{r}) + \dot{\underline{\omega}} \times \underline{r} + 2(\dot{r} \dot{\theta} \underline{e}_\theta + \dot{r} \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \underline{e}_\phi) - (11)$$

Now note that:

$$\underline{\omega} \times \frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} \underline{e}_r = \begin{vmatrix} \underline{e}_r & \underline{e}_\theta & \underline{e}_\phi \\ 0 & -\dot{\phi} \sin \theta & \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{r} & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}} = \dot{r} \underline{e}_r + r \dot{\theta} \sin \theta \underline{e}_\phi - (12)$$

So:

$$\underline{a} = \ddot{r} \underline{e}_r + \underline{\omega} \times (\underline{\omega} \times \underline{r}) + \dot{\underline{\omega}} \times \underline{r} + 2 \underline{\omega} \times \frac{dr}{dt} \underline{e}_r - (13)$$

This is exactly the same result as in plane polar coordinates, but the internal structure is much richer.

Main Results

1) The angular velocity or Euler spin connection is:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\omega} &= \dot{\theta} \underline{e}_\phi - \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \underline{e}_\theta \\ &= \frac{\underline{L}}{mr^2} \end{aligned} - (14)$$

where \underline{L} is the total angular momentum:

$$\underline{L} = L_x \underline{i} + L_y \underline{j} + L_z \underline{k} - (15)$$

It has three Cartesian components in general.

2) The orbital velocity is:

4)

$$\underline{v}_{\text{orbital}} = \underline{\omega} \times \underline{r}$$

$$= \dot{r} \underline{e}_r + r \dot{\theta} \underline{e}_\theta + r \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \underline{e}_\phi \quad - (16)$$

and is three dimensional in general. To convert to Cartesian coordinates use:

$$\underline{e}_r = \sin \theta \cos \phi \underline{i} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \underline{j} + \cos \theta \underline{k} \quad - (17)$$

$$\underline{e}_\theta = \cos \theta \cos \phi \underline{i} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \underline{j} - \sin \theta \underline{k} \quad - (18)$$

$$\underline{e}_\phi = -\sin \phi \underline{i} + \cos \phi \underline{j} \quad - (19)$$

Here:

$$\underline{e}_\phi \times \underline{e}_r = \underline{e}_\theta \quad - (20)$$

$$\underline{e}_\theta \times \underline{e}_\phi = \underline{e}_r \quad - (21)$$

$$\underline{e}_r \times \underline{e}_\theta = \underline{e}_\phi \quad - (22)$$

It is clear that $\underline{v}_{\text{orbital}}$ has three Cartesian components and so is three dimensional.

3) The Centrifugal Acceleration

This is:

$$\underline{\omega} \times (\underline{\omega} \times \underline{r}) = -\left(r \dot{\phi}^2 \sin^2 \theta + r \dot{\theta}^2\right) \underline{e}_r \quad - (23)$$

and this has three Cartesian components so is three dimensional.

5)

4) The Coriolis Acceleration

This is :

$$\underline{a}(\text{Coriolis}) = 2 \underline{\omega} \times \frac{dr}{dt} \underline{e}_r \quad - (24)$$

$$= 2 \left(\dot{\theta} \underline{e}_\theta + \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \underline{e}_\phi \right)$$

and this is also three dimensional in general.

5) Re Acceleration due to $\underline{\omega} \times \underline{r}$

This is evaluated using :

$$\underline{\omega} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\dot{\theta} \underline{e}_\phi - \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \underline{e}_\theta \right) \quad - (25)$$

$$= \ddot{\theta} \underline{e}_\phi + \dot{\theta} \dot{\phi} \underline{e}_\theta - \ddot{\phi} \sin \theta \underline{e}_\theta - \dot{\phi} \dot{\theta} \cos \theta \underline{e}_\theta$$

$$- \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \dot{\theta} \underline{e}_\theta$$

using (Eqs 21-24):

$$\dot{\underline{e}}_r = \dot{\theta} \underline{e}_\theta + \sin \theta \dot{\phi} \underline{e}_\phi \quad - (26)$$

$$\dot{\underline{e}}_\theta = -\dot{\theta} \underline{e}_r + \cos \theta \dot{\phi} \underline{e}_\phi \quad - (27)$$

$$\dot{\underline{e}}_\phi = -\sin \theta \dot{\phi} \underline{e}_r - \cos \theta \dot{\phi} \underline{e}_\theta \quad - (28)$$

Therefore:

$$\dot{\underline{\omega}} = \underline{e}_\phi \left(\ddot{\theta} - \dot{\phi}^2 \sin\theta \cos\theta \right) - \underline{e}_\theta \left(2\dot{\phi}\dot{\theta} \cos\theta + \ddot{\phi} \sin\theta \right) \quad (29)$$

and

$$\underline{\omega} \times \underline{r} = r \left(\ddot{\theta} - \dot{\phi}^2 \sin\theta \cos\theta \right) \underline{e}_\theta + r \left(\ddot{\phi} \sin\theta + 2\dot{\theta}\dot{\phi} \cos\theta \right) \underline{e}_\phi \quad (30)$$

This is again three dimensional in general.

The Leibniz orbital equation is:

$$m \ddot{r} \underline{e}_r = -m \left(\underline{\omega} \times (\underline{\omega} \times \underline{r}) + 2 \underline{\omega} \times \frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} \underline{e}_r + \underline{\dot{\omega}} \times \underline{r} \right) - \frac{k}{r^2} \underline{e}_r \quad (31)$$

which splits into two equations:

$$m \ddot{r} = r \left(\ddot{\theta}^2 + r \dot{\phi}^2 \sin^2\theta \right) - \frac{k}{r^2} \quad (32)$$

and:

$$2 \underline{\omega} \times \frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} \underline{e}_r + \underline{\dot{\omega}} \times \underline{r} = 0 \quad (33)$$

Eq. (32) is true for each component of \underline{e}_r ,

7) So $m \ddot{\underline{r}}$ has three Cartesian components:

$$m \ddot{\underline{r}} = m \ddot{r} (\sin \theta \cos \phi \underline{i} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \underline{j} + \cos \theta \underline{k}) \quad - (34)$$

So the as.it is three dimensional.

The as.it is constrained by eq. (33), which

gives:

$$2(\dot{r} \ddot{\theta} \underline{e}_{\theta} + \dot{r} \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \underline{e}_{\phi}) + r(\ddot{\theta} - \dot{\phi}^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta) \underline{e}_{\theta} + r(\ddot{\phi} \sin \theta + 2 \dot{\theta} \dot{\phi} \cos \theta) \underline{e}_{\phi} = 0 \quad - (35)$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad r \ddot{\theta} - r \dot{\phi}^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta + 2 \dot{r} \dot{\theta} = 0 \quad - (36)$$

$$\text{and} \quad r \ddot{\phi} \sin \theta + 2 r \dot{\theta} \dot{\phi} \cos \theta + 2 \dot{r} \dot{\phi} \sin \theta = 0 \quad - (37)$$

From LFT 270:

$$\dot{\phi} = \frac{L_z}{m r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \quad - (38)$$

$$\dot{\theta} = \frac{1}{m r^2} \left(L^2 - \frac{L_z^2}{\sin^2 \theta} \right)^{1/2} \quad - (39)$$