

2. The equations of motion for the two-body problem in inertial, Cartesian coordinates under the assumption of Keplerian motion are

$$\ddot{\mathbf{r}} = -\frac{\mu}{\|\mathbf{r}\|^3} \mathbf{r}.$$

Define two (vector) states to be the position,  $\mathbf{r}$ , and velocity,  $\mathbf{v} = \dot{\mathbf{r}}$ , of the object, and formulate a first-order nonlinear differential equation of the form  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t))$ .

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{v} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where } \mathbf{r} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{r}} \\ \dot{\mathbf{v}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ -\frac{\mu}{\|\mathbf{r}\|^3} \mathbf{r} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

3. Determine the Jacobian of  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t))$ , given by  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}(t))$ .

The Jacobian of  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t))$  is obtained by taking the partials of  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t))$  with respect to the vector states. Using vector calculus we can obtain  $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}(t))$

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}(t)) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \mathbf{r}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \\ \frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial \mathbf{r}} & \frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{r}} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \\ \frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial \mathbf{r}} & \frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Clearly from (1),  $\mathbf{v}$  has no dependence on  $\mathbf{r}$  and thus  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{r}} = \mathbf{0}_{3,3}$ . The same can be said for  $\frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial \mathbf{v}}$ , and thus  $\frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = \mathbf{0}_{3,3}$ . Also,  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{v}}$  is clearly identity;  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = \mathbf{I}_3$

Thus the only term that we must labor to compute is the matrix  $\frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial \mathbf{r}}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial \mathbf{r}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \left[ -\frac{\mu}{\|\mathbf{r}\|^3} \mathbf{r} \right] = -\frac{\mu}{\|\mathbf{r}\|^3} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} [\mathbf{r}] + \mathbf{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \left[ -\frac{\mu}{\|\mathbf{r}\|^3} \right] \\ &= -\frac{\mu}{\|\mathbf{r}\|^3} \mathbf{I}_3 + \mathbf{r} \left[ \frac{3\mu}{\|\mathbf{r}\|^4} \right] \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\partial \|\mathbf{r}\|}{\partial \mathbf{r}}} \\ &= -\frac{\mu}{\|\mathbf{r}\|^3} \mathbf{I}_3 + \frac{3\mu \mathbf{r} \mathbf{r}^T}{\|\mathbf{r}\|^5} - \frac{\mathbf{r}^T}{\|\mathbf{r}\|} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \dot{\mathbf{r}}}{\partial \mathbf{r}} = \mathbf{A}(t) = \mu \left[ \frac{3\mathbf{r} \mathbf{r}^T}{\|\mathbf{r}\|^5} - \frac{\mathbf{I}_3}{\|\mathbf{r}\|^3} \right]$$

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}(t)) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{3,3} & \mathbf{I}_3 \\ \mathbf{A}(t) & \mathbf{0}_{3,3} \end{bmatrix}$$

4. Given the position of an observer,  $\mathbf{r}_{\text{obs}}$ , and the position of the object,  $\mathbf{r}$ , the right-ascension and declination angles may be computed as

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$$

$$\delta = \tan^{-1} \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}},$$

where  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  are the components of the relative position vector  $\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_{\text{obs}}$ . If  $\mathbf{h}(x) = [\alpha \ \delta]^T$ , determine the Jacobian of  $\mathbf{h}(x)$ , given by  $\tilde{\mathbf{H}}(x)$ .

$$\tilde{\mathbf{H}}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial h_1(x)}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial h_2(x)}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where } \underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and } \underline{h}(x) = [\alpha \ \delta]^T$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{H}}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial x_3} & \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial x_4} & \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial x_5} & \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial x_6} \\ \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial x_3} & \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial x_4} & \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial x_5} & \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial x_6} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and } \alpha = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

$$\delta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}\right)$$

$$\frac{\partial h_1}{\partial x_1} = \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) \right) = \frac{1}{\left( \frac{y}{x} \right)^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) = - \frac{y}{y^2 + x^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial h_1}{\partial x_2} = \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) \right) = \frac{1}{\left( \frac{y}{x} \right)^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) = \frac{x}{y^2 + x^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial h_2}{\partial x_1} = \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right) \right) = \frac{1}{\left( \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right)^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\left( \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right)^2 + 1} \cdot \frac{-xz}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{z^2}{x^2 + y^2} + 1} \cdot \frac{-xz}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{z^2 + x^2 + y^2} \cdot \frac{-xz}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$= \frac{-xz}{(z^2 + x^2 + y^2) \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

Similarly,  $\frac{\partial h_2}{\partial x_2} = \frac{-y z}{(z^2 + x^2 + y^2) \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$

$$\frac{\partial h_2}{\partial x_3} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right) \right] = \frac{1}{\left( \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right)^2 + 1} \cdot (x^2 + y^2)^{-1/2} = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{z^2 + x^2 + y^2}$$

Collecting our partial terms...

$$\tilde{H}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{y}{y^2 + x^2} & \frac{x}{y^2 + x^2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{-xz}{(z^2 + x^2 + y^2) \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} & \frac{-yz}{(z^2 + x^2 + y^2) \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} & \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{z^2 + x^2 + y^2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$