

San Jose State University
Aerospace Engineering Department
AE140: Rigid Body Dynamics
Spring 2020

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Classroom	Engineering 331
Prerequisites	C or better in AE 138
Course Website	< https://sjsu.instructure.com >
Final Examination	Monday May 18, 2020 12:15 – 2:30pm

Course Description

Co-ordinate frames and descriptions of absolute and relative motion. Particle motion with respect to the rotating Earth. General equations of rotational motion in Newtonian and Lagrangian formulations. Spinning body motions. Gyroscopic instruments. Stable platform for inertial guidance. Applications to aerospace vehicles.

Course Goals

1. To provide the fundamentals of intermediate dynamics of rigid bodies using Newtonian, Lagrangian and Eulerian dynamics.
2. To provide a review of point-mass dynamics.
3. To show the different approaches available in analyzing an equation of motion.
4. To demonstrate the connection between modeling, simulation, numerical solution and analytical solutions to equations of motion.

Course Learning Objectives

1. Develop a direction-cosine matrix and use it to transform vectors among reference frames.
2. Differentiate a vector in multiple reference frames.
3. Choose the appropriate reference frames for writing equations of motion.
4. Derive point-mass equations of motion using Newton's or Lagrange's method.
5. Write equations which define the motion of a particle with respect to the rotating Earth; identifying Coriolis and centripetal contributions.
6. Integrate Earth-relative particle equations to determine particle position.
7. Predict Earth-relative particle position using engineering judgment.
8. Describe the differences between northern- and southern-hemisphere motion, e.g. rotation of low-pressure systems.
9. Calculate rigid body mass properties and transform them among reference frames.
10. Compose the angular momentum vector and differentiate it in the Newtonian frame.
11. Write rigid body equations of motion using Newtonian and Lagrangian methods.
12. Apply concepts of nutation and precession in describing the motion of aerospace vehicles.
13. Compute and draw the orientations of the space & body cones.
14. Distinguish between direct and retrograde motion; understand and predict the differences in dynamic response from the equations of motion.
15. Understand and predict the motion of a top.
16. Apply the principles of rigid body motion to gyroscopic instruments.

Text Hunter: *Rigid Body Dynamics Course Reader* (Maple Press)

References Mitiguy: *Dynamics of Mechanical, Aerospace and Biomechanical Systems*
 Thomson: *Introduction to Space Dynamics*
 Synge & Griffith: *Principles of Mechanics*
 Cannon: *Dynamics of Physical Systems*
 Greenwood: *Principles of Dynamics*
 Kane: *Dynamics*

Determination of Grades

Homework	10%
Project	20%
Paper Review	5%
Midterms	40%
Final Exam	25%

Grading Scale: 100 – 97% A plus; 96.9 – 93% A; 92.9 – 90% A minus; 89.9 – 87% B plus; 86.9 – 83% B; 82.9 – 80% B minus; 79.9 – 77% C plus; 76.9 – 73% C; 72.9 – 70% C minus; 69.9 – 67% D plus; 66.9 – 63% D; 62.9 – 60% D minus; < 59.9% F.

All exams must be taken to receive a passing grade.

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Spring 2020 Semester Schedule

Lecture	Lecture Outline
1	Class Overview
2	Vector dynamics review
3&4	Rigid body translational kinematics
5&6	General motion with respect to the rotating Earth
7	Euler angles
8&9	Rigid body rotational kinematics
10&11	Angular momentum of a rigid body
12&13	Moments / products of inertia, principal axes
14&15	Euler's moment equation
16&17	Solution of general gyro equations
18	General rigid body gyroscopic motion
19&20	Gyroscopic instruments
21	Stable platform for inertial guidance
22&23	Six degree-of-freedom rigid body equations of motion
24	Satellite despinning
25	Spacecraft attitude drift
26&27	Lagrange's equations
28	Final exam review