Helicopter Dynamics HW#3

- 1. Justify the following
- a) Let us look at the "tennis racket effect" on the tennis ball. To give clockwise spin to the ball how should the racket be tilted.
- b) Generally pitch bearing is located outboard of flap hinge.
- c) In-plane rotating frequency is generally kept away from the rotational speed, but that is not the case with the flapping mode.
- d) If the pitch axis lies on the cg axis, there is no structural coupling between flap and pitch motions, but in actuality, these motions are coupled.
- e) The Coriolis forces depend on velocity like damping forces, but their nature is quite different from damping forces.
- f) In a bearingless main rotor (BMR), the pitch bearing is replaced by an elastic flexure consisting of flexbeams and a torque tube to facilitate pitch changes. From outset, the BMR configuration appears quite similar to the hingeless blade, the analysis is quite different for a BMR blade.
- g) A large δ_3 (like 45°) is not uncommon for tail rotors.
- h) A zero lag offset is not physical.
- i) Pitch and lag equations are coupled through Coriolis terms.
- j) External damping in the lag mode is beneficial, but it is quite difficult to add such damping for a hingeless blade.
- k) Generally it is possible to achieve a matched stiffness condition with soft lag rotors.
- 1) A small offset of cg from feather axis may have a negligible influence on flap mode, but that may not be the case with torsion mode.
- m) The Coriolis forces produce a 2/rev lag motion proportional to the square of the 1/rev flap amplitude.
- n) There will be inherently some pitch-flap and pitch-lag coupling for an elastic blade.
- o) A vertical gust would induce only vertical oscillations in an articulated rotor with no hinge offset, but that may not be the case with hingeless rotors.