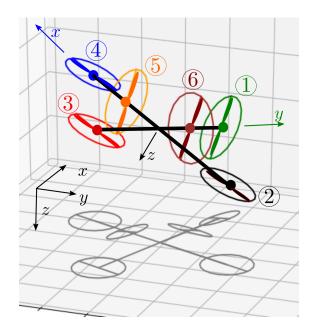
Travail sur le docking de l'hexarotor

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Consider a hexarotor with 6 rotors. Each rotor is at position \mathbf{q}_i with a direction \mathbf{d}_i and yields a force f_i . In the body frame, we have

i	1	2	3	4	5	6
$\mathbf{q}(i)$	$\left(\begin{array}{c} 0\\1\\0\end{array}\right)$	$\left(\begin{array}{c} -1\\0\\0\end{array}\right)$	$\left(\begin{array}{c}0\\-1\\0\end{array}\right)$	$\left(\begin{array}{c}1\\0\\0\end{array}\right)$	$\left(\begin{array}{c} \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{array}\right)$	$\left(\begin{array}{c}0\\\frac{1}{2}\\0\end{array}\right)$
$\mathbf{d}(i)$	$\left(\begin{array}{c}1\\0\\0\end{array}\right)$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$	$\left(\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{array}\right)$	$\left(\begin{array}{c}1\\0\\0\end{array}\right)$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

as illustrated by the figure. Each force f_i contributes to the total force on the robot as $\mathbf{d}(i) \cdot f_i$ and to the torque as $\mathbf{q}(i) \wedge \mathbf{d}(i) \cdot f_i$.



- 1) Find the state equations of the hexarotor.
- 2) Find a controller that makes the hexarotor able to dock on a platform at position \mathbf{p}_d with an orientation \mathbf{R}_d .

Positioner. The *positioner* is a controller which computes the acceleration $\dot{\mathbf{v}}_r$ to apply to the robot to reach a desired target $\mathbf{p}_d(t)$. We define the error

$$\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{p}_d - \mathbf{p}$$
.

To cancel this error, by choosing the right acceleration, we take here a proportional and derivative controller. For this, we want the error to satisfy

$$\ddot{\mathbf{e}} + \alpha_1 \dot{\mathbf{e}} + \alpha_0 \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{0}.$$

where α_0, α_1 are chosen to generate a stable characteristic polynomial. We have

$$-\ddot{\mathbf{e}} = +\alpha_{1}\dot{\mathbf{e}} + \alpha_{0}\mathbf{e}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \ddot{\mathbf{p}} = \ddot{\mathbf{p}}_{d} + \alpha_{1}(\dot{\mathbf{p}}_{d} - \dot{\mathbf{p}}) + \alpha_{0}(\mathbf{p}_{d} - \mathbf{p})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \dot{\mathbf{R}}\mathbf{v}_{r} + \mathbf{R}\dot{\mathbf{v}}_{r} = \ddot{\mathbf{p}}_{d} + \alpha_{1}(\dot{\mathbf{p}}_{d} - \mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{r}) + \alpha_{0}(\mathbf{p}_{d} - \mathbf{p})$$

Isolating $\dot{\mathbf{v}}_r$ in this expression gives us the expression of the positioner:

$$\dot{\mathbf{v}}_r = \mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{T}} \ddot{\mathbf{p}}_d + \alpha_1 (\mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{T}} \dot{\mathbf{p}}_d - \mathbf{v}_r) + \alpha_0 \mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{T}} (\mathbf{p}_d - \mathbf{p}) - \boldsymbol{\omega}_r \wedge \mathbf{v}_r.$$

Orientator. The *orientator* is a controller which tells us how to change the rotation vector in order to follow a desired orientation $\mathbf{R}_d(t)$.

We need to recall that

$$\frac{d}{dt}\log(\mathbf{R}(t)) = \mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{T}}(t) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{R}}(t). \tag{1}$$

Indeed,

$$\begin{array}{ll} & \frac{d}{dt} \exp(\log(\mathbf{R}(t)) = \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{R}(t) \\ \Rightarrow & \exp(\log(\mathbf{R}(t)) \cdot \frac{d}{dt} \log(\mathbf{R}(t)) = \dot{\mathbf{R}}(t) \\ \Rightarrow & \frac{d}{dt} \log(\mathbf{R}(t)) = \mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{T}}(t) \cdot \dot{\mathbf{R}}(t) \end{array}$$

We want the orientation $\mathbf{R}_d(t)$. In SO(3), the error of our robot can be represented by $\mathbf{R}_d \cdot \mathbf{R}^T$. Now, this quantity cannot be qualified as an error since SO(3) has no the addition. In the corresponding Lie algebra, we define the error as

$$\mathbf{e} = \wedge^{-1} \log(\mathbf{R}_d \mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{T}})$$

where **e** corresponds to the rotation vector we have to follow for 1sec to go from **R** to \mathbf{R}_d . To cancel thus error, by choosing the right torque $\boldsymbol{\tau}_r$, we can consider a proportional and derivative controller. For this, we want the error to satisfy

$$\ddot{\mathbf{e}} + \alpha_1 \dot{\mathbf{e}} + \alpha_0 \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{0},$$

where α_0, α_1 are chosen to generate a stable characteristic polynomial. Now,

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{e} &= \wedge^{-1} \log(\mathbf{R}_d \mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{T}}) \\ \dot{\mathbf{e}} &= \wedge^{-1} \frac{d}{dt} \log(\mathbf{R}_d \mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{T}}) \\ &= \wedge^{-1} \left(\mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}_d^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \frac{d}{dt} (\mathbf{R}_d \mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{T}}) \right) \\ &= \wedge^{-1} \left(\mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}_d^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot (\mathbf{R}_d \dot{\mathbf{R}}^{\mathrm{T}} + \dot{\mathbf{R}}_d \mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{T}}) \right) \\ &= \wedge^{-1} \left(\mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}_d^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{R}_d \dot{\mathbf{R}}^{\mathrm{T}} + \mathbf{R} (\mathbf{R}_d^{\mathrm{T}} \dot{\mathbf{R}}_d) \mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{T}} \right) \\ &= \wedge^{-1} \left(\mathbf{R} \dot{\mathbf{R}}^{\mathrm{T}} + \mathbf{R} \cdot ((\mathbf{R}_d^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\omega}_d) \wedge) \cdot \mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{T}} \right) \\ &= \wedge^{-1} \left(- (\boldsymbol{\omega} \wedge) + ((\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{R}_d^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\omega}_d) \wedge) \right) \\ &= -\boldsymbol{\omega} + \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}_d^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\omega}_d \\ \ddot{\mathbf{e}} &= -\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} + \dot{\mathbf{R}} \mathbf{R}_d^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\omega}_d + \mathbf{R} \dot{\mathbf{R}}_d^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\omega}_d + \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}_d^{\mathrm{T}} \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_d + \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}_d^{\mathrm{T}} \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_d \end{split}$$

The differential equation for the error yields

$$\begin{split} -\ddot{\mathbf{e}} &= \alpha_{1}\dot{\mathbf{e}} + \alpha_{0}\mathbf{e} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}} = \dot{\mathbf{R}}\mathbf{R}_{d}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\omega}_{d} + \mathbf{R}\dot{\mathbf{R}}_{d}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\omega}_{d} + \mathbf{R}\mathbf{R}_{d}^{\mathrm{T}}\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{d} + \alpha_{1}\dot{\mathbf{e}} + \alpha_{0}\mathbf{e} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{r} = \mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{T}}\dot{\mathbf{R}}\mathbf{R}_{d}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\omega}_{d} + \dot{\mathbf{R}}_{d}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\omega}_{d} + \mathbf{R}_{d}^{\mathrm{T}}\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{d} + \alpha_{1}\mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{T}}\dot{\mathbf{e}} + \alpha_{0}\mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{e} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{r} = (\boldsymbol{\omega}_{r} \wedge)\mathbf{R}_{d}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\omega}_{d} + \dot{\mathbf{R}}_{d}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\omega}_{d} + \mathbf{R}_{d}^{\mathrm{T}}\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{d} + \alpha_{1}\mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{T}}\dot{\mathbf{e}} + \alpha_{0}\mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{e} \end{split}$$

We can take as a characteristic polynomial for the error which is stable as for instance: $(s+1) = s^2 + 2s + 1$. In this case, $\alpha_0 = 1$ and $\alpha_1 = 2$. As a consequence, to provide the robot an orientation $\mathbf{R}_d(t)$ we can take the following controller

Orientator (in :
$$\mathbf{R}_d$$
, $\dot{\mathbf{R}}_d$, $\dot{\mathbf{R}}_d$, \mathbf{R} , $\boldsymbol{\omega}_r$; out: $\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_r^d$)

$$1 \quad \boldsymbol{\omega}_d = \wedge^{-1} (\dot{\mathbf{R}}_d \cdot \mathbf{R}_d^{\mathrm{T}})$$

$$2 \quad \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_d = \wedge^{-1} (\dot{\mathbf{R}}_d \cdot \dot{\mathbf{R}}_d^{\mathrm{T}} + \ddot{\mathbf{R}}_d \cdot \mathbf{R}_d^{\mathrm{T}})$$

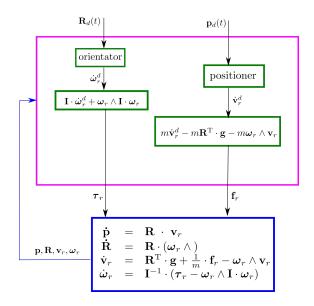
$$3 \quad \mathbf{e}_r = \mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \wedge^{-1} \log(\mathbf{R}_d \mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{T}})$$

$$4 \quad \dot{\mathbf{e}}_r = -\boldsymbol{\omega}_r + \mathbf{R}_d^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\omega}_d$$

$$5 \quad \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_r^d = \left((\boldsymbol{\omega}_r \wedge) \mathbf{R}_d^{\mathrm{T}} + \dot{\mathbf{R}}_d^{\mathrm{T}} \right) \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_d + \mathbf{R}_d^{\mathrm{T}} \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_d - \alpha_1 \dot{\mathbf{e}}_r - \alpha_0 \mathbf{e}_r$$

As illustrated by the figure, we are now able to generate the right total force \mathbf{f}_r and the right torque $\boldsymbol{\tau}_r$ in order to track a time dependent position $\mathbf{p}_d(t)$ with the right time dependent orientation $\mathbf{R}_d(t)$.

To get generate the torque τ_r , we can either use the external forces such as propellers or use inertial disks inside the robot.



Concentrator. Each propeller yields a force f_i . As a consequence, the resulting force in the body frame is

$$\mathbf{f}_{r} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{d}(1) & \mathbf{d}(2) & \mathbf{d}(3) & \mathbf{d}(4) & \mathbf{d}(5) & \mathbf{d}(6) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_{1} \\ \vdots \\ f_{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_{1} \\ \vdots \\ f_{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\tau_{r} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{q}(1) \wedge \mathbf{d}(1) & \cdots & \mathbf{q}(6) \wedge \mathbf{d}(6) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_{1} \\ \vdots \\ f_{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_{1} \\ \vdots \\ f_{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{f}_r \\ \boldsymbol{\tau}_r \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\boldsymbol{f}_6} \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_6 \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrix C is called the *concentrator*. The state equations for the hexarotor are given by

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{p}} &= \mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{v}_r \\ \dot{\mathbf{R}} &= \mathbf{R} \cdot (\boldsymbol{\omega}_r \wedge) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{v}}_r &= \mathbf{R}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ g \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{m} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_6 \end{pmatrix} - \boldsymbol{\omega}_r \wedge \mathbf{v}_r$$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_r &= \mathbf{I}^{-1} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_6 \end{pmatrix} - \boldsymbol{\omega}_r \wedge (\mathbf{I} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_r) \end{pmatrix}$$

If we want the force \mathbf{f}_r and the torque $\boldsymbol{\tau}_r$ we have to apply the forces

$$\begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_6 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{C}^{-1} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{f}_r \\ \boldsymbol{\tau}_r \end{pmatrix}$$

We thus get the controller of the figure below.

