

# Physics 3210

## Week 11 clicker questions

Multiplication of a vector by a matrix  $A$  is a linear transformation

$$\mathbf{v} \rightarrow A\mathbf{v}$$

What happens to an eigenvector of  $A$  under this linear transformation (assuming the corresponding eigenvalue is nonzero)?

- A. The magnitude of the vector can change, but not its direction.
- B. The direction of the vector can change, but not its magnitude.
- C. Both the magnitude and the direction of the vector can change.
- D. Neither the magnitude nor the direction of the vector can change.

The eigenvalue equation can be written as

$$(A - \lambda I)\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$$

What condition must be satisfied for  $\lambda$  to be an eigenvalue of  $A$ ?

- A.  $(A - \lambda I) = 0$
- B.  $A\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$
- C.  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$
- D.  $\det(A) = 0$

The matrix  $A$  has eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$   
which correspond to eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$

The matrix  $S$  has the eigenvectors as its columns:  $S = [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{v}_n]$

What is the product  $AS$ ?

A.  $AS = [A\mathbf{v}_1 \ A\mathbf{v}_2 \ \dots \ A\mathbf{v}_n]$

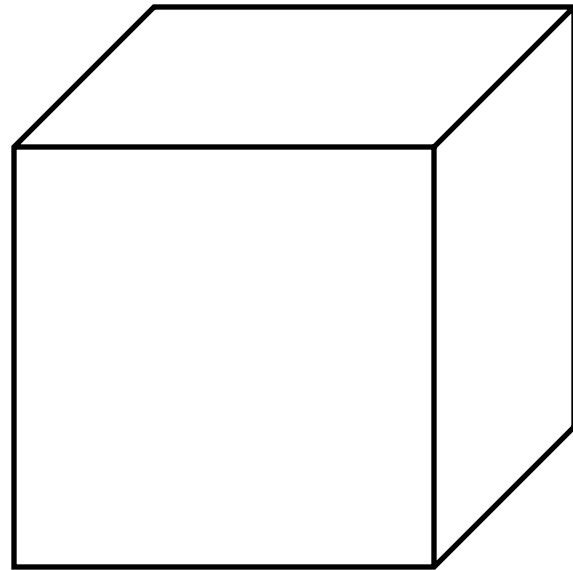
B.  $AS = [\lambda_1\mathbf{v}_1 \ \lambda_1\mathbf{v}_2 \ \dots \ \lambda_1\mathbf{v}_n]$

C.  $AS = [\lambda_1\mathbf{v}_1 \ \lambda_2\mathbf{v}_2 \ \dots \ \lambda_n\mathbf{v}_n]$

D.  $AS = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1\mathbf{v}_1^T \\ \lambda_2\mathbf{v}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \lambda_n\mathbf{v}_n^T \end{bmatrix}$

Which of the following is the correct description of a cube of constant density?

- A. Spherical top.
- B. Oblate symmetric top.
- C. Prolate symmetric top.
- D. Asymmetric top.
- E. Rotor.



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Wednesday clicker questions

How is the time derivative of a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  in an inertial frame (I) related to the time derivative of the vector in a rotating frame (R), which rotates with angular velocity vector  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ ?

A.  $\left. \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} \right|_I = \left. \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} \right|_R$

B.  $\left. \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} \right|_I = \left. \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} \right|_R + \boldsymbol{\omega}$

C.  $\left. \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} \right|_I = \left. \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} \right|_R + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{v}$

D.  $\left. \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} \right|_I = \left. \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} \right|_R + \mathbf{v} \times \boldsymbol{\omega}$

What is the first component of  $\boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{I} \boldsymbol{\omega}$ ?

A.  $\omega_2 \omega_3 (\mathbf{I}_3 - \mathbf{I}_2)$

B.  $\omega_2 \omega_3 (\mathbf{I}_2 - \mathbf{I}_3)$

C.  $\omega_1 \omega_3 (\mathbf{I}_3 - \mathbf{I}_1)$

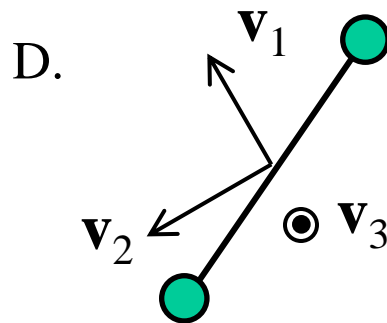
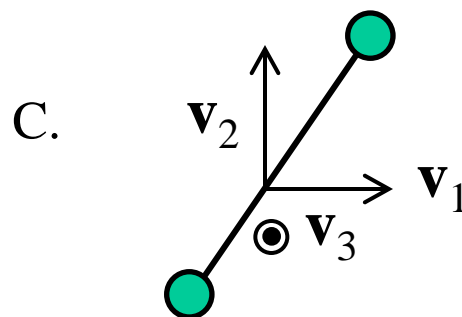
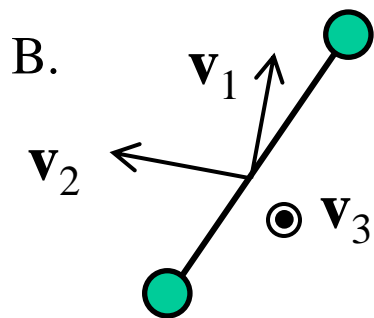
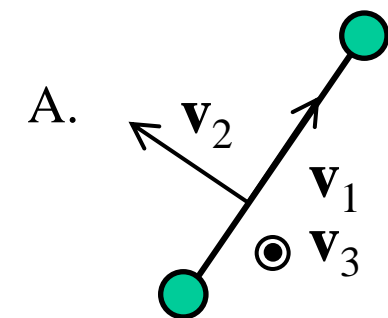
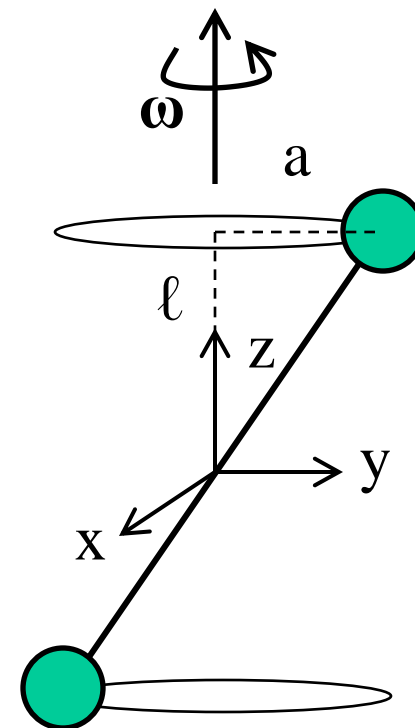
D.  $\omega_1 \omega_3 (\mathbf{I}_1 - \mathbf{I}_3)$

E.  $\omega_1 \omega_2 (\mathbf{I}_2 - \mathbf{I}_1)$



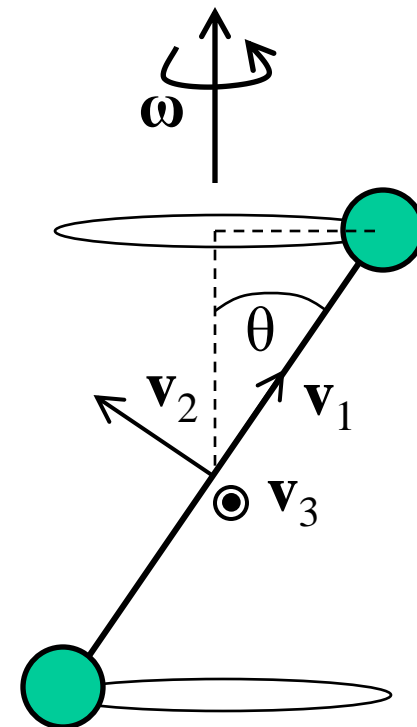
A rotating dumbbell consists of two masses (mass  $m$ ) which move in circles (radius  $a$ ) at  $z$  displacement  $\ell$  and  $-\ell$ , joined by a massless rod. The angular velocity vector  $\boldsymbol{\omega} = \omega \hat{\mathbf{z}}$

Consider the body frame where the positions of the masses are  $(0, a, \ell)$  and  $(0, -a, -\ell)$ . What are the principle axes of inertia?



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Consider the body frame aligned with the principle axes of inertia (as sketched). What are the components of the angular velocity vector in this frame?



A.  $\boldsymbol{\omega} = \begin{bmatrix} \omega \sin\theta \\ \omega \cos\theta \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

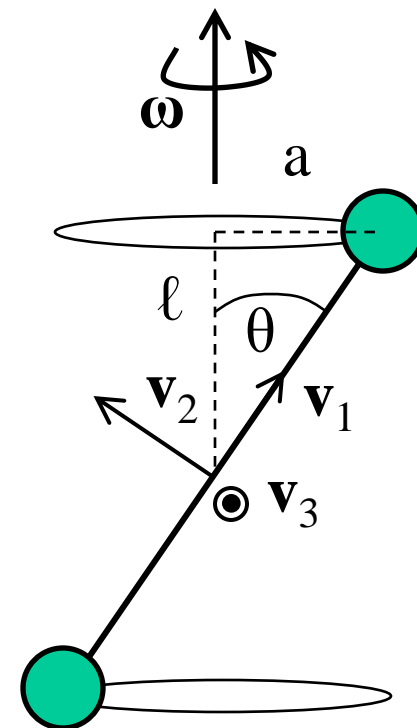
C.  $\boldsymbol{\omega} = \begin{bmatrix} \omega \cos\theta \\ \omega \sin\theta \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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Consider the body frame aligned with the principle axes of inertia (as sketched). What are Euler's equations in this frame?



$\tau_1 = 0$

A.  $\tau_2 = 0$

$\tau_3 = 0$

$\tau_1 = 0$

B.  $\tau_2 = 0$

$\tau_3 = 2m(a^2 + \ell^2)\omega^2 \sin\theta \cos\theta$

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C.  $\tau_2 = 2ma\ell\omega^2$

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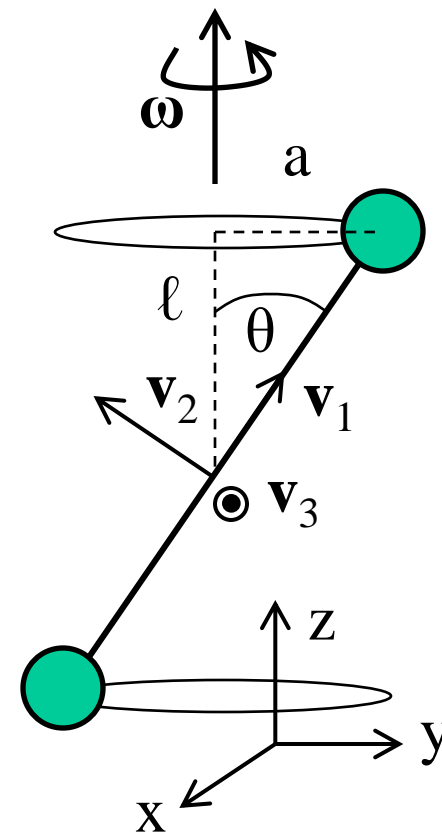
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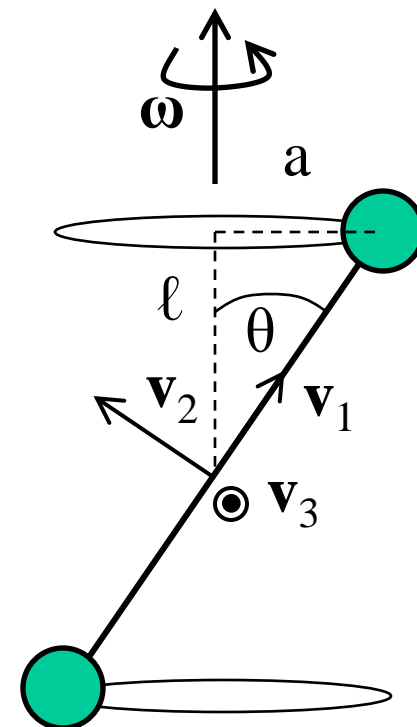
Consider the body frame aligned with the principle axes of inertia (as sketched). In this frame, the torque is constant in the 3 direction (out of the page). How can you describe the torque in the space frame?



- The torque is zero.
- The torque is constant, in the same direction as in the body frame.
- The torque rotates with a constant angular velocity about the  $z$  axis.
- The torque rotates with a constant angular velocity about the  $x$  axis.
- The torque rotates alternately about the  $z$  and  $x$  axes.

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Consider the body frame aligned with the principle axes of inertia (as sketched). What is the angular momentum in this frame?



A.  $\mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2m(a^2 + \ell^2)\omega \sin\theta \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

C.  $\mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2ma\ell\omega \sin\theta \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

B.  $\mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 2m(a^2 + \ell^2)\omega \sin\theta \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

D.  $\mathbf{L} = \begin{bmatrix} 2ma\ell\omega \sin\theta \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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Friday clicker questions