

L41 Rotational Lagrangian

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* Euler's angles (Taylor, sec 10.9, p 401)

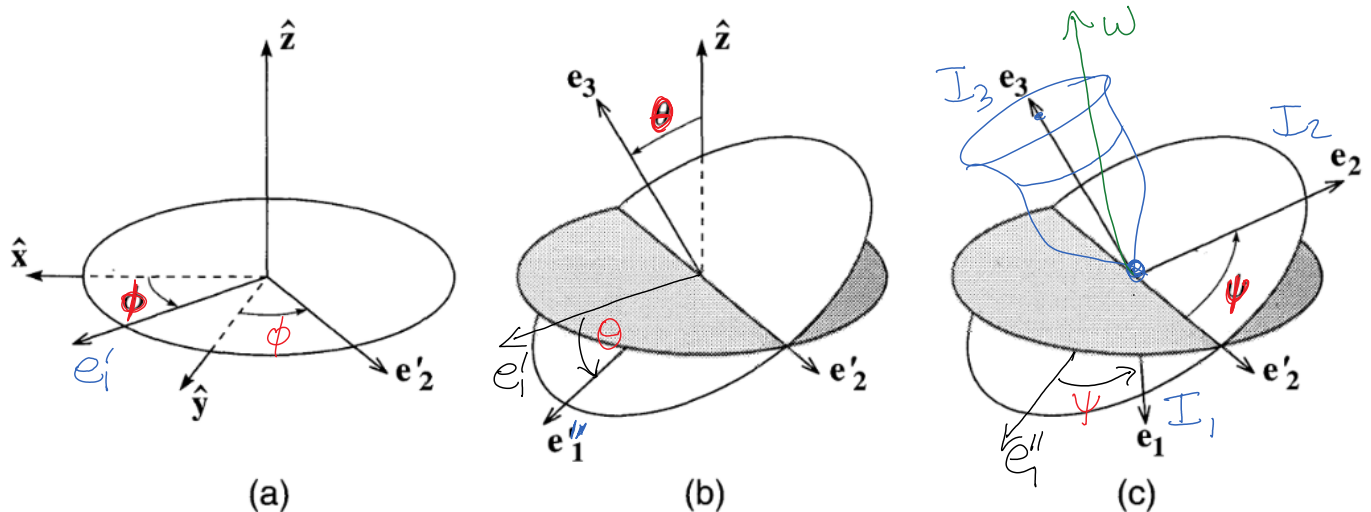


Figure 10.10 Definition of the Euler angles θ , ϕ , and ψ . Starting with the body axes $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3$ and space axes $\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}$ aligned, the three successive rotations bring the body axes to any prescribed orientation.

+ calculate the coordinate transformation matrix (rotation)

$$(\hat{e}_1, \hat{e}_2, \hat{e}_3) = [(\hat{e}_1', \hat{e}_2', \hat{e}_3')] = [(\hat{e}_1', \hat{e}_2', \hat{z})] = (\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}) \begin{pmatrix} c_\phi & -s_\phi & 0 \\ s_\phi & c_\phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_\theta & 0 & s_\theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_\theta & 0 & c_\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_\psi & -s_\psi & 0 \\ s_\psi & c_\psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}) \begin{pmatrix} c_\phi c_\theta c_\psi - s_\phi s_\psi & -c_\phi c_\theta s_\psi - s_\phi c_\psi & c_\phi s_\theta \\ s_\phi c_\theta c_\psi + c_\phi s_\psi & -s_\phi c_\theta s_\psi + c_\phi c_\psi & s_\phi s_\theta \\ -s_\theta c_\psi & s_\theta s_\psi & c_\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

+ calculate $\vec{\omega}(\dot{\psi}, \dot{\theta}, \dot{\phi})$ $\omega / I_1 = I_2, I_3$ along $\hat{e}_1$

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$$\dot{\phi} = \frac{L_z - L_3 \cos \theta}{I_1 \sin^2 \theta}$$

* Lagrangian for spinning top

$$T = \frac{1}{2} I_1 (\dot{\phi}^2 \sin^2 \theta + \dot{\theta}^2) + \frac{1}{2} I_3 (\dot{\psi} + \dot{\phi} \cos \theta)^2 \quad V = MgR \cos \theta$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} I_1 (\dot{\phi}^2 \sin^2 \theta + \dot{\theta}^2) + \frac{1}{2} I_3 (\dot{\psi} + \dot{\phi} \cos \theta)^2 - MgR \cos \theta$$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\theta}} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \theta} \right) = I_1 \ddot{\theta} - I_1 \dot{\phi}^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta + I_3 (\dot{\psi} + \dot{\phi} \cos \theta) \dot{\phi} \sin \theta - MgR \sin \theta = 0$$

$$p_\phi \equiv \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\phi}} = I_1 \dot{\phi} \sin^2 \theta + I_3 (\dot{\psi} + \dot{\phi} \cos \theta) \cos \theta = I_1 \dot{\phi} \sin^2 \theta + L_3 \cos \theta = L_z \quad \text{const}$$

$$p_\psi \equiv \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\psi}} = I_3 (\dot{\psi} + \dot{\phi} \cos \theta) = I_3 \omega_3 = L_3 \quad \text{const} \quad \boxed{\dot{\phi} = \frac{L_z - L_3 \cos \theta}{I_1 \sin^2 \theta}}$$

$$E(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} I_1 \dot{\theta}^2 + U_{\text{eff}}(\theta) \quad U_{\text{eff}}(\theta) = \frac{(L_z - L_3 \cos \theta)^2}{2 I_1 \sin^2 \theta} + \frac{L_z^2}{2 I_3} + MgR \cos \theta$$

