## Symbolic-Numerical Investigation of Gyrostat Satellite Dynamics

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## 1. Equations of motion

The equations of the satellite's attitude motion under the influence of gravitational and gyrostatic torques in a circular orbit take the form:

$$A\dot{p} + (C - B)qr - 3\omega_0^2(C - B)a_{32}a_{33} + \bar{H}_3q - \bar{H}_2r = 0,$$
  

$$B\dot{q} + (A - C)rp - 3\omega_0^2(A - C)a_{33}a_{31} + \bar{H}_1r - \bar{H}_3p = 0,$$
  

$$C\dot{r} + (B - A)pq - 3\omega_0^2(B - A)a_{31}a_{32} + \bar{H}_2p - \bar{H}_1q = 0;$$
(1)

$$p = \dot{\psi}a_{31} + 9\cos\varphi + \omega_0 a_{21} = \overline{p} + \omega_0 a_{21},$$
  

$$q = \dot{\psi}a_{32} - \dot{9}\sin\varphi + \omega_0 a_{22} = \overline{q} + \omega_0 a_{22},$$
  

$$r = \dot{\psi}a_{33} + \dot{\varphi} + \omega_0 a_{23} = \overline{r} + \omega_0 a_{23}.$$
(2)

Here **A**, **B**, **C**; are the principal central moments of inertia of the satellite; *p*, *q*, *r* – are the projections of the satellite's angular velocity in the axes Ox, Oy, Oz;  $\Psi$ ,  $\vartheta$ , and  $\varphi$  - are the Euler angles ;  $a_{ij}$  - the direction cosines of the axis Ox, Oy, Oz in the orbital reference frame,  $H_1 = \overline{H_1} / \omega_0$ ,  $H_2 = \overline{H_2} / \omega_0$ ,  $H_3 = \overline{H_3} / \omega_0$ ; are the projections of the vector gyrostatic moment at the body reference frame.  $\omega_0$  – is the angular velocity of the satellite in the circular orbit.

## 2. Equilibrium orientations

Putting in (1) and (2)  $\Psi = \Psi_0$ ,  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}_0$ ,  $\varphi = \varphi_0$ , (are constants) we get the stationeries equations:

$$(C-B)(a_{22}a_{23} - 3a_{32}a_{33}) - H_2a_{13} + H_3a_{12} = 0,$$
  

$$(A-C)(a_{23}a_{21} - 3a_{33}a_{31}) - H_3a_{11} + H_1a_{13} = 0,$$
  

$$(B-A)(a_{21}a_{22} - 3a_{31}a_{32}) - H_1a_{12} + H_2a_{11} = 0,$$
  
(3)

or equivalent system

$$Aa_{21}a_{31} + Ba_{22}a_{32} + Ca_{23}a_{33} = 0,$$
  

$$3(Aa_{11}a_{31} + Ba_{12}a_{32} + Ca_{13}a_{33}) + (H_1a_{31} + H_2a_{32} + H_3a_{33}) = 0,$$
  

$$(Aa_{11}a_{21} + Ba_{12}a_{22} + Ca_{13}a_{23}) - (H_1a_{21} + H_2a_{22} + H_3a_{23}) = 0,$$
  

$$(4)$$

with orthogonal conditions

$$a_{11}^{2} + a_{12}^{2} + a_{13}^{2} = 1, \quad a_{11}a_{21} + a_{12}a_{22} + a_{13}a_{23} = 0,$$
  

$$a_{21}^{2} + a_{22}^{2} + a_{23}^{2} = 1, \quad a_{11}a_{31} + a_{12}a_{32} + a_{13}a_{33} = 0,$$
  

$$a_{31}^{2} + a_{32}^{2} + a_{33}^{2} = 1, \quad a_{21}a_{31} + a_{22}a_{32} + a_{23}a_{33} = 0$$
(5)

the system of equations (4), (5) determine all equilibrium orientations of a satellite when A, B. C,  $H_1$ ,  $H_2$ ,  $H_3$  are given.

In the general case  $A \neq B \neq C$ ,  $h_1 \neq 0$ ,  $h_2 \neq 0$ ,  $h_3 \neq 0$ . After the introduction of the dimensionless parameters the system (4), takes the form:  $h_1 = \frac{H_1}{B-C}$ ,  $h_2 = \frac{H_2}{B-C}$ ,  $h_3 = \frac{H_3}{B-C}$ ,  $v = \frac{B-A}{B-C}$ .  $-(va_{21}a_{31} + a_{23}a_{33}) + (h_1a_{31} + h_2a_{32} + h_3a_{33}) = 0$ ,  $va_{11}a_{31} + a_{13}a_{33} = 0$ , (6)  $va_{11}a_{21} + a_{13}a_{23} - (h_1a_{11} + h_2a_{12} + h_3a_{13}) = 0$ .

The system (5), (6) can be solved for the variables  $a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{13}, a_{21}, a_{22}, a_{23}$  in the following form:

$$a_{11} = \frac{-4a_{32}a_{33}}{h_{1}a_{31} + h_{2}a_{32} + h_{3}a_{33}}, \qquad a_{21} = \frac{4[\nu a_{32}^{2} - (1 - \nu)a_{33}^{2}]a_{31}}{h_{1}a_{31} + h_{2}a_{32} + h_{3}a_{33}}, \qquad a_{21} = \frac{4[\nu a_{32}^{2} - (1 - \nu)a_{33}^{2}]a_{31}}{h_{1}a_{31} + h_{2}a_{32} + h_{3}a_{33}}, \qquad a_{22} = \frac{-4(\nu a_{31}^{2} + a_{33}^{2})a_{32}}{h_{1}a_{31} + h_{2}a_{32} + h_{3}a_{33}}, \qquad a_{22} = \frac{-4(\nu a_{31}^{2} + a_{33}^{2})a_{32}}{h_{1}a_{31} + h_{2}a_{32} + h_{3}a_{33}}, \qquad a_{23} = \frac{4[(1 - \nu)a_{31}^{2} + a_{32}^{2}]a_{33}}{h_{1}a_{31} + h_{2}a_{32} + h_{3}a_{33}}.$$

$$(7)$$

Substituting solutions (7) in (6), we obtain the system of algebraic equations from 3 unknowns  $a_{31}, a_{32}, a_{33}$ , or from Groebner basis (5), (6)  $16[a_{32}^2a_{33}^2 + (1-\nu)^2a_{33}^2a_{31}^2 + \nu^2a_{31}^2a_{32}^2] = (h_1a_{31} + h_2a_{32} + h_3a_{33})^2(a_{31}^2 + a_{32}^2 + a_{33}^2),$  (8)  $4\nu(1-\nu)a_{31}a_{32}a_{33} + [h_1a_{32}a_{33} - h_2(1-\nu)a_{33}a_{31} - h_3\nu a_{31}a_{32}](h_1a_{31} + h_2a_{32} + h_3a_{33}) = 0,$  $a_{31}^2 + a_{32}^2 + a_{33}^2 = 1.$ 

Let us introduce the values  $x = \frac{a_{31}}{a_{33}}$ ,  $y = \frac{a_{32}}{a_{33}}$ . Then we will have 2 equations:

$$a_0 y^2 + a_1 y + a_2 = 0,$$
  

$$b_0 y^4 + b_1 y^3 + b_2 y^2 + b_3 y + b_4 = 0.$$
(9)

Here  $a_0 = h_2(h_1 - vh_3 x),$   $a_1 = h_1h_3 + [4v(1 - v) + h_1^2 - (1 - v)h_2^2 - vh_3^2]x - vh_1h_3x^2,$   $a_2 = -(1 - v)h_2(h_1x + h_3)x,$   $b_0 = h_2^2,$   $b_1 = 2h_2(h_1x + h_3),$   $b_2 = (h_2^2 + h_3^2 - 16) + 2h_1h_3x + (h_1^2 + h_2^2 - 16v^2)x^2,$   $b_3 = 2h_2(h_1x + h_3)(1 + x^2),$  $b_4 = (h_1x + h_3)^2(1 + x^2) - 16(1 - v)^2x^2.$  Resultant of equations (9) has the form of the 12-th order algebraic equation:

$$p_0 x^{12} + p_1 x^{11} + p_2 x^{10} + p_3 x^9 + p_4 x^8 + p_5 x^7 + p_6 x^6 +$$
(10)  
+  $p_7 x^5 + p_8 x^4 + p_9 x^3 + p_{10} x^2 + p_{11} x + p_{12} = 0,$ 

Where the coefficients  $p_i = p_i(h_1, h_2, h_3, \nu)$  have the form:

$$p_{0} = -h_{1}^{4}h_{3}^{4}v^{3},$$

$$p_{1} = 2h_{1}^{3}h_{3}^{3}v^{5} \Big[ 2h_{1}^{2} - h_{2}^{2}(v-1) - 2v(h_{3}^{2} + 2v-2) \Big],$$

$$p_{2} = -h_{1}^{2}h_{3}^{2}v^{4} \Big\{ 6h_{1}^{4} + h_{2}^{4}(v-1)^{2} - h_{2}^{2}(v-1) \Big[ 16(v^{3} - v^{2}) + (v-1) + h_{3}^{2}(1-7v) \Big] +$$

$$+ h_{1}^{2} \Big[ (-25v^{2} + 26v-1) + h_{3}^{2}(v^{2} - 16v+1) + h_{2}^{2}(v^{2} - 8v+7) \Big] +$$

$$+ 2v^{2} \Big[ 3h_{3}^{4} + 8(v-1)^{2} - 4h_{3}^{2}(2v^{2} - 7v+5) \Big] \Big],$$

$$p_{3} = 2h_{1}h_{3}v^{3} \Big\{ 2h_{1}^{6} + h_{1}^{4} \Big[ (-13v^{2} + 14v-1) + 2h_{3}^{2}(v^{2} - 6v+1) + h_{2}^{2}(v^{2} - 5v+4) \Big] +$$

$$+ h_{3}^{2} \Big[ -h_{2}^{4}(v-1)^{2}(2v-1) + h_{2}^{2}(v-1)v \Big[ h_{3}^{2}(1-4v) + (16v^{3} - 16v^{2} + v-1) \Big] +$$

$$+ 2v^{3} \Big[ -h_{3}^{4} + 8(v-1)^{2}(4v-5) + 2h_{3}^{2}(7-11v+4v^{2}) \Big] \Big] -$$

$$- h_{1}^{2} \Big[ h_{2}^{4}(v-2)(v-1)^{2} + h_{2}^{2}(v-1) \Big[ (16v^{3} - 16v^{2} + v-1) + h_{3}^{2}(3v^{2} - 13v+3) \Big] +$$

$$+ 2v \Big[ -2(v-1)^{2}(5v-1) + h_{3}^{4}(v^{2} - 6v+1) + h_{3}^{2}(18v^{3} - 53v^{2} + 38v-3) \Big] \Big] \Big\} \dots$$

## 3. Analysis of equilibrium orientations

The numerical calculations it is possible to provide for the case B > A > C (0 < v < 1).

For the limiting parameters values  $\nu = 0$  and  $\nu = 1$ , it is possible to define analytically a boundary of regions with the equal number of equilibria.

In the case v = 0 (A = B) the boundary has the form:

$$h_1^2 + h_2^2 = (4^{2/3} - h_3^{2/3})^3,$$
  

$$h_1^2 + h_2^2 = (1 - h_3^{2/3})^3.$$
(11)

In the case v = 1 (A = C) the boundary has the form:

$$h_2^{2/3} + (h_1^2 + h_3^2)^{1/3} = 4^{2/3},$$
  

$$h_2^{2/3} + (h_1^2 + h_3^2)^{1/3} = 1.$$
(12)

### 3. Analytical results- axisymmetrical cases

v=0 (A=B) (11)

v=1 (A=C) (12)



 $h_3 = 0.01$ 

## 4. Numerical results (Central part)



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 $v=0.2; h_3=0.25$ 

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Regions of equilibria v	24/20	20/16	16/12	12/8
0,01	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =0,990	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =0,999	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =3,959	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =4,0
0,1	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =0,900	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =1,021	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =3,610	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =4,0
0,2	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =0,800	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =1,048	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =3,264	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =4,0
0,3	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =0,700	<i>h</i> <sub>3</sub> =1,082	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =2,950	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =4,0
0,4	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =0,600	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =1,124	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =2,669	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =4,0
0,5	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =0,500	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =1,182	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =2,412	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =4,0
0,6	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =0,400	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =1,186	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =2,167	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =4,0

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Regions of equilibria V	24/20	20/16	16/12	12/8
0,7	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =0,300	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =1,105	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =1,915	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =4,0
0,8	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =0,200	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =0,909	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =1,629	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =4,0
0,9	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =0,100	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =0,676	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =1,245	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =4,0
0,99	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =0,010	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =0,168	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =0,997	<b>h</b> <sub>3</sub> =4,0

## 5. Stability analysis of equilibria

Let us use the Hamiltonian of (1), (2) as Lyapunov's function in order to obtain the sufficient conditions of stability

$$\frac{1}{2}(A\overline{p}^{2} + B\overline{q}^{2} + C\overline{r}^{2}) + \frac{1}{2}(B - C)\omega_{0}^{2}\{3[(1 - \nu)a_{31}^{2} + a_{32}^{2}] + (\nu a_{21}^{2} + a_{23}^{2}) - 2(h_{1}a_{21} + h_{2}a_{22} + h_{3}a_{23})\} = const.$$
(13)

Let us present angles  $\psi = \psi_0 + \overline{\psi}$ ,  $\vartheta = \vartheta_0 + \overline{\vartheta}$ ,  $\varphi = \varphi_0 + \overline{\varphi}$ , then, Hamiltonian (1) can be presented in the form:

$$\frac{1}{2}(A\overline{p}^{2} + B\overline{q}^{2} + C\overline{r}^{2}) + \frac{1}{2}(B - C)\omega_{0}^{2}(A_{\psi\psi}\overline{\psi}^{2} + A_{gg}\overline{\vartheta}^{2} + A_{\varphi\phi}\overline{\varphi}^{2} + 2A_{\psi\phi}\overline{\psi}\overline{\vartheta} + 2A_{gg}\overline{\vartheta}\overline{\vartheta}) + \Sigma = const.$$
(14)

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Where: 
$$A_{\psi\psi} = v(a_{11}^2 - a_{21}^2) + (a_{13}^2 - a_{23}^2) + h_1 a_{21} + h_2 a_{22} + h_3 a_{23},$$
  
 $A_{gg} = (3 + \cos^2 \psi_0)(1 - v \sin^2 \varphi_0) \cos 2\vartheta_0 - - \frac{1}{4}v \sin 2\psi_0 \cos \vartheta_0 \sin 2\varphi_0 + (h_1 \sin \varphi_0 + h_2 \cos \varphi_0) \cos \psi_0 \cos \vartheta_0 + h_3 a_{23},$   
 $A_{\phi\phi} = v[(a_{22}^2 - a_{21}^2) - 3(a_{32}^2 - a_{31}^2)] + h_1 a_{21} + h_2 a_{22},$   
 $A_{\psi\vartheta} = -\frac{1}{2}\sin 2\psi_0 \sin 2\vartheta_0 + v(a_{11}a_{23} + a_{13}a_{21}) - \sin \psi_0(h_1a_{31} + h_2a_{32} + h_3a_{33}),$   
 $A_{\psi\phi} = v(a_{11}a_{22} + a_{12}a_{21}) - h_1a_{12} + h_2a_{11},$   
 $A_{\vartheta\phi} = -\frac{3}{2}v \sin 2\vartheta_0 \sin 2\varphi_0 + v(a_{21}\cos \varphi_0 + a_{22})a_{23} - (h_1\cos \varphi_0 - h_2\sin \varphi_0)a_{23}.$ 
(15)

It follows form the Lyapunov's theorem that the equilibrium solution is stable if the quadratic form (14), (15) for this solution is positive definite i.e. the following inequalities take place:

$$A_{\psi\psi} > 0,$$

$$A_{\psi\psi} A_{gg} - (A_{\psig})^{2} > 0,$$

$$A_{\psi\psi} A_{gg} A_{\varphi\varphi} + 2A_{\psig} A_{\psi\varphi} A_{g\varphi} - A_{\psi\psi} (A_{g\varphi})^{2} - A_{gg} (A_{\psi\varphi})^{2} - A_{\varphi\varphi} (A_{\psig})^{2} > 0.$$
(16)

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Fig. 25.  $v=0.2, h_3 = 0.4$ 



*Fig. 26.* v=0.2,  $h_2 = 0.05$ ,  $h_3 = 0.4$  (24 equilibria, 4 stable)



Fig. 27. v=0.2,  $h_2 = 0.1$ ,  $h_3 = 0.4$ (24 equilibria, 4 stable)

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*Fig. 28.* v=0.2,  $h_2 = 0.2$ ,  $h_3 = 0.4$  (20 equilibria, 2 stable)



*Fig. 30.* v=0.2,  $h_2 = 0.5$ ,  $h_3 = 0.4$  (16 equilibria, 2 stable)



*Fig. 29.* v=0.2, h<sub>2</sub> = 0.3, h<sub>3</sub> = 0.4 (20 equilibria, 2 stable)



*Fig. 31.* v=0.2,  $h_2 = 0.6$ ,  $h_3 = 0.4$  (12 equilibria, 2 stable)



*Fig. 32.* v=0.2,  $h_2 = 1.0$ ,  $h_3 = 0.4$  (12 equilibria, 2 stable)







*Fig.* 33. v=0.2,  $h_2 = 2.0$ ,  $h_3 = 0.4$  (12 equilibria, 2 stable)



*Fig.* 35. v=0.2,  $h_2 = 4.0$ ,  $h_3 = 0.4$  (8 equilibria, 2 stable)

## 7. Conclution

- Numerical-analytical method for the determination of the equilibrium orientations in the gyrostat satellite is proposed in general case  $A \neq B \neq C$ ,  $h_1 \neq 0$ ,  $h_2 \neq 0$ ,  $h_3 \neq 0$ .
- Evolution of domains in the space of parameters which correspond to various numbers of equilibria are carried out in detail
- Relationship with axisymmetrical cases of satellite gyrostat is considered.
- It is shown that the number of equilibria of the gyrostat satellite in general case not be less than 8 and not more than 24
- It is shown that the number of stable equilibria of the gyrostat satellite in general case changes from 4 to 2 with the increasing the absolute value of gyrostatic torque.

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#### Annex. Numerical results *v*=0.01



*Fig. 1.* v=0.01,  $h_3 = 0.01$ 



Fig. 2.  $v=0, h_3 = 0.01$ 



Fig. 3. v=0.01,  $h_3 = 0.495$ 



Fig. 4.  $v=0, h_3 = 0.495$ 



Fig. 5.  $v=0.01, h_3 = 0.99$ 



Fig. 6.  $v=0, h_3 = 0.99$ 



Fig. 7. v=0.1,  $h_3 = 0.01$ 



Fig. 8. v=0.1,  $h_3 = 0.495$ 



Fig. 9. v=0.1,  $h_3 = 0.9$ 



Fig. 10.  $v=0.1, h_3 = 1.021$ 



Fig. 11.  $v=0.1, h_3 = 2.0$ 



Fig. 12.  $v=0.1, h_3 = 3.61$ 



Fig. 13.  $v=0.1, h_3 = 4.0$ 



12

0.4

0.6

Fig. 14.  $v=0.2, h_3 = 0.01$ 





0.015

0.010

0.005

0.000

8

2

1.375 1.385 1.395 1.405



Fig. 16. v=0.2, h<sub>3</sub> = 0.8



Fig. 17. v=0.2, h<sub>3</sub> = 1.048







Fig. 19.  $v=0.2, h_3 = 4$ 



Fig. 28. v=0.5, h<sub>3</sub>=0.01



Fig. 29.  $v=0.5, h_3=0.5$ 







*Fig.31.* v=0.5, *h*<sub>3</sub>=2.412







Fig. 41. v=0.8,  $h_3 = 0.2$ 







Fig. 44. v=0.9,  $h_3 = 0.01$ 



Fig. 45. v=0.9,  $h_3=0.1$ 





Fig. 47. v=0.9, h<sub>3</sub>=1.245

Fig. 46. v=0.9, h<sub>3</sub> = 0.676



Fig. 45. v=0.9,  $h_3=0.1$ 





Fig. 47. v=0.9, h<sub>3</sub>=1.245

Fig. 46. v=0.9, h<sub>3</sub> = 0.676



*Fig.48.* v=0.99,  $h_3=0.005$ 



Fig. 49.  $v=0.99, h_3 = 0.01$ 







 $^{4}h_{1}$ 

3

2 1.5

1

0

0.5

12

16

2.5

8

0 0.5 1 1.5 2 2.5 3

3.5





Fig. 54. v=1.0, h<sub>3</sub> = 0.01