

16-745 Optimal Control Lecture 16

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1 Last Time

- Optimization with Quaternions

2 Today

- LQR with Quaternions
- Quadrotor Control

3 LQR with Quaternions

- Naively linearizing a system with a quaternion state results in an uncontrollable linear system
- We'll apply our quaternion differentiation tricks to LQR to make this work
- Given a reference \bar{x}_k, \bar{u}_k for a discrete time system $f(x_k, u_k)$:

$$\bar{x}_{k+1} + \Delta x_{k+1} \approx f(\bar{x}_k + \Delta x_k, \bar{u}_k + \Delta u_k)$$

First order Taylor expansion:

$$\approx f(\bar{x}_k, \bar{u}_k) + \underbrace{A_k}_{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}} \Delta x_k + \underbrace{B_k}_{\frac{\partial f}{\partial u}} \Delta u_k$$

$$\bar{x}_{k+1} = f(\bar{x}_k, \bar{u}_k)$$

$$\Delta x_{k+1} = \underbrace{A_k}_{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}} \Delta x_k + \underbrace{B_k}_{\frac{\partial f}{\partial u}} \Delta u_k$$

- For the quaternion part of the state, we apply the attitude Jacobian to convert $\Delta \rightarrow \phi \in \mathbb{R}^3$:

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} r \\ q \\ \theta \\ r \\ \omega \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} r & x[1:3] \\ q & x[4:7] \\ \theta & x[8:n] \text{ (joint angles)} \\ & \vdots \end{array}$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_{k+1}[1:3] \\ \phi_{k+1} \\ \Delta x_{k+1}[8:n] \end{bmatrix}}_{\Delta \tilde{x}_{k+1}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ G(\bar{q}_{k+1}) & I \end{bmatrix}^T}_{E(\bar{x}_{k+1})} A_k \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}}_{E\bar{x}_k} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x_k[1:3] \\ \phi_k \\ \Delta x_k[8:n] \end{bmatrix} + E^T(\bar{x}_{k+1}) B_k \Delta u_k$$

Since the B matrix is multiplied by controls, it doesn't need a Jacobian transform on the right. But since its output is a state, it needs a Jacobian transform on the left.

- Once we have these “reduced” Jacobians \tilde{A}_k, \tilde{B}_k :

$$\tilde{A}_k = E(\bar{x}_{k+1})^T A_k E(\bar{x}_k) \quad \tilde{B}_k = E^T(\bar{x}_{k+1}) B_k$$

We compute the LQR controller as usual.

- When we run the controller, we calculate $\Delta \tilde{x}$ before multiplying by K :

$$\text{given } x_k \quad \Delta \tilde{x}_k = \begin{bmatrix} x_k[1:3] - \bar{x}_k[1:3] \\ \phi(L(\bar{q}_k)^T q_k) \\ x_k[8:n] - \bar{x}_k[8:n] \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{whatever 3 parameter representation you like}$$

$$u_k = \bar{u}_k - K_k \Delta \tilde{x}_k$$

3.1 Computing error/delta rotations

- Many possible conventions
- We will write it as rotation from body frame B to the reference/desired body frame R . We want to have the rotation from the body frame to the inertial frame:

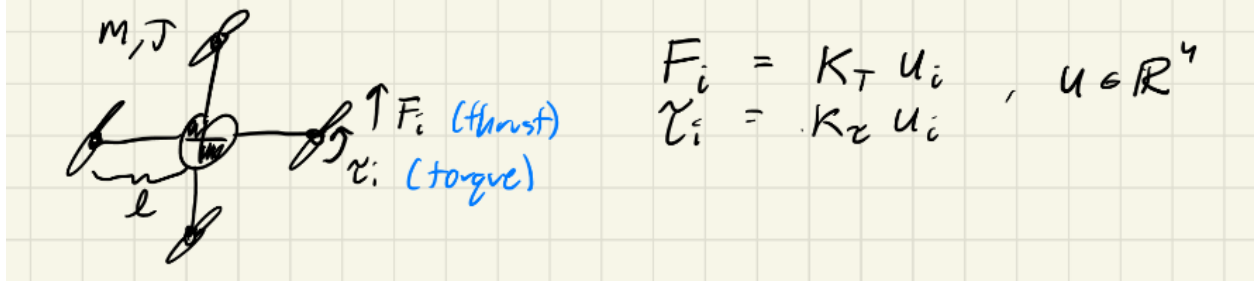
$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{{}^N Q^B}_Q = \underbrace{{}^N Q^R}_{\bar{Q}} \underbrace{{}^R Q^B}_{\Delta Q} \quad \Rightarrow \underbrace{({}^N Q^R)^{-1} {}^N Q^B}_{\bar{Q}^T Q} = \underbrace{{}^R Q^B}_{\Delta Q}$$

Q is Inertial frame, \bar{Q} is the frame we want, and ΔQ is the error

- Using quaternions

$$\Delta q = \bar{q}^\dagger * q = L(\bar{q})^T q$$

4 3D Quadrotor



- State:

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} {}^N r \in \mathbb{R}^3 & \text{Position in } N \text{ frame} \\ {}^N q^B \in \mathbb{H} & \text{attitude } B \rightarrow N \\ {}^B v \in \mathbb{R}^3 & \text{linear velocity in } B \text{ frame} \\ {}^B \omega \in \mathbb{R}^3 & \text{angular velocity in } B \text{ frame} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Kinematics

$$\begin{aligned} {}^N \dot{r} &= {}^N v = Q {}^B v \\ \dot{q} &= \frac{1}{2} q * \hat{w} = \frac{1}{2} L(q) H {}^B \omega = \frac{1}{2} G(q) {}^B \omega \end{aligned}$$

- Translation Dynamics

$$\begin{aligned} \underbrace{m} \underbrace{{}^N \dot{v}} &= {}^N F \leftarrow \text{total force} \\ \text{need to rotate into } B \text{ frame} & \\ {}^N v = Q {}^B v \Rightarrow {}^N \dot{v} &= \underbrace{\dot{Q}}_{{}^Q \dot{\omega}} {}^B v + Q {}^B \dot{v} = Q \hat{\omega} {}^B v + Q {}^B \dot{v} \\ &\quad \text{rotate into } B \text{ frame} \\ \Rightarrow {}^B \dot{v} &= \underbrace{Q^T {}^N \dot{v}}_{\text{rotate into } B \text{ frame}} - \underbrace{{}^B \omega \times {}^B v}_{\text{extra term from spin}} \\ \Rightarrow {}^B \dot{v} &= \frac{1}{m} {}^B F - {}^B \omega \times {}^B v \\ {}^B F &= Q^T \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -mg \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ k_T & k_T & k_T & k_T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- Rotation Dynamics:

$$\underbrace{J {}^B \dot{\omega} + {}^B \omega \times J {}^B \omega}_{\text{"Eulers equation"}} = {}^B \tau$$

J : Inertia matrix

τ : total torque

$${}^B \tau = \begin{bmatrix} lk_T(u_2 - u_4) \\ lk_T(u_3 - u_1) \\ k_\tau(u_1 - u_2 + u_3 - u_4) \end{bmatrix}$$

5 Example

- LQR (or convex MPC) with some quaternion tricks is very effective.