Self-Driving Cars

Lecture 5 – Vehicle Dynamics

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Introduction

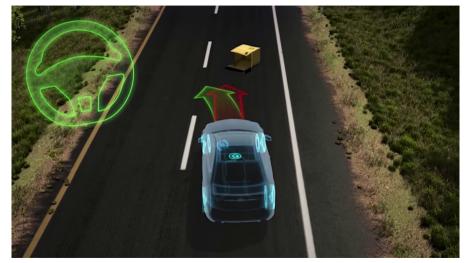
Credits



► We cover parts of "Vehicle Dynamics & Control" by Prof. Schildbach (Uni Lübeck)

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Electronic Stability Program



Knowledge of vehicle dynamics enables accurate vehicle control

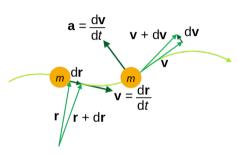
Kinematics vs. Kinetics

Kinematics:

- ▶ Greek origin: "motion", "moving"
- ► Describes motion of points and bodies
- ► Considers position, velocity, acceleration, ..
- ► Examples: Celestial bodies, particle systems, robotic arm, human skeleton

Kinetics:

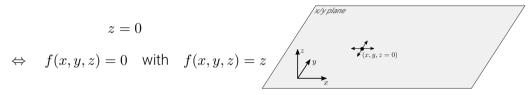
- ► Describes causes of motion
- ► Effects of forces/moments
- ► Newton's laws, e.g., F = ma



Holonomic Constraints

Holonomic constraints are constraints on the configuration:

- ▶ Assume a particle in three dimensions $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$
- ► We can constrain the particle to the x/y plane via:



- lacktriangle Constraints of the form f(x,y,z)=0 are called holonomic constraints
- ► They constrain the configuration space
- ► But the system can move freely in that space
- ► Controllable degrees of freedom equal total degrees of freedom (2)

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Non-Holonomic Constraints

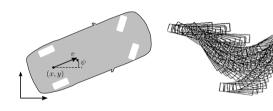
Non-Holonomic constraints are constraints on the velocity:

- lacktriangle Assume a vehicle that is parameterized by $(x,y,\psi)\in\mathbb{R}^2\times[0,2\pi]$
- ► The 2D vehicle velocity is given by:

$$\dot{x} = v \cos(\psi)$$

$$\dot{y} = v \sin(\psi)$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{x} \sin(\psi) - \dot{y} \cos(\psi) = 0$$



- ▶ This non-holonomic constraint cannot be expressed in the form $f(x, y, \psi) = 0$
- ► The car cannot freely move in any direction (e.g., sideways)
- ► It constrains the velocity space, but not the configuration space
- ► Controllable degrees of freedom less than total degrees of freedom (2 vs. 3)

Holonomic vs. Non-Holonomic Systems

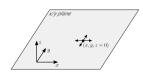
Holonomic Systems

- Constrain configuration space
- ► Can freely move in any direction
- Controllable degrees of freedom equal to total degrees of freedom
- ► Constraints **can** be described by $f(x_1,...,x_N) = 0$

Example:

3D Particle

$$z = 0$$



Nonholonomic Systems

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Example:

Car

$$\dot{x}\sin(\psi) - \dot{y}\cos(\psi) = 0$$



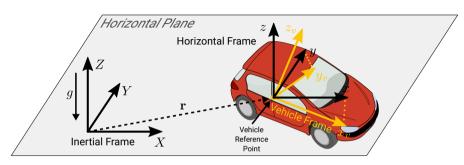
Holonomic vs. Non-Holonomic Systems

- ► A robot can be subject to both holonomic and non-holonomic constraints
- ► A car (rigid body in 3D) is kept on the ground by 3 holonomic constraints
- ▶ One additional non-holonomic constraint prevents sideways sliding





Coordinate Systems



- ▶ **Inertial Frame:** Fixed to earth with vertical Z-axis and X/Y horizontal plane
- ▶ **Vehicle Frame:** Attached to vehicle at fixed reference point; x_v points towards the front, y_v to the side and z_v to the top of the vehicle (ISO 8855)
- ▶ Horizontal Frame: Origin at vehicle reference point (like vehicle frame) but xand y-axes are projections of x_v and y_v -axes onto the X/Y horizontal plane

Kinematics of a Point

The **position** $\mathbf{r}_P(t) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ of point P at time $t \in \mathbb{R}$ is given by 3 coordinates.

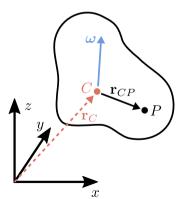
Velocity and **acceleration** are the first and second derivatives of the position $\mathbf{r}_P(t)$.

$$\mathbf{r}_{P}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ z(t) \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{v}_{P}(t) = \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{P}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ \dot{y}(t) \\ \dot{z}(t) \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{a}_{P}(t) = \ddot{\mathbf{r}}_{P}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \ddot{x}(t) \\ \ddot{y}(t) \\ \ddot{z}(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

Kinematics of a Rigid Body

A **rigid body** refers to a collection of infinitely many infinitesimally small mass points which are rigidly connected, i.e., their relative position remains unchanged over time. It's **motion** can be compactly described by the motion of an (arbitrary) reference point C of the body plus the relative motion of all other points P with respect to C.

- ► C: Reference point fixed to rigid body
- ► P: Arbitrary point on rigid body
- ▶ ω: Angular velocity of rigid body
- ightharpoonup Position: $\mathbf{r}_P = \mathbf{r}_C + \mathbf{r}_{CP}$
- ightharpoonup Velocity: $\mathbf{v}_P = \mathbf{v}_C + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_{CP}$
- ▶ Due to rigidity, points P can only rotate wrt. C
- ► Thus a rigid body has 6 DoF (3 pos., 3 rot.)



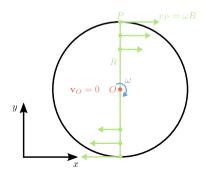
Instantaneous Center of Rotation

At each time instance $t \in \mathbb{R}$, there exists a particular reference point O (called the **instantaneous center of rotation**) for which $\mathbf{v}_O(t) = 0$. Each point P of the rigid body performs a pure rotation about O:

$$\mathbf{v}_P = \mathbf{v}_O + \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_{OP} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \mathbf{r}_{OP}$$

Example 1: Turning Wheel

- ► Wheel is completely lifted off the ground
- \blacktriangleright Wheel does not move in x or y direction
- ▶ Ang. vel. vector ω points into x/y plane
- ▶ Velocity of point P: $v_P = \omega R$ with radius R



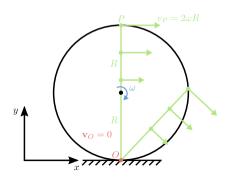
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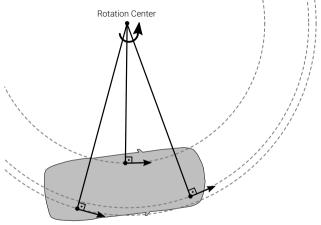
Example 2: Rolling Wheel

- ► Wheel is rolling on the ground without slip
- ▶ Ground is fixed in x/y plane
- ▶ Ang. vel. vector ω points into x/y plane
- ► Velocity of point P: $v_P = 2\omega R$ with radius R

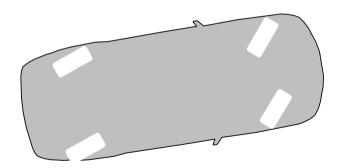


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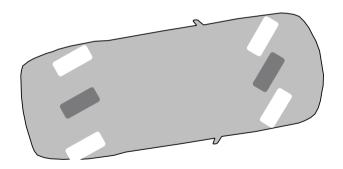
Rigid Body Motion



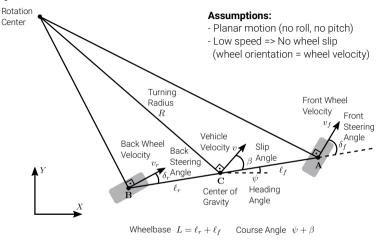
▶ Different points on the rigid body move along different circular trajectories



► The **kinematic bicycle model** approximates the 4 wheels with 2 imaginary wheels

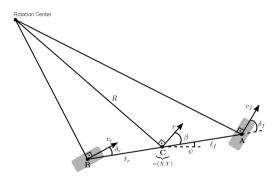


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Model

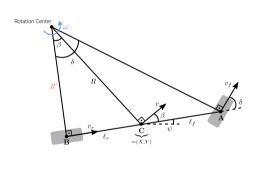


Motion Equations

$$\dot{X} = v \cos(\psi + \beta)
\dot{Y} = v \sin(\psi + \beta)
\dot{\psi} = \frac{v \cos(\beta)}{\ell_f + \ell_r} (\tan(\delta_f) - \tan(\delta_r))
\beta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\ell_f \tan(\delta_r) + \ell_r \tan(\delta_f)}{\ell_f + \ell_r} \right)$$

(proof as exercise)

Model



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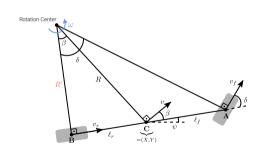
$$\dot{\psi} = \frac{v \cos(\beta)}{\ell_f + \ell_r} \tan(\delta)$$

$$\beta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\ell_r \tan(\delta)}{\ell_f + \ell_r}\right)$$

(only front steering)

$$\tan \delta = \frac{l_f + l_r}{R'} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{R'} = \frac{\tan \delta}{l_f + l_r} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \tan \beta = \frac{l_r}{R'} = \frac{l_r \tan \delta}{l_f + l_r}$$
$$\cos \beta = \frac{R'}{R} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{R} = \frac{\cos \beta}{R'} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{\psi} = \omega = \frac{v}{R} = \frac{v \cos(\beta)}{R'} = \frac{v \cos(\beta)}{l_f + l_r} \tan(\delta)$$

Model



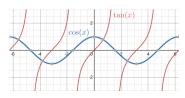
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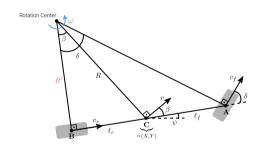
$$\dot{Y} = v \sin(\psi)$$

$$\dot{\psi} = \frac{v\delta}{\ell_f + \ell_r}$$

(assuming β and δ are very small)



Model



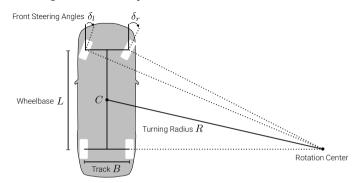
Motion Equations

$$X_{t+1} = X_t + v \cos(\psi_t) \Delta t$$

$$Y_{t+1} = Y_t + v \sin(\psi_t) \Delta t$$

$$\psi_{t+1} = \psi_t + \frac{v\delta}{\ell_f + \ell_r} \Delta t$$
(time discretized model)

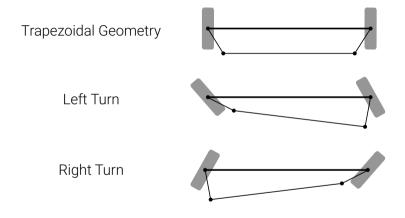
Ackermann Steering Geometry



- ► In practice, the left and right wheel steering angles are not equal if no wheel slip
- ► Combination of admissible steering angles called Ackerman steering geometry
- ▶ If angles are small, the left/right steering wheel angles can be approximated:

$$\delta_l \approx \tan\left(\frac{L}{R+0.5B}\right) \approx \frac{L}{R+0.5B}$$
 $\delta_r \approx \tan\left(\frac{L}{R-0.5B}\right) \approx \frac{L}{R-0.5B}$

Ackermann Steering Geometry



 $\,\blacktriangleright\,$ In practice, this setup can be realized using a trapezoidal tie rod arrangement

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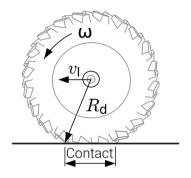
Tire Models

Kinematics is not enough ..

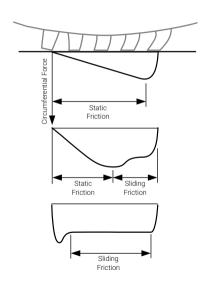


Which assumption of our model is violated in this case?

Tire Models

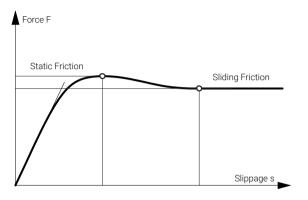


- ► Tire models describe the lateral and longitudinal forces at the tires
- ► There exist many different tire models at various levels of complexity
- ► For a simple qualitative description we consider the **tread block model**
- ► **Question:** Why do tires "slip"?

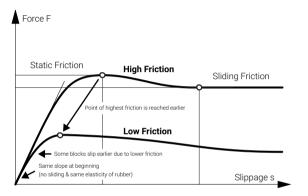


Longitudinal Force:

- As soon as the wheel is driven externally, the tire tread blocks start deforming and slipping
- ➤ The tire tread blocks adhere to the ground, deform and slip when loosing contact
- ➤ When the driving force increases and static friction is exceeded the blocks slip earlier
- ➤ As **sliding friction** is smaller than **static friction**, this decreases the transmitted driving force
- ► If the tire tread blocks start sliding at the beginning, only **sliding friction** can be applied

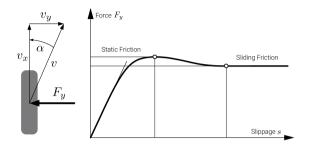


- ▶ Slippage: Difference between surface speed of the wheel and vehicle speed
- ightharpoonup The force F grows **linearly** with the slippage s in the beginning (linear deform.)
- lacktriangle Large slippage s leads to a **reduction** of F (sliding friction < static friction)



How does the force curve F(s) change for **slippery terrain** (low friction)?

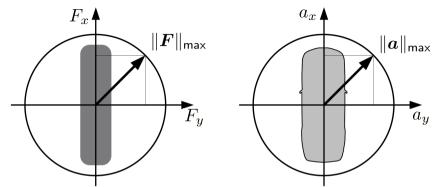
- ► Start of the curve doesn't change as the elasticity of the blocks doesn't change
- ► However, the **maximum reduces** due to the decreased static friction, i.e., the tread blocks start sliding earlier due to a decrease in friction



Lateral Force: (the figure above shows a top view onto a wheel)

- lacktriangle Lateral force F_y analogous to longitudinal force but blocks move laterally now
- ▶ Lateral force for small s and α given by: $F_y = c \, s = c \, \tan(\alpha) \approx c \, \alpha$
- $lackbox{ }v$ = wheel velocity, v_x = longitudinal vel., v_y = lateral vel., c = cornering stiffness

Circle of Forces



Circle of Forces:

- ▶ Lateral F_y and longitudinal F_x force cannot exceed max. friction force $||F||_{max}$
- ▶ More long. force implies less lat. force; max. acceleration only for straight driving
- ► Allows to make statements about maximal possible vehicle accelerations

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Dynamic Bicycle Model

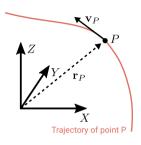
Dynamics of a Rigid Body

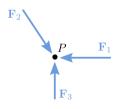
Translatory Motion of a Point:

- ► Consider **point** P with mass m in \mathbb{R}^3
- ▶ Let $\mathbf{r}_P(t) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ be its **position** in an inertial reference frame
- ► Let $\mathbf{v}_P(t)$ denote its **velocity** and $\mathbf{a}_P(t)$ its **acceleration**
- ▶ The **linear momentum** of P is defined as $\mathbf{p}_P(t) = m\mathbf{v}_P(t)$
- ► By **Newton's second law** we have

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{p}_{P}(t) = m\,\mathbf{a}_{P}(t) = \mathbf{F}_{net}(t) = \sum_{i}\mathbf{F}_{i}(t)$$

where $\mathbf{F}_i(t)$ represent all forces acting on the point mass P



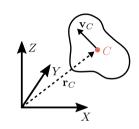


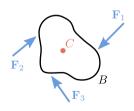
Translatory Motion of a Rigid Body:

- ▶ Consider a **rigid body** B with mass m in \mathbb{R}^3
- ▶ Let $\mathbf{r}_C(t) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ be the **position** of its **center of gravity C**
- lacktriangle Let $\mathbf{v}_C(t)$ denote its **velocity** and $\mathbf{a}_C(t)$ its **acceleration**
- ▶ The **linear momentum** of B is defined as $\mathbf{p}_B(t) = m\mathbf{v}_C(t)$
- ► The center of gravity of a rigid body behaves like a point mass with mass m and as if all forces act on that point

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{p}_{B}(t) = m\,\mathbf{a}_{C}(t) = \mathbf{F}_{net}(t) = \sum_{i}\mathbf{F}_{i}(t)$$

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Rotatory Motion of a Rigid Body:

- \blacktriangleright For the **rotatory motion**, also the geometric shape of B and the spatial distribution of its mass is important
- \blacktriangleright Let $\rho(x,y,z)$ be the **body's density function**:

$$m = \int_{B} \rho(x, y, z) dx dy dz = \int_{B} dm$$

▶ The **inertia tensor** of B is defined as

$$oldsymbol{\Theta} = egin{bmatrix} I_x & I_{xy} & I_{xz} \ I_{yx} & I_y & I_{yz} \ I_{zx} & I_{zy} & I_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I_x = \int_B (y^2 + z^2) dm$$
 $I_y = \int_B (x^2 + z^2) dm$
 $I_z = \int_B (x^2 + y^2) dm$
moments of inertia

 $\Theta = \begin{bmatrix} I_x & I_{xy} & I_{xz} \\ I_{yx} & I_y & I_{yz} \\ I_{zx} & I_{zy} & I_z \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{aligned} I_x &= \int_B (y^2 + z^2) \, dm & I_{xy} &= I_{yx} = -\int_B xy \, dm \\ I_y &= \int_B (x^2 + z^2) \, dm & I_{xz} &= I_{zx} = -\int_B xz \, dm \\ I_z &= \int_B (x^2 + y^2) \, dm & I_{yz} &= I_{zy} = -\int_B yz \, dm \end{aligned}$

moments of deviation

Rotatory Motion of a Rigid Body:

ightharpoonup Let ω be the vector of **angular velocities:**

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = (\omega_x \ \omega_y \ \omega_z)^{\top}$$

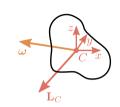
▶ The **angular momentum** L_C of the rigid body B is given by

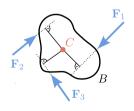
$$\mathbf{L}_C = \mathbf{\Theta} \, \boldsymbol{\omega}$$

► By the angular momentum principle

$$rac{d}{dt}\mathbf{L}_{C}(t) = \mathbf{\Theta}\,\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} = \mathbf{M}_{net}(t) = \sum_{i}\mathbf{M}_{i}(t)$$

where $\mathbf{M}_i(t)$ are the moments of all forces acting on B with respect to the center of gravity C.





Rotatory Motion of a Rigid Body with Canonical Coordinates:

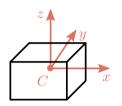
► If the body frame is chosen as a principal axis system for the rigid body (symmetry axes), the inertia tensor is diagonal:

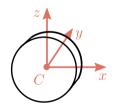
$$\mathbf{\Theta} = \begin{bmatrix} I_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_z \end{bmatrix}$$

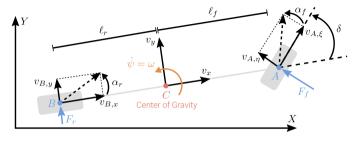


$$\omega_x = \omega_y = 0$$
 and $M_x = M_y = 0$

▶ Hence the angular momentum becomes $L_z = I_z \, \omega_z(t)$ and the angular momentum principle yields $I_z \, \dot{\omega}_z = \sum_i M_i$

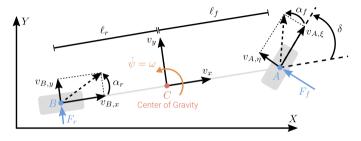




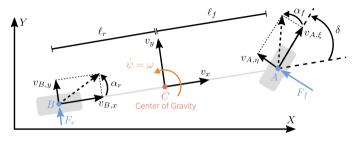


Assumptions:

- ► The vehicle's motion is restricted to the X/Y plane
- ► The vehicle is considered as a rigid body
- ► Only lateral tire forces, generated by a linear tire model
- ► Small steering angle δ : $\sin \delta \approx \delta$ $\tan \delta \approx \delta$ $\cos \delta \approx 1$
- lacktriangle Constant longitudinal velocity v_x



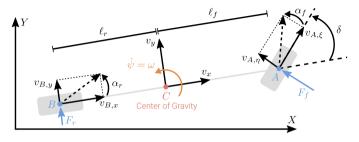
Lateral Dynamics:



Yaw Dynamics:

$$I_z \dot{\omega} = \sum_i M_i = -l_r F_r + l_f F_f \underbrace{\cos \delta}_{\approx 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow I_z \dot{\omega} = -l_r F_r + l_f F_f$$

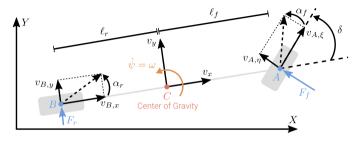


Tire Forces:

$$F_r = -c_r \alpha_r \approx -c_r \tan(\alpha_r) = -c_r \frac{v_{B,y}}{v_{B,x}} \qquad F_f = -c_f \alpha_f \approx -c_f \tan(\alpha_f) = -c_f \frac{v_{A,\eta}}{v_{A,\xi}}$$

$$v_{B,x} = v_x \quad v_{B,y} = v_y - \omega l_r \qquad v_{A,x} = v_x \quad v_{A,y} = v_y + \omega l_f$$

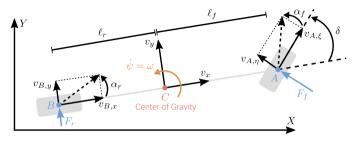
$$v_{A,\xi} = v_{A,x} \underbrace{\cos(\delta)}_{\approx 1} + v_{A,y} \underbrace{\sin(\delta)}_{\approx \delta} \qquad v_{A,\eta} = -v_{A,x} \underbrace{\sin(\delta)}_{\approx \delta} + v_{A,y} \underbrace{\cos(\delta)}_{\approx 1}$$



Tire Forces:

$$\begin{split} F_r &= -c_r \frac{v_{B,y}}{v_{B,x}} = -c_r \frac{v_y - \omega l_r}{v_x} \\ F_f &= -c_f \frac{v_{A,\eta}}{v_{A,\xi}} = -c_f \frac{-v_x \delta + v_y + \omega l_f}{v_x + (v_y + \omega l_f) \delta} \approx c_f \delta - c_f \frac{v_y + \omega l_f}{v_x} \end{split}$$

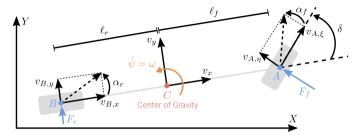
Last approximation due to: $v_x \gg (v_y + \omega l_f)\delta$



State Space Representation:

$$m(\dot{v}_y + \omega v_x) = \underbrace{-c_r \frac{v_y - \omega l_r}{v_x}}_{=F_r} + \underbrace{c_f \delta - c_f \frac{v_y + \omega l_f}{v_x}}_{=F_f}$$

$$I_z \dot{\omega} = -l_r \underbrace{\left(-c_r \frac{v_y - \omega l_r}{v_x}\right)}_{F_r} + l_f \underbrace{\left(c_f \delta - c_f \frac{v_y + \omega l_f}{v_x}\right)}_{=F_f}$$



State Space Representation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{v}_y \\ \dot{\psi} \\ \dot{\omega} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{c_r + c_f}{mv_x} & 0 & \frac{c_r l_r - c_f l_f}{mv_x} - v_x \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \frac{l_r c_r - l_f c_f}{I_z v_x} & 0 & -\frac{l_f^2 c_f + l_r^2 c_r}{I_z v_x} \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{ \begin{bmatrix} v_y \\ \psi \\ \omega \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{State}} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{c_f}{m} \\ 0 \\ \frac{c_f}{I_z} l_f \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{\delta}_{\text{Input}}$$

Can be augmented by the global position to a nonlinear state space model

Summary

- ► A vehicle can be modeled as a rigid body
- ► It is subject to holonomic and non-holonomic constraints
- ► The bicycle model approximates the vehicle using 2 wheels
- ► The kinematic bicycle model assumes no wheel slip (low speeds)
- ► However, modeling tires requires to consider slip
- ► Sliding friction is smaller than static friction
- ▶ We want to operate in the static friction area of the force curve
- ► The circle of forces tells us that lat. and long. forces are dependent
- ► The dynamic bicycle model takes into account tire foces and wheel slip