

# Multibody Dynamics B - Assignment 9

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## Short problem statement

In this assignment we are concerned with the rotary motion of a torque-free satellite in deep space, which results in no gravity force and no drag. We will determine the rotation matrix for a z-x-z rotation and use that to determine coordinates and angular velocities in both the inertial and body frame and Euler angles and their rate of change. Furthermore, we will determine the motion of the satellite for 60 seconds, through numerical integration using the Runge-Kutta 4th order, and look at how the Euler angles and angular velocities will change, both in the inertial and body frame.

### 0.1 a) Rotation matrix R

Now we want to determine the rotation matrix at  $t=0$  which transforms the body fixed frame coordinates  ${}^Bx$  into the space fixed frame coordinates  ${}^Nx$  as in  ${}^Nx = {}^N R_B {}^Bx$ . The body fixed coordinate base vectors as expressed in the state space frame are given as  ${}^N e_x = e'_x = (0.768, 0.024, 0.640)$ ,  ${}^N e_y = e'_y = (-0.424, 0.768, 0.480)$  and  ${}^N e_z = e'_z = (-0.480, -0.640, 0.600)$ . Now we also know that the space fixed coordinate base vectors for the global system in x-y-z are

$$e_x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad e_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad e_z = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now we can write the position vector in terms of both the state space frame and the body-fixed frame as in

$$\mathbf{p} = p_1 e_1 + p_2 e_2 + p_3 e_3$$

$$\mathbf{p} = p'_1 e'_1 + p'_2 e'_2 + p'_3 e'_3$$

Now it is important to note that for a rigid body these coordinates are constant. Now if we want to keep track of the position of point P in the inertial frame from the body-fixed frame positions we take the expression of the inertial-frame coordinates and substitute for vector  $\mathbf{p}$  the expression in terms of the body-fixed components, this means

$$p_i = (p'_1 e'_1 + p'_2 e'_2 + p'_3 e'_3) \mathbf{e}_i \quad i = 1..3$$

which we can write as

$$p_i = (\mathbf{e}_i \mathbf{e}'_j) p'_j \quad i, j = 1..3$$

where  $\mathbf{e}_i \mathbf{e}_j$  is the linear transformation which maps the coordinates of point P in terms of the body-fixed frame into the coordinates expressed in the initially fixed frame. This transformation matrix,  $\mathbf{e}_i \mathbf{e}_j$ , is the rotation matrix  ${}^N \mathbf{R}_B$ , so we have

$$p = R p'$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} R &= e_i e'_j \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} e_x & e_y & e_z \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} e'_x & e'_y & e'_z \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.7680 & -0.4240 & -0.4800 \\ 0.0240 & 0.7680 & -0.6400 \\ 0.6400 & 0.4800 & 0.6000 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

## 0.2 b) Euler angles

Now we determine the associated Euler angles (z-x-z)  $\phi, \theta$  and  $\psi$  at  $t=0$  from the rotation matrix found in section a). Now for a z-x-z rotation we have the following rotation matrices, which follow 1.) Rotation about z-axis by an angle  $\phi$  2.) Rotation about x-axis by an angle  $\theta$  3.) Rotation about z-axis by an angle  $\psi$

$$\begin{aligned} R_\phi &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi) & -\sin(\phi) & 0 \\ \sin(\phi) & \cos(\phi) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ R_\theta &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ 0 & \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \\ R_\psi &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\psi) & -\sin(\psi) & 0 \\ \sin(\psi) & \cos(\psi) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Now the rotation matrix for the Euler angles is the product of the three elementary rotation matrices in the following order

$$\begin{aligned} R &= R_\phi R_\theta R_\psi \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi)\cos(\psi) - \cos(\theta)\sin(\phi)\sin(\psi) & -\cos(\phi)\sin(\psi) - \cos(\psi)\cos(\theta)\sin(\phi) & \sin(\phi)\sin(\theta) \\ \cos(\psi)\sin(\phi) + \cos(\phi)\cos(\theta)\sin(\psi) & \cos(\phi)\cos(\psi)\cos(\theta) - \sin(\phi)\sin(\psi) & -\cos(\phi)\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\psi)\sin(\theta) & \cos(\psi)\sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Now we compare this rotation matrix to that which we found in section 0.1 and find the appropriate Euler angles. This gives us:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= \cos^{-1}(R_{3,3}) = \cos^{-1}(0.6) = 0.9273 \text{ rad} \\ \phi &= \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{R_{1,3}}{\sin(\theta)}\right) = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{0.48}{\sin(0.9273)}\right) = -0.6435 \text{ rad} \\ \psi &= \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{R_{3,1}}{\sin(\theta)}\right) = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{0.64}{\sin(0.9273)}\right) = 0.9273 \text{ rad} \end{aligned}$$

### 0.3 c) Angular velocities

Now we determine the angular velocities at  $t = 0$  in the body fixed frame. We are given the angular velocities in the state space frame at  $t = 0$ , they are  ${}^N\omega = (7.67952, 0.23936, 6.40060)$  rad/s. We use equation 19.60 in the book which tells us that we can use the rotation matrix  ${}^B\mathbf{R}_N$ , where  ${}^B\mathbf{R}_N = ({}^N\mathbf{R}_B)^{-1}$ , to transform the angular velocities in the state space frame to the body-fixed frame, so we have

$$\begin{aligned} {}^B\omega &= {}^B\mathbf{R}_N {}^N\omega \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 0 \\ 0.001 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

### 0.4 d) Rate of change of the Euler angles

Now we determine the rate of change of the Euler angles  $(\dot{\phi}, \dot{\theta}, \dot{\psi})$  at  $t = 0$ . Now this can be determined using equation 19.61 in the book which tells us that

$$\begin{aligned} {}^B\omega &= {}^N\omega_\psi + {}^B\mathbf{R}_\psi {}^B\omega_\theta + {}^B\mathbf{R}_\psi {}^B\mathbf{R}_\theta {}^B\omega_\phi \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} + {}^B\mathbf{R}_\psi \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + {}^B\mathbf{R}_\psi {}^B\mathbf{R}_\theta \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\phi} \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \omega'_x \\ \omega'_y \\ \omega'_z \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \sin(\psi)\sin(\theta) & \cos(\psi) & 0 \\ \cos(\psi)\sin(\theta) - \sin(\psi) & 0 & 0 \\ \cos(\theta) & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

So rearranging this equation, i.e. we multiply the inverse of the matrix through the equation, we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sin(\theta)} \begin{bmatrix} \sin(\psi) & \cos(\psi) & 0 \\ \cos(\psi)\sin(\theta) & -\sin(\psi)\sin(\theta) & 0 \\ -\sin(\psi)\cos(\theta) & -\cos(\psi)\cos(\theta) & \sin(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega'_x \\ \omega'_y \\ \omega'_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10.0000 \\ 6.0000 \\ -5.9990 \end{bmatrix}$$

### 0.5 e) Mass moment of inertia

We determine the mass moment of inertia matrix  ${}^B\mathbf{I}_C$  at the CoM in the body fixed frame, where the satellite is modeled as a rectangular box with mass  $m = 60$  kg, and dimensions  $l_x = 0.4$ ,  $l_y = 1.2$  and  $l_z = 0.3$  in the body fixed frame. We align the the principal axes of the body such that we get a diagonal mass moment of inertia, i.e. such that the object is symmetric around its principal axes. Furthermore we know that moment of inertia around the CoM of a object is

$1/12mL^2$ . Now we use the form of equation 18.28 in the book and get:

$$I_{xx} = \frac{1}{12}m(l_y^2 + l_z^2) = 7.6500\text{kgm}^2$$

$$I_{yy} = \frac{1}{12}m(l_x^2 + l_z^2) = 1.2500\text{kgm}^2$$

$$I_{zz} = \frac{1}{12}m(l_x^2 + l_y^2) = 8.000\text{kgm}^2$$

$${}^B\mathbf{I}_C = \begin{bmatrix} I_{xx} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_{yy} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$

## 0.6 f) Euler equations of motion and state equations

Now we write down the Euler equations of motion for the rigid body and the state equations  $= \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y})$  where the state variables  $\mathbf{y}$  are the Euler angles and the angular velocities expressed in the body fixed frame. So we have

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \phi \\ \theta \\ \psi \\ \omega'_x \\ \omega'_y \\ \omega'_z \end{bmatrix}$$

Now the Euler equations of motion are, equation 19.66 in the book,

$$\sum {}^B M_C = {}^B\mathbf{I}_C {}^B\dot{\omega} + {}^B\omega \times ({}^B\mathbf{I}_C {}^B\omega)$$

By rearranging the equation we can solve for angular accelerations,

$${}^B\dot{\omega} = ({}^B\mathbf{I}_C)^{-1} \left( \sum {}^B M_C - {}^B\omega \times ({}^B\mathbf{I}_C {}^B\omega) \right) \quad (1)$$

Now since the satellite is in deep space and no gravity nor drag is exerted on the body the external moment applied on the body is zero, i.e.  $M_C = 0$  so we have

$${}^B\dot{\omega} = ({}^B\mathbf{I}_C)^{-1} {}^B\omega \times ({}^B\mathbf{I}_C {}^B\omega)$$

Furthermore we can find the Euler angles as depicted in section 0.4. Thus the state equations are

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sin(\theta)} \begin{bmatrix} \sin(\psi) & \cos(\psi) & 0 \\ \cos(\psi)\sin(\theta) & -\sin(\psi)\sin(\theta) & 0 \\ -\sin(\psi)\cos(\theta) & -\cos(\psi)\cos(\theta) & \sin(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega'_x \\ \omega'_y \\ \omega'_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\omega}'_x \\ \dot{\omega}'_y \\ \dot{\omega}'_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{I_{yy}\omega'_y\omega'_z - I_{zz}\omega'_y\omega'_z}{I_{xx}} \\ -\frac{I_{xx}\omega'_x\omega'_z - I_{zz}\omega'_x\omega'_z}{I_{yy}} \\ \frac{I_{xx}\omega'_x\omega'_y - I_{yy}\omega'_x\omega'_y}{I_{zz}} \end{bmatrix}$$

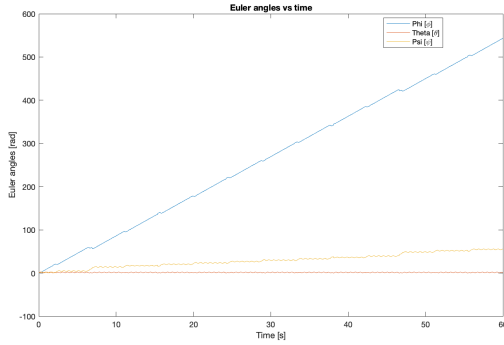
## 0.7 g) Motion of the satellite

Now we determine the motion of the satellite as a function of time by numerical integration of the state equations for 60 seconds. We plot the Euler angles as a function of time and the angular velocities expressed in the body fixed frame as a function of time.

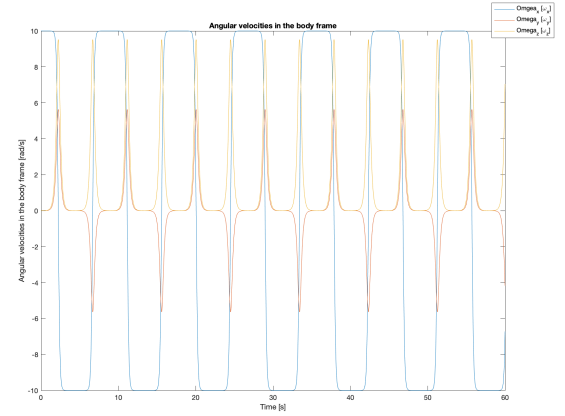
The numerical integration method that we use is the Runge-Kutta 4th order method which follows the scheme

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= f(t_n, y_n) \\ k_2 &= f(t_n + h/2, y_n + h/2 * k_1) \\ k_3 &= f(t_n + h/2, y_n + h/2 * k_2) \\ k_4 &= f(t_n + h, y_n + h * k_3) \\ y_{n+1} &= y_n + \frac{h}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) \end{aligned}$$

This method is used over 60 seconds with a time step of  $h = 9.1553 \times 10^{-4}$ , the Matlab code for the numerical integration can be found in appendix A. Now the plots for the Euler angles and angular velocities can be seen in figures 1a and 1b.



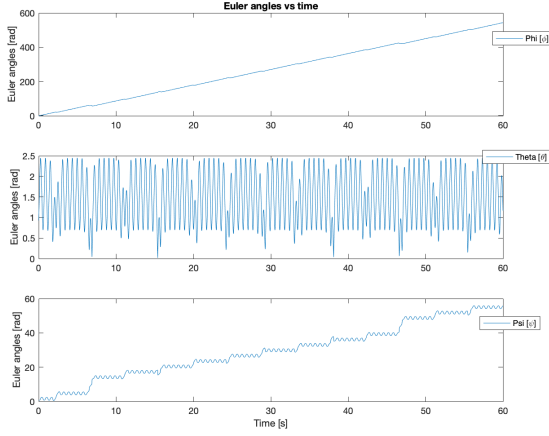
(a) Euler angles



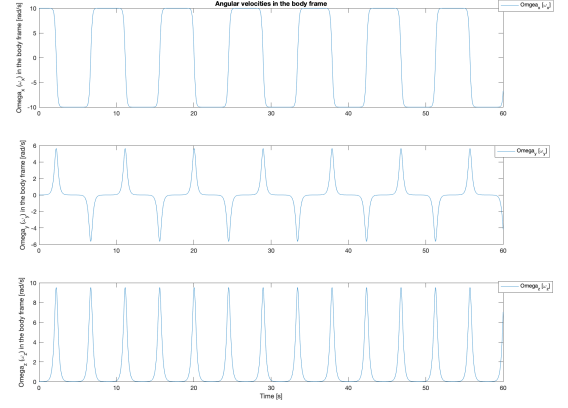
(b) Angular velocities

Figure 1: Euler angles and angular velocities expressed in the body fixed frame as a function of time.

We have a closer look at each of the angles and angular velocities in separate graphs in figure 2 below.



(a) Euler angles



(b) Angular velocities

Figure 2: Euler angles and angular velocities expressed in the body fixed frame as a function of time.

What we observe is that  $\phi$  is constant and increases with time, meaning a constant increase in spinning around the  $z$  axis expressed in the body fixed frame. Furthermore we observe that  $\theta$  wiggles around the 1.5 rad constantly however we observe that there are some disturbances periodically, about every 5 seconds. This wiggle in  $\theta$  seems to affect the  $\psi$  angle as it also wiggles, we also observe the same disturbances, which results in a jump in the angle  $\psi$ . Now looking at the angular velocities, nothing special happens, we notice that they are periodic which is what we expect since there is no external force so nothing should disturb the angular velocities of the body, i.e. no acceleration of the total system is happening, they only shift with the rotation of the body, since the system has a constant velocity. Moreover, we see that when the  $\omega_x$  decreases  $\omega_y$  and  $\omega_z$  increase and the same can be observed when  $\omega_x$  increases then  $\omega_y$  and  $\omega_z$  decrease where  $\omega_y$  and  $\omega_z$  are in phase, this is expected since the body has a constant velocity. We should note that it is strange that there are disturbances about every 5 seconds.

## 0.8 h) Trajectory of a point $p$

We plot the Euler angles  $\theta$  and  $\psi$  separately from  $\phi$  to look better at what is happening at the disturbances. Furthermore, we plot the 3D trajectory of a point  $p = (l_x/2, 0, 0)$  on the satellite through the span of 60 seconds.

Now we plot only the  $\theta$  and  $\psi$  as a function of time, this can be seen in figure 3 below.

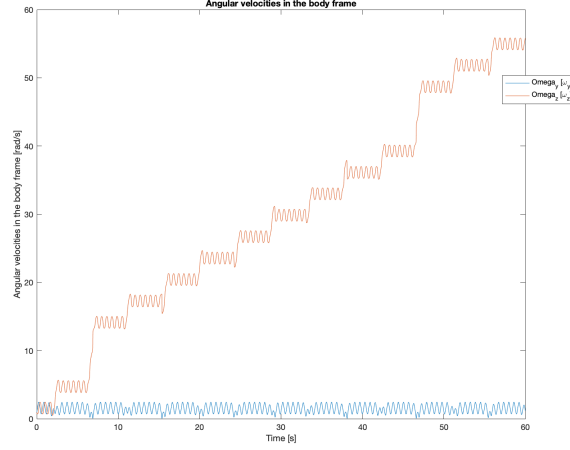


Figure 3: Euler angles  $\theta$  and  $\psi$  as functions of time.

We notice that the wiggle in  $\theta$  definitely seems to affect  $\psi$ , furthermore we notice that the disturbances are synced up. Looking further into this we notice that this happens when the angle is close to  $\theta = 0 + k\pi$ . Now if we look at the state equations we notice that what happens is that when  $\theta = 0 + k\pi$ ,  $\sin(\theta) = 0$  the matrix

$$B = \frac{1}{\sin(\theta)} \begin{bmatrix} \sin(\psi) & \cos(\psi) & 0 \\ \cos(\psi)\sin(\theta) & -\sin(\psi)\sin(\theta) & 0 \\ -\sin(\psi)\cos(\theta) & -\cos(\psi)\cos(\theta) & \sin(\theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

is singular so we are unable to determine the time derivatives of the Euler angles from the angular speeds. This singular configuration is usually called 'gimbal lock'. What happens is actually that we can not determine what  $\dot{\phi}$  and  $\dot{\psi}$  are as they are both rotating around the z-axis. We could avoid this by redefining the rotational matrix such that it rotates around each axis, like z-x-y rotations.

Now we also look at the trajectory of the point p on the satellite during the time-span of 60 seconds, this can be seen in figure 4 below.

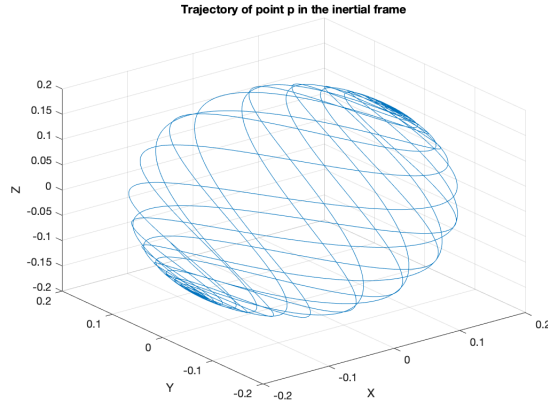


Figure 4: 3D trajectory of a point p on the satellite over a time-span of 60 seconds.

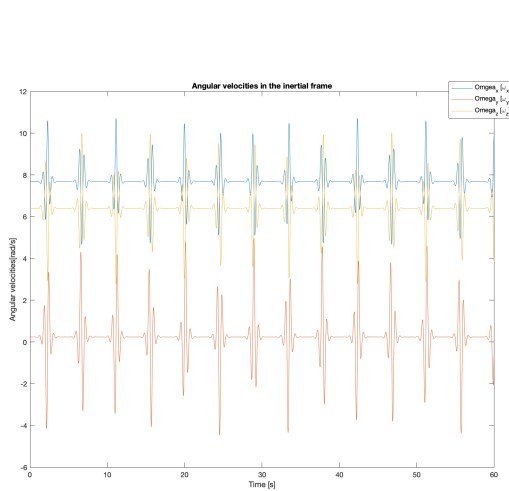
What we notice is that the trajectory resembles that of a sort of ellipsoid around the origin. What we also notice is that the satellite starts with small circles, then moves into a sort of bigger circles, which result in a sort of half-helix, which again moves into smaller circles. The satellite also moves according to how big the circles at the 'ends' are, when they are small, like in the beginning, the satellite moves farther in the y and z direction but when the end circles are bigger they move closer to the origin, less deviation in the y and z direction.

## 0.9 i) Angular velocities in the space fixed frame and angular momentum

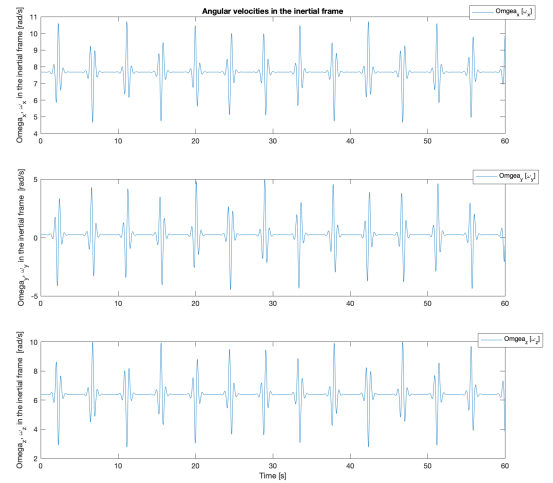
We plot the three components of the angular velocities expressed in the space fixed frame as a function of time and the angular momentum in the space fixed frame as a function of time. Now the angular velocities in the inertial frame can be calculated from the rotation matrix and the angular velocities in the body fixed frame from the equation

$${}^N\omega = {}^N\mathbf{R}_B {}^B\omega$$

Now we have the rotation matrix, which can be seen in section 0.2 and the angular velocities in the body frame and the Euler angles at each time-step, like can be seen in section 0.7. This allows us to calculate the angular velocities in the state space frame for each time-step, using the equation above. These angular velocities can be seen in figure 5.



(a) Angular velocities together



(b) Angular velocities separately

Figure 5: Angular velocities in the state space frame as a function of time.

Looking at the angular velocities in the state space frame we see that they make sense. We notice that the angular velocities are completely out of phase as in  $\omega_x$  is completely out of phase from  $\omega_y$  and  $\omega_z$ , which makes sense since there is no external force acting on the system and so the angular velocities should stay the same. It is also what you would expect that  $\omega_z$  follows the phase of  $\omega_y$  since it is affected by it's rotation, and this is in line with what we saw in section 0.7, where the angular velocities in the body frame for  $\omega_y$  and  $\omega_z$  were working in phase and reacting to how the  $\omega_x$  behaved, similarly to what can be seen here.



Now angular momentum expressed in the state space frame can be found by finding the angular momentum in the body frame and pre-multiplying that with the rotation matrix found in section 0.2. This can be described in equation form as

$${}^N\mathbf{H}_C = {}^N\mathbf{R}_B {}^B\mathbf{I}_C {}^B\boldsymbol{\omega}$$

where the rotation matrix and the angular velocities in the body frame are taking for each time-step. The angular momentum vector  $\mathbf{H}$  expressed in the space fixed frame as a function of time can be seen in figure 6 below.

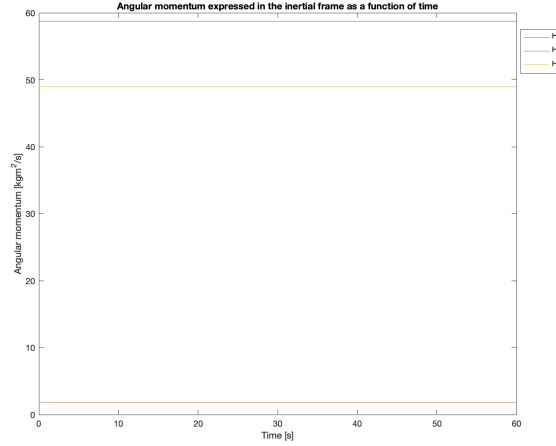


Figure 6: Angular momentum as a function of time.

This is what we expected since there is no external force, as there is no gravity and no drag, and thus no external momentum is applied and thus the momentum should be in the same direction and have the same value through the whole time-span of 60 seconds, actually the momentum should be same for any time-span as long as there is no external force applied.

## 0.10 i) Invariants

Now we determine three invariants which we can use to check our result.

The three invariants that I found were angular momentum, distance between 2 points on the object and the kinetic energy of the system, since there is no external force and thus the velocity is constant. First the angular momentum can be seen in figure 6 above, and obviously it can be seen that the angular momentum does not change with time.

Now we can look at the distance between two points on the satellite, this can be seen in figure 7 below.

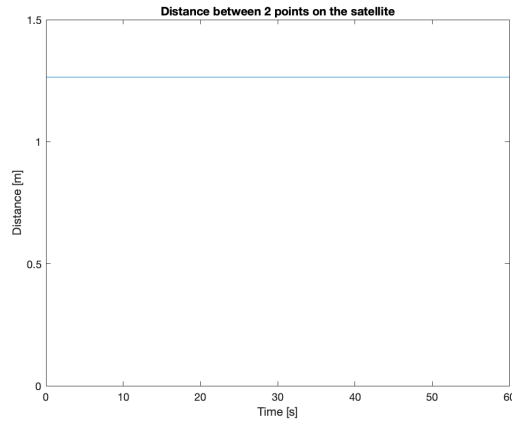


Figure 7: Distance between two points on the satellite as a function of time.

Like we can see the distance between two points on the satellite does not change, which is what we expected, this should of course always be true, since if this was not the case the object would be ripping apart or some other non-expected situations.

Now the kinetic energy of the system can be calculated as

$$T = \frac{1}{2} {}^B\omega^T {}^B\mathbf{I}_C {}^B\omega$$

where we take  ${}^B\omega$  for each time-step. Now we look at the kinetic energy of the system as a function of time in figure 8 below.

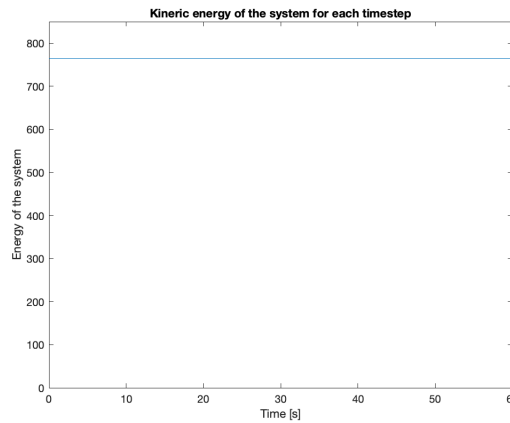


Figure 8: Kinetic energy of the system as a function of time.

We can see that the kinetic energy of the system is invariant of time. This is expected since there are no external forces acting on the system and thus the velocity never changes, since there is no acceleration, and thus the kinetic energy is the same at all times. We should note that if we look carefully at the kinetic energy it is not completely invariant, the same can be said about the angular momentum, due to the singularity problem we described in 0.8, i.e. there are small disturbances in the calculations due to  $\theta$  being close to  $0 + k\pi$ . However these disturbances affect the momentum and energy so little that it can't be seen unless you look at decimal places at  $10^{-6}$  for our step size in the numerical integration.

# Appendix A

## Matlab code

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1 %% a) Find Rotation Matrix from the body to the inertial frame nRb
2 % Body frame
3 e_bx = [0.768;0.024;0.640];
4 e_by = [-0.424;0.768;0.480];
5 e_bz = [-0.480; -0.640; 0.600];
6 e_b = [e_bx, e_by, e_bz];
7
8 % Inertial frame
9 e_x = [1;0;0];
10 e_y = [0;1;0];
11 e_z = [0;0;1];
12 e = [e_x, e_y, e_z];
13
14 % Rotation matrix from body to inertial frame
15 R = e*e_b;
16
17 %% b) Determine the Euler angles (z-x-z)
18 syms phi theta psi
19 ang = [phi; theta; psi];
20
21 % Find first the rotation marixes about z-x-z axes, i.e. phi,theta and psi,
22 % individually
23
24 R_phi = [cos(phi) -sin(phi) 0; % Same rotation matrix as in 19.26 ...
           in the book
           sin(phi) cos(phi) 0;
           0 0 1];
25
26
27
28 R_theta = [1 0 0; % Same rotation matrix as in 19.28 ...
            in the book
            0 cos(theta) -sin(theta);
            0 sin(theta) cos(theta)];
29
30
31
32 R_psi = [cos(psi) -sin(psi) 0; % Same rotation matrix as in 19.30 ...
          in the book
          sin(psi) cos(psi) 0;
          0 0 1];
33
34
35
36
37 % The final rotation matrix
38
39 R_Eul = R_phi*R_theta*R_psi;
40
41 matlabFunction(R_Eul, 'File', 'Rh9');
42
43 % Now we find the value of the angles
44
45 theta = acos(R(3,3));
46 phi = asin(R(1,3)/sin(theta));
47 psi = asin(R(3,1)/sin(theta));
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49 Eul = [phi;theta;psi];
50
51 %% c) Finding the angular velocities in the body frame
52
53 % Angular velocities in the inertia frame at t=0
54 w0_i = [7.67952;0.23936;6.40060];
55
56 % Calculate angular velocities in body frame, using equation 19.60
57 w0_b = inv(R)*w0_i;
58
59
60 %% d) Find the rate of change of Euler angles
61 % we use equation 19.70 to determine the rate of change
62 B = [sin(psi)*sin(theta) cos(psi) 0;
63      cos(psi)*sin(theta) -sin(psi) 0;
64      cos(theta) 0 1];
65
66 dEul = inv(B)*w0_b;
67
68 %% e) Find the inertia matrix bIc in the body fixed frame.
69
70 m = 60; % [kg]
71
72 l_x = 0.4; % [m]
73 l_y = 1.2; % [m]
74 l_z = 0.3; % [m]
75
76 % Moment of inertia around the center of mass is 1/12*m*l^2, and we use the
77 % inertia matrix form in equation 18.28, i.e. we align the principal axes of
78 % the body such that we get a diagonal mass moment of inertia, i.e. such
79 % that the object is symmetric around its principal axes.
80
81 bIx = 1/12*m*(l_y^2+l_z^2);
82 bIy = 1/12*m*(l_x^2+l_z^2);
83 bIz = 1/12*m*(l_x^2+l_y^2);
84
85 bIc = diag([bIx bIy bIz]);
86
87
88 %% f) Equation of motion
89 syms bwx bwy bwz Ixx Iyy Izz
90
91 wb = [bwx; bwy; bwz];
92 I = diag([Ixx Iyy Izz]);
93
94 dwb = inv(I)*(-cross(wb, (I*wb)));
95
96 %% g) Numerical Integration with the Runge-Kutta 4th order method
97
98 % setup
99 time=60;
100 nn=16;
101 N=2.^nn;
102 h=time./N;
103
104 t= 0;

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105 y0 = [phi; theta; psi; w0_b];
106 ang = [phi; theta; psi; w0_b];
107 for j=1:N
108     k1 = qa(y0);
109     k2=qa(y0 + h/2*k1);
110     k3=qa(y0 + h/2*k2);
111     k4=qa(y0 + h*k3);
112     qn= y0+1/6*h*(k1+2*k2+2*k3+k4);
113
114     y0 = qn;
115     q_n(j,:)=qn;
116     t = t+h;
117     T(j)=t;
118 end
119
120 %% Plots
121 q_plot = [ang';q_n];
122 T_plot = [0;T'];
123
124 figure(1)
125 plot(T_plot,q_plot(:,1),T_plot,q_plot(:,2),T_plot,q_plot(:,3));
126 xlabel('Time [s]')
127 ylabel('Euler angles [rad]')
128 legend('Phi [\phi]', 'Theta [\theta]', 'Psi [\psi]')
129 title('Euler angles vs time')
130
131 figure(2)
132 plot(T_plot,q_plot(:,4),T_plot,q_plot(:,5),T_plot,q_plot(:,6));
133 xlabel('Time [s]')
134 ylabel('Angular velocities in the body frame [rad/s]')
135 legend('Omgea_x [\omega_x]', 'Omega_y [\omega_y]', 'Omega_z [\omega_z]')
136 title('Angular velocities in the body frame')
137
138 figure(3)
139 subplot(311)
140 plot(T_plot,q_plot(:,1))
141 title('Euler angles vs time')
142 ylabel('Euler angles [rad]')
143 legend('Phi [\phi]')
144
145 subplot(312)
146 plot(T_plot,q_plot(:,2))
147 ylabel('Euler angles [rad]')
148 legend('Theta [\theta]')
149
150 subplot(313)
151 plot(T_plot,q_plot(:,3))
152 ylabel('Euler angles [rad]')
153 legend('Psi [\psi]')
154 xlabel('Time [s]')
155
156 figure(4)
157 subplot(311)
158 plot(T_plot,q_plot(:,4))
159 title('Angular velocities in the body frame')
160 ylabel('Omega_x (\omega_x) in the body frame [rad/s]')

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161 legend('Omgea_x [\omega_x]')
162
163 subplot(312)
164 plot(T_plot,q_plot(:,5))
165 ylabel('Omega_y (\omega_y) in the body frame [rad/s]')
166 legend('Omega_y [\omega_y]')
167
168 subplot(313)
169 plot(T_plot,q_plot(:,6))
170 ylabel('Omega_z (\omega_z) in the body frame [rad/s]')
171 legend('Omega_z [\omega_z]')
172 xlabel('Time [s]')
173
174 figure(9)
175 plot(T_plot,q_plot(:,2),T_plot,q_plot(:,3))
176 xlabel('Time [s]')
177 ylabel('Angular velocities in the body frame [rad/s]')
178 legend('Omega_y [\omega_y]', 'Omega_z [\omega_z]')
179 title('Angular velocities in the body frame')
180 %% h) 3D trajectory of point p
181 p = [(l_x)/2;0;0];
182
183 p_I = R_Euler(p,q_plot(:,1:3));
184
185 figure(5)
186 plot3(p_I(:,1),p_I(:,2),p_I(:,3))
187 grid on
188 xlabel('X')
189 ylabel('Y')
190 zlabel('Z')
191 title('Trajectory of point p in the inertial frame')
192
193 %% i) plot the angular velocities in the inertial frame
194
195 w_i = R_Euler_vel(q_plot);
196
197 figure(6)
198 plot(T_plot,w_i(:,1),T_plot,w_i(:,2),T_plot,w_i(:,3))
199 title('Angular velocities in the inertial frame')
200 ylabel('Angular velocities[rad/s]')
201 xlabel('Time [s]')
202 legend('Omgea_x [\omega_x]', 'Omega_y [\omega_y]', 'Omega_z [\omega_z]')
203
204
205 figure(7)
206 subplot(311)
207 plot(T_plot,w_i(:,1))
208 title('Angular velocities in the inertial frame')
209 ylabel('Omega_x, \omega_x in the inertial frame [rad/s]')
210 legend('Omgea_x [\omega_x]')
211
212 subplot(312)
213 plot(T_plot,w_i(:,2))
214 ylabel('Omega_y, \omega_y in the inertial frame [rad/s]')
215 legend('Omgea_y [\omega_y]')
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217 subplot(313)
218 plot(T_plot,w_i(:,3))
219 ylabel('Omega_z, \omega_z in the inertial frame [rad/s]')
220 legend('Omgea_z [\omega_z]')
221 xlabel('Time [s]')
222
223 %% i) Angular momentum vector in the inertial frame
224
225 momentum_i = R_Euler_mom(q_plot);
226
227 figure(8)
228 plot(T_plot,momentum_i(:,1),T_plot,momentum_i(:,2),T_plot,momentum_i(:,3))
229 ylabel('Angular momentum [kgm^2/s]')
230 xlabel('Time [s]')
231 title('Angular momentum expressed in the inertial frame as a function of time')
232 legend('H_x', 'H_y', 'H_z')
233
234 %% j) Invariants
235
236 % distance between two points on the satellite.
237 p1 = [0;l_y;0];
238 p2 = [l_x;0;0];
239
240 P_1 = R_Euler(p1,q_plot(:,1:3));
241 P_2 = R_Euler(p2,q_plot(:,1:3));
242
243 for i = 1:length(T_plot)
244     dist(i,:) = norm(P_1(i,:)-P_2(i,:));
245 end
246
247 figure(10)
248 plot(T_plot,dist)
249 ylabel('Distance [m]')
250 xlabel('Time [s]')
251 title('Distance between 2 points on the satellite')
252 yaxis([0 1.5])
253
254 %% Kinetic energy of the system
255
256 T = R_Euler_KE(q_plot);
257
258 figure(11)
259 plot(T_plot,T)
260 xlabel('Time [s]')
261 ylabel('Energy of the system')
262 title('Kinetic energy of the system for each timestep')
263 %yaxis([0 850])
264
265 %% Functions
266
267 function state_d = qa(y)
268 phi = y(1);
269 theta = y(2);
270 psi = y(3);
271
272 wb = y(4:6);

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273
274 % Find the rate of change in angular velocities
275 m = 60;      % [kg]
276
277 l_x = 0.4;    % [m]
278 l_y = 1.2;    % [m]
279 l_z = 0.3;    % [m]
280
281
282 bIx = 1/12*m*(l_y^2+l_z^2);
283 bIy = 1/12*m*(l_x^2+l_z^2);
284 bIz = 1/12*m*(l_x^2+l_y^2);
285
286 bIc = diag([bIx bIy bIz]);
287
288 dwb = inv(bIc)*(-cross(wb, (bIc*wb)));
289
290 % Find the rate of change for Euler angles
291 B = [sin(psi)*sin(theta) cos(psi) 0;
292      cos(psi)*sin(theta) -sin(psi) 0;
293      cos(theta) 0 1];
294
295 dEul = inv(B)*wb;
296
297 state_d = [dEul;dwb];
298 end
299
300
301
302 function position = R_Euler(p,angles)
303
304 for i = 1:length(angles)
305     phi = angles(i,1);
306     theta = angles(i,2);
307     psi = angles(i,3);
308
309     R_Eul = Rhw9(phi,psi,theta);
310
311     position(i,:) = R_Eul*p;
312 end
313
314 end
315
316 function angvel = R_Euler_vel(angles)
317
318 for i = 1:length(angles)
319     phi = angles(i,1);
320     theta = angles(i,2);
321     psi = angles(i,3);
322
323     wx = angles(i,4);
324     wy = angles(i,5);
325     wz = angles(i,6);
326
327     wb = [wx;wy;wz];
328

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329     R_Eul = Rhw9(phi,psi,theta);
330
331     angvel(i,:) = R_Eul*wb;
332 end
333
334 end
335
336 function momentum = R_Euler_mom(angles)
337
338 m = 60;      % [kg]
339
340 l_x = 0.4;   % [m]
341 l_y = 1.2;   % [m]
342 l_z = 0.3;   % [m]
343
344
345 bIx = 1/12*m*(l_y^2+l_z^2);
346 bIy = 1/12*m*(l_x^2+l_z^2);
347 bIz = 1/12*m*(l_x^2+l_y^2);
348
349 bIc = diag([bIx bIy bIz]);
350
351
352 for i = 1:length(angles)
353     phi = angles(i,1);
354     theta = angles(i,2);
355     psi = angles(i,3);
356
357     wx = angles(i,4);
358     wy = angles(i,5);
359     wz = angles(i,6);
360
361     wb = [wx;wy;wz];
362
363     R_Eul = Rhw9(phi,psi,theta);
364
365     momentum(i,:) = R_Eul*bIc*wb;
366 end
367
368 end
369
370 function kenergy = R_Euler_KE(angles)
371
372 m = 60;      % [kg]
373
374 l_x = 0.4;   % [m]
375 l_y = 1.2;   % [m]
376 l_z = 0.3;   % [m]
377
378
379 bIx = 1/12*m*(l_y^2+l_z^2);
380 bIy = 1/12*m*(l_x^2+l_z^2);
381 bIz = 1/12*m*(l_x^2+l_y^2);
382
383 bIc = diag([bIx bIy bIz]);
384

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385 for i = 1:length(angles)
386
387     wx = angles(i,4);
388     wy = angles(i,5);
389     wz = angles(i,6);
390
391     wb = [wx;wy;wz];
392
393     kenergy(i,:) = wb'*bIc*wb;
394 end
395
396 end
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