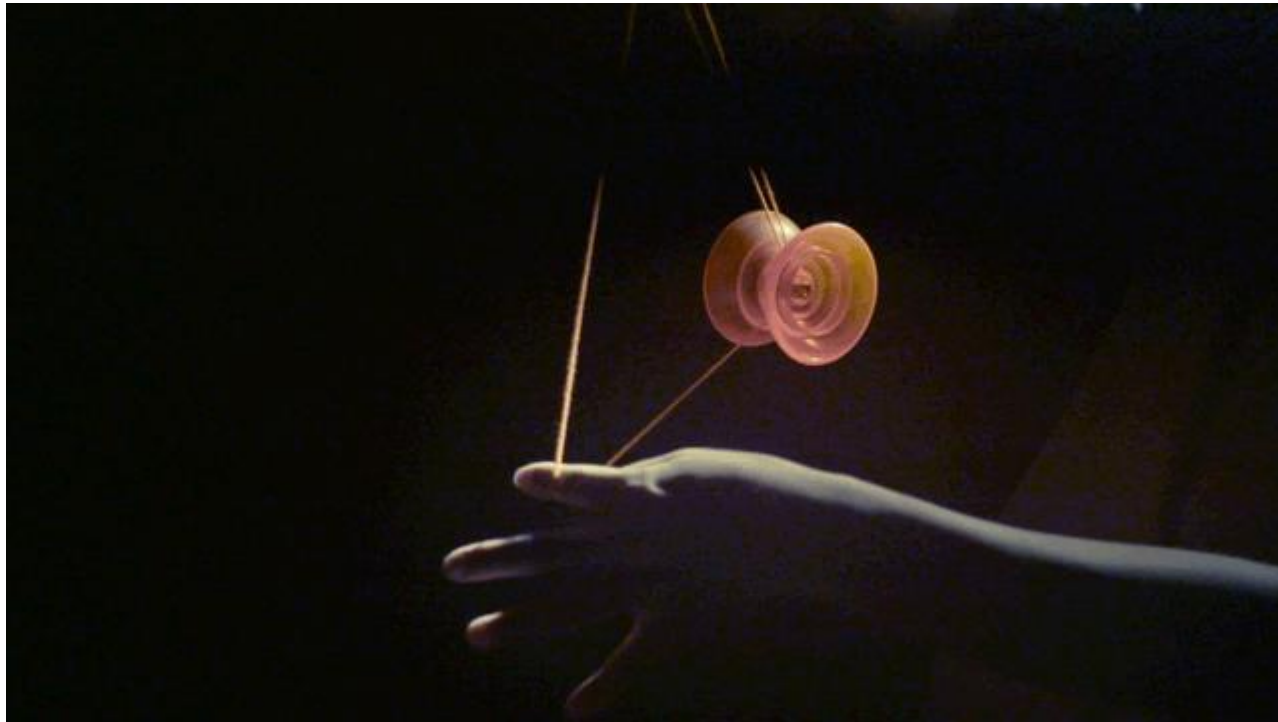


# Chapter 4

## RIGID BODY IN MOTION



# Comparison with Square Laminar Problem

## Mathematical approach

Given an Arbitrary [I]

Step1: Find the axis of rotation where **L** and **ω** are parallel.

Impose the condition  $[I][\vec{\omega}] = \lambda \vec{\omega}$

$$[I][\vec{\omega}] - \lambda[\vec{\omega}] = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} I_{xx} - \lambda & I_{xy} & I_{xz} \\ I_{yx} & I_{yy} - \lambda & I_{yz} \\ I_{zx} & I_{zy} & I_{zz} - \lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} I_{xx} - \lambda & I_{xy} & I_{xz} \\ I_{yx} & I_{yy} - \lambda & I_{yz} \\ I_{zx} & I_{zy} & I_{zz} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Find  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$

For each  $\lambda$ , corresponding  $[\omega]$ 's can be found

$[\omega]$ 's also give the corresponding axis of rotations

Step2: By writing eigen values as diagonal elements chooses Moment of Inertia matrix corresponding to a co-ordinate axis as its rotation axis

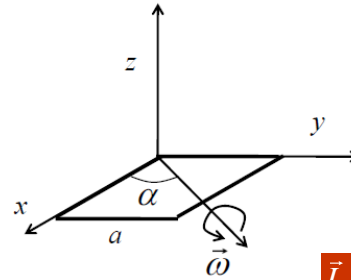
MI (Principal axes)

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Square Laminar Problem

$$[I] = \begin{pmatrix} Ma^2/3 & -Ma^2/4 & 0 \\ -Ma^2/4 & Ma^2/3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2Ma^2/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

For  $\alpha = 45^\circ$ ,

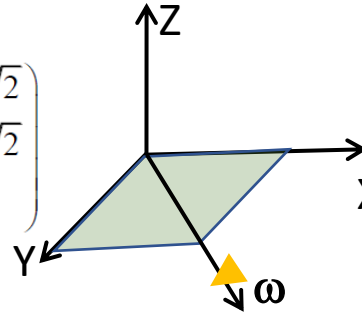


$$\vec{L} = \left( \frac{1}{12\sqrt{2}} Ma^2 \omega, \frac{1}{12\sqrt{2}} Ma^2 \omega, 0 \right) \text{ and } \vec{\omega} = \begin{pmatrix} \omega/\sqrt{2} \\ \omega/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{L} = [I][\vec{\omega}] = \lambda \vec{\omega}$$

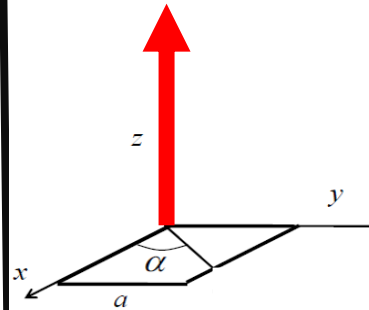
$$\lambda = \frac{Ma^2}{12}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} L_x \\ L_y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{Ma^2}{12} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



This is one of the  $\lambda$

Other 2 axis of rotation's for which L and  $\omega$  are parallel are



$$\lambda_1 = \frac{2}{3} Ma^2$$

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{7}{12} Ma^2$$



$$D = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

MI (Principal axes)

Will be discussed in Tutorials

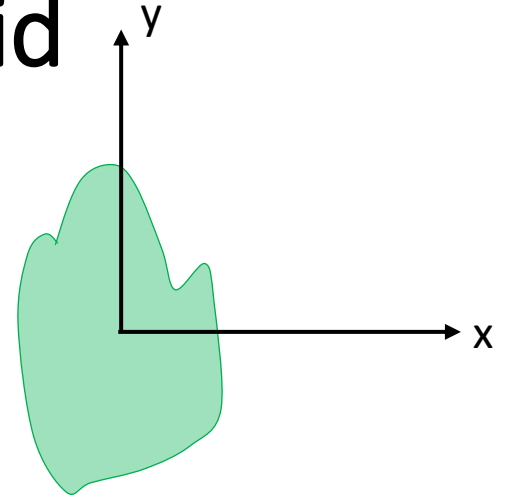
Let us try one example

# How to find the principal axis of a rigid body?

Given a moment of Inertia matrix

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

for some unknown



This Co-ordinate axis corresponds which the MI matrix given in the problem

Step 1: Find an axis for which  $\mathbf{L}$  is parallel to  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  for the given  $[I]$

# Finding an axis for which $L$ is parallel to $\omega$ for the given $[I]$

IMPOSING THE CONDITION  $[I][\vec{\omega}] = \lambda \vec{\omega}$  TO THE GIVEN  $[I]$

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

BY IMPOSING THIS CONDITION AND FINDING THE UNKNOWN  $\lambda$  AND  $\omega$  GIVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE AXIS FOR WHICH  $L$  AND  $\omega$  ARE PARALLEL FOR THE UNKNOWN RIGID BODY

# Finding an axis for which $L$ is parallel to $\omega$ for the given $[I]$

$$[I]\omega - \lambda\omega = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 - \lambda & -1 \\ -1 & 2 - \lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

Theorem: If  $[A][x]=\mathbf{0}$ , then  $[A]$  is non-invertible. This implies  $A^{-1}$  does not exist

Hence,  $|A|=0$ .

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & -1 \\ -1 & 2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Characteristic Equation

$$\lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 3 = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 3,$$



We can find relations btw  $\omega_x$  and  $\omega_y$

Finding an axis for which  $L$  is parallel to  $\omega$  for the given  $[I]$

- $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  are called the Eigen values which satisfies the equation
- $[\omega]$ 's are called the Eigen vectors.
- For each Eigen values, Eigen vector can be found.

# Eigen vector corresponding to $\lambda_1 = 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 - \lambda_1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 - \lambda_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2 - 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 - 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \omega_x - \omega_y &= 0 \\ -\omega_x + \omega_y &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\omega_x = \omega_y = a$$

$$[I][\vec{\omega}] = \lambda_1 \vec{\omega}$$

$$[I][\omega] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ a \end{bmatrix} = 1 \begin{bmatrix} a \\ a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigen vector corresponding to  $\lambda_1 = 1$  is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Eigen vector corresponding to  $\lambda_2 = 3$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 - \lambda_2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 - \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 - 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 - 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\omega_x = -\omega_y$$

$$\text{If } \omega_x = a, \omega_y = -a$$

$$[I][\vec{\omega}] = \lambda_2[\vec{\omega}]$$

$$[I][\omega] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ -a \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} a \\ -a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigen vector corresponding to  $\lambda_2 = 3$

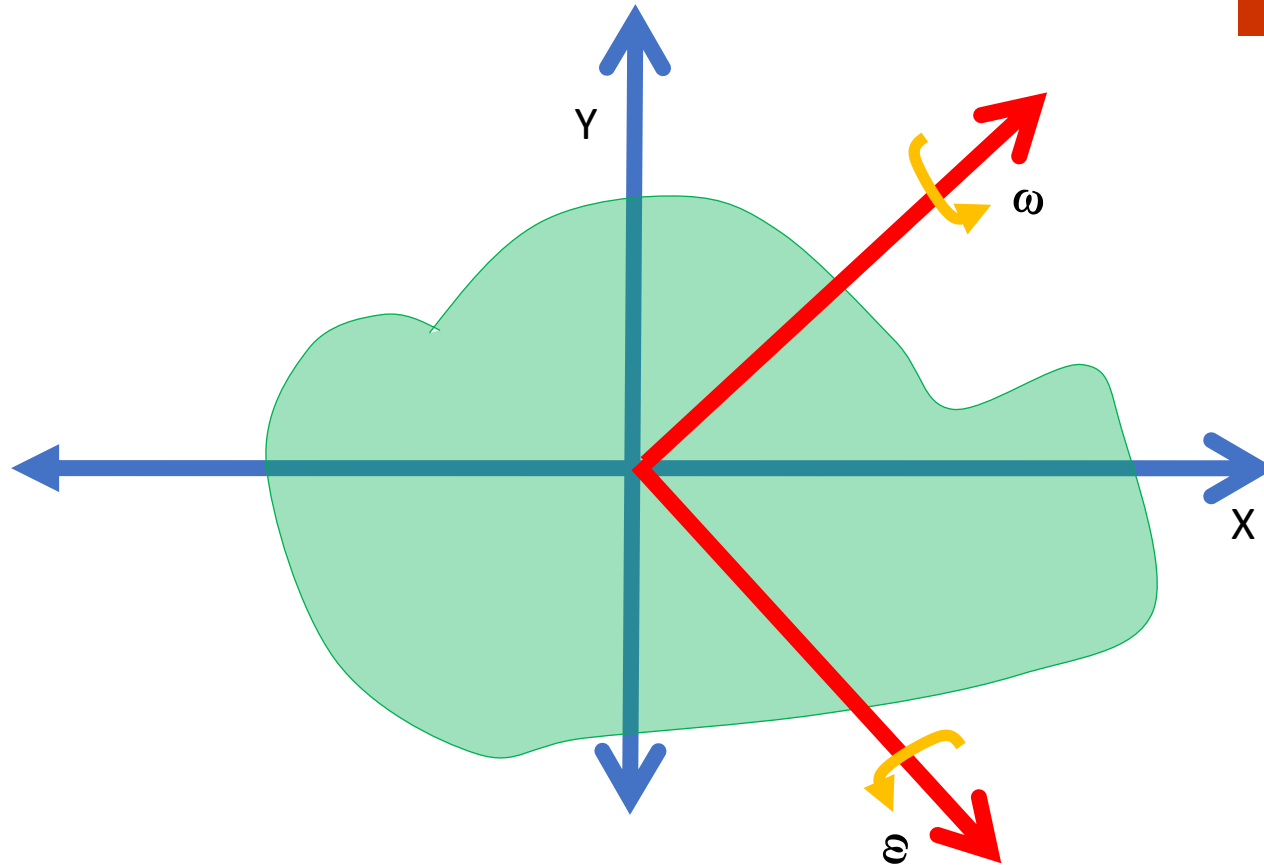
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Physical meaning of eigenvectors

$$[I][\vec{\omega}] = \lambda \vec{\omega}$$

Eigenvector1

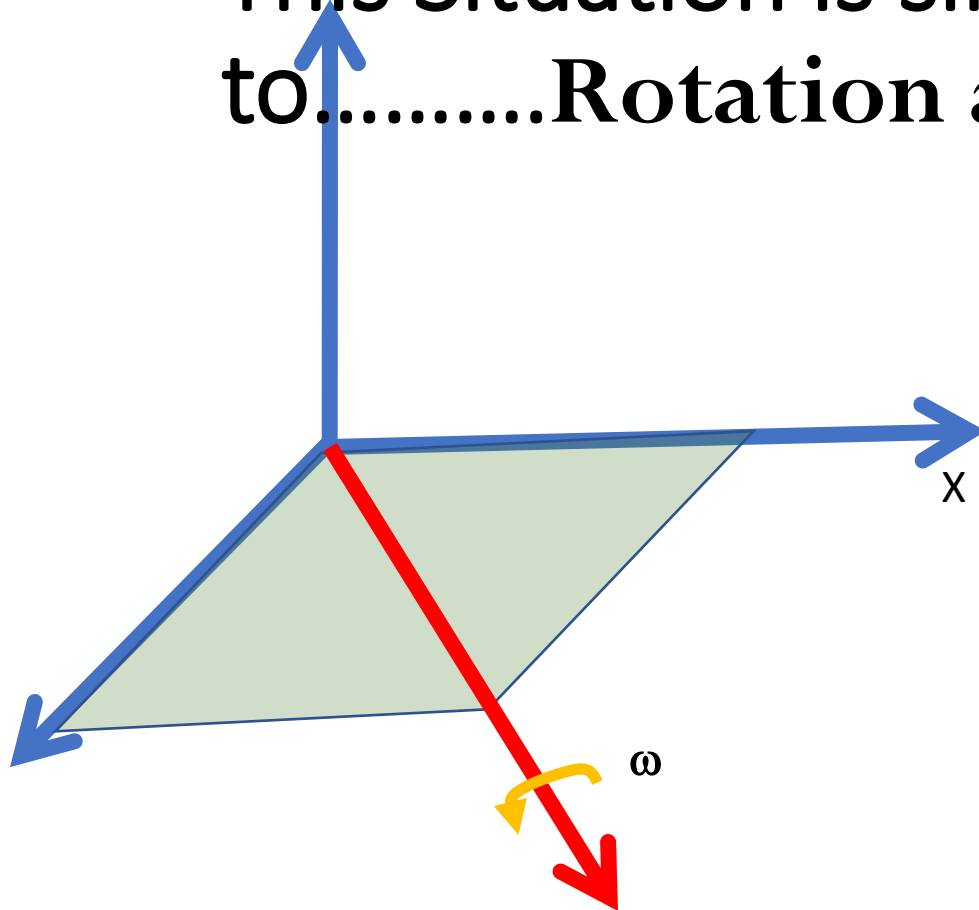
$$\omega_x = \omega_y$$



Eigenvector2

$$\omega_x = -\omega_y$$

This Situation is similar  
to.....Rotation at 45 degrees

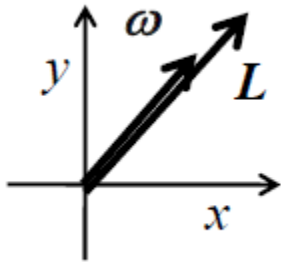


For  $\alpha = 45^\circ$ ,

$$\vec{L} = \left( \frac{1}{12\sqrt{2}} Ma^2 \omega, \frac{1}{12\sqrt{2}} Ma^2 \omega, 0 \right) \text{ and } \vec{\omega} = \begin{pmatrix} \omega/\sqrt{2} \\ \omega/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{L} = [I][\vec{\omega}] = \lambda \vec{\omega}$$

**L and  $\omega$  are parallel!**



BUT STILL  $M I [I]$  is not diagonal

**FINDING THE PRINCIPAL AXIS  
BY DIAGONALIZATION OF  $[I]$**

# Step2: Rotating Co-ordinates axis to the axis where L and $\omega$ are parallel

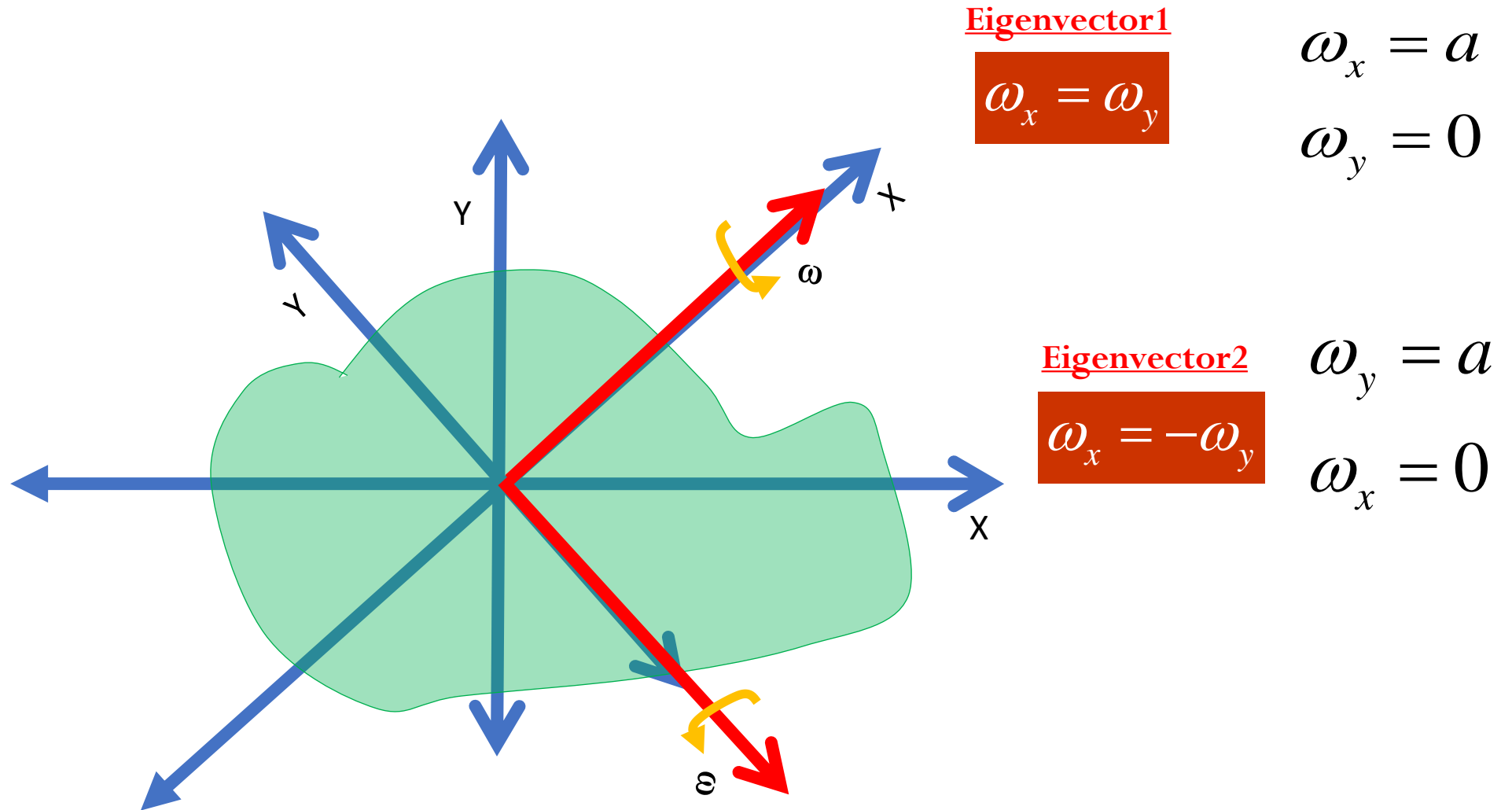
Diagonalization Theorem in mathematics rotates the axis to the axis where L and  $\omega$  are parallel

Diagonalization ensures the rotation axis is along the coordinate axis (Principal axis)

Such Matrix are obtained by writing Eigen Values as diagonal elements

$$I = D = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Step2: Rotating Co-ordinates axis to the axis where L and $\omega$ are parallel



# Moment of Inertia matrix for principal axis

Moment of Inertia Matrix in the principal axes

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigen Values in the principal axis are  $\lambda_1 = 1, \lambda_2 = 3,$

Eigen Vectors in the principal axis are  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Angular momentum equations are

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[I][\vec{\omega}] = \lambda_1 \vec{\omega}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \begin{bmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[I][\vec{\omega}] = \lambda_2 \vec{\omega}$$

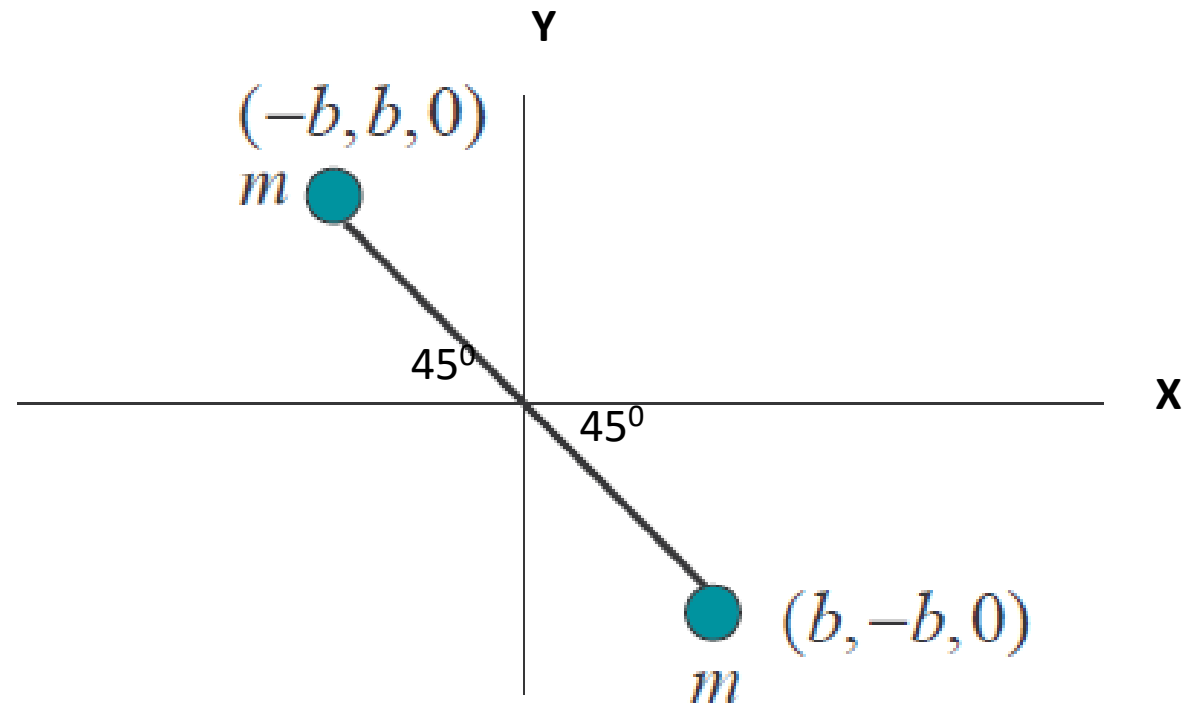
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ a \end{bmatrix} = 3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ a \end{bmatrix}$$

# Another example to find principal axes

**ROTATING DUMBBELL**

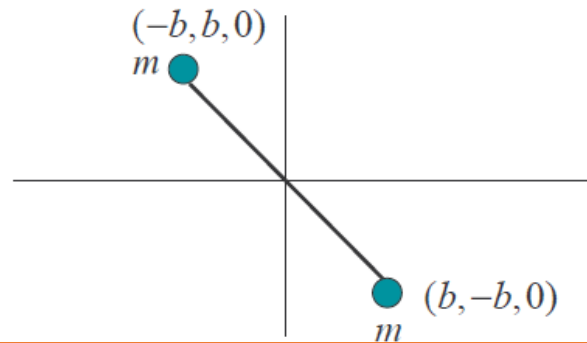


For the case of a dumb-bell  
A. Find the Moment of Inertia matrix  
B. Find the principal axis corresponding to it



# A. Moment of Inertia matrix

$$[I] = \begin{pmatrix} \int (y^2 + z^2) dm & -\int xy dm & -\int zx dm \\ -\int xy dm & \int (z^2 + x^2) dm & -\int yz dm \\ -\int zx dm & -\int yz dm & \int (x^2 + y^2) dm \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\mathbf{I} = m \begin{bmatrix} 2b^2 & 2b^2 & 0 \\ 2b^2 & 2b^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4b^2 \end{bmatrix} = 2b^2 m \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Finding the Eigenvalues

$$\begin{vmatrix} I_{xx} - \lambda & I_{xy} & I_{xz} \\ I_{yx} & I_{yy} - \lambda & I_{yz} \\ I_{zx} & I_{zy} & I_{zz} - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2mb^2 - \lambda & 2mb^2 & 0 \\ 2mb^2 & 2mb^2 - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4mb^2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

# Eigenvalues

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2mb^2 - \lambda & 2mb^2 & 0 \\ 2mb^2 & 2mb^2 - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4mb^2 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(4mb^2 - \lambda) \left[ (2mb^2 - \lambda)^2 - (2mb^2)^2 \right] = 0$$

$$(4mb^2 - \lambda) \left[ \lambda^2 - 4mb^2 \lambda \right] = 0$$

$$(4mb^2 - \lambda) (\lambda) (\lambda - 4mb^2) = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 4mb^2, \lambda_3 = 0$$

# Moment of Inertia matrix along principal axis

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 4mb^2, \lambda_3 = 0$$

$$[I] = \begin{pmatrix} 4mb^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4mb^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigen vector corresponding to  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 4mb^2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2mb^2 - \lambda_1 & 2mb^2 & 0 \\ 2mb^2 & 2mb^2 - \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4mb^2 - \lambda_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2mb^2 & 2mb^2 & 0 \\ 2mb^2 & -2mb^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

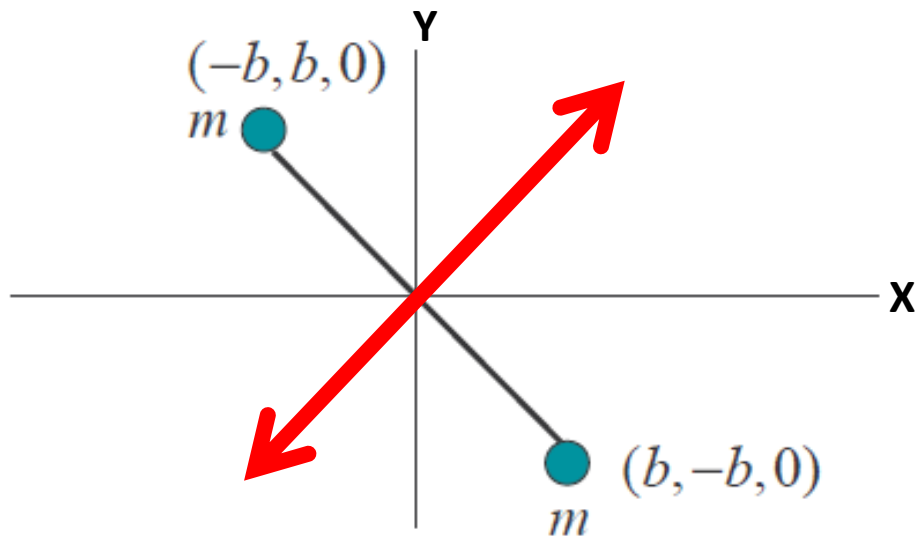
$$-2mb^2\omega_x + 2mb^2\omega_y = 0$$

$$2mb^2\omega_x - 2mb^2\omega_y = 0$$

$$\omega_x = \omega_y$$

$$\omega_z = \text{Anything} = \alpha$$

$$\vec{\omega} = \omega_x \hat{e}_x + \omega_x \hat{e}_y + \alpha \hat{e}_z$$



**Eigen vector:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

# Eigenvectors corresponding $\lambda_3 = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2mb^2 - \lambda_3 & 2mb^2 & 0 \\ 2mb^2 & 2mb^2 - \lambda_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4mb^2 - \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{for } \lambda_3 = 0$$

$$\omega_x = -\omega_y$$

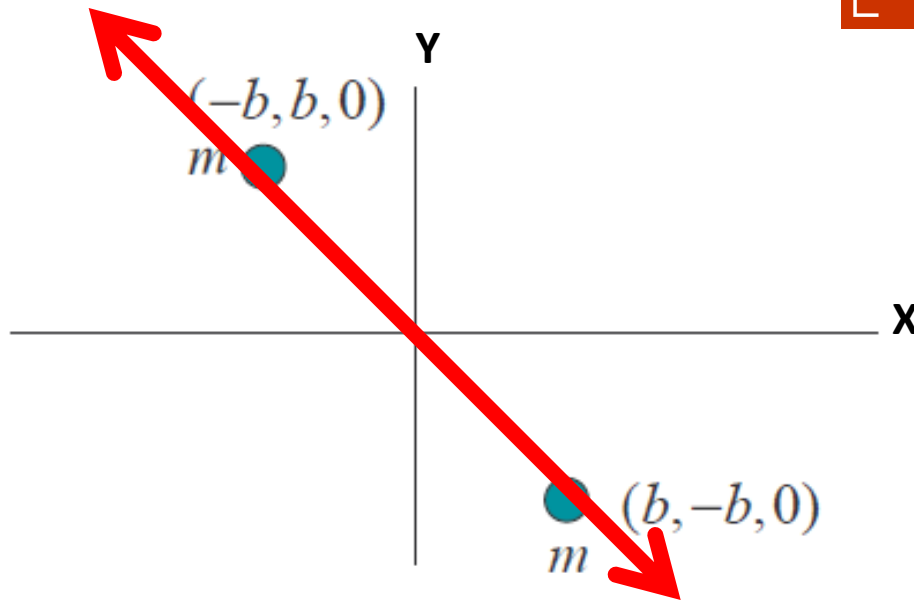
$$\omega_z = 0$$

Eigenvector  
corresponding to  $\lambda_3$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{L} = [I][\vec{\omega}] = \lambda_3 \vec{\omega} = 0$$

$$\vec{\omega} = \omega_x \hat{e}_x - \omega_x \hat{e}_y + 0 \hat{e}_z$$



When Moment of Inertia matrix becomes diagonal?

