

#1 Goldstein 5-6

(a) Since the top is symmetrical, we know $I_1 = I_2 \equiv I$, while I_3 is something else that we don't know. Substituting this into equation 5.47, the two non-trivial equations are:

$$I \dot{\omega}_1 = (I - I_3) \omega_3 \omega_2 \quad \text{and} \quad I \dot{\omega}_2 = -(I - I_3) \omega_3 \omega_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\omega}_1 = -\Omega \omega_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{\omega}_2 = \Omega \omega_1 \quad \text{where} \quad \Omega = \frac{I - I_3}{I} \omega_3,$$

which is a constant. (Note $\omega_3 = \text{constant}$, since the top's primary rate of rotation about its body symmetry axis is fixed.)

Solving these differential equations...

$$\ddot{\omega}_1 = -\Omega \dot{\omega}_2 = -\Omega^2 \omega_1 \Rightarrow \omega_1 = A \cos(\Omega t)$$

and plug $\omega_1 = A \cos(\Omega t)$ into $\dot{\omega}_1 = \Omega \omega_2$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega A \sin(\Omega t) = \Omega \omega_2 \Rightarrow \omega_2 = A \sin(\Omega t)$$

So in the body coordinates, Angular Momentum is:

$$L_1 = I \omega_1 = I A \cos(\Omega t)$$

$$L_2 = I \omega_2 = I A \sin(\Omega t)$$

$$L_3 = I_3 \omega_3 = \text{constant} \equiv K$$

Thus $\vec{L} = I A (\sin(\Omega t) \hat{j} + \cos(\Omega t) \hat{i}) + K \hat{k}$, indicating that the top's angular momentum vector rotates about the symmetry axis at a frequency Ω . (no ext. torques, so it stays this way).

Now we relate the body coordinates to the lab-frame Euler angles ϕ, θ, ψ .

By eq. 4.87:

$$\omega_1 = \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \sin \psi + \dot{\theta} \cos \psi = A \cos(\Omega t)$$

$$\omega_2 = \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \cos \psi - \dot{\theta} \sin \psi = A \sin(\Omega t)$$

$$\omega_3 = \dot{\phi} \cos \theta + \dot{\psi} = K$$

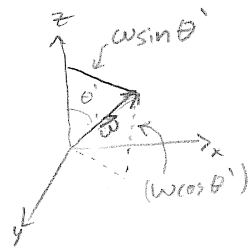
In the lab frame, ψ describes the same thing that Ω does in the body frame. So $\omega_3 = \dot{\phi} \cos \theta + \Omega \Rightarrow \dot{\phi} = \frac{\omega_3 - \Omega}{\cos \theta}$

Plug in $\Omega = \frac{I - I_3}{I} \omega_3 \Rightarrow \dot{\phi} = \frac{\omega_3 - \omega_3 (\frac{I - I_3}{I})}{\cos \theta} = \frac{\omega_3 (1 - 1 + \frac{I_3}{I})}{\cos \theta}$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\phi} = \frac{\omega_3 I_3}{I \cos \theta}$$

✓ ← b/c we set $I_1 \equiv I$.

(b) Note first, as shown @ right that for a vector $\vec{\omega}$ w/ polar angle θ' , $\omega \sin \theta' = \sqrt{\omega_x^2 + \omega_y^2}$



(I'm switching to x, y, z notation per problem 4-15)

given: $\omega_x = \dot{\theta} \cos \phi + \dot{\psi} \sin \theta \sin \phi = \Omega \sin \theta \sin \phi$

$\omega_y = \dot{\theta} \sin \phi - \dot{\psi} \sin \theta \cos \phi = \Omega \sin \theta \cos \phi$

$\dot{\theta} = 0, \quad \dot{\psi} = \Omega$ $\omega_z = \dot{\psi} \cos \theta + \dot{\phi} = \Omega \cos \theta + \frac{\omega_3 I_3}{I_1 \cos \theta} = \text{constant (as seen in (a))}$

The angle down from \vec{L} to $\vec{\omega}$, we are told is θ' , and that means

$$\omega \sin \theta' = \sqrt{\omega_x^2 + \omega_y^2} = \sqrt{\Omega^2 \sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi + \Omega^2 \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi} = \Omega \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \theta' = (\Omega \sin \theta) \frac{1}{\omega}$$

Similarly, the angle down from $\vec{\omega}$ and the symmetry axis, θ , is:

$$\omega \sin \theta'' = \sqrt{\omega_x^2 + \omega_z^2} \stackrel{\text{part a}}{=} \sqrt{A^2 \cos^2(\Omega t) + A^2 \sin^2(\Omega t)} = A$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\omega} = \frac{\sin \theta''}{A}$$

And plug into $\sin \theta' = (\Omega \sin \theta) \frac{1}{\omega}$ to get $\sin \theta' = \frac{\Omega \sin \theta \sin \theta''}{A}$

$$\sin \theta' = \Omega \sin \theta'' \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{A} \right)$$

From part (a), $\dot{\phi} \sin \theta \cos \gamma - \dot{\theta} \sin \gamma = A \sin(\Omega t)$

$$\dot{\phi} \sin \theta \cos \gamma = A \sin(\Omega t) \Rightarrow \frac{\sin \theta}{A} = \frac{\sin(\Omega t)}{\cos(\gamma) \dot{\phi}}$$

$$\text{so } \boxed{\sin \theta' = \frac{\Omega \sin \theta''}{\dot{\phi}}}$$

In the section, we are given $\frac{I_3 - I_1}{I_1} = 0.00327$

$$\text{Since } \Omega = \frac{I - I_3}{I} \omega_3 = -\left(\frac{I_3 - I_1}{I}\right) \omega_3 = -0.00327 \omega_3$$

$$\sin \theta' = \frac{I - I_3}{I} \omega_3 \frac{I \cos \theta}{\omega_3 I_3} \sin \theta''$$



when we realize how big earth is relative to those angles, we approximate $\sin \theta' \approx \theta'$, $\sin \theta'' \approx \theta''$, $\cos \theta = 1$

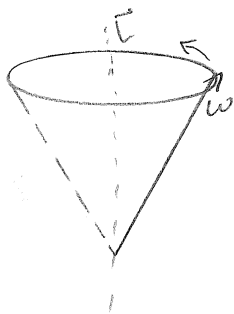
Also when R is earth's radius, l = the average separation distance given in the text as having an amplitude of 10m. (so $l \approx 5$ m, I guess), and d = the quantity we're finding, $\theta' = \frac{d}{R}$, $\theta'' = \frac{l}{R}$.

$$\frac{d}{R} = -0.00327 \frac{l}{R} \left(\frac{I - I_3}{I_3}\right) \text{ Note } \frac{I_3 - I_1}{I_1} = 0.00327 \frac{I}{I_1} \Rightarrow \frac{I_3}{I_1} = 1.00327$$

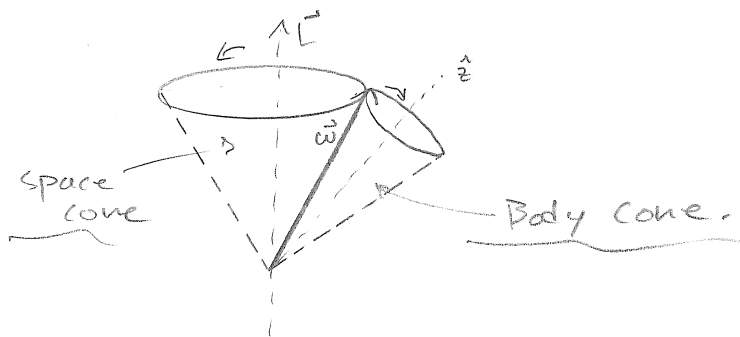
so $|d| = 0.00327 (1.00327) (5 \text{ m}) = 0.0164 \text{ m} \approx 1.6 \text{ cm}$ is the maximum.
OK - so that's close. It'll never be further than 1.6 cm.

© We know that T and \vec{L} are conserved here (in the absence of external torques.) AND, $T = \frac{1}{2} \vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{L}$. Thus, the angle of the ω vector can't be changing in time either. As it wips around the symmetry axis, we say that its magnitude traces out a cone:

This is "space cone."



Meanwhile, the rigid body's frame has $\vec{\omega}$ (the same $\vec{\omega}$!) precessing around the Body's z axis. In this frame too, we observe the Δ that $\vec{\omega}$ traces out to be constant. This is another cone, but $\vec{\omega}$ is always @ the intersection:



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