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MME 1st semester Examination 2018

SUBJECT: Flight Dynamics

Time: Three hours

Full Marks 100

USE SEPARATE ANSWERS SCRIPT FOR EACH PART

PART I

Answer any three

2 marks for neatness

Q1. Consider a particle whose position can be best expressed in terms of a reference frame, which rotates about the inertial Z axis.

a) Derive $\bar{a} = \bar{a}_{rel} + \bar{\omega} \times (\bar{\omega} \times \bar{\rho}) + \bar{\alpha} \times \bar{\rho}$ [16]

Q2.

- Explain Euler angles using neat sketches.
- Derive of Euler equations from moment-angular momentum relation for a rigid body (mention the steps).
- What is the form of angular velocity vector in terms of Euler angles (and their derivatives) for steady precession?

[6+6+4]

Q3.

- What do you mean by steady precession?
- Show that torque free motion is a steady precession?
- For torque free motion prove that

$$\dot{\psi} = \frac{I_{zz}\dot{\phi}}{(I_{xx} - I_{zz})\cos\theta}$$

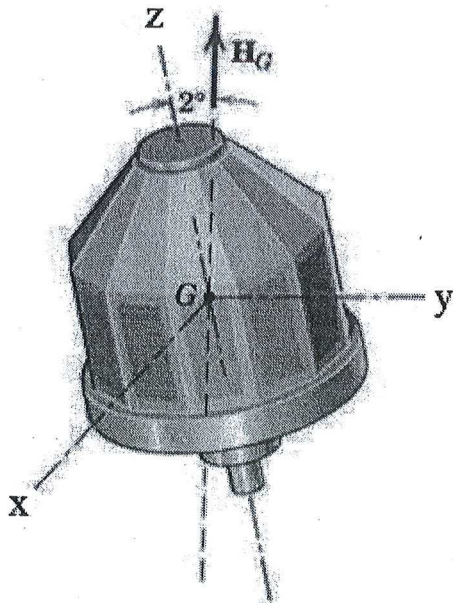
Where the symbols have their standard meanings

[4+4+8]

Q4.

The spacecraft shown is symmetrical about its z axis and has a radius of gyration of 720mm about this axis. The radii of gyration about the x and y axes through the mass center are both equal to 540mm . When moving in space, the z axis is observed to generate a cone with a total vertex angle of 4 degrees as it precesses about the axis of total angular momentum. If the spacecraft has a spin velocity $\dot{\phi}$ about its z axis of 1.5 rad/s, compute the period τ of each full precession. Is the spin vector in positive or negative direction?

[16]



PART II

Answer any Two

1a. When do you call an airplane motion to be 'trimmed'? Explain the necessary conditions of stability for an airplane in motion in such a condition.

b. Explain the working principle of primary control surfaces of an airplane.

(4+12)+9

2a. Derive the expression for the total pitching moment about the centre of gravity of an airplane.

b. A wing-body model is tested in a subsonic wind tunnel. The lift is found to be zero at geometric angle of attack of $\alpha = -1.5^\circ$, and for $\alpha = 4^\circ$ the lift co-efficient is found to be 0.5. Also at $\alpha = 1.0^\circ$ and $\alpha = 7.88^\circ$, the moment co-efficients about c.g. are measured as -0.01 and 0.05 respectively. The centre of gravity is located at $0.35c$, c being the chord length of the wing measured to be 0.1m. The area of the wing is 0.1m^2 . A horizontal tail of area 0.02m^2 is added to the model at a tail-setting angle of 2.7° , the tail lift slope being 0.11 per degree, while experimental data provides $\epsilon_0=0$ and $\delta\epsilon/\delta\alpha=0.35$ [notations have usual meanings]. The distance from the airplanes centre of gravity to tail's aerodynamic centre is 0.17m. Does this model has longitudinal static stability and balance?

12+13

3. Write short notes on: a. Aerodynamic centre, b. Canard configuration, c. Neutral point of an airplane, d. Centre of pressure e. Tail setting angle

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