

42(4): Link Between ω_1 and the Spin Connection.

Consider the velocity in the static frame:

$$\underline{v} = \dot{r} \underline{e}_r + r \dot{\phi} \underline{e}_\phi. \quad (1)$$

In the rotating frame:

$$\underline{v}' = \dot{r} \underline{e}'_r + r \dot{\phi}' \underline{e}'_\phi \quad (2)$$

where

$$\phi' = \phi + \omega_1 t \quad (3)$$

and

$$\dot{\phi}' = \dot{\phi} + t \frac{d\omega_1}{dt} + \omega_1 \quad (4)$$

$$= \omega + \omega_1 + t \frac{d\omega_1}{dt}$$

In the static frame the unit vectors are:

$$\underline{e}_r = \underline{i} \cos \phi + \underline{j} \sin \phi \quad (5)$$

$$\underline{e}_\phi = -\underline{i} \sin \phi + \underline{j} \cos \phi \quad (6)$$

and in the rotating frame:

$$\underline{e}'_r = \underline{i} \cos(\phi + \omega_1 t) + \underline{j} \sin(\phi + \omega_1 t) \quad (7)$$

$$\underline{e}'_\phi = -\underline{i} \sin(\phi + \omega_1 t) + \underline{j} \cos(\phi + \omega_1 t) \quad (8)$$

The acceleration in the rotating frame is:

$$\underline{a}' = (\ddot{r} - r \dot{\phi}'^2) \underline{e}'_r + (r \ddot{\phi}' + 2 \dot{r} \dot{\phi}') \underline{e}'_\phi \quad (9)$$

By hypothesis, the rotation of the frame produces the force:

$$\underline{F}' = m \underline{a}' = - \frac{\partial \mathcal{U}}{\partial r} + \underline{\Omega}' \underline{u} \quad (10)$$

where $\underline{\Omega}$ is the spin connection, So:

$$\underline{F}' = -\frac{mMg}{r^2} \underline{e}_r' + \underline{\Omega}' U - (11)$$

here the gravitational potential energy is:

$$U = -\frac{mMg}{r} - (12)$$

In general:

$$\underline{\Omega}' = \Omega_r' \underline{e}_r' + \Omega_\phi' \underline{e}_\phi' - (13)$$

Assume for simplicity that:

$$\Omega_\phi' = 0 - (14)$$

then:

$$(\ddot{r} - r\dot{\phi}'^2) = -\frac{mMg}{r^2} + \Omega_r' - (15)$$

$$\text{i.e. } \ddot{r} - r\left(\omega + \omega_1 + t \frac{d\omega_1}{dt}\right)^2 = -\frac{mMg}{r^2} + \Omega_r' - (16)$$

where the angular momentum is:

$$L = mr^2\omega - (17)$$

is the angular momentum, a constant of motion.

Therefore eq. (16) is the link between ω_1 and Ω_r' .
