Highlights of the course









Thought Experiment!



Disk spinning in outer space



Disk (spin + twist) in outer space?



How will be the motion of Disk? Spin and Rotate?

Disk (spin + twist) in outer space?



For the disk to spin and rotate, there must be an external torque (dL_s/dt) always, which will change the spin angular momentum.

Spin and rotation will not happen simultaneously!

Counter Intuitive!

Disk (spin + twist) in outer space?







Disk orients in the direction of torque, whereas the force was applied in the y direction!

Counter Intuitive!

View along X-axis side



Disk (spin + twist) when continuous torque applied externally?



How will be the motion of Disk? Spin and Rotate?

Gyroscope













Vector nature of angular velocity and angular momentum



$$\vec{\tau} = l\hat{e}_x \times W(-\hat{e}_y)$$



$$\vec{L}_{y} = I_{yy}\Omega\hat{e}_{y}$$
If there were no spin

$$L_{s} = 0 \text{ then } \Delta L_{z} = \Delta L_{s} = 0$$
(Just like first case)

$$\vec{L}_{s} + \Delta L_{z}$$

$$\Delta L_{z} = \Delta L_{s}$$

$$x$$

$$\vec{L}_{s}$$

$$\vec{\tau} = \frac{\Delta \vec{L}_{s}}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta \vec{L}_{z}}{\Delta t} \rightarrow \frac{d\vec{L}_{s}}{dt} = \Omega \hat{e}_{y} \times L_{s} \hat{e}_{x} = \Omega L_{s}(-\hat{e}_{z})$$
also

$$\vec{\tau} = l\hat{e}_{x} \times W(-\hat{e}_{y}) = lW(-\hat{e}_{z})$$

$$\therefore lW = \Omega L_{s}$$





 $lW = \Omega L_s$

$$lW = \Omega I_0 \omega_s$$

$$\Omega = \frac{lW}{I_0 \omega_s}$$



Consider a gyroscope in uniform precession with its axle at angle ϕ with vertical

The horizontal component of angular momentum is $L_s sin \phi$



The precessional velocity is independent of ϕ