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In the body frame, total angular momentum of the object \vec{J} is

$$\vec{J} = I_x \omega_x \vec{e}_x + I_y \omega_y \vec{e}_y + I_z \omega_z \vec{e}_z$$

Given

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\vec{e}_x}{dt} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{e}_x = \omega_z \vec{e}_y - \omega_y \vec{e}_z \\ \frac{d\vec{e}_y}{dt} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{e}_y = \omega_x \vec{e}_z - \omega_z \vec{e}_x \\ \frac{d\vec{e}_z}{dt} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{e}_z = \omega_y \vec{e}_x - \omega_x \vec{e}_y \end{cases}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\vec{J}}{dt} &= I_x \dot{\omega}_x \vec{e}_x + I_x \omega_x (\omega_z \vec{e}_y - \omega_y \vec{e}_z) + I_y \dot{\omega}_y \vec{e}_y + I_y \omega_y (\omega_x \vec{e}_z - \omega_z \vec{e}_x) + I_z \dot{\omega}_z \vec{e}_z \\ &\quad + I_z \omega_z (\omega_y \vec{e}_x - \omega_x \vec{e}_y) = [I_x \dot{\omega}_x - (I_y - I_z) \omega_y \omega_z] \vec{e}_x \\ &\quad + [I_y \dot{\omega}_y - (I_z - I_x) \omega_z \omega_x] \vec{e}_y + [I_z \dot{\omega}_z - (I_x - I_y) \omega_x \omega_y] \vec{e}_z \end{aligned}$$

Also, because

$$\frac{d\vec{J}}{dt} = N_x \vec{e}_x + N_y \vec{e}_y + N_z \vec{e}_z$$

We get

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$$I_x \dot{\omega}_x - (I_y - I_z) \omega_y \omega_z = N_x$$

$$I_y \dot{\omega}_y - (I_z - I_x) \omega_z \omega_x = N_y$$

$$I_z \dot{\omega}_z - (I_x - I_y) \omega_x \omega_y = N_z$$

\right\}.

In this question $\vec{N} = 0$ and $I_x = I_y = I_E$, $I_z = I_P$, $(I_P - I_E)/I_P = \epsilon$

So

$$I_P \dot{\omega}_z = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \omega_z = \text{Constant} = \omega$$

And

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\omega}_x + \frac{I_P - I_E}{I_E} \omega \omega_y = 0 \\ \dot{\omega}_y - \frac{I_P - I_E}{I_E} \omega \omega_x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Because ϵ very small which means $I_P \approx I_E$, $\frac{I_P - I_E}{I_P} \approx \frac{I_P - I_E}{I_E} = \epsilon$

Define $\Omega = \frac{I_P - I_E}{I_E} \omega = \epsilon \omega$

$$\begin{cases} \omega_x = A \cos(\Omega t + \theta) \\ \omega_y = A \sin(\Omega t + \theta) \end{cases}$$

We can see that in body frame, the rotation axis rotate around z axis with angular frequency Ω . Hence, the angular frequency of precession is $\epsilon \omega$

