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1 Dynamics

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{a}(\tau) = (\mathbf{R}_b^{b_0}(\tau))^\top \cdot (\mathbf{a}_b^{b_0}(\tau) - \mathbf{g}^{b_0}) \\ \boldsymbol{\omega}(\tau) = (\mathbf{R}_b^{b_0}(\tau))^\top \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_b^{b_0} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

set the body frame as $\underline{\mathcal{F}}_{b^i}$, the reference frame as $\underline{\mathcal{F}}_{b_0^r}$:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{a}^i(\tau) = (\mathbf{R}_{b^i}^{b_0^r}(\tau))^\top \cdot (\mathbf{a}_{b^i}^{b_0^r}(\tau) - \mathbf{g}^{b_0^r}) \\ \boldsymbol{\omega}^i(\tau) = (\mathbf{R}_{b^i}^{b_0^r}(\tau))^\top \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b^i}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where $\mathbf{a}_i(\tau)$ and $\boldsymbol{\omega}_i(\tau)$ are the linear acceleration and angular velocity output from the i -th IMU at time τ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{R}_{b^i}^{b_0^r}(\tau) &= \mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{R}_{b^i}^{b^r} \\ \mathbf{p}_{b^i}^{b_0^r}(\tau) &= \mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{b^i}^{b^r} + \mathbf{p}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

thus

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b^i}^{b_0^r}(\tau) &= \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \\ \mathbf{v}_{b^i}^{b_0^r}(\tau) &= - \left[\mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{b^i}^{b^r} \right]_{\times} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) + \mathbf{v}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \\ \mathbf{a}_{b^i}^{b_0^r}(\tau) &= - \left[\mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{b^i}^{b^r} \right]_{\times} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) - \left[\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \right]_{\times} \cdot \left[\mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{b^i}^{b^r} \right]_{\times} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) + \mathbf{a}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Based on:

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}^i(\tau) = (\mathbf{R}_{b^i}^{b_0^r}(\tau))^\top \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b^i}^{b_0^r}(\tau) = (\mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{R}_{b^i}^{b^r})^\top \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \quad (5)$$

the rotation spline of $\underline{\mathcal{F}}_{b^r}$ and the rotation extrinsics $\mathbf{R}_{b^i}^{b^r}$ could be recovered.

2 Inertial Alignment

we have

$$\mathbf{a}^r(\tau) = (\mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau))^\top \cdot (\mathbf{a}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) - \mathbf{g}^{b_0^r}) \quad \mathbf{a}^i(\tau) = (\mathbf{R}_{b^i}^{b_0^r}(\tau))^\top \cdot (\mathbf{a}_{b^i}^{b_0^r}(\tau) - \mathbf{g}^{b_0^r}) \quad (6)$$

thus

$$\mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{a}^r(\tau) = \mathbf{a}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) - \mathbf{g}^{b_0^r} \quad \mathbf{R}_{b^i}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{a}^i(\tau) = \mathbf{a}_{b^i}^{b_0^r}(\tau) - \mathbf{g}^{b_0^r} \quad (7)$$

and

$$\int_{\tau_k}^{\tau_{k+1}} \mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{a}^r(\tau) \cdot d\tau = \mathbf{v}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau_{k+1}) - \mathbf{v}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau_k) - \mathbf{g}^{b_0^r} \cdot (\tau_{k+1} - \tau_k) \quad (8)$$

for the left part, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{a}^r(\tau) &= \mathbf{a}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) - (\mathbf{a}_{b^i}^{b_0^r}(\tau) - \mathbf{R}_{b^i}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{a}^i(\tau)) = \mathbf{a}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) - \mathbf{a}_{b^i}^{b_0^r}(\tau) + \mathbf{R}_{b^i}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{a}^i(\tau) \\ \mathbf{a}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) - \mathbf{a}_{b^i}^{b_0^r}(\tau) &= \left[\mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{b^i}^{b^r} \right]_{\times} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) + \left[\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \right]_{\times} \cdot \left[\mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{b^i}^{b^r} \right]_{\times} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \\ \mathbf{a}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) - \mathbf{a}_{b^i}^{b_0^r}(\tau) &= - \left[\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \right]_{\times} \cdot \mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{b^i}^{b^r} - \left[\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \right]_{\times} \cdot \left[\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \right]_{\times} \cdot \mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{b^i}^{b^r} \\ \mathbf{a}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) - \mathbf{a}_{b^i}^{b_0^r}(\tau) &= - \left(\left[\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \right]_{\times} + \left[\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \right]_{\times}^2 \right) \cdot \mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{b^i}^{b^r} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

thus

$$\mathbf{R}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{a}^r(\tau) = \mathbf{R}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{R}_{b_i}^{b_r} \cdot \mathbf{a}^i(\tau) - \left(\left[\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \right]_{\times} + \left[\boldsymbol{\omega}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \right]_{\times}^2 \right) \cdot \mathbf{R}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{b_i}^{b_r} \quad (10)$$

with the left part of (8), we have:

$$\int_{\tau_k}^{\tau_{k+1}} \mathbf{R}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{R}_{b_i}^{b_r} \cdot \mathbf{a}^i(\tau) \cdot d\tau - \int_{\tau_k}^{\tau_{k+1}} \left(\left[\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \right]_{\times} + \left[\boldsymbol{\omega}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \right]_{\times}^2 \right) \cdot \mathbf{R}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot d\tau \cdot \mathbf{p}_{b_i}^{b_r} = \mathbf{b}_{k,k+1}^i - \mathbf{A}_{k,k+1} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{b_i}^{b_r} \quad (11)$$

we rewrite (8):

$$\mathbf{b}_{k,k+1}^i - \mathbf{A}_{k,k+1} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{b_i}^{b_r} = \mathbf{v}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau_{k+1}) - \mathbf{v}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau_k) - \mathbf{g}^{b_0^r} \cdot (\tau_{k+1} - \tau_k) \quad (12)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\mathbf{I}_3 & \mathbf{I}_3 & \mathbf{A}_{k,k+1} & -\mathbf{I}_3 \cdot (\tau_{k+1} - \tau_k) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau_k) \\ \mathbf{v}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau_{k+1}) \\ \mathbf{p}_{b_i}^{b_r} \\ \mathbf{g}^{b_0^r} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{b}_{k,k+1}^i \quad (13)$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{k,k+1} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{k,k+1}^i = \mathbf{b}_{k,k+1}^i \quad (14)$$

$$(\mathbf{H}_{k,k+1}^\top \cdot \mathbf{H}_{k,k+1}) \cdot \mathbf{x}_{k,k+1}^i = \mathbf{H}_{k,k+1}^\top \cdot \mathbf{b}_{k,k+1}^i \quad (15)$$

marginalize $\mathbf{v}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau_k)$ and $\mathbf{v}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau_{k+1})$ when solving.

Given a data sequence from \mathcal{N} IMUs, split it into \mathcal{M} blocks, thus we need to estimate parameters with size of:

$$(\mathcal{N} - 1) \times 3 + 2 + (\mathcal{M} + 1) \times 3 = (\mathcal{N} + \mathcal{M}) \times 3 + 2 \quad (16)$$

we have constraints with size of:

$$\mathcal{M} \times 3 \times \mathcal{N} \quad (17)$$

when:

$$\mathcal{M} \times 3 \times \mathcal{N} \geq (\mathcal{N} + \mathcal{M}) \times 3 + 2 \quad (18)$$

we could recover the extrinsic translations and the gravity vector. Assume that we have two IMUs, i.e., $\mathcal{N} = 2$, then:

$$\mathcal{M} \times 3 \times 2 \geq (2 + \mathcal{M}) \times 3 + 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{M} \geq 3 \geq \frac{8}{3} \quad (19)$$

3 Visual-inertial Alignment

Given the specific force measurements, we have:

$$\int_{\tau_m}^{\tau_{m+1}} \mathbf{R}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{a}^r(\tau) \cdot d\tau = \mathbf{v}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau_{m+1}) - \mathbf{v}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau_m) - \mathbf{g}^{b_0^r} \cdot (\tau_{m+1} - \tau_m) \quad (20)$$

$$\iint_{\tau_m}^{\tau_{m+1}} \mathbf{R}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{a}^r(\tau) \cdot d\tau = \mathbf{p}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau_{m+1}) - \mathbf{p}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau_m) - \mathbf{v}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau_m) \cdot (\tau_{m+1} - \tau_m) - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathbf{g}^{b_0^r} \cdot (\tau_{m+1} - \tau_m)^2 \quad (21)$$

where

$$\mathbf{R}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{a}^r(\tau) = \mathbf{R}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{R}_{b_i}^{b_r} \cdot \mathbf{a}^i(\tau) - \left(\left[\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \right]_{\times} + \left[\boldsymbol{\omega}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \right]_{\times}^2 \right) \cdot \mathbf{R}_{br}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{b_i}^{b_r} \quad (22)$$

thus

$$\int_{\tau_m}^{\tau_{m+1}} \mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{R}_{b^i}^{b^r} \cdot \mathbf{a}^i(\tau) \cdot d\tau - \int_{\tau_m}^{\tau_{m+1}} \left(\left[\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \right]_{\times} + \left[\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \right]_{\times}^2 \right) \cdot \mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot d\tau \cdot \mathbf{p}_{b^i}^{b^r} = \mathbf{b}_{m,m+1}^i - \mathbf{A}_{m,m+1} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{b^i}^{b^r} \quad (23)$$

where

$$\mathbf{b}_{m,m+1}^i - \mathbf{A}_{m,m+1} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{b^i}^{b^r} = \mathbf{v}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau_{m+1}) - \mathbf{v}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau_m) - \mathbf{g}^{b_0^r} \cdot (\tau_{m+1} - \tau_m) \quad (24)$$

induce the extrinsics of multiple cameras:

$$\mathbf{p}_{c^m}^{b_0^r}(\tau) = \mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{c^m}^{b^r} + \mathbf{p}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \rightarrow \mathbf{p}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) = \mathbf{p}_{c^m}^{b_0^r}(\tau) - \mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{c^m}^{b^r} \quad (25)$$

对时间求导：

$$\mathbf{v}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) = \mathbf{v}_{c^m}^{b_0^r}(\tau) + \left[\mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{c^m}^{b^r} \right]_{\times} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) = \mathbf{v}_{c^m}^{b_0^r}(\tau) - \left[\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \right]_{\times} \cdot \mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{c^m}^{b^r} \quad (26)$$

为方便，记：

$$\mathbf{C}_m = \left[\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau_m) \right]_{\times} \cdot \mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau_m) \quad (27)$$

最后有：

$$\mathbf{b}_{m,m+1}^i - \mathbf{A}_{m,m+1} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{b^i}^{b^r} = \mathbf{v}_{c^m}^{b_0^r}(\tau_{m+1}) - \mathbf{C}_{m+1} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{c^m}^{b^r} - \left(\mathbf{v}_{c^m}^{b_0^r}(\tau_m) - \mathbf{C}_m \cdot \mathbf{p}_{c^m}^{b^r} \right) - \mathbf{g}^{b_0^r} \cdot (\tau_{m+1} - \tau_m) \quad (28)$$

$$\mathbf{b}_{m,m+1}^i - \mathbf{A}_{m,m+1} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{b^i}^{b^r} = \mathbf{v}_{c^m}^{b_0^r}(\tau_{m+1}) - \mathbf{v}_{c^m}^{b_0^r}(\tau_m) - (\mathbf{C}_{m+1} - \mathbf{C}_m) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{c^m}^{b^r} - \mathbf{g}^{b_0^r} \cdot (\tau_{m+1} - \tau_m) \quad (29)$$

再次积分得到位置：

$$\iint_{\tau_m}^{\tau_{m+1}} \mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{R}_{b^i}^{b^r} \cdot \mathbf{a}^i(\tau) \cdot d\tau - \iint_{\tau_m}^{\tau_{m+1}} \left(\left[\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \right]_{\times} + \left[\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \right]_{\times}^2 \right) \cdot \mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot d\tau \cdot \mathbf{p}_{b^i}^{b^r} = \mathbf{c}_{m,m+1}^i - \mathbf{B}_{m,m+1} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{b^i}^{b^r} \quad (30)$$

其中：

$$\mathbf{c}_{m,m+1}^i - \mathbf{B}_{m,m+1} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{b^i}^{b^r} = \mathbf{p}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau_{m+1}) - \mathbf{p}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau_m) - \mathbf{v}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau_m) \cdot (\tau_{m+1} - \tau_m) - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathbf{g}^{b_0^r} \cdot (\tau_{m+1} - \tau_m)^2 \quad (31)$$

而已有：

$$\mathbf{p}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) = \mathbf{p}_{c^m}^{b_0^r}(\tau) - \mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{c^m}^{b^r} \quad (32)$$

所以：

$$\mathbf{p}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau_{m+1}) - \mathbf{p}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau_m) = \mathbf{p}_{c^m}^{b_0^r}(\tau_{m+1}) - \mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau_{m+1}) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{c^m}^{b^r} - \left(\mathbf{p}_{c^m}^{b_0^r}(\tau_m) - \mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau_m) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{c^m}^{b^r} \right) \quad (33)$$

$$\mathbf{p}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau_{m+1}) - \mathbf{p}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau_m) = \mathbf{p}_{c^m}^{b_0^r}(\tau_{m+1}) - \mathbf{p}_{c^m}^{b_0^r}(\tau_m) - \left(\mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau_{m+1}) - \mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau_m) \right) \cdot \mathbf{p}_{c^m}^{b^r} \quad (34)$$

为方便，记：

$$\mathbf{D}_{m,m+1} = \mathbf{p}_{c^m}^{b_0^r}(\tau_{m+1}) - \mathbf{p}_{c^m}^{b_0^r}(\tau_m) \quad \mathbf{E}_{m,m+1} = \mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau_{m+1}) - \mathbf{R}_{b^r}^{b_0^r}(\tau_m) \quad (35)$$

最后有：

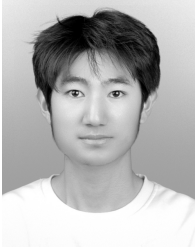
$$\mathbf{c}_{m,m+1}^i - \mathbf{B}_{m,m+1} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{b^i}^{b^r} = \mathbf{D}_{m,m+1} - \mathbf{E}_{m,m+1} \cdot \mathbf{p}_{c^m}^{b^r} - \left(\mathbf{v}_{c^m}^{b_0^r}(\tau_m) - \mathbf{C}_m \cdot \mathbf{p}_{c^m}^{b^r} \right) \cdot (\tau_{m+1} - \tau_m) - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathbf{g}^{b_0^r} \cdot (\tau_{m+1} - \tau_m)^2 \quad (36)$$

注意，上文表述中的所有 $\{b_0^r\}$ 可以任意更换，比如更换为 $\{w\}$ 。

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