

B6: Steering Kinematics Derivations (Team). Due Tuesday Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>.

Derivation time: In this assignment derive the following geometric relationships for the front-end of the bicycle (using and including a picture will be helpful).

- Begin by drawing and labeling the four triangles represented in Figure 1.8 on page 10 of your text.
- Then derive the relations

$$\tan \alpha = \tan \varepsilon \cos \delta, \quad \tan \Delta = \tan \delta \cos \varepsilon, \quad \sin \beta = \sin \alpha \sin \beta.$$

- And then quantities

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{\cos \delta \sin \varepsilon}{\sqrt{\cos^2 \delta \sin^2 \varepsilon + \cos^2 \varepsilon}} \quad \cos \alpha = \frac{\cos \varepsilon}{\sqrt{\cos^2 \delta \sin^2 \varepsilon + \cos^2 \varepsilon}}$$

or

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{\cos \delta \sin \varepsilon}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \delta \sin^2 \varepsilon}} \quad \cos \alpha = \frac{\cos \varepsilon}{\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \delta \sin^2 \varepsilon}}.$$

- Lastly show that the steering head height decreases by

$$\Delta h = R_f \left( 1 - \frac{\cos \varepsilon}{\cos \alpha} \right) = R_f \left( 1 - \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \delta \sin^2 \varepsilon} \right) = R_f \left( 1 - \sqrt{\cos^2 \delta \sin^2 \varepsilon + \cos^2 \varepsilon} \right)$$

when the handlebars are turned by an angle  $\delta$  and the fork-offset,  $d$ , is 0.

**Extra Credit (worth five team +’s):** Show that when  $d \neq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta h = R_f \left( 1 - \frac{\cos \varepsilon}{\cos \alpha} \right) - d \sin \varepsilon (1 - \cos \delta) &= R_f \left( 1 - \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \delta \sin^2 \varepsilon} \right) - d \sin \varepsilon (1 - \cos \delta) \\ &= R_f \left( 1 - \sqrt{\cos^2 \delta \sin^2 \varepsilon + \cos^2 \varepsilon} \right) - d \sin \varepsilon (1 - \cos \delta). \end{aligned}$$