

Thruster Controller

$$\begin{aligned} r &= 0 \\ \dot{q} &= -0.1 \\ p &= -0.3 \end{aligned}$$

Let's assume we have a body vector

\vec{F}_d & \vec{M}_d which are desired forces & moments

the force of 1 thruster is $\vec{F}_i = \sigma_i \bar{n}_i$ where σ_i is either a 0 or 1 and \bar{n}_i is a unit vector.

the total force of the thrusters is then simply

$$\vec{F}_T = \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i \bar{n}_i, \text{ similarly } \vec{M}_T = \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i (\vec{r}_i \times \bar{n}_i) \text{ where } \vec{r}_i \text{ is a vector from the cg to the thruster.}$$

Our challenge then is to find σ_i s.t.

$$\vec{F}_d = \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i \bar{n}_i \text{ and } \vec{M}_d = \sum_{i=1}^N \sigma_i (\vec{r}_i \times \bar{n}_i)$$

let's expand these out

$$\vec{F}_d = \sigma_1 \bar{n}_1 + \sigma_2 \bar{n}_2 + \dots + \sigma_N \bar{n}_N$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3 \times 1 &= \underset{1 \times 1}{\sigma_1} \underset{3 \times 1}{\bar{n}_1} + \sigma_2 \bar{n}_2 = \begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_1 n_{1x} + \sigma_2 n_{2x} \\ \sigma_1 n_{1y} + \sigma_2 n_{2y} \\ \sigma_1 n_{1z} + \sigma_2 n_{2z} \end{Bmatrix} \\ &= \underset{1 \times 2}{[\sigma_1 \ \sigma_2]} \underset{2 \times 3}{\begin{bmatrix} n_{1x} & n_{2x} & n_{1z} \\ n_{1y} & n_{2y} & n_{2z} \end{bmatrix}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{M}_d = \sigma_1 \hat{r}_1 \bar{n}_1 + \sigma_2 \hat{r}_2 \bar{n}_2 + \dots + \sigma_N \hat{r}_N \bar{n}_N = \begin{bmatrix} n_{1x} & n_{2x} \\ n_{1y} & n_{2y} \\ n_{1z} & n_{2z} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \end{Bmatrix}$$

where $\vec{r}_i \times \bar{n}_i = \hat{r}_i \bar{n}_i$ & \hat{r}_i is the skew symmetric operator for a vector.

in matrix form

$$\vec{F}_d = \underline{N} \vec{\sigma} \text{ where } \vec{\sigma} = \begin{Bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \vdots \\ \sigma_N \end{Bmatrix} \underline{N} = [\bar{n}_1 \dots \bar{n}_N]$$

since \underline{N} is not typically square you must find the pseudo inverse.

$$\vec{\sigma}^* = (\underline{N}^T \underline{N})^{-1} \underline{N}^T \vec{F}_d$$

$\vec{\sigma}^*$ is deprecated unfortunately. if $\sigma_i < 0, \sigma_i = 0$

if $\sigma_i < 1, \sigma_i = 0$ ← just these two

if $\sigma_i > 1, \sigma_i = 1$

Finding Moment desired is identical

$$\vec{M}_d = \underline{\underline{RN}} \vec{\sigma} \text{ where } \underline{\underline{RN}} = [\hat{r}_1 \hat{n}_1 \dots \hat{r}_N \hat{n}_N]$$

$$\text{then } \vec{\sigma}^* = (\underline{\underline{RN}}^T \underline{\underline{RN}})^{-1} \underline{\underline{RN}}^T \vec{M}_d$$

3 eqns & 8 unknowns?

hmm. I'm not sure this will work.

MATLAB?? yea.

$$3 \left[\begin{matrix} 8 \times 3 & 3 \times 8 \\ (8 \times 8) & (8 \times 3) \end{matrix} \right] \rightarrow 8 \times 3$$

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$$\vec{\sigma}^* = \underline{\underline{RN}}^T (\underline{\underline{RN}} \underline{\underline{RN}}^T)^{-1} \vec{M}_d$$

$$\vec{M}_d = \underline{\underline{RN}} \vec{\sigma}$$

↑

when $C > R$ ← columns > rows more unknowns than equations

$$(8 \times 1) = \underbrace{(8 \times 3)(3 \times 8)(8 \times 3)}_{8 \times 3 (3 \times 3)} (3 \times 1)$$

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Solution of this optimizer is always transpose of the input.