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under the gravitational influence of either one or several large bodies. Attitude dynamics is the study of rotational motion of a rigid spacecraft about its own centre of mass, and includes both kinematical and kinetic description in terms of Euler angles, quaternion, or Rodrigues/modified Rodrigues parameters, and the angular velocity components."--
