

Q_1, Q_2, Q_3 are the normal coordinates

Inverting gives

$$Q_1 = (\phi_1 - \phi_3) \frac{\sqrt{MR^2}}{2}$$

$$Q_2 = (\phi_1 - \sqrt{2}\phi_2 + \phi_3) \frac{\sqrt{MR^2}}{2\sqrt{2}} \quad (B)$$

$$Q_3 = (\phi_1 + \sqrt{2}\phi_2 + \phi_3) \frac{\sqrt{MR^2}}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

(b) The Q_i are given by $Q_i(t) = Q_i(0) \cos \omega_i t + \frac{\dot{Q}_i(0)}{\omega_i} \sin \omega_i t$

For the initial conditions given

$$\phi_i(t=0) = 0 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{looking at (B)}} \quad Q_i(0) = 0$$

$$\dot{\phi}_1(0) = \frac{J}{\frac{1}{2}MR^2} \quad \dot{\phi}_2(0) = \dot{\phi}_3(0) = 0$$

$$\therefore \dot{Q}_1(0) = \frac{2J}{MR^2} \frac{\sqrt{MR^2}}{2} = \frac{J}{\sqrt{MR^2}}$$

$$\dot{Q}_2(0) = \frac{2J}{MR^2} \frac{\sqrt{MR^2}}{2\sqrt{2}} = \frac{J}{\sqrt{2}MR^2}$$

$$\dot{Q}_3(0) = \frac{2J}{MR^2} \frac{\sqrt{MR^2}}{2\sqrt{2}} = \frac{J}{\sqrt{2}MR^2}$$

Putting this in (A) \Rightarrow

$$\phi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{MR^2}} \left(-\frac{J}{\sqrt{2}MR^2} \frac{1}{\omega_2} \sin \omega_2 t + \frac{J}{\sqrt{2}MR^2} \frac{1}{\omega_3} \sin \omega_3 t \right)$$

$$\phi_2 = \frac{J}{MR^2 \sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{1}{\omega_3} \sin \omega_3 t - \frac{1}{\omega_2} \sin \omega_2 t \right)$$