

Problem 1. Let a system of point masses m_a be located at positions

$$\mathbf{r}_a = (x_{a,1}, x_{a,2}, x_{a,3}),$$

and define the quadrupole moment tensor by

$$D_{ij} = \sum_a m_a (3x_{a,i}x_{a,j} - r_a^2 \delta_{ij}),$$

where

$$r_a^2 = x_{a,1}^2 + x_{a,2}^2 + x_{a,3}^2.$$

The inertia tensor of the same system is defined as

$$I_{ij} = \sum_a m_a (r_a^2 \delta_{ij} - x_{a,i}x_{a,j}).$$

Show that the quadrupole moment tensor can be written in terms of the inertia tensor

Problem 2. The Hamiltonian of the Euler top in Andoyer variables

$$h, g, l, p_h, p_g, p_l$$

is given by

$$H = \frac{p_g^2 - p_l^2}{2} \left(\frac{\sin^2 l}{I_1} + \frac{\cos^2 l}{I_2} \right) + \frac{p_l^2}{2I_3}.$$

Here $h, g,$ and l are canonical coordinates, and p_h, p_g, p_l are the corresponding conjugate momenta. The constants $I_1, I_2,$ and I_3 are the principal moments of inertia. Derive the Hamilton equations for the special case $I_1 = I_2$ and solve them.

Problem 3. Three point masses, each of mass m , are located at the points

$$(a, 0, 0), \quad (0, a, 0), \quad (a, a, 0).$$

Compute the inertia tensor of the system with respect to the origin.