

RW Control Devices

- ❖ First let us develop a feedback control law for a spacecraft with N reaction wheels with general orientation.

EOM:

$$\mathbf{G}_s = [g_1 \ g_2 \ \dots \ g_N]$$

$$[I_{RW}] \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} = -\boldsymbol{\omega} \times [I_{RW}] \boldsymbol{\omega} - \boldsymbol{\omega} \times [\mathbf{G}_s] \mathbf{h}_s - [\mathbf{G}_s] \mathbf{u}_s + \mathbf{L}$$

With

I_{RW} fixed as seen by the body

\mathbf{h} : angular momentum of RW

\mathbf{J} : inertial of RW

$$\mathbf{h}_s = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ J_{s_i}(\omega_{s_i} + \Omega_i) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

Inertial Matrix:

$$[I_{RW}] = [I_s] + \sum_{i=1}^N (J_{t_i} \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{t_i} \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{t_i}^T + J_{g_i} \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{g_i} \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{g_i}^T)$$

The RW motor control torque vector is:

$$\mathbf{u}_s = \begin{pmatrix} \vdots \\ J_{s_i}(\dot{\Omega} + \hat{\mathbf{g}}_{s_i}^T \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

- ❖ **Spacecraft Tracking Errors:**

$\boldsymbol{\sigma}$: MRP vector of body frame relative to reference frame

$\delta \boldsymbol{\omega} = \boldsymbol{\omega} - \boldsymbol{\omega}_r$: Body angular velocity tracking error vector

- *Lyapunov Function:*

$$V(\boldsymbol{\sigma}, \delta \boldsymbol{\omega}) = \frac{1}{2} \delta \boldsymbol{\omega}^T [I_{RW}] \delta \boldsymbol{\omega} + 2K \ln(1 + \boldsymbol{\sigma}^T \boldsymbol{\sigma})$$

Components taken in
the B frame

- Let's set the Lyapunov Rate to:

$$\dot{V} = -\delta\omega[P]\delta\omega \leq 0$$



$$[I_{RW}] \frac{B_d}{dt}(\delta\omega) + K\sigma + [P]\delta\omega = 0$$

Close-loop dynamics



$$[G_s]\mathbf{u}_s = \frac{K\sigma + [P]\delta\omega - [\tilde{\omega}]([I_{RW}]\omega + [G_s]\mathbf{h}_s) - [I_{RW}](\dot{\omega}_r - \omega \times \omega_r) + L}{L_r}$$

- Control condition:

$$[G_s]\mathbf{u}_s = L_r$$

Case 1: 3 RWs aligned with principal axes of spacecraft.

$$\mathbf{u}_s = L_r$$

Case 2: N RWs aligned generally.

$$\mathbf{u}_s = [G_s]^T([G_s][G_s]^T)^{-1}L_r$$

Minimum-norm inverse

Energy rate:

$$\dot{T} = \omega^T L + \sum_{i=1}^N \Omega_i u_{s_i}$$

Work/energy principle