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HW1

Vision Aided Navigation

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Basic Probability

Question 1 : Consider a random vector x with a Gaussian distribution.

$$x \sim N(\mu_x, \Sigma_x) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^N$$

(a) Write an explicit expression for $p(x)$.


$$p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\det(2\pi\Sigma_x))}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_x)^T \Sigma_x^{-1}(x - \mu_x)\right)$$

(b) Consider a linear transformation $y = Ax + b$. Assuming A is invertible, show y has a Gaussian distribution, $y \sim N(\mu_y, \Sigma_y)$, and find expressions of μ_y and Σ_y in terms of μ_x and Σ_x .

$$y = Ax + b$$

$$\mu_y = E(y) = E(Ax + b) = E(Ax) + E(b) = AE(x) + b = A\mu_x + b$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_y &= E\left((y - E(y))(y - E(y))^T\right) = \\ &= E((Ax + b - A\mu_x - b)(Ax + b - A\mu_x - b)^T) = \\ &= E((Ax - A\mu_x)(Ax - A\mu_x)^T) = \\ &= E(A(x - \mu_x)(x - \mu_x)^T A^T) = \\ &= A E((x - \mu_x)(x - \mu_x)^T) A^T = \\ &= A\Sigma_x A^T\end{aligned}$$

$$y \sim N(A\mu_x + b, A\Sigma_x A^T) \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^N$$

Proof that $Ax + b \sim N(A\mu_x + b, A\Sigma_x A^T)$:

$$p_y(y) = \frac{p_x(A^{-1}(y - b))}{\det(A)}$$

$$p_x(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\det(2\pi\Sigma_x))}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu_x)^T \Sigma_x^{-1}(x - \mu_x)\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}p_x(A^{-1}(y - b)) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\det(2\pi\Sigma_x))}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(A^{-1}(y - b) - \mu_x)^T \Sigma_x^{-1}(A^{-1}(y - b) - \mu_x)\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\det(2\pi\Sigma_x))}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(A^{-1}(y - b - A\mu_x))^T \Sigma_x^{-1}(A^{-1}(y - b - A\mu_x))\right) =\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\det(2\pi\Sigma_x))}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{b} - A\mu_x)^T A^{-T} \Sigma_x^{-1} A^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{b} - A\mu_x)\right) = \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\det(2\pi\Sigma_x))}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \mu_y)^T \Sigma_y^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mu_y)\right) \\
p_y(\mathbf{y}) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\det(2\pi\Sigma_x)) \det(A)}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \mu_y)^T \Sigma_y^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mu_y)\right) \\
p_y(\mathbf{y}) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\det(2\pi A \Sigma_x A^T))}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \mu_y)^T \Sigma_y^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mu_y)\right) \\
p_y(\mathbf{y}) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\det(2\pi\Sigma_y))}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \mu_y)^T \Sigma_y^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mu_y)\right)
\end{aligned}$$

which shows that \mathbf{y} also has a Gaussian distribution with mean vector $\mu_y = A\mu_x + \mathbf{b}$ and covariance matrix $\Sigma_y = A \Sigma_x A^T$.

Question 2 : Let $p(x) = N(\hat{x}_0, \Sigma_0)$ be a prior distribution over $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with known mean $\hat{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and covariance $\Sigma_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$. Consider a given measurement $z \in \mathbb{R}^m$ with a corresponding linear measurement model $z = Hx + v$, where H is a measurement matrix and v is Gaussian noise $v \sim N(0, R)$ with covariance R . The matrices $H \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and $R \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ are known.

$$p(x) = N(\hat{x}_0, \Sigma_0) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$z = Hx + v \quad H \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$v \sim N(0, R) \quad v \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$$

- (a) Write an expression for the posteriori probability function (PDF) over x , $p(x|z)$, in terms of solely the prior $p(x)$ and measurement likelihood $p(z|x)$.

$$p(x|z) \stackrel{BR}{=} \frac{p(x)p(z|x)}{p(z)} \stackrel{M}{=} \frac{p(x)p(z|x)}{\int_x p(x',z) dx'} \stackrel{CR}{=} \frac{p(x)p(z|x)}{\int_x p(z|x')p(x') dx'}$$

- (b) Derive analytically an expression for the maximum a posteriori (MAP) estimate x^* and the associated covariance Σ such that $p(x|z) = N(x^*, \Sigma)$.

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi\Sigma_0)}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \hat{x}_0)^T \Sigma_0^{-1}(x - \hat{x}_0)\right)$$

$$p(z|x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi R_0)}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(z - Hx)^T R^{-1}(z - Hx)\right)$$

$$C = \eta \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi\Sigma_0)}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi R_0)}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(x|z) &= \frac{p(x)p(z|x)}{p(z)} = \eta \cdot p(x) \cdot p(z|x) = \\ &= C \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left((x - \hat{x}_0)^T \Sigma_0^{-1}(x - \hat{x}_0) + (z - Hx)^T R^{-1}(z - Hx)\right)\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$x^* = \operatorname{argmax}(p(x|z)) = \operatorname{argmin}(-\log(p(x)p(z|x))) =$$

$$= \operatorname{argmin}\left(\|x - \hat{x}_0\|_{\Sigma_0}^2 + \|z - Hx\|_R^2\right) =$$

$$= \operatorname{argmin}\left(\left\|\Sigma_0^{-\frac{1}{2}}(x - \hat{x}_0)\right\|^2 + \left\|R^{-\frac{1}{2}}(z - Hx)\right\|^2\right)$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_0^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ R^{-\frac{1}{2}}H \end{pmatrix}, b = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_0^{-\frac{1}{2}}\hat{x}_0 \\ R^{-\frac{1}{2}}z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x^* = \operatorname{argmin}\|A + b\|^2$$

$$x^* = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$



$$\Sigma = A^T A$$

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In [1]: import math as m
import numpy as np
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Q1

Rotations. Implement transformation from rotation matrix to Euler angles and vice versa

(a)

Implement a function that receives as input Euler angles (roll angle φ , pitch angle θ , and yaw angle ψ) and calculates the corresponding rotation matrix assuming roll- pitch-yaw order from Body to Global: $R = R_Z(\psi) R_Y(\theta) R_X(\varphi)$

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In [2]: def eul2R_zyx(roll,pitch,yaw):
        return Rz(yaw) @ Ry(pitch) @ Rx(roll)

def Rx(theta):
    return np.matrix([[ 1, 0, 0 ],
                      [ 0, m.cos(theta), -m.sin(theta)],
                      [ 0, m.sin(theta), m.cos(theta)]])

def Ry(theta):
    return np.matrix([[m.cos(theta), 0, m.sin(theta)],
                      [ 0, 1, 0 ],
                      [-m.sin(theta), 0, m.cos(theta)]])

def Rz(theta):
    return np.matrix([[m.cos(theta), -m.sin(theta), 0 ],
                      [ m.sin(theta), m.cos(theta) , 0 ],
                      [ 0, 0, 1 ]])
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(b)

What is the rotation matrix from Body to Global for $\psi = \pi/7$, $\theta = \pi/5$, and $\varphi = \pi/4$?

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In [3]: print('R = ')
print(eul2R_zyx(roll=np.pi/4,pitch=np.pi/5,yaw=np.pi/7))

R =
[[ 0.72889913  0.0676648  0.68126907]
 [ 0.35101932  0.81741497 -0.45674743]
 [-0.58778525  0.5720614  0.5720614 ]]
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(c)

Implement a function that receives as input a rotation matrix and calculates the corresponding Euler angles assuming roll-pitch-yaw order

We viewed the document "Computing Euler angles from a rotation matrix" by Gregory G. Slabaugh for an algorithmic solution achieved by comparing abstract variables R_{ij} and the multiplication solution we found before $R_{ij}(\varphi, \theta, \psi)$

*The document is attached with this HW submission

In [4]:

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def R2eul_zyx(R):
    """
    here the convention is
        psi ~ roll
        theta ~ pitch
        phi ~ yaw
    """
    if np.abs(R[2,0]) != 1:
        theta1 = -m.asin(R[2,0])
        theta2 = np.pi-theta1
        psi1 = m.atan2(R[2,1]/m.cos(theta1),R[2,2]/m.cos(theta1))
        psi2 = m.atan2(R[2,1]/m.cos(theta2),R[2,2]/m.cos(theta2))
        phi1 = m.atan2(R[1,0]/m.cos(theta1),R[0,0]/m.cos(theta1))
        phi2 = m.atan2(R[1,0]/m.cos(theta2),R[0,0]/m.cos(theta2))

        theta = np.array([theta1,theta2])
        psi = np.array([psi1, psi2])
        phi = np.array([phi1, phi2])
    else:
        phi = 0 #gimbal locking infinite solutions.. we choose one
        if R[2,0] == -1:
            theta = np.pi/2
            psi = phi+m.atan2(R[0,1],R[0,2])
        else:
            theta = -np.pi/2
            psi = -phi+m.atan2(-R[0,1],-R[0,2])

    return psi,theta,phi
```

Our pal Gregory writes:

"Either case: "In both the $\theta = \pi/2$ and $\theta = -\pi/2$ cases, we have found that ψ and φ are linked. This phenomenon is called Gimbal lock. Although in this case, there are an infinite number of solutions to the problem, in practice, one is often interested in finding one solution. For this task, it is convenient to set $\varphi = 0$ and compute ψ as described above."

"More than one solution? It is interesting to note that there is always more than one sequence of rotations about the three principle axes that results in the same orientation of an object. As we have shown in this report, in the non-degenerate case of $\cos \theta \neq 0$, there are two solutions. For the degenerate case of $\cos \theta = 0$, an infinite number of solutions exist. As an example, consider a book laying on a table face up in front of you. Define the x-axis as to the right, the y-axis as away from you, and the z-axis up. A rotation of π radians about the y-axis will turn the book so that the back cover is now facing up. Another way to achieve the same orientation would be to rotate the book π radians about the x-axis, and then π radians about the z-axis. Thus, there is more than one way to achieve a desired rotation."



(d)

What are the Euler angles in degrees for the following rotation matrix (Body to Global, assuming roll-pitch-yaw order):

$$R_B^G = \begin{bmatrix} 0.813797681 & -0.440969611 & 0.378522306 \\ 0.46984631 & 0.882564119 & 0.0180283112 \\ -0.342020143 & 0.163175911 & 0.925416578 \end{bmatrix}$$

In [5]:

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R_B2G=np.array([[0.813797681, -0.440969611, 0.378522306],
                 [0.46984631, 0.882564119, 0.0180283112],
                 [-0.342020143, 0.163175911, 0.925416578]])

roll,pitch,yaw=R2eul_zyx(R_B2G)

#radians to degrees
gain=180/np.pi

print("roll = {} deg\n pitch = {} deg\n yaw = {} deg\n".format(roll*gain,pitch*gain,
print("if two values per angle, than the first column is one solution and second is
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roll = [ 9.99999999 -170.00000001] deg
pitch = [ 19.99999998 160.00000002] deg
yaw = [ 29.99999999 -150.00000001] deg
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if two values per angle, than the first column is one solution and second is another

Sanity check:

test R_B^G against $\text{eul2R_zyx}(\text{R2eul_zyx}(R_B^G))$

$\bar{R} = \text{eul2R_zyx}(\text{R2eul_zyx}(R_B^G))$

In [6]:

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Rbar0=eul2R_zyx(roll[0],pitch[0],yaw[0])
print("first solution numerical error norm {}".format(np.linalg.norm(R_B2G-Rbar0)))
Rbar1=eul2R_zyx(roll[1],pitch[1],yaw[1])
print("second solution numerical error norm {}".format(np.linalg.norm(R_B2G-Rbar1)))
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first solution numerical error norm 1.034335846071033e-09
second solution numerical error norm 1.0343359123234674e-09
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Q2

3D rigid transformation. The coordinates of a 3D point in a global frame are

$$l^G = (450, 400, 50)$$

This 3D point is observed by a camera whose pose is described by the following rotation and translation with respect to the global frame:

$$R_G^C = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5363 & -0.8440 & 0 \\ 0.8440 & 0.5363 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$t_{C \rightarrow G}^G = (-451.2459, 257.0322, 400)$$

Calculate the 3D point coordinates in a camera frame ($l^C = ?$). Write an explicit expression for the appropriate 3D transformation (4×4 matrix) in terms of R_G^C and $t_{C \rightarrow G}^G$

$$l^C = R_G^C l^G + t_{C \rightarrow G}^C = R_G^C l^G + R_G^C t_{C \rightarrow G}^G$$

$$T_G^C = \begin{bmatrix} R_G^C & R_G^C t_{C \rightarrow G}^G \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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In [7]: R_G2C = np.array([[0.5363, -0.8440, 0],
                      [0.8440, 0.5363, 0],
                      [0, 0, 1]])
t_G_C2G = np.array([-451.2459, 257.0322, 400])
```

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In [8]: def transform_from_rot_trans(R, t):
        #copied from programcreek
        R = R.reshape(3, 3)
        t = t.reshape(3, 1)
        return np.vstack((np.hstack([R, t]), [0, 0, 0, 1]))
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In [9]: T_G2C = transform_from_rot_trans(R_G2C, R_G2C @ t_G_C2G)
l_G = np.array([450, 400, 50, 1]) #homogenius
l_C = T_G2C @ l_G.T

print("l_c = {}".format(l_C[:3]))
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l_c = [-555.20335297  351.31482926  450.          ]
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Q3

Pose composition. An autonomous ground vehicle (robot) is commanded to move forward by 1 meter each time step. Due to imperfect control system, the robot instead moves forward by 1.01 meter and also rotates by 1 degree. Remark: In this exercise we consider a 2D scenario, where pose is defined in terms of x-y coordinates and an orientation (heading) angle.

(a)

Write expressions for the corresponding commanded and actual transformations - note these are relative to the robot frame. Guidance: calculate the rotation R_k^{k+1} .

and translation $t_{kk+1 \rightarrow k}$ relating robot frames at consecutive times $k, k + 1$ (commanded and actual). Use these to express commanded and actual transformations T_k^{k+1} .

We will work in homogenous coordinates

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ \theta \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R_k^{k+1} = R_z(-\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(-d\theta) & -\sin(-d\theta) & 0 \\ \sin(-d\theta) & \cos(-d\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We use the third dimension to evolve θ in time:

$$t_{k+1 \rightarrow k}^{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} -ds \\ 0 \\ -d\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_k^{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} R_k^{k+1} & t_{k+1 \rightarrow k}^{k+1} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

To evolve the state in time, we actually want $T_{evolve} = T_{kk+1}^k = inv(T_k^{kk+1})$. It can be counter intuitive, but the matrix that evolves the state in time to state X_{k+1} is the inverse of the matrix that updates the coordinates system

(b)

Assuming robot starts moving from the origin, calculate evolution of robot pose (in terms of x-y position and orientation angle) for 10 steps using pose composition. Draw the commanded and actual robot pose for 10 steps. What is the dead reckoning error at the end? (write down x error , y error in meters, heading error in rad).

In [10]:

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def computeRobotT(dtheta,ds):
    R_k2kp1 = Rz(-dtheta)
    t_kp1_k2kp1 = np.array([[ -ds, 0, -dtheta]])
    return transform_from_rot_trans(R_k2kp1, t_kp1_k2kp1)
```

In [11]:

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T_command=computeRobotT(dtheta = 0.0,ds = 1.0)
invT_command=np.linalg.inv(T_command)
T_actual=computeRobotT(dtheta = 1*np.pi/180,ds = 1.01)
invT_actual=np.linalg.inv(T_actual)

X0 = np.array([0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0]).T
N = 10 #steps
X_command = np.zeros((4,N+1)) ; X_actual = np.zeros((4,N+1))
X_command[:,0] = X0 ; X_actual[:,0] = X0

for ii in range(N):
    X_command[:,ii+1] = invT_command @ X_command[:,ii]
    X_actual[:,ii+1] = invT_actual @ X_actual[:,ii]

print('absolute errors at step N = 10:')
print('x error = {} [m]'.format(abs(X_command[0,-1]-X_actual[0,-1])))
print('y error = {} [m]'.format(abs(X_command[1,-1]-X_actual[1,-1])))
print('theta error = {} [rad]'.format(abs(X_command[2,-1]-X_actual[2,-1])))
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absolute errors at step N = 10:

x error = 0.04087360478654389 [m]

y error = 0.9668261624766846 [m]

theta error = 0.17453292519943295 [rad]



In [12]:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

fig, axs = plt.subplots(2,figsize=(10,16))

ax=axs[0]
line_command, = ax.plot(X_command[0,:],X_command[1,:],"-x")
line_command.set_label('command')
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line_actual, = ax.plot(X_actual[0,:],X_actual[1,:],"--o")
line_actual.set_label('actual')
ax.legend(); ax.grid(True)
ax.set_xlabel("x[m]")
ax.set_ylabel("y [m]")

ax=axes[1]
line_command, = ax.plot(range(N+1),X_command[2,:],"--x")
line_command.set_label('command')
line_actual, = ax.plot(range(N+1),X_actual[2,:],"--o")
line_actual.set_label('actual')
ax.legend(); ax.grid(True)
ax.set_xlabel("step count")
ax.set_ylabel("theta [rad]")
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Out[12]: Text(0, 0.5, 'theta [rad]')

