

# Node Test: Position and velocity approximator

## Node test set up and prerequisites:

Rclcpp, geometry\_msgs, colcon, gtest

Test1 : PublishesPositionVelocity  
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### Short description test:

This test verifies that the node correctly processes incoming IMU acceleration data and updates its internal position and velocity by integrating the IMU data.

### Start conditions:

- Node is initialized with default starting position (0,0) and zero velocity.
- No previous IMU messages were processed

### Input test:

- acceleration : x = 0.0 and y = 1.0
- yaw\_z = 0.0
- timestamp = now()

### Expected result :

- pos\_y\_ > old\_y (the new calculated position has increased compared to the old position)

### Result test:

- The calculated position has increased. The node correctly processes IMU data and integrates the acceleration to calculate the position and velocity.

Test2 : ResetCallbackSetsPose  
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### Short description test:

This test verifies whether the reset\_callback() of the node correctly updates the node's internal position when receiving a new position.

- The node should update its internal position (x,y) and yaw orientation when a new position message is received from the "position determinator" node.

- When reset occurs, all velocities ( $v_x$ ,  $v_y$ ,  $\omega_z$ ) must be reset to zero.
- Integration must restart from this new position.

Start conditions:

- Node is initialized with default pose (0,0) and yaw 0 rad.
- All velocities are initially zero.

Input test:

A PoseStamped message with:

Position:

$x = 5.0$

$y = -3.0$

Orientation:

$\text{yaw} = 90^\circ = \pi/2 \text{ rad}$

Encoded as quaternion:

- $z = \sin(\pi/4)$
- $w = \cos(\pi/4)$

Expected result:

Position updated:

$\text{pos\_x\_\_} = 5.0$

$\text{pos\_y\_\_} = -3.0$

Yaw extracted correctly:

$\text{yaw\_\_} \approx \pi/2$  (within tolerance 0.05 rad)

Velocities reset:

$\text{vx\_\_} = 0$

$\text{vy\_\_} = 0$

$\text{omega\_z\_\_} = 0$

Result Test :

- Node's internal position updated to (5.0, -3.0).
- Extracted yaw approximately  $\pi/2$  rad.
- Linear velocities and angular velocity correctly reset to zero.

Test3 : TrapezoidalIntegrationWorks

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Short description test:

This test verifies that the node correctly integrates IMU acceleration using the trapezoidal rule. Two IMU messages are sent with a small time difference and checks if the resulting velocity matches.

Input test:

#### First IMU message

- Acceleration y = 2.0 m/s<sup>2</sup>
- timestamp = now()  
(This initializes integration (dt = 0, no velocity change))

#### Second IMU message (after ~50 ms delay)

- Acceleration y = 2.0 m/s<sup>2</sup>
- timestamp = now()  
(Now a real Δt exists, so velocity should increase)

#### Expected result:

The node's internal vy\_ should match:

$$vy = 2.0 \cdot dt \text{ with tolerance } \pm 0.05$$

#### Result Test :

- The node correctly integrated acceleration over the measured Δt.
- The calculated velocity matched the expected value.

Test4 : RotationTransformCorrect

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#### Short description test:

This test verifies whether the node correctly transforms robot-frame accelerations into map-frame accelerations using the current yaw angle.

IMU acceleration values are expressed in the robot frame, where +X = forward and +Y = left. Before integration, these values must be rotated into the global map frame using the robot's yaw angle. When yaw = 90° ( $\pi/2$ ), robot-frame +X should point in the map-frame +Y direction.

This test ensures that the yaw-based rotation is applied correctly

#### Input test:

- Orientation = yaw = 90°

Two IMU messages are sent:

- First message initializes integration (dt = 0).
- Second message is sent after ~30 ms delay.
- Acceleration: x=1.0, y=0.0

#### Expected result:

With yaw = 90°:

- Robot frame +X = Map frame +Y
- Robot frame +Y = Map -X frame

So after integration, the map frame motion should be:

- Increase in map Y

- No significant change in map X

**Result Test :**

- `pos_y_` must increase (motion appears along map +Y).
- `pos_x_` should remain approximately 0, within ±0.05 tolerance.

Test5 : InvalidDtDoesNotUpdatePositionVelocity

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**Short description test:**

This test verifies that the node correctly handles the case where two IMU messages arrive with identical timestamps, resulting in `dt = 0`. This test ensures that the node does not update velocity or position when such invalid data is received.

**Input test:**

- acceleration: `x = 0.0` and `y = 5.0`
- `yaw = 0.0`
- `timestamp = now()`

After this message is published, the same message is published with identical timestamp.

**Expected result:**

- `pos_y_` remains equal to `pos_y_before`
- `vy_` remains equal to `vel_y_before`

**Result Test :**

- No position change
- No velocity change

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melissa@ubuntu:~/Documents/GitHub/rmb_ws$ ./build/g425_asstgn4_pkg/utest_position_velocity_approximator
[=====] Running 5 tests from 1 test suite.
[-----] Global test environment set-up.
[-----] 5 tests from PositionVelocityTest
[ RUN    ] PositionVelocityTest.PublishesPositionVelocity
[INFO] [1764620338.837437421] [position_velocity_approximator]: PositionVelocityApproximator started.
[INFO] [1764620338.837820893] [position_velocity_approximator]: This test publishes an IMU message to verify if the position and velocity are updated.
[INFO] [1764620338.837952917] [position_velocity_approximator]: Position → x=0.000 y=0.000 yaw=0.000
[INFO] [1764620338.837970855] [position_velocity_approximator]: Velocity → vx=0.000 vy=0.000 wz=0.000
[ OK   ] PositionVelocityTest.PublishesPositionVelocity (54 ms)
[ RUN    ] PositionVelocityTest.ResetCallbackSetsPose
[INFO] [1764620338.876803378] [position_velocity_approximator]: PositionVelocityApproximator started.
[INFO] [1764620338.877014734] [position_velocity_approximator]: This test calls reset_callback with a specific pose.
After the call, the node's position, yaw, and velocities should match the reset values.
[INFO] [1764620338.877034566] [position_velocity_approximator]: Reset pose → x=5.000 y=-3.000 yaw=1.571
[ OK   ] PositionVelocityTest.ResetCallbackSetsPose (6 ms)
[ RUN    ] PositionVelocityTest.TrapezoidalIntegrationWorks
[INFO] [1764620338.883380063] [position_velocity_approximator]: PositionVelocityApproximator started.
[INFO] [1764620338.883578497] [position_velocity_approximator]: This test verifies that the node correctly integrates IMU acceleration using the trapezoidal rule.
Two IMU messages are send with a small time difference and check that the resulting velocity matches.
[INFO] [1764620338.883639661] [position_velocity_approximator]: Position → x=0.000 y=0.000 yaw=0.000
[INFO] [1764620338.883661354] [position_velocity_approximator]: Velocity → vx=0.000 vy=0.000 wz=0.000
[INFO] [1764620338.933921839] [position_velocity_approximator]: Position → x=0.000 y=0.008 yaw=0.000
[INFO] [1764620338.933972038] [position_velocity_approximator]: Velocity → vx=0.000 vy=0.101 wz=0.000
[ OK   ] PositionVelocityTest.TrapezoidalIntegrationWorks (57 ms)
[ RUN    ] PositionVelocityTest.RotationTransformCorrect
[INFO] [1764620338.942251632] [position_velocity_approximator]: PositionVelocityApproximator started.
[INFO] [1764620338.942442634] [position_velocity_approximator]: This test sets the robot yaw to 90° and applies a robot-frame acceleration along +X.
After integration, the motion should appear along +Y in the map frame, with X motion suppressed.
[INFO] [1764620338.942465619] [position_velocity_approximator]: Reset pose → x=0.000 y=0.000 yaw=1.571
[INFO] [1764620338.942525090] [position_velocity_approximator]: Position → x=0.000 y=0.000 yaw=1.571
[INFO] [1764620338.942541537] [position_velocity_approximator]: Velocity → vx=0.000 vy=0.000 wz=0.000
[INFO] [1764620338.972884399] [position_velocity_approximator]: Position → x=0.000 y=0.001 yaw=1.571
[INFO] [1764620338.972938678] [position_velocity_approximator]: Velocity → vx=0.000 vy=0.030 wz=0.000
[ OK   ] PositionVelocityTest.RotationTransformCorrect (38 ms)
[ RUN    ] PositionVelocityTest.InvalidDtDoesNotUpdatePositionVelocity
[INFO] [1764620338.979361585] [position_velocity_approximator]: PositionVelocityApproximator started.
[INFO] [1764620338.979545282] [position_velocity_approximator]: This test publishes two IMU messages with the same timestamp.
The second message should be ignored by the node, ensuring that position and velocity are not updated when dt = 0.
[INFO] [1764620338.979600842] [position_velocity_approximator]: Position → x=0.000 y=0.000 yaw=0.000
[INFO] [1764620338.979618403] [position_velocity_approximator]: Velocity → vx=0.000 vy=0.001 wz=0.000
[ OK   ] PositionVelocityTest.InvalidDtDoesNotUpdatePositionVelocity (6 ms)
[-----] 5 tests from PositionVelocityTest (164 ms total)
[ PASSED ] 5 tests.

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