Why the Inertial Matrix Takes the Current Form?

Supplementary Materials

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Angular Momentum of a Particle

$$d\mathbf{h} = (\mathbf{r} \times dm\mathbf{v}) = (\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{v}_m)dm$$
$$= (\mathbf{r} \times (\mathbf{v}_o + \mathbf{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}))dm$$

$$\mathbf{\omega} = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix}$$

Cross Product

$$\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{v} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ x & y & z \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \end{vmatrix} = (yv_z - zv_y)i + (zv_x - xv_z)j + (xv_y - yv_x)k$$

Cross-Product: Equivalent Matrix

$$\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{v} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ x & y & z \\ v_x & v_y & v_z \end{vmatrix} = (yv_z - zv_y)i + (zv_x - xv_z)j + (xv_y - yv_x)k$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -z & y \\ z & 0 & -x \\ -y & x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (yv_z - zv_y) \\ (zv_x - xv_z) \\ (xv_y - yv_x) \end{bmatrix} = \tilde{\mathbf{r}}\mathbf{v}$$

Cross-product-equivalent matrix

$$\tilde{\mathbf{r}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -z & y \\ z & 0 & -x \\ -y & x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Angular Momentum of AC

$$\mathbf{h} = \int_{Body} (\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{v}_{o}) dm + \int_{Body} (\mathbf{r} \times (\mathbf{\omega} \times \mathbf{r})) dm$$

$$= 0 - \int_{Body} (\mathbf{r} \times (\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{\omega})) dm = - \int_{Body} (\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{r}) dm \times \mathbf{\omega}$$

$$= - \int_{Body} (\tilde{\mathbf{r}}\tilde{\mathbf{r}}) dm\mathbf{\omega}$$

Q: How to prove the highlighted derivations?

The Inertia Matrix

$$\mathbf{h} = -\int_{Body} \tilde{\mathbf{r}} \, \tilde{\mathbf{r}} \, \omega \, dm = -\int_{Body} \tilde{\mathbf{r}} \, \tilde{\mathbf{r}} \, dm \, \omega = I\omega$$

where

$$I = -\int_{Body} \tilde{\mathbf{r}} \, \tilde{\mathbf{r}} \, dm = -\int_{Body} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -z & y \\ z & 0 & -x \\ -y & x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -z & y \\ z & 0 & -x \\ -y & x & 0 \end{bmatrix} dm$$

$$= \int_{Body} \begin{bmatrix} (y^2 + z^2) & -xy & -xz \\ -xy & (x^2 + z^2) & -yz \\ -xz & -yz & (x^2 + y^2) \end{bmatrix} dm$$

 Inertia matrix derives from equal effect of angular rate on all particles of the aircraft

Inertia matrix

$$I = \int_{Body} \begin{bmatrix} (y^2 + z^2) & -xy & -xz \\ -xy & (x^2 + z^2) & -yz \\ -xz & -yz & (x^2 + y^2) \end{bmatrix} dm = \begin{bmatrix} I_{xx} & -I_{xy} & -I_{xz} \\ -I_{xy} & I_{yy} & -I_{yz} \\ -I_{xz} & -I_{yz} & I_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$