



VI SEMESTER B.TECH. (AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING)

END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS, APRIL/MAY 2018

SUBJECT: SPACEFLIGHT DYNAMICS [AAE 4015]

REVISED CREDIT SYSTEM

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Time: 3 Hours

MAX. MARKS: 50

Instructions to Candidates:

- ❖ Answer **ALL** the questions.
- ❖ Missing data may be suitable assumed.

- 1A.** Consider a rocket comprising three similar stages (i.e., each stage has the same specific impulse, structural ratio and payload ratio). The common specific impulse is 310 s . The total mass of the vehicle is 150000 kg , the total structural mass (empty mass) is 20000 kg and the payload mass is 10000 kg . Calculate **(06)**
- The mass ratio n and the total Δv for the three-stage rocket.
 - m_{p_1} , m_{p_2} , and m_{p_3} .
 - m_{E_1} , m_{E_2} , and m_{E_3} .
 - m_{0_1} , m_{0_2} , and m_{0_3} .
- 1B.** Analyzing the motion of a axisymmetric spinning top, explain the prolate condition, oblate condition and the conditions when $A = C$ and $A \neq C$. **(04)**
- 2A.** A communication satellite in a circular orbit has a spin rate about its axis of symmetry of 5 rad/s and $I = 300 \text{ kg.m}^2$. Initially the spin axis is pointed toward the Earth along ' g ' and the x -axis is along the velocity vector (tangent to the circular orbit) **(06)**
- If the satellite is at geosynchronous altitude with a period of 24 h , find the required precession rate and the magnitude and direction of the applied torque required.
 - Find the same parameters for a period of 1 h , in lower Earth orbit.
 - Which appear to be preferable for such satellites, higher or lower altitudes.
- 2B.** A satellite is spinning at 0.01 rev/s . The moment of inertia of the satellite about the spin axis is 2000 kg.m^2 . Paired thrusters are located at a distance of 1.5 m from the spin axis. They deliver their thrust in pulses, each thruster producing an impulse of 15 N.s per pulse. At what rate will the satellite be spinning after 30 pulses? **(04)**

3A.

- a) Relative to a body axis frame xyz , $[I_G] = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 20 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 30 \end{bmatrix} kg.m^2$ and velocity $\vec{\omega} = 2t^2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 3t\hat{k} rad/s$, where t is time in seconds. Calculate the magnitude of the net moment about the center of mass G at $t = 3$ seconds. (07)
- b) In the above case, the system is at rest when a $100N$ force is applied to point A as shown in figure 1. Calculate the inertial components of angular acceleration at that instant.

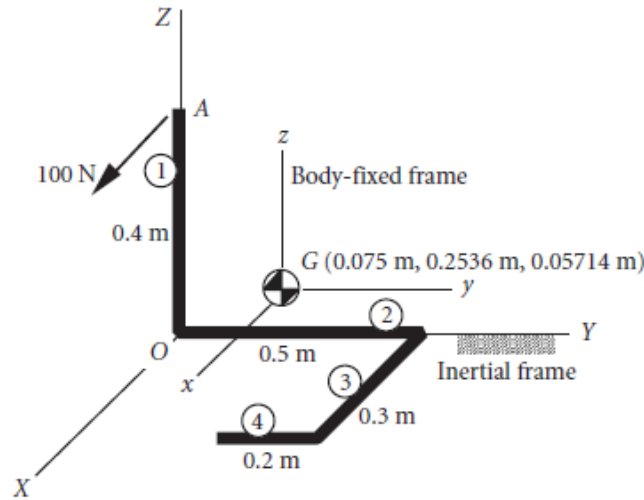


Figure 1

- 3B. Explain the relationship between the ballistic coefficient and the re-entry angle and show that (03)

$$\frac{dV}{V} = -\frac{\rho_0 g_0}{2(BC) \sin \Phi_{re}} e^{-\beta h} dh$$

- 4A. An entry vehicle has an entry angle of -22° and an entry velocity of $8000 m/s$. (06)

- a) Find the maximum deceleration and the associated altitude and velocity for $BC = 5000 Pa$.
- b) With $BC = 5000 Pa$, find the deceleration at an altitude of $18 Km$ ($59,020 ft$).
- c) What would be part (a) for a more slender and pointed shape ($BC = 50000 Pa$).

- 4B. In case of dual spin spacecraft in torque free motion, Explain what happens when $\frac{d\omega_{\perp}^2}{dt} > 0$ and $\frac{d\omega_{\perp}^2}{dt} < 0$. (04)

- 5A. An $8 kg$ thin ring in torque-free motion as shown in figure 2 is spinning with an angular velocity of $30 rad/s$ and a constant nutation angle of 15° . Calculate the rotational kinetic energy if $A = B = 0.36 kg.m^2, C = 0.72 kg.m^2$. (05)

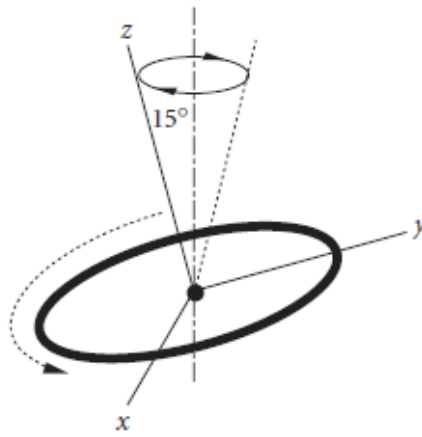


Figure 2

- 5B.** Twelve identical slender homogeneous rods, each of mass m and length a are welded together at the endpoints so that they constitute the edges of a regular octahedron as a shown in figure 3. Find the moment of inertia of this body with respect to an axis through the midpoint. **(05)**

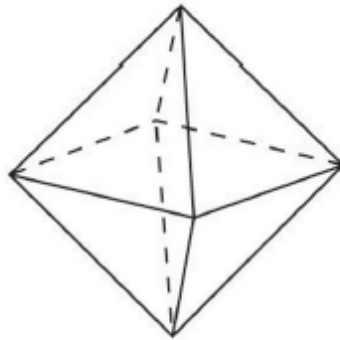


Figure 3