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REPRODUCTION OF EULER'S MEMOIR OF 1758 ON THE  
ROTATION OF A SOLID BODY.

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EULER'S Memoir "Du mouvement de rotation des corps solides autour d'un axe variable," *Mém. de Berlin*, 1758, pp. 154—193 (printed in 1765), seems to have been written subsequently to the memoir with a similar title in the *Berlin Memoirs* for 1760, and to the "Theoria Motus Corporum Solidorum &c.," *Rostock*, 1765, and there are contained in the first-mentioned memoir some very interesting results which appear to have escaped the notice of later writers on the subject; viz. Euler succeeds in integrating the equations of motion *without the assistance furnished by the consideration of the invariable plane*. In reproducing these results I make the following alterations in Euler's notation, viz. instead of  $x, y, z$  I write  $p, q, r$ ; instead of  $Ma^2, Mb^2, Mc^2$  (where  $M$  is the mass) I write  $A, B, C$ , these quantities denoting the principal moments, and in some equations where the omission or insertion of the factor  $M$  is really immaterial I write  $A, B, C$  in the place of  $a^2, b^2, c^2$ ; moreover instead of Euler's  $A, B, C$  (which denote respectively  $\frac{b^2 - c^2}{a^2}, \frac{c^2 - a^2}{b^2}, \frac{a^2 - b^2}{c^2}$ ) I write  $L, M, N$ ; but in other respects Euler's notation is preserved. The equations of motion are

$$Adp + (C - B)qr dt = 0,$$

$$Bdq + (A - C)rp dt = 0,$$

$$Cdr + (B - A)pq dt = 0;$$

so that putting for shortness

$$L = \frac{B - C}{A}, \quad M = \frac{C - A}{B}, \quad N = \frac{A - B}{C},$$

and introducing the auxiliary quantity  $u$  such that  $du = pqr dt$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} p^2 &= \mathfrak{A} + 2Lu, \\ q^2 &= \mathfrak{B} + 2Mu, \\ r^2 &= \mathfrak{C} + 2Nu, \end{aligned}$$

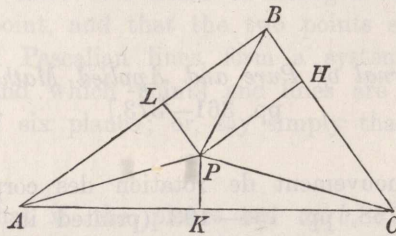
where  $\mathfrak{A}$ ,  $\mathfrak{B}$ ,  $\mathfrak{C}$  are constants of integration, and thence

$$t = \int \frac{du}{\sqrt{\{\mathfrak{A} + 2Lu\} \{\mathfrak{B} + 2Mu\} \{\mathfrak{C} + 2Nu\}}},$$

where the integral may without loss of generality be taken from  $u=0$ ;  $u$ , and consequently  $p$ ,  $q$ ,  $r$ , are thus given functions of  $t$ ; and it is moreover clear that  $\mathfrak{A}$ ,  $\mathfrak{B}$ ,  $\mathfrak{C}$  are the initial values of  $p^2$ ,  $q^2$ ,  $r^2$ . We have also if  $\omega$  be the angular velocity round the instantaneous axis

$$\omega^2 = \mathfrak{A} + \mathfrak{B} + \mathfrak{C} + 2(L + M + N)u.$$

Euler then assumes that the position in space of the principal axes is geometrically determined as follows, viz. (treating the axes as points on a sphere) it is assumed that the distances from a fixed point  $P$  of the sphere are respectively  $l$ ,  $m$ ,  $n$ , and that



the inclinations of these distances to a fixed arc  $PQ$  are respectively  $\lambda$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\nu$ . We have then the geometrical relations

$$\begin{aligned} \cos^2 l + \cos^2 m + \cos^2 n &= 1; \\ \sin(\mu - \nu) &= \frac{\cos l}{\sin m \sin n}, \quad \cos(\mu - \nu) = -\frac{\cos m \cos n}{\sin m \sin n}, \\ \sin(\nu - \lambda) &= \frac{\cos m}{\sin n \sin l}, \quad \cos(\nu - \lambda) = -\frac{\cos n \cos l}{\sin n \sin l}, \\ \sin(\lambda - \mu) &= \frac{\cos n}{\sin l \sin m}, \quad \cos(\lambda - \mu) = \frac{\cos l \cos m}{\sin l \sin m}; \end{aligned}$$

whence also

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \mu &= \frac{-\cos \lambda \cos n - \sin \lambda \cos l \cos m}{\sin l \sin m}, \\ \cos \mu &= \frac{\sin \lambda \cos n - \cos \lambda \cos l \cos m}{\sin l \sin m}, \\ \sin \nu &= \frac{\cos \lambda \cos m + \sin \lambda \cos l \cos n}{\sin l \sin n}, \\ \cos \nu &= \frac{-\sin \lambda \cos m - \cos \lambda \cos l \cos n}{\sin l \sin n}. \end{aligned}$$

The geometrical equations connecting the resolved angular velocities  $p, q, r$  with the differentials of  $l, m, n, \lambda, \mu, \nu$  are

$$\begin{aligned} dl \sin l &= dt(q \cos n - r \cos m), & d\lambda \sin^2 l &= -dt(q \cos m + r \cos n), \\ dm \sin m &= dt(r \cos l - p \cos n), & d\mu \sin^2 m &= -dt(r \cos n + p \cos l), \\ dn \sin n &= dt(p \cos m - q \cos l), & d\nu \sin^2 n &= -dt(p \cos l + q \cos m). \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying the equations of motion respectively by  $\cos l, \cos m, \cos n$ , and adding, we obtain an equation which is reducible to the form

$$d(Ap \cos l + Bq \cos m + Cr \cos n) = 0,$$

whence integrating

$$Ap \cos l + Bq \cos m + Cr \cos n = \mathfrak{D},$$

$\mathfrak{D}$  being a constant of integration. One other integral equation is necessary for the determination of the angles  $l, m, n$ . The expressions for  $dl, dm, dn$  give at once

$$p dl \sin l + q dm \sin m + r dn \sin n = 0.$$

Instead of the arcs  $l, m, n$ , Euler introduces a new variable  $v$ , such that

$$v = p \cos l + q \cos m + r \cos n;$$

by means of the last preceding equation, we find

$$dv = dp \cos l + dq \cos m + dr \cos n,$$

and then, substituting for  $dp, dq, dr$ , their values,

$$dv = \left( \frac{L \cos l}{p} + \frac{M \cos m}{q} + \frac{N \cos n}{r} \right) du,$$

from which the relation between  $v$  and  $u$  is to be determined. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \cos^2 l + \cos^2 m + \cos^2 n &= 1, \\ Ap \cos l + Bq \cos m + Cr \cos n &= \mathfrak{D}, \\ p \cos l + q \cos m + r \cos n &= v, \end{aligned}$$

which give  $\cos l, \cos m, \cos n$  in terms of  $u, v$ ; the resulting formulæ contain the radical

$$\sqrt{\left\{ \begin{aligned} &(L^2 A^2 q^2 r^2 + M^2 B^2 r^2 p^2 + N^2 C^2 p^2 q^2) - \mathfrak{D}^2 (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \\ &+ 2\mathfrak{D}v (Ap^2 + Bq^2 + Cr^2) - v^2 (A^2 p^2 + B^2 q^2 + C^2 r^2) \end{aligned} \right\}},$$

which for shortness is represented by  $\sqrt{\{(\cdot)\}}$ . We then have

$$\cos l = \frac{\mathfrak{D}p (NCq^2 - MBr^2) + BCpv (Mr^2 - Nq^2) + LAqr \sqrt{\{(\cdot)\}}}{L^2 A^2 q^2 r^2 + M^2 B^2 r^2 p^2 + N^2 C^2 p^2 q^2},$$

$$\cos m = \frac{\mathfrak{D}q (LAr^2 - N Cp^2) + CAqv (Np^2 - Lr^2) + MBrp \sqrt{\{(\cdot)\}}}{L^2 A^2 q^2 r^2 + M^2 B^2 r^2 p^2 + N^2 C^2 p^2 q^2},$$

$$\cos n = \frac{\mathfrak{D}r (MBp^2 - LAq^2) + ABrv (Lq^2 - Mp^2) + N Cpq \sqrt{\{(\cdot)\}}}{L^2 A^2 q^2 r^2 + M^2 B^2 r^2 p^2 + N^2 C^2 p^2 q^2},$$

and substituting these values in the differential equation

$$\frac{dv}{du} = \frac{L \cos l}{p} + \frac{M \cos m}{q} + \frac{N \cos n}{r},$$

the equation to be integrated becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dv}{du} (L^2 A^2 q^2 r^2 + M^2 B^2 r^2 p^2 + N^2 C^2 p^2 q^2) &= LMN \mathfrak{D} (Ap^2 + Bq^2 + Cr^2) - LMNv (A^2 p^2 + B^2 q^2 + C^2 r^2) \\ &+ \frac{1}{pqr} (L^2 A^2 q^2 r^2 + M^2 B^2 r^2 p^2 + N^2 C^2 p^2 q^2). \end{aligned}$$

Now substituting for  $p, q, r$  their values, we have

$$L^2 A^2 q^2 r^2 + M^2 B^2 r^2 p^2 + N^2 C^2 p^2 q^2 = L^2 A^2 \mathfrak{B} \mathfrak{C} + M^2 B^2 \mathfrak{C} \mathfrak{A} + N^2 C^2 \mathfrak{A} \mathfrak{B} - 2LMNu (\mathfrak{A}A^2 + \mathfrak{B}B^2 + \mathfrak{C}C^2),$$

$$L^2 A^2 q^2 r^2 + M^2 B^2 r^2 p^2 + N^2 C^2 p^2 q^2 = L^2 A \mathfrak{B} \mathfrak{C} + M^2 B \mathfrak{C} \mathfrak{A} + N^2 C \mathfrak{A} \mathfrak{B} - 2LMNu (\mathfrak{A}A + \mathfrak{B}B + \mathfrak{C}C),$$

$$p^2 + q^2 + r^2 = \mathfrak{A} + \mathfrak{B} + \mathfrak{C} + 2(L + M + N)u,$$

$$Ap^2 + Bq^2 + Cr^2 = \mathfrak{A}A + \mathfrak{B}B + \mathfrak{C}C,$$

$$A^2 p^2 + B^2 q^2 + C^2 r^2 = \mathfrak{A}A^2 + \mathfrak{B}B^2 + \mathfrak{C}C^2:$$

and writing for shortness

$$\mathfrak{A} + \mathfrak{B} + \mathfrak{C} = E,$$

$$\mathfrak{A}A + \mathfrak{B}B + \mathfrak{C}C = F,$$

$$\mathfrak{A}A^2 + \mathfrak{B}B^2 + \mathfrak{C}C^2 = G,$$

$$L^2 A \mathfrak{B} \mathfrak{C} + M^2 B \mathfrak{C} \mathfrak{A} + N^2 C \mathfrak{A} \mathfrak{B} = H,$$

$$L^2 A^2 \mathfrak{B} \mathfrak{C} + M^2 B^2 \mathfrak{C} \mathfrak{A} + N^2 C^2 \mathfrak{A} \mathfrak{B} = K,$$

where  $K = EG - F^2$ , substituting these values and observing that

$$L + M + N = -LMN,$$

the radical of the formula becomes

$$\sqrt{\{\dots\}} = \sqrt{(K - 2LMNGu + 2\mathfrak{D}^2 LMNu - \mathfrak{D}^2 E + 2\mathfrak{D}Fv - Gv^2)},$$

and the differential equation becomes

$$\frac{dv}{du} (K - 2LMNGu) = LMN \mathfrak{D} F - LMNGv + \frac{1}{pqr} (H - 2LMNFu) \sqrt{\{\dots\}},$$

which can be reduced to the form

$$\frac{Kdv - LMNF \mathfrak{D} du - 2LMNGudv + LMNGvdu}{\sqrt{\{K - \mathfrak{D}^2 E + 2LMN(\mathfrak{D}^2 - G)u + 2\mathfrak{D}Fv - Gv^2\}}} = \frac{Hdu - 2LMNFudu}{\sqrt{\{(2Lu + \mathfrak{A})(2Mu + \mathfrak{B})(2Nu + \mathfrak{C})\}}}.$$

Euler remarks that as the right-hand side of the equation contains only the variable  $u$ , the solution will be effected if we can find a function of  $u$ , a multiplier of the left-hand side; he had elsewhere explained the method of finding such multipliers, and applying it to the equation in hand, the multiplier of the left-hand side, and therefore of the equation itself, is found to be  $\frac{1}{K - 2LMNGu}$ , or what is the same thing  $\frac{\sqrt{G}}{K - 2LMNGu}$ .

Multiplying by this quantity, the right-hand side may for shortness be represented by  $dU$ , so that

$$dU = \frac{(H - 2LMNFu) \sqrt{G} du}{(K - 2LMNGu) \sqrt{\{(2Lu + \mathfrak{A})(2Mu + \mathfrak{B})(2Nu + \mathfrak{C})\}}},$$

and  $U$  may be considered as a given function of  $u$ , or what is the same thing of  $t$ .

As regards the left-hand side, attending to the equation  $K = EG - F^2$ , the radical multiplied into  $\sqrt{G}$  may be presented under the form

$$\sqrt{\{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)(K - 2LMNGu) - (Gv - \mathfrak{D}F)^2\}};$$

and consequently the left-hand side becomes

$$\frac{(K - 2LMNGu) Gdv + LMNG (Gv - \mathfrak{D}F) du}{(K - LMNGu) \sqrt{\{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)(K - 2LMNGu) - (Gv - \mathfrak{D}F)^2\}}},$$

which putting for the moment  $K - 2LMNGu = p^2$ ,  $Gv - \mathfrak{D}F = q$ ,  $G - \mathfrak{D}^2 = f^2$ , becomes  $\frac{pdq - qdp}{p \sqrt{f^2 p^2 - q^2}}$ , the integral of which is  $\sin^{-1} \frac{q}{fp}$ ; hence restoring the values of  $p$ ,  $q$ ,  $f$ , the integral is

$$\sin^{-1} \frac{Gv - \mathfrak{D}F}{\sqrt{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2) \sqrt{(K - 2LMNGu)}}}.$$

Hence considering the constant of integration as included in  $U$ , or writing

$$U = \mathfrak{C} + \int \frac{(H - 2LMNFu) \sqrt{G} du}{(K - 2LMNGu) \sqrt{\{(2Lu + \mathfrak{A})(2Mu + \mathfrak{B})(2Nu + \mathfrak{C})\}}},$$

we have for the required integral of the differential equation

$$\sin^{-1} \frac{Gv - \mathfrak{D}F}{\sqrt{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2) \sqrt{(K - 2LMNGu)}}} = U,$$

whence also

$$\frac{Gv - \mathfrak{D}F}{\sqrt{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2) \sqrt{(K - 2LMNGu)}}} = \sin U,$$

and

$$\frac{\sqrt{\{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)(K - 2LMNGu) - (Gv - \mathfrak{D}F)^2\}}}{\sqrt{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2) \sqrt{(K - 2LMNGu)}}} = \cos U,$$

so that the value of the original radical is

$$\sqrt{\{(\cdot)\}} = \frac{\sqrt{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)} \sqrt{\{(K - 2LMNGu)\}}}{\sqrt{(G)}} \cos U.$$

Substituting in the expressions for the cosines of the arcs  $l, m, n$ , these values of  $v$  and the radical; the formulæ after some reductions become

$$\cos l = \frac{\mathfrak{D}Ap}{G} + \frac{BCp(M\mathfrak{C} - N\mathfrak{B}) \sqrt{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)}}{G \sqrt{(K - 2LMNGu)}} \sin U + \frac{LAqr \sqrt{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)}}{\sqrt{(G)} \sqrt{(K - 2LMNGu)}} \cos U,$$

$$\cos m = \frac{\mathfrak{D}Bq}{G} + \frac{CAq(N\mathfrak{A} - L\mathfrak{C}) \sqrt{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)}}{G \sqrt{(K - 2LMNGu)}} \sin U + \frac{MBrp \sqrt{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)}}{\sqrt{(G)} \sqrt{(K - 2LMNGu)}} \cos U,$$

$$\cos n = \frac{\mathfrak{D}Cr}{G} + \frac{ABr(L\mathfrak{B} - M\mathfrak{A}) \sqrt{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)}}{G \sqrt{(K - 2LMNGu)}} \sin U + \frac{NCpq \sqrt{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)}}{\sqrt{(G)} \sqrt{(K - 2LMNGu)}} \cos U,$$

where for shortness  $p, q, r$  are retained in place of their values  $\sqrt{(2Lu + \mathfrak{A})}, \sqrt{(2Mu + \mathfrak{B})}, \sqrt{(2Nu + \mathfrak{C})}$ .

The values of  $l, m, n$  being known, that of  $\lambda$  could be determined by the differential equation

$$d\lambda = - \frac{dt (q \cos m + z \cos n)}{\sin^2 l},$$

and then the values of  $\mu, \nu$  would be determined without any further integration; but it is better to consider, in the place of any one of the principal axes in particular, the instantaneous axis, which is a line inclined to these at angles  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ , the cosines of which are  $\frac{p}{\omega}, \frac{q}{\omega}, \frac{r}{\omega}$  (if as before  $\omega^2 = p^2 + q^2 + r^2$ ). Considering the instantaneous axis as a point of the sphere, let  $j$  denote the distance  $OP$  from the fixed point  $P$ , and  $\phi$  the inclination  $OPQ$  of this distance to the fixed arc  $PQ$ . We have

$$\cos j = \cos \alpha \cos l + \cos \beta \cos m + \cos \gamma \cos n,$$

$$\sin j \cos \phi = \cos \alpha \sin l \cos \lambda + \cos \beta \sin m \cos \mu + \cos \gamma \sin n \cos \nu,$$

$$\sin j \sin \phi = \cos \alpha \sin l \sin \lambda + \cos \beta \sin m \sin \mu + \cos \gamma \sin n \sin \nu,$$

$$\cos(\lambda - \phi) = \frac{\cos \alpha - \cos l \cos j}{\sin l \sin j}, \quad \sin(\lambda - \phi) = \frac{\cos \gamma \cos m - \cos \beta \cos n}{\sin l \sin j},$$

$$\cos(\mu - \phi) = \frac{\cos \beta - \cos m \cos j}{\sin m \sin j}, \quad \cos(\mu - \phi) = \frac{\cos \alpha \cos n - \cos \gamma \cos l}{\sin m \sin j},$$

$$\cos(\nu - \phi) = \frac{\cos \gamma - \cos n \cos j}{\sin n \sin j}, \quad \cos(\nu - \phi) = \frac{\cos \beta \cos l - \cos \alpha \cos m}{\sin n \sin j},$$

so that  $\lambda, \mu, \nu$  are determined in terms of  $j$  and  $\phi$ . These expressions give

$$d\phi = \frac{1}{\gamma^2 \sin^2 j} \{ \cos l (qdr - rdq) + \cos m (rdp - pdr) + \cos n (pdq - qdp) \},$$

which is reducible to Euler's equation

$$d\phi = dt \frac{p(M\mathfrak{C} - N\mathfrak{B}) \cos l + q(N\mathfrak{A} - L\mathfrak{C}) \cos m + r(L\mathfrak{B} - M\mathfrak{A}) \cos n}{E - 2LMNu - v^2},$$

and thence, substituting for  $\cos l, \cos m, \cos n$  their values, and observing that

$$Ap^2(M\mathfrak{C} - N\mathfrak{B}) + Bq^2(N\mathfrak{A} - L\mathfrak{C}) + Cr^2(L\mathfrak{B} - M\mathfrak{A}) = -(H - 2LMNFu),$$

$$BCp^2(M\mathfrak{C} - N\mathfrak{B})^2 + CAq^2(N\mathfrak{A} - L\mathfrak{C})^2 + AB r^2(L\mathfrak{B} - M\mathfrak{A})^2 = F(H - 2LMNFu),$$

$$LA(M\mathfrak{C} - N\mathfrak{B}) + MB(N\mathfrak{A} - L\mathfrak{C}) + NC(L\mathfrak{B} - M\mathfrak{A}) = LMNF,$$

the equation becomes

$$d\phi(E - 2LMNu - v^2) \div dt = \frac{-\mathfrak{D}(H - 2LMNFu)}{G} + \frac{F(H - 2LMNFu) \sqrt{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)}}{G \sqrt{(K - 2LMNGu)}} \sin U \\ + \frac{LMNFpqr \sqrt{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)}}{\sqrt{(G)} \sqrt{(K - 2LMNGu)}} \cos U,$$

where it is to be remarked that

$$G^2(E - 2LMNu - v^2) \\ = (G - \mathfrak{D}^2)F^2 + G(K - 2LMNGu) - (G - \mathfrak{D}^2)(K - 2LMNGu) \sin^2 U \\ - 2\mathfrak{D}F \sqrt{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)} \sqrt{(K - 2LMNGu)} \sin U.$$

Now

$$dU = \frac{dt(H - 2LMNFu) \sqrt{(G)}}{K - 2LMNGu}, \quad du = pqr dt,$$

the differential  $d\phi$  can be expressed as a fraction, the numerator whereof is

$$-\mathfrak{D}dU(K - 2LMNGu) \sqrt{(G)} + FdU \sqrt{(G(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)(K - 2LMNGu))} \sin U \\ + \frac{LMNFGdu \sqrt{(G(G - \mathfrak{D}^2))}}{\sqrt{(K - 2LMNGu)}} \cos U,$$

and the denominator

$$(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)F^2 + G(K - 2LMNGu) - 2\mathfrak{D}F \sqrt{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)(K - 2LMNGu)} \sin U \\ - (G - \mathfrak{D}^2)(K - 2LMNGu) \sin^2 U.$$

To simplify, write

$$\sqrt{(K - 2LMNGu)} = s, \quad \sqrt{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)} = h,$$

the numerator is

$$-\mathfrak{D}s^2 dU \sqrt{(G)} + Fhs dU \sqrt{(G)} \sin U - Fhs \sqrt{(G)} \cos U,$$

and the denominator

$$h^2 F^2 + Gs^2 - 2\mathfrak{D}Fhs \sin U - h^2 s^2 \sin^2 U,$$

which, observing that  $h^2 = G - \mathfrak{D}^2$ , is equal to

$$(Fh - \mathfrak{D}s \sin U)^2 + Gs^2 \cos^2 U,$$

and we have

$$d\phi = \frac{-\mathfrak{D}s^2 dU + Fhs \sin U dU - Fhds \cos U}{(Fh - \mathfrak{D}s \sin U)^2 + Gs^2 \cos^2 U} \sqrt{(G)}.$$

the integral of which is

$$\phi + \mathfrak{F} = \tan^{-1} \frac{Fh - \mathfrak{D}s \sin U}{s \cos U \sqrt{(G)}},$$

where  $\mathfrak{F}$  is the constant of integration, or substituting for  $h, s$  their values, the equation is

$$\tan(\phi + \mathfrak{F}) = \frac{F \sqrt{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)} - \mathfrak{D} \sin U \sqrt{(K - 2LMNGu)}}{\cos U \sqrt{\{G(K - 2LMNGu)\}}}$$

It may be added that

$$\omega \cos j = v = \frac{1}{G} [\mathfrak{D}F + \sqrt{\{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)(K - 2LMNGu)\}} \sin U],$$

and therefore

$$\cos j = \frac{\mathfrak{D}F + \sqrt{\{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)(K - 2LMNGu)\}} \sin U}{G \sqrt{(E - 2LMNu)}}.$$

Euler remarks that the complexity of the solution owing to the circumstance that the fixed point  $P$  is left arbitrary; and that the formulæ may be simplified by taking this point so that  $G - \mathfrak{D}^2 = 0$ , and he gives the far more simple formulæ corresponding to this assumption; this is in fact taking the point  $P$  in the *direction of the normal to the invariable plane*, and the resulting formulæ are identical with the ordinary formulæ for the solution of the problem. The term *invariable plane* is not used by Euler, and seems to have first occurred in Lagrange's "Essai sur le problème de trois corps," *Prix de l'Acad. de Berlin*, t. ix., 1772.

To prove the before-mentioned equation for  $d\phi$ ; starting from the equations

$$\cos j = \cos \alpha \cos l + \cos \beta \cos m + \cos \gamma \cos n = \frac{v}{\omega},$$

$$\sin j \cos \phi = \cos \alpha \sin l \cos \lambda + \cos \beta \sin m \cos \mu + \cos \gamma \sin n \cos \nu$$

$$\sin j \sin \phi = \cos \alpha \sin l \cos \lambda + \cos \beta \sin m \sin \mu + \sin \gamma \sin n \sin \nu,$$

we have

$$\cos j dj \cos \phi - \sin j \sin \phi d\phi$$

$$= -\sin \alpha d\alpha \sin l \cos \lambda - \&c. + \cos \alpha \cos \lambda \cos l dl + \&c. - \cos \alpha \sin l \sin \lambda d\lambda + \&c.,$$



the second term is

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{p}{\omega} \cos \lambda \cot l (q \cos n - r \cos m) \\ & + \frac{q}{\omega} \cos \mu \cot m (r \cos l - p \cos n) \\ & + \frac{r}{\omega} \cos \nu \cot n (p \cos m - q \cos l), \end{aligned}$$

and the third term is

$$\begin{aligned} & + \frac{p}{\omega} \sin \lambda \operatorname{cosec} l (q \cos m + r \cos n) \\ & + \frac{q}{\omega} \sin \mu \operatorname{cosec} m (r \cos n + p \cos l) \\ & + \frac{r}{\omega} \sin \nu \operatorname{cosec} n (p \cos l + q \cos m). \end{aligned}$$

Hence the second and third terms together are

$$\begin{aligned} & = \frac{pq}{\omega} \left( \cos \lambda \frac{\cos l \cos n}{\sin l} - \cos \mu \frac{\cos m \cos n}{\sin m} + \sin \lambda \frac{\cos m}{\sin l} + \sin \mu \frac{\cos l}{\sin m} \right) + \&c., \\ & = \frac{pq}{\omega} \left\{ -\cos \lambda \sin n \cos (\nu - \lambda) + \sin \lambda \sin n \sin (\nu - \lambda) \right\} + \&c., \\ & = \frac{pq}{\omega} \sin n \left\{ -\cos \lambda \cos (\nu - \lambda) + \sin \lambda \sin (\nu - \lambda) \right\} + \&c., \\ & = \frac{pq}{\omega} \sin n \left\{ -\cos \{ \lambda + (\nu - \lambda) \} \right\} + \&c., \\ & = \frac{pq}{\omega} \sin n \left\{ +\cos \{ \mu - (\mu - \nu) \} \right\} + \&c., \\ & = \frac{pq}{\omega} \sin n (-\cos \nu + \cos \nu) + \&c., = 0; \end{aligned}$$

we have therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & \cos j \, dj \cos \phi - \sin j \sin \phi \, d\phi \\ & = -\sin \alpha \, d\alpha \sin l \cos \lambda - \sin \beta \, d\beta \sin m \cos \mu - \sin \gamma \, d\gamma \sin n \cos \nu, \\ & = d \frac{p}{\omega} \cdot \sin l \cos \lambda + d \frac{q}{\omega} \cdot \sin m \cos \mu + d \frac{r}{\omega} \cdot \sin n \cos \nu \\ & = + \frac{1}{\omega} (\sin l \cos \lambda \, dp + \sin m \cos \mu \, dq + \sin n \cos \nu \, dr) \\ & \quad - \frac{d\omega}{\omega^2} (\sin l \cos \lambda \, p + \sin m \cos \mu \, q + \sin n \cos \nu \, r) \\ & = -\cot j \cos \phi \, d \frac{\nu}{\omega} - \sin j \sin \phi \, d\phi. \end{aligned}$$

Hence therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sin j \sin \phi d\phi &= -\cot j \cos \phi d\frac{v}{\omega} \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{\omega} (\sin l \cos \lambda dp + \sin m \cos \mu dq + \sin n \cos \nu dr) \\
 &\quad + \frac{d\omega}{\omega^2} (\sin l \cos \lambda p + \sin m \cos \mu q + \sin n \cos \nu r) \\
 &= -\cot j \cos \phi \frac{1}{\omega} (\cos l dp + \cos m dq + \cos n dr) \\
 &\quad + \cot j \cos \phi \frac{d\omega}{\omega^2} (p \cos l + q \cos m + r \cos n) \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{\omega} (\sin l \cos \lambda dp + \sin m \cos \mu dq + \sin n \cos \nu dr) \\
 &\quad + \frac{d\omega}{\omega^2} (\sin l \cos \lambda \cdot p + \sin m \cos \mu \cdot q + \sin n \cos \nu \cdot r) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\omega} \{(-\cot j \cos \phi \cos l - \sin l \cos \lambda) dp + \&c.\} \\
 &\quad + \frac{d\omega}{\omega^2} \{(\cot j \cos \phi \cos l + \sin l \cos \lambda) p + \&c.\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

But we have

$$\cos(\lambda - \phi) = \frac{\cos \alpha - \cos l \cos j}{\sin l \sin j},$$

$$= \frac{\cos \alpha}{\sin l \sin j} - \cot l \cot j,$$

$$\sin(\lambda - \phi) = \frac{\cos \gamma \cos m - \cos \beta \cos n}{\sin l \sin j},$$

and thence

$$\cos \lambda = \cos\{(\lambda - \phi) + \phi\} = \frac{\cos \phi (\cos \alpha - \cos l \cos j) - \sin \phi (\cos \gamma \cos m - \cos \beta \cos n)}{\sin l \sin j},$$

whence also

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\cot j \cos \phi \cos l + \sin l \cos \lambda \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sin j} \{\cos \phi \cos l + \cos \phi (\cos \alpha - \cos l \cos j) - \sin \phi (\cos \gamma \cos m - \cos \beta \cos n)\}, \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sin j} \{\cos \alpha \cos \phi - \sin \phi (\cos \gamma \cos m - \cos \beta \cos n)\}, \\
 &= \frac{1}{\omega \sin j} \{p \cos \phi - \sin \phi (r \cos m - q \cos n)\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the expression for  $\sin j \sin \phi d\phi$  is

$$\begin{aligned} &= -\frac{1}{\omega^2 \sin j} [ \{ p \cos \phi - \sin \phi (r \cos m - q \cos n) \} dp + \dots ] \\ &\quad + \frac{d\omega}{\omega^3 \sin j} [ \{ p \cos \phi - \sin \phi (r \cos m - q \cos n) \} p + \dots ] \\ &= -\frac{1}{\omega^2 \sin j} [ \omega d\omega \cos \phi - \sin \phi \{ (r \cos m - q \cos n) dp + \dots \} ] \\ &\quad + \frac{d\gamma}{\omega^2 \sin j} \omega^2 \cos \phi = \sin j \sin \phi d\phi, \end{aligned}$$

or finally

$$\sin j \sin \phi d\phi = \frac{1}{\omega^2} \frac{\sin \phi}{\sin j} [ (r \cos m - q \cos n) dp + \&c. ],$$

that is

$$d\phi = \frac{1}{\omega^2 \sin^2 j} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (r \cos m - q \cos n) dp \\ + (p \cos n - r \cos l) dq \\ + (q \cos l - p \cos m) dr \end{array} \right\},$$

which is the required expression for  $d\phi$ .

Recapitulating,  $A, B, C, p, q, r$  denote as usual,

$$L = \frac{B-C}{A}, \quad M = \frac{C-A}{B}, \quad N = \frac{A-B}{C}, \quad du = pqr dt,$$

$$p = \sqrt{\mathfrak{A} + 2Lu},$$

$$q = \sqrt{\mathfrak{B} + 2Mu},$$

$$r = \sqrt{\mathfrak{C} + 2Nu};$$

$$\mathfrak{A} + \mathfrak{B} + \mathfrak{C} = E,$$

$$\mathfrak{A}A + \mathfrak{B}B + \mathfrak{C}C = F,$$

$$\mathfrak{A}A^2 + \mathfrak{B}B^2 + \mathfrak{C}C^2 = G;$$

$$L^2 A \mathfrak{B} \mathfrak{C} + M^2 B \mathfrak{C} \mathfrak{A} + N^2 C \mathfrak{A} \mathfrak{B} = H,$$

$$L^2 A^2 \mathfrak{B} \mathfrak{C} + M^2 B^2 \mathfrak{C} \mathfrak{A} + N^2 C^2 \mathfrak{A} \mathfrak{B} = K;$$

so that

$$K = EG - F^2,$$

$$U = \mathfrak{C} + \int \frac{(H - 2LMNFu) du \sqrt{G}}{(K - 2LMNGu) \sqrt{\{ (\mathfrak{A} + 2Lu)(\mathfrak{B} + 2Mu)(\mathfrak{C} + 2Nu) \}}},$$

$$\cos l = \frac{\mathfrak{D}Ap}{G} + \frac{BCp(B\mathfrak{C} - C\mathfrak{B})\sqrt{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)}}{G\sqrt{(K - 2LMNGu)}} \sin U + \frac{LAqr\sqrt{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)}}{\sqrt{\{G(K - 2LMNGu)\}}} \cos U,$$

$$\cos m = \frac{\mathfrak{D}Bq}{G} + \frac{CAq(C\mathfrak{A} - A\mathfrak{C})\sqrt{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)}}{G\sqrt{(K - 2LMNGu)}} \sin U + \frac{MBrp\sqrt{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)}}{\sqrt{\{G(K - 2LMNGu)\}}} \cos U,$$

$$\cos n = \frac{\mathfrak{D}Cr}{G} + \frac{ABr(A\mathfrak{B} - B\mathfrak{A})\sqrt{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)}}{G\sqrt{(K - 2LMNGu)}} \sin U + \frac{NCpq\sqrt{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)}}{\sqrt{\{G(K - 2LMNGu)\}}} \cos U,$$

$$\omega^2 = E - 2LMNu,$$

$$\cos j = \frac{\mathfrak{D}F + \sqrt{\{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)(K - 2LMNGu)\}} \sin U}{G\sqrt{(E - 2LMNu)}},$$

$$v = p \cos l + q \cos m + r \cos n$$

$$= \frac{1}{G} [\mathfrak{D}F + \sqrt{\{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)(K - 2LMNGu)\}} \sin U],$$

$$\tan(\phi + \mathfrak{F}) = \frac{F\sqrt{(G - \mathfrak{D}^2)} - \mathfrak{D} \sin U \sqrt{(K - 2LMNGu)}}{\cos U \sqrt{\{G(K - 2LMNGu)\}}}$$

[The angles which determine the position of the body are thus expressed in terms of  $u$ , which is given as a function of  $t$  by the foregoing equation  $du = pqr dt$ , where  $p$ ,  $q$ ,  $r$  denote given functions of  $u$ .]