# Rotation matrices, body vs. earth frame, Euler angles

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# Body frame vs. global frame

**Global frame** - defines the reference frame **Body frame** - defines an object's frame

**Problem**: obtain the relation between the global and body frame.

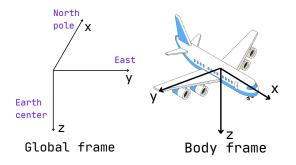


Figure: Global vs. body frame(right handed orthonormal)

#### Vector rotation

$$x_1 = r\cos(\alpha)$$
 and  $y_1 = r\sin(\alpha)$   
 $x_2 = r\cos(\alpha + \theta) = r(\cos(\alpha)\cos(\theta) - \sin(\alpha)\sin(\theta))$   
 $y_2 = r\sin(\alpha + \theta) = r(\cos(\alpha)\sin(\theta) + \sin(\alpha)\cos(\theta))$ 

Using  $x_1$  and  $y_1$  equations,

$$x_2 = x_1 \cos(\theta) - y_1 \sin(\theta)$$

$$y_2 = x_1 \sin(\theta) + y_1 \cos(\theta)$$

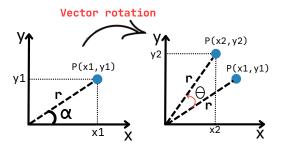


Figure: Vector rotation

#### Vector rotation, Rotation matrix

$$x_2 = x_1 \cos(\theta) - y_1 \sin(\theta) \qquad y_2 = x_1 \sin(\theta) + y_1 \cos(\theta)$$

In a matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (1)

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = A \times \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} \tag{2}$$

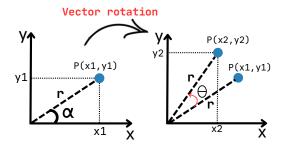


Figure: Vector rotation

#### Frame rotation

$$x_1 = r\cos(\alpha)$$
 and  $y_1 = r\sin(\alpha)$   
 $x_2 = r\cos(\alpha - \theta) = r(\cos(\alpha)\cos(\theta) + \sin(\alpha)\sin(\theta))$   
 $y_2 = r\sin(\alpha - \theta) = r(\cos(\alpha)\sin(\theta) - \sin(\alpha)\cos(\theta))$ 

Using  $x_1$  and  $y_1$  equations,

$$x_2 = x_1 \cos(\theta) + y_1 \sin(\theta)$$

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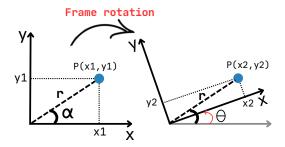


Figure: Frame rotation

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In a matrix form:

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 (3)

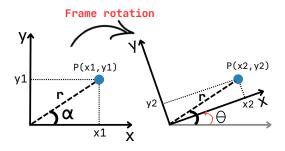


Figure: Frame rotation

#### Complex numbers: Vector rotation

Vector:  $vec_1 = r\cos(\alpha) + ir\sin(\alpha)$ 

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Rotation: rot = \cos(\theta) + i\sin(\theta)

vector_1 * rot = (r\cos(\alpha) + ir\sin(\alpha)) * (\cos(\theta) + i\sin(\theta)) =

r(\cos(\alpha) * \cos(\theta) - \sin(\alpha) * \sin(\theta) + i(\sin(\alpha) * \cos(\theta) + \cos(\alpha) * \sin(\theta))) =

(x_1\cos(\theta) - y_1\sin(\theta)) + i(x_1\sin(\theta) + y_1\cos(\theta)) \rightarrow Exactly the same result.
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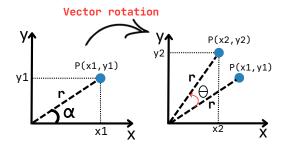


Figure: Vector rotation

### Complex numbers: Frame rotation

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Vector: vec_1 = r\cos(\alpha) + ir\sin(\alpha)

Rotation: rot = \cos(\theta) + i\sin(\theta)

\overline{rot} = \cos(\theta) - i\sin(\theta) \rightarrow \text{conjugate}

vector_1 * \overline{rot} = (r\cos(\alpha) + ir\sin(\alpha)) * (\cos(\theta) - i\sin(\theta)) =

r(\cos(\alpha) * \cos(\theta) + \sin(\alpha) * \sin(\theta) + i(\sin(\alpha) * \cos(\theta) - \cos(\alpha) * \sin(\theta))) =

(x_1\cos(\theta) + y_1\sin(\theta)) + i(y_1\cos(\theta) - x_1\sin(\theta)) \rightarrow \text{Exactly the same result.}
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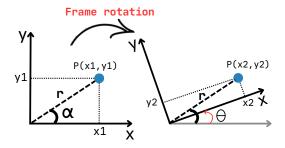


Figure: Frame rotation

#### Frame rotation and Vector rotation characteristics

$$A_{ heta,frame} = egin{bmatrix} \cos( heta) & \sin( heta) \ -\sin( heta) & \cos( heta) \end{bmatrix}$$
  $A_{ heta,vector} = egin{bmatrix} \cos( heta) & -\sin( heta) \ \sin( heta) & \cos( heta) \end{bmatrix}$ 

 Transpose of vector rotation matrix is equal to frame rotation matrix, or vice versa:

$$A_{\theta, frame} = A_{\theta, vector}^{T} \tag{4}$$

Vector rotation matrix is equal to frame rotation matrix of an opposite angle, or vice versa:

$$A_{\theta, frame} = A_{-\theta, vector}^{T} \tag{5}$$

- 3. If frame rotation matrix frame  $R_{\theta,frame}$  maps from an old frame to a new frame,  $R_{-\theta,frame}$  maps from the new frame to the old frame.
- 4. Complex numbers:

$$vec\_rot = cos(\theta) + i sin(\theta)$$

$$frame\_rot = cos(\theta) - i sin(\theta)$$

$$vec\_rot = \overline{frame\_rot}$$
(6)

# 3D-space rotation: Euler angles

Any rotation can be described as three successive simple rotations.

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\begin{array}{l} \psi(\textit{psi}) - \textit{z-axis} \; \text{rotation(yaw)} \\ \theta(\textit{theta}) - \textit{y-axis} \; \text{rotation (pitch)} \\ \phi(\textit{phi}) - \textit{x-axis} \; \text{rotation (roll)} \\ \text{Variations:} \; x - y - z, x - z - y, y - z - x, y - x - z, z - x - y, \\ \textbf{z} - \textbf{y} - \textbf{x}(\textbf{Aircraft EulerAngle Sequence}), x - y - x, x - z - x, y - x - y, \\ y - z - y, z - x - z, z - y - z \end{array}
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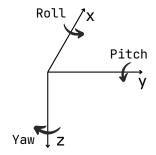


Figure: Roll, pitch, and yaw angles

# 3D-space rotation: z - y -x example

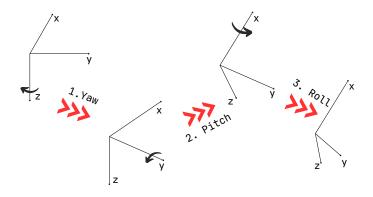


Figure: Roll, pitch, and yaw angles

# Rotation matrices for each Yaw-pitch-roll angles

Yaw angle:

$$R_{yaw} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\psi) & \sin(\psi) & 0\\ -\sin(\psi) & \cos(\psi) & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
(7)

Pitch angle:

$$R_{pitch} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & 0 & -\sin(\theta) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin(\theta) & 0 & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$
 (8)

Roll angle:

$$R_{roll} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\phi) & \sin(\phi) \\ 0 & -\sin(\psi) & \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix}$$
(9)

# Full rotation matrix computation

By multiplying roll-pitch-yaw rotation matrices, we can define full rotation matrix. Frame rotation:

$$R_{total} = R_{roll} \times R_{pitch} \times R_{yaw} = \\ = \begin{bmatrix} c(\psi)c(\theta) & s(\psi)c(\theta) & -s(\theta) \\ c(\psi)s(\theta)s(\phi) - c(\phi)s(\psi) & c(\phi)c(\psi) + s(\phi)s(\psi)s(\theta) & c(\theta)s(\phi) \\ s(\phi)s(\psi) + c(\phi)c(\psi)s(\theta) & c(\psi)s(\theta)s(\phi) - s(\phi)c(\psi) & c(\theta)c(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \\ R_{yaw} = \begin{bmatrix} c(\psi)s(\psi) & 0 \\ -s(\psi) & c(\psi) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad R_{pitch} = \begin{bmatrix} c(\theta) & 0 & -s(\theta) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ s(\theta) & 0 & c(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \\ R_{roll} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c(\phi) & s(\phi) \\ 0 & -s(\psi) & c(\phi) \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Full rotation matrix

Knowing roll-pitch-yaw angles, we can map vectors (points) from one frame to another.

When defining orientation using Euler angles, we have to identify Euler angles using the IMU data.

Frame rotation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{body} \\ y_{body} \\ z_{body} \end{bmatrix} = R_{total} \begin{bmatrix} x_{earth} \\ y_{earth} \\ z_{earth} \end{bmatrix}$$
(10)

# Accelerometer, Euler angles 1

Accelerometer measures the acceleration minus gravity in three axes on the body frame.

$$\begin{bmatrix} ax_{actual} - gx & ay_{actual} - gy & az_{actual} - gz \end{bmatrix}^T$$

Since we have normalized data, changed the sign in accelerometer readings, and can assume that the object is not accelerating,

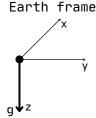
$$\begin{bmatrix} gx & gy & gz \end{bmatrix}^{T} = \begin{bmatrix} ax & ay & az \end{bmatrix}^{T}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} ax & ay & az \end{bmatrix}^{T} = R_{total} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{T}$$
(11)

$$R_{total} = \begin{bmatrix} c(\psi)c(\theta) & s(\psi)c(\theta) & -s(\theta) \\ c(\psi)s(\theta)s(\phi) - c(\phi)s(\psi) & c(\phi)c(\psi) + s(\phi)s(\psi)s(\theta) & c(\theta)s(\phi) \\ s(\phi)s(\psi) + c(\phi)c(\psi)s(\theta) & c(\psi)s(\theta)s(\phi) - s(\phi)c(\psi) & c(\theta)c(\phi) \end{bmatrix}$$

# az x ay z

Body frame





# Accelerometer, Euler angles 2

Accelerometer measures the acceleration in three axes on the body frame.

$$ax = -\sin(\theta)$$

$$ay = \cos(\theta)\sin(\phi)$$

$$az = \cos(\theta)\cos(\phi)$$

$$ay^2 + az^2 = cos^2(\theta)(sin^2(\phi) + cos^2(\phi)) = cos(\theta)^2$$

$$cos(\theta) = \pm \sqrt{ay^2 + az^2}$$

Estimated roll and pitch angles, **positive**  $\cos \theta$ :

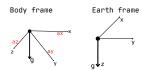
$$\phi = \operatorname{atan2}(\operatorname{ay}/\sqrt{\operatorname{ay}^2 + \operatorname{az}^2}, \operatorname{az}/\sqrt{\operatorname{ay}^2 + \operatorname{az}^2}) \tag{12}$$

$$\theta = \operatorname{atan2}(-\operatorname{ax}, \sqrt{\operatorname{ay}^2 + \operatorname{az}^2}) \tag{13}$$

Alternative: **negative**  $\cos \theta$ :

$$\phi = atan2(-ay/\sqrt{ay^2 + az^2}, -az/\sqrt{ay^2 + az^2})$$
 (14)

$$\theta = a \tan 2(-ax, -\sqrt{ay^2 + az^2}) \tag{15}$$



#### atan2 function

Problem:

$$atan(\frac{-x1}{-y1}) = atan(\frac{x1}{y1}) = \alpha$$

atan2 function is necessary to consider the sign of x1 and y1.

$$atan2(-x1, -y1) = \pi + \alpha$$
  $atan2(x1, y1) = \alpha$ 

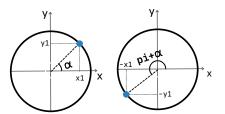


Figure: why we need atan2 function?

# Magnetometer, Euler angles 1

Magnetometer measures the magnetic flux in three axes on the body frame.

$$\begin{bmatrix} mx \\ my \\ mz \end{bmatrix} = R_{total} \begin{bmatrix} M_x \\ 0 \\ M_z \end{bmatrix}$$
 (16)

$$R_{total} = \begin{bmatrix} c(\psi)c(\theta) & s(\psi)c(\theta) & -s(\theta) \\ c(\psi)s(\theta)s(\phi) - c(\phi)s(\psi) & c(\phi)c(\psi) + s(\phi)s(\psi)s(\theta) & c(\theta)s(\phi) \\ s(\phi)s(\psi) + c(\phi)c(\psi)s(\theta) & c(\psi)s(\theta)s(\phi) - s(\phi)c(\psi) & c(\theta)c(\phi) \end{bmatrix}$$

# Body frame

# Magnetic Flux(North) MX X g y

# Earth frame

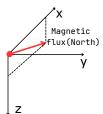


Figure: Magnetic flux in body and earth frame

# Magnetometer, Euler angles 2

$$mx = c(\psi)c(\theta)M_x - s(\theta)M_z \tag{17}$$

$$my = (c(\psi)s(\theta)s(\phi) - c(\phi)s(\psi))M_x + c(\theta)s(\phi)M_z$$
 (18)

$$mz = (s(\phi)s(\psi) + c(\phi)c(\psi)s(\theta))M_x + c(\theta)c(\phi)M_z$$
 (19)

Eq.19× $s(\phi)$  - Eq.18× $c(\phi)$ :

$$mz \times s(\phi) - my \times c(\phi) = (s(\phi)^2 + c(\phi)^2)s(\psi)Mx = s(\psi)Mx$$
 (20)

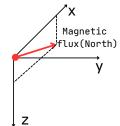
$$Eq.17 \times c(\theta) + Eq.18 \times s(\phi)s(\theta) + Eq.19 \times c(\phi)s(\theta)$$
:

$$mx \times c(\theta) + my \times s(\phi)s(\theta) + mz \times c(\phi)s(\theta) = \mathbf{c}(\psi)\mathbf{M}\mathbf{x}$$
 (21)

# Body frame

# Magnetic Flux(North) MX X g

# Earth frame



# Magnetometer, Euler angles 3

$$mz \times s(\phi) - my \times c(\phi) = (s(\phi)^2 + c(\phi)^2)s(\psi)Mx = s(\psi)Mx$$
  
$$mx \times c(\theta) + my \times s(\phi)s(\theta) + mz \times c(\phi)s(\theta) = c(\psi)Mx$$

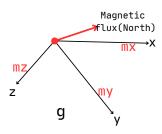
Final solution:

$$\psi = atan2(mz \times s(\phi) - my \times c(\phi), \tag{22}$$

$$mx \times c(\theta) + my \times s(\phi)s(\theta) + mz \times c(\phi)s(\theta)$$
 (23)

# Body frame

# Earth frame



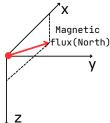


Figure: Magnetic flux in body and earth frame

# Gyroscope to Euler angles 1

Gyroscope measures the angular velocity in three axes on the body frame.

$$\begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + R_{roll} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \dot{\theta} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + R_{roll} R_{pitch} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix}$$
 (24)

$$\begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -s(\theta) \\ 0 & c(\phi) & c(\theta)s(\phi) \\ 0 & -s(\phi) & c(\theta)c(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix}$$
(25)

# Body frame

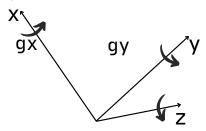


Figure: Gyroscope Illustration

# Gyroscope to Euler angles 2

If we inverse equation 25, we get:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & s(\phi) \tan(\theta) & c(\phi) \tan(\theta) \\ 0 & c(\phi) & -s(\phi) \\ 0 & s(\phi)/c(\theta) & c(\phi)/c(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix}$$
(26)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \phi_{new} \\ \theta_{new} \\ \psi_{new} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & s(\phi) \tan(\theta) & c(\phi) \tan(\theta) \\ 0 & c(\phi) & -s(\phi) \\ 0 & s(\phi)/c(\theta) & c(\phi)/c(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p\Delta t \\ q\Delta t \\ r\Delta t \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \phi_{old} \\ \theta_{old} \\ \psi_{old} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} p\Delta t & q\Delta t & r\Delta t \end{bmatrix}^{T} = \begin{bmatrix} gx & gy & gz \end{bmatrix}^{T}$$

$$(27)$$

#### Body frame

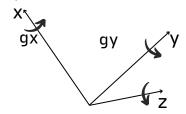


Figure: Gyroscope Illustration

# Accelerometer&Magnetometer vs. Gyroscope

Euler angles estimation using the accelerometer & magnetometer is noisy. Euler angles estimation using the Gyroscope data suffers from drifts.

We have to fuse the estimations to mitigate noise and drifts.

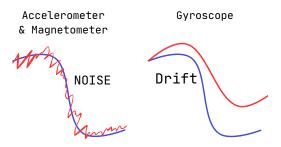


Figure: Noise in accerometer/magnetometer vs. Drifts in Gyroscope

# Euler angles, complementary filter

Rewriting the equation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \phi_{\textit{comp.}} \\ \theta_{\textit{comp.}} \\ \psi_{\textit{comp.}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_{\textit{gyro}} \\ \theta_{\textit{gyro}} \\ \psi_{\textit{gyro}} \end{bmatrix} + (1 - \textit{ALPHA}) \times \begin{bmatrix} \phi_{\textit{acc\_mag}} - \phi_{\textit{gyro}} \\ \theta_{\textit{acc\_mag}} - \theta_{\textit{gyro}} \\ \psi_{\textit{acc\_mag}} - \psi_{\textit{gyro}} \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Steps to be taken:

- 1. Receive IMU data
- 2. Remove biases / Normalize/ Scale IMU data
- 3. Compute Euler angles using accelereometer/magnetometer
- 4. Compute new Euler angles using the gyroscope readings
- Fuse acc/mag and gyroscope-computed Euler angles using the complementary filter

# Gimbal lock or why we do not use Euler angles

$$X - Y - Z$$
 rotation  $\theta = 90 \deg$ 

$$R_{total} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ c(\psi)s(\phi) - c(\phi)s(\psi) & c(\phi)c(\psi) + s(\phi)s(\psi) & 0 \\ s(\psi)s(\phi) + c(\phi)c(\psi) & c(\psi)s(\phi) - s(\phi)c(\psi) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ s(\psi - \phi) & c(\phi - \psi) & 0 \\ c(\psi - \phi) & s(\psi - \phi) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can identify  $\psi - \phi$ , not individual angles.



Figure: Gimbal Illustration

#### **QUATERNIONs**

$$\begin{array}{ll} q=s+x\textbf{\emph{i}}+y\textbf{\emph{j}}+z\textbf{\emph{k}}, & s,x,y,z\in\mathbb{R}\\ \textbf{\emph{i}}^2=\textbf{\emph{j}}^2=\textbf{\emph{k}}^2=-1, & \\ \textbf{\emph{ij}}=\textbf{\emph{k}},\textbf{\emph{jk}}=\textbf{\emph{i}},\textbf{\emph{ki}}=\textbf{\emph{j}},\textbf{\emph{ji}}=-\textbf{\emph{k}},\textbf{\emph{kj}}=-\textbf{\emph{i}},\textbf{\emph{ik}}=-\textbf{\emph{j}}\\ \text{Common expression:} & \\ q=[s,\textbf{\emph{v}}], & s\in\mathbb{R},\textbf{\emph{v}}\in\mathbb{R}^3 \end{array}$$

# Algebraic definitions

$$q_a = [s_a, \mathbf{a}]$$
  $q_b = [s_b, \mathbf{b}]$   
Adding and subtracting:  $q_a + q_b = [s_a \pm s_b, \mathbf{a} \pm \mathbf{b}]$   
Multiplying a quaternion by a scalar:  $\lambda q_a = [\lambda s_a, \lambda \mathbf{a}]$   
Pure quaternion:  $q = [0, \mathbf{v}]$ 

Norm of a quaternion: 
$$q = [s, x, y, z]$$
,  $|q| = \sqrt{s^2 + x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ 

Unit norm: 
$$|q| = 1$$
  
Conjugate:  $q^* = [s, -v]$   
Inverse:  $q^{-1} = \frac{q^*}{|q|^2}$ 

# **Quaternion Products**

$$q_{a} = [s_{a}, a] q_{b} = [s_{b}, b]$$

$$q_{a}q_{b} = (s_{a} + x_{a}i + y_{a}j + z_{a}k)(s_{b} + x_{b}i + y_{b}j + z_{b}k) = (s_{a}s_{b} - x_{a}x_{b} - y_{a}y_{b} - z_{a}z_{b}) + (s_{a}x_{b} + x_{a}s_{b} + y_{a}z_{b} - z_{a}y_{b})i + (s_{a}y_{b} - x_{a}z_{b} + y_{a}s_{b} + z_{a}x_{b})j + (s_{a}z_{b} + x_{a}y_{b} - y_{a}x_{b} + z_{a}s_{b})k$$
Matrix form

$$q_{a}q_{b} = \begin{bmatrix} s_{a} & -x_{a} & -y_{a} & -z_{a} \\ x_{a} & s_{a} & -z_{a} & y_{a} \\ y_{a} & z_{a} & s_{a} & -x_{a} \\ z_{a} & -y_{a} & x_{a} & s_{a} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_{b} \\ x_{b} \\ y_{b} \\ z_{b} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{L}(q_{a})q_{b} = \begin{bmatrix} s_{b} & -x_{b} & -y_{b} & -z_{b} \\ x_{b} & s_{b} & z_{b} & -y_{b} \\ y_{b} & -z_{b} & s_{b} & x_{b} \\ z_{b} & y_{b} & -x_{b} & s_{b} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_{a} \\ x_{a} \\ y_{a} \\ z_{a} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{R}(q_{b})q_{a}$$

# Quaternion rotation

**Vector rotation**: Rotate a point  $p(x_p, y_p, z_p)$  around vector  $\hat{\mathbf{v}}(x, y, z)$  by  $\theta$  angle.

Solution: define pure quaternion  $p=[0,x_p,y_p,z_p]$  and rotation quaternion  $q=[\cos(\frac{\theta}{2}),\sin(\frac{\theta}{2})x,\sin(\frac{\theta}{2})y,\sin(\frac{\theta}{2})z]$  Do the multiplication:

$$p' = qpq^{-1}$$

Frame rotation: Rotate a frame around vector  $\hat{v}(x,y,z)$  by  $\theta$  angle. Find the coordinate of point  $p(x_p,y_p,z_p)$  with respect to new vector frame Solution: define pure quaternion  $p=[0,x_p,y_p,z_p]$  and rotation quaternion  $q=[\cos(\frac{\theta}{2}),\sin(\frac{\theta}{2})x,\sin(\frac{\theta}{2})y,\sin(\frac{\theta}{2})z]$  Do the multiplication:

$$p'=q^{-1}pq$$

# Quaternion rotation example

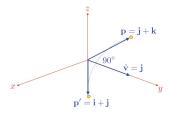


Figure: The point(0,1,1) is rotated around y-axis to 90 degrees

$$\begin{aligned} q &= [\cos(45), 0, \sin(45), 0], p &= [0, 0, 1, 1] \\ qpq^{-1} &= (qp)q^{-1} = L(q)pq^{-1} = aq^{-1} = R(q^{-1})a = R(q^{-1})a \\ a &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(45) & 0 & -\sin(45) & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(45) & 0 & \sin(45) \\ \sin(45) & 0 & \cos(45) & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin(45) & 0 & \cos(45) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin(45) \\ \sin(45) \\ \cos(45) \\ \cos(45) \end{bmatrix}$$

# Quaternion rotation example(cont.)

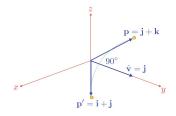


Figure: The point(0,1,1) is rotated around y-axis to 90 degrees

$$\textit{Ra} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(45) & 0 & \sin(45) & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(45) & 0 & \sin(45) \\ -\sin(45) & 0 & \cos(45) & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin(45) & 0 & \cos(45) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\sin(45) \\ \sin(45) \\ \cos(45) \\ \cos(45) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Quaternion to rotation matrix

$$R(q) = \begin{bmatrix} q_0^2 + q_1^2 - q_2^2 - q_3^2 & 2(q_1q_2 - q_0q_3) & 2(q_1q_3 + q_0q_2) \\ 2(q_1q_2 + q_0q_3) & q_0^2 - q_1^2 + q_2^2 - q_3^2 & 2(q_2q_3 - q_0q_1) \\ 2(q_1q_3 - q_0q_2) & 2(q_2q_3 + q_0q_1) & q_0^2 - q_1^2 - q_2^2 + q_3^2 \end{bmatrix}$$
(29)

Vector rotation:  $p' = qpq^{-1}$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{new} \\ y_{new} \\ z_{new} \end{bmatrix} = R(q) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$
 (30)

Frame rotation:  $p' = q^{-1}pq$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{new} \\ y_{new} \\ z_{new} \end{bmatrix} = R^{T}(q) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$
 (31)

# Multiple rotations using quaternions

#### **Sequential Vector rotations**

First rotation  $q_1$ :  $q_1pq_1^{-1}$ 

Second rotation  $q_2$ :  $q_2(q_1pq_1^{-1})q_2^{-1} = (q_2q_1)p(q_1^{-1}q_2^{-1})$ 

Since

$$q_1^{-1}q_2^{-1} = (q_2q_1)^{-1},$$
 (32)

$$(q_2q_1)p(q_1^{-1}q_2^{-1})=(q_2q_1)p(q_2q_1)^{-1}$$

**Key point:** n sequential rotations of a **vector** can be defined as  $q_n q_{n-1} ... q_1$ 

#### **Sequential Frame rotations**

First rotation  $q_1$ :  $q_1^{-1}pq_1$ 

Second rotation  $q_2$ :  $q_2^{-1}(q_1^{-1}pq_1)q_2 = (q_2^{-1}q_1^{-1})p(q_1q_2)$ 

Since

$$q_2^{-1}q_1^{-1} = (q_1q_2)^{-1},$$
 (33)

$$(q_2^{-1}q_1^{-1})p(q_1q_2) = (q_1q_2)^{-1}p(q_1q_2)$$

**Key point:** n sequential rotations of a **frame** can be defined as  $q_1q_2...q_n$ 

# Accelerometer to Quaternion

$$R^{T}(q) = \begin{bmatrix} q_0^2 + q_1^2 - q_2^2 - q_3^2 & 2(q_1q_2 + q_0q_3) & 2(q_1q_3 - q_0q_2) \\ 2(q_1q_2 - q_0q_3) & q_0^2 - q_1^2 + q_2^2 - q_3^2 & 2(q_2q_3 + q_0q_1) \\ 2(q_1q_3 + q_0q_2) & 2(q_2q_3 - q_0q_1) & q_0^2 - q_1^2 - q_2^2 + q_3^2 \end{bmatrix}$$
(34)

Frame rotation:  $p' = q^{-1}pq$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_a \\ y_a \\ z_a \end{bmatrix} = R^T(q) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (35)

$$a_{x} = 2(q_{1}q_{3} - q_{0}q_{2}) \tag{36}$$

$$a_y = 2(q_2q_3 + q_0q_1) (37)$$

$$a_z = q_0^2 - q_1^2 - q_2^2 + q_3^2 (38)$$

# Accelerometer to Quaternion

We assume that  $q_3 = 0$ . Then,  $a_x = -2q_0q_2$ ,  $a_y = 2q_0q_1$ , and  $a_z = q_0^2 - q_1^2 - q_2^2$  $a_z + 1 = q_0^2 - q_1^2 - q_2^2 + q_0^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2 = 2q_0^2$  (39)

Let's denote  $\lambda_1=\sqrt{\frac{a_z+1}{2}}$ . Using this expression, we can compute  $q_acc$  as follows

$$q_{acc} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \frac{a_y}{2\lambda_1} & -\frac{a_x}{2\lambda_1} & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T \tag{40}$$

To avoid singularity, we define another solution:

$$q_2 = 0$$
,  $a_x = 2q_1q_3$ ,  $a_y = 2q_0q_1$ , and  $a_z = q_0^2 - q_1^2 + q_3^2$ 

$$\lambda_2 = \sqrt{\frac{1 - a_z}{2}}$$

$$q_{acc} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{a_y}{2\lambda_2} & \lambda_2 & 0 & \frac{a_x}{2\lambda_2} \end{bmatrix}^T \tag{41}$$



### Accelerometer to Quaternion

Final solution:

$$a_z > 0, \ \lambda_1 = \sqrt{\frac{a_z + 1}{2}}$$

$$q_{acc} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \frac{a_y}{2\lambda_1} & -\frac{a_x}{2\lambda_1} & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T \tag{42}$$

$$a_z < 0$$
,  $\lambda_2 = \sqrt{rac{1-a_z}{2}}$ 

$$q_{acc} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{a_y}{2\lambda_2} & \lambda_2 & 0 & \frac{a_x}{2\lambda_2} \end{bmatrix}^T \tag{43}$$

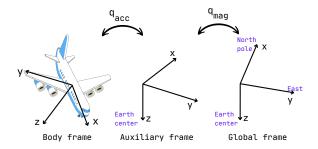


Figure: auxiliary frame

### Accelerometer to Quaternion

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$$a_z < 0$$
 ,  $\lambda_2 = \sqrt{rac{1-a_z}{2}}$ 

$$q_{acc} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{a_y}{2\lambda_2} & \lambda_2 & 0 & \frac{a_x}{2\lambda_2} \end{bmatrix}^T \tag{45}$$

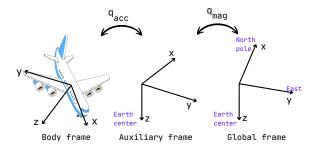


Figure: auxiliary frame

## Magnetometer to Quaternion

Let's compute the magnetometer readings in auxiliary frame. Since,  $q_acc$  defines a rotation from auxiliary to body frame,  $q_{acc}^{-1}$  defines a rotation from body to auxiliary frame. In that case,  $R((q_{acc}^{-1})^{-1}) = R(q_{acc})$  will map body frame magnetometer readings to auxiliary frame magnetometer readings.

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_x \\ I_y \\ M_z \end{bmatrix} = R(q_{acc}) \begin{bmatrix} m_x \\ m_y \\ m_z \end{bmatrix}$$
(46)

## Magnetometer to Quaternion

Let's define a quaternion that rotates along the z-axis:

$$q_{mag} = \begin{bmatrix} q_{0,mag} & 0 & 0 & q_{3,mag} \end{bmatrix}^T \tag{47}$$

Based on this quaternion, one can define a rotation matrix:

$$R^{T} = \begin{bmatrix} q_{0,mag}^{2} - q_{3,mag}^{2} & 0 & 0\\ -2q_{0,mag}q_{3,mag} & q_{0,mag}^{2} - q_{3,mag}^{2} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & q_{0}^{2} + q_{3}^{2} \end{bmatrix}$$
(48)

If we do rotation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_x \\ I_y \\ M_z \end{bmatrix} = R^T \begin{bmatrix} M_x \\ 0 \\ M_z \end{bmatrix}$$
 (49)

Finally, we obtain the following equations:

$$I_{x} = (q_{0,mag}^{2} - q_{3,mag}^{2})M_{x}$$
 (50)

$$I_{y} = -2q_{0,mag} q_{3,mag} M_{x} (51)$$

$$M_z = (q_0^2 + q_3^2)M_z (52)$$

## Magnetometer to Quaternion

$$I_x = (q_{0,mag}^2 - q_{3,mag}^2) M_x$$
  
 $I_y = -2q_{0,mag} q_{3,mag} M_x$   
 $I_z = (q_0^2 + q_3^2) I_z$ 

If we solve these equations,

$$I_{x} > 0$$

$$q_{mag} = \left[ \frac{\sqrt{M_x^2 + I_x M_x}}{\sqrt{2} M_x} \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad -\frac{I_y}{\sqrt{2} \sqrt{M_x^2 + I_x M_x}} \right]$$
 (53)

$$I_x < 0$$

$$q_{mag} = \left[ -\frac{I_y}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{M_x^2 - I_x M_x}} \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad \frac{\sqrt{M_x^2 - I_x M_x}}{\sqrt{2}M_x} \right]$$
 (54)

# Magnetometer/Accelerometer to Quaternion

Accelerometer:

$$q_{acc} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & rac{a_y}{2\lambda_1} & -rac{a_x}{2\lambda_1} & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T, a_z > 0, \lambda_1 = \sqrt{rac{a_z + 1}{2}}$$
 $q_{acc} = \begin{bmatrix} rac{a_y}{2\lambda_2} & \lambda_2 & 0 & rac{a_x}{2\lambda_2} \end{bmatrix}^T, a_z < 0, \lambda_2 = \sqrt{rac{1 - a_z}{2}}$ 

Magnetometer:

$$q_{mag} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{M_x^2 + l_x M_x}}{\sqrt{2} M_x} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{l_y}{\sqrt{2} \sqrt{M_x^2 + l_x M_x}} \end{bmatrix}, l_x > 0$$

$$q_{mag} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{l_y}{\sqrt{2} \sqrt{M_x^2 + l_x M_x}} & 0 & 0 & \frac{\sqrt{M_x^2 - l_x M_x}}{\sqrt{2} M_x} \end{bmatrix}, l_x < 0$$

Final solution:

$$q_{final} = q_{mag} q_{acc} (55)$$

# Update Quaternions using the gyroscope readings

Gyroscope readings:  $[\omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z]$ .

### Converting to quaternions:

$$\omega = \sqrt{\omega_x^2 + \omega_y^2 + \omega_z^2}, x_g = \omega_x/\omega, y_g = \omega_y/\omega, z_g = \omega_z/\omega$$

$$q_{gyro} = [\cos(\omega/2), x_g \sin(\omega/2), y_g \sin(\omega/2), z_g \sin(\omega/2)]^T$$

Since 
$$\omega \approx 0$$
,  $\cos(\omega/2) = 1$ ,  $\sin(\omega/2) = \omega/2$ ,  $q_{gyro} = [1, x_g\omega/2, y_g\omega/2, z_g\omega/2] = [1, \omega_x/2, \omega_y/2, \omega_z/2]^T$ 

$$q_{ extit{new}} = q_{ extit{old}} q_{ extit{gyro}} = R(q_{ extit{gyro}}) q_{ extit{old}}$$

$$q_{new} = egin{bmatrix} 1 & -\omega_{x}/2 & -\omega_{y}/2 & -\omega_{z}/2 \ \omega_{x}/2 & 1 & \omega_{z}/2 & -\omega_{y}/2 \ -\omega_{y}/2 & -\omega_{z}/2 & 1 & \omega_{x}/2 \ \omega_{z}/2 & \omega_{y}/2 & -\omega_{x}/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} q_{old}$$

## Complementary filter based on quaternions

### Complementary Filter:

$$q_{comp.} = ALPHA imes q_{gyro} + (1 - ALPHA) imes q_{acc\_mag}$$

#### Steps to be taken:

- 1. Compute the quaternions using the accelerometer and magnetometer.
- 2. Update  $q_{compl.old}$  using the gyroscope.
- Change the sign of q<sub>acc\_mag</sub> if the dot product of the quaternions is negative.
- 4. Apply the Complementary Filter.
- 5. Normalize q<sub>compl</sub>.

## Linear Kalman Filter, summary

### Prediction, phase 1:

$$x_{n,pred} = F\hat{x}_{n-1} + Gu_{n-1} \tag{56}$$

$$\Sigma_{x_{n,pred}} = \mathbf{F} \Sigma_{\hat{x}_{n-1}} \mathbf{F}^{\mathsf{T}} + \mathbf{Q} \tag{57}$$

Correction, phase 2 ( $y_{meas} = Cx$ ):

$$\mathbf{k}_{g} = \frac{\mathbf{\Sigma}_{n_{n,pred}} \mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{T}}}{\mathbf{\Sigma}_{x_{n,meas.}} + \mathbf{C} \mathbf{\Sigma}_{x_{n,pred}} \mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{T}}}$$
(58)

$$\hat{x}_n = x_{n,pred} + k_g(y_{meas} - Cx_{n,pred}) \tag{59}$$

$$\Sigma_{\hat{x}_n} = \Sigma_{x_{n,pred}} - k_g C \Sigma_{x_{n,pred}}$$
 (60)

### Jacobian Matrix

Example: Jacobian matrix

$$y_1 = \sin(x_1) + x_2^2$$
  
 $y_2 = \tan(x_1) + x_2^3$ 

Jacobian Matrix:

$$\mathbf{J}_{y} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(x_{1}) & 2x_{2} \\ \frac{1}{1 + \cos(x_{1})^{2}} & 3x_{2}^{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

If the covariance matrix of x is

$$\Sigma_x = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, the covariance matrix of y

$$\Sigma_y = \mathbf{J}_y \Sigma_x \mathbf{J}_y^T$$

## Extended Kalman Filter, summary

### Prediction, phase 1:

$$x_{n,pred} = f(\hat{x}_{n-1}) + Gu_{n-1}$$
 (61)

$$\Sigma_{x_{n,pred}} = J_f \Sigma_{\hat{x}_{n-1}} J_f^T + Q, \tag{62}$$

where  $\mathbf{J}_f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \hat{x}_{n-1}}$ 

Correction, phase 2 ( $y_{meas} = h(x)$ ):

$$\mathbf{k_g} = \frac{\mathbf{\Sigma_{n_{n,pred}}} \mathbf{J_h}^\mathsf{T}}{\mathbf{\Sigma_{x_{n,meas.}}} + \mathbf{J_h} \mathbf{\Sigma_{x_{n,pred}}} \mathbf{J_h}^\mathsf{T}}$$
(63)

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{x}}_{n} = \boldsymbol{x}_{n,pred} + \boldsymbol{k}_{g}(\boldsymbol{y}_{meas} - \boldsymbol{h}(\boldsymbol{x}_{n,pred})) \tag{64}$$

$$\Sigma_{\hat{x}_n} = \Sigma_{x_{n,pred}} - k_g J_h \Sigma_{x_{n,pred}}, \tag{65}$$

where 
$$\mathbf{J}_h = \frac{\partial h}{\partial \hat{x}_{n,pred}}$$

## Attitude estimation, Extended Kalman Filter, Prediction Phase

Gyroscope readings:  $\boldsymbol{\omega} = [\omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z]^T$ .

State:  $q = [q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3]^T$ 

#### Prediction, phase 1:

$$q_{n,pred} = q_{n-1}q_{gyro} = R(q_{gyro})q_{n-1}$$
 (66)

where F is

$$R(q_{gyro}) = egin{bmatrix} 1 & -\omega_x/2 & -\omega_y/2 & -\omega_z/2 \ \omega_x/2 & 1 & \omega_z/2 & -\omega_y/2 \ -\omega_y/2 & -\omega_z/2 & 1 & \omega_x/2 \ \omega_z/2 & \omega_y/2 & -\omega_x/2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Covariance prediction:

$$\Sigma_{q_{n,pred}} = R\Sigma_{\hat{q}_{n-1}}R^T + M\omega M^T,$$

where M is

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} -q_{1,n-1} & -q_{2,n-1} & -q_{3,n-1} \\ q_{0,n-1} & -q_{3,n-1} & q_{2,n-1} \\ q_{3,n-1} & q_{0,n-1} & -q_{1,n-1} \\ -q_{2,n-1} & q_{1,n-1} & -q_{0,n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

## Attitude estimation, Extended Kalman Filter, Prediction Phase

Gyroscope readings:  $\boldsymbol{\omega} = [\omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z]^T$ .

Prediction, phase 1:

$$q_{n,pred} = q_{n-1}q_{gyro} = Rq_{n-1}$$

$$\tag{67}$$

Covariance prediction:

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{q_{n,pred}} = \boldsymbol{R} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\hat{q}_{n-1}} \boldsymbol{R}^T + \boldsymbol{M} \boldsymbol{\omega} \boldsymbol{M}^T,$$

where *M* is Measurement Prediction:

$$\begin{bmatrix} ax_{p} \\ ay_{p} \\ az_{p} \\ mx_{p} \\ my_{p} \\ mz_{p} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2q_{1,p}q_{3,p} - 2q_{0,p}q_{2,p} \\ 2q_{2,p}q_{3,p} + 2q_{0,p}q_{1,p} \\ q_{0,p}^{2} - q_{1,p}^{2} - q_{2,p}^{2} + q_{3,p}^{2} \\ (q_{0,p}^{2} + q_{1,p}^{2} - q_{2,p}^{2} - q_{3,p}^{2})M_{x} + (2q_{1,p}q_{3,p} - 2q_{0,p}q_{2,p})M_{z} \\ (2q_{1,p}q_{2,p} - 2q_{0,p}q_{3,p})M_{x} + (2q_{2,p}q_{3,p} + 2q_{0,p}q_{1,p})M_{z} \\ (2q_{1,p}q_{3,p} + 2q_{0,p}q_{2,p})M_{x} + (q_{0,p}^{2} - q_{1,p}^{2} - q_{2,p}^{2} + q_{3,p}^{2})M_{z} \end{bmatrix}$$
(68)

## Attitude estimation, Extended Kalman Filter, Correction Phase

Jacobian Matrix:

$$J_{h} = \begin{bmatrix} -2q_{2} & 2q_{3} & -2q_{0} & 2q_{1} \\ 2q_{1} & 2q_{0} & 2q_{3,p} & q_{3} \\ 2q_{0} & -2q_{1} & -2q_{2} & 2q_{3} \\ 2q_{0}M_{x} - 2q_{2}M_{z} & 2q_{1}M_{x} + 2q_{3}M_{z} & -2q_{2}M_{x} - 2q_{0}M_{z} & -2q_{3}M_{x} + 2q_{1}M_{z} \\ 2q_{1}M_{z} & 2q_{0}M_{z} & 2q_{3}M_{z} & q_{3}M_{z} \\ 2q_{0}M_{z} & -2q_{1}M_{z} & -2q_{2}M_{z} & 2q_{3}M_{z} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(69)$$

#### Correction, phase 2:

$$\mathsf{K}_{\mathsf{g}} = \frac{\mathbf{\Sigma}_{\mathsf{q}_{\mathsf{pred}}} \mathbf{J}_{\mathsf{h}}^{\mathsf{T}}}{\mathbf{\Sigma}_{\mathsf{q}_{\mathsf{meas}}} + \mathbf{J}_{\mathsf{h}} \mathbf{\Sigma}_{\mathsf{q}_{\mathsf{nred}}} \mathbf{J}_{\mathsf{h}}^{\mathsf{T}}} \tag{70}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{q}_0 \\ \hat{q}_1 \\ \hat{q}_2 \\ \hat{q}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} q_{0,pred} \\ q_{1,pred} \\ q_{2,pred} \\ q_{3,pred} \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{K_g} \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{X_{meas}} \\ a_{y_{meas}} \\ a_{Z_{meas}} \\ m_{X_{meas}} \\ m_{y_{meas}} \\ m_{Z_{meas}} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} a_{X_p} \\ a_{y_p} \\ a_{Z_p} \\ m_{X_p} \\ my_p \\ mz_p \end{bmatrix}$$
 (71)

$$\Sigma_{\hat{q}} = \Sigma_{q_{pred}} - K_g J_h \Sigma_{q_{pred}}, \tag{72}$$