

# Attitude and Optimal Control for CubeSat

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# Introduction

# Background

- The CubeSat standard was created by Cal Poly SLO and Stanford's Space Systems Development Lab in 1999.
- Facilitate access to space for university students.
- CubeSat developers include educational institutions, private firms, and government organizations

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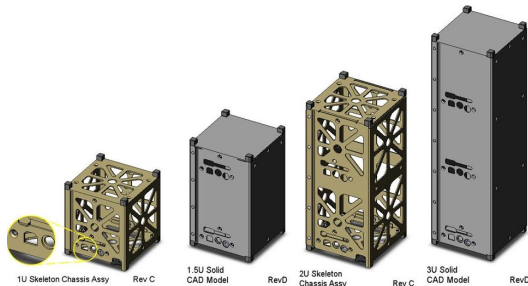
## Mission Types

- 1 Monitoring
- 2 Improving capabilities
- 3 Biological Research
- 4 Imagery

## Examples

- 1 CubeSat QB50 measurements in the lower thermosphere (90350 km) and re-entry research
- 2 Quakesat measures magnetic signals hoping to ID earthquake onset
- 3 KSAT2 climatology satellite with RF water vapor sensor for improved prediction of rain and tornado.

# Background



## Background: Previous Work

- Develle, M.J. Developed optimal controller that minimized torque using B-Spline Prey Motion
- Kedare, S.S. Reduced computational cost for on-board propagation
- Tudor, Z. Developed detumbling algorithm as the cubesat exits it's pod
- Brathen, G. Further developed Tudor's algorithm and implemented an LQR controller

# Problem Formulation





# Governing Equations

- Newton's Universal Gravitation Law

$$F = \frac{Gm_1m_2}{r^2} \quad (1)$$

- Torque Law

$$\tau^b = I\dot{\omega}_{ib}^b + \omega_{ib}^b \times I\omega_{ib}^b \quad (2)$$

- Satellite Kinematics

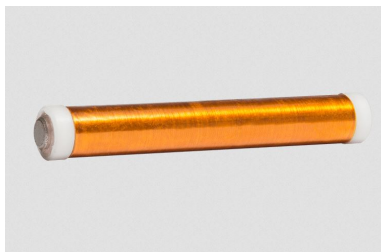
$$\dot{\eta} = -\frac{1}{2}\epsilon^T \omega_{ob}^b \quad (3)$$

$$\dot{\epsilon} = \frac{1}{2}(\eta I_{3 \times 3} + S(t))\omega_{ob}^b \quad (4)$$

- Geomagnetic Field Model

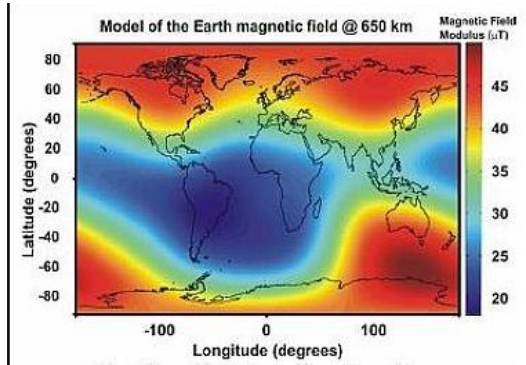
$$B = -\nabla V \quad (5)$$

## Actuators: Magnetorquers



- Runs a current through a coil which generates a magnetic dipole that interacts with the geomagnetic field.
- Magnetic field of the magnetorquer will try and align itself with the earth's geomagnetic field
- Used for low Earth orbit missions(2000km from earth's surface)

# International Geomagnetic Reference Field(IGRF)



- Magnetic Field

$$B = \nabla V(R_c, \lambda', \theta) \quad (6)$$

$$B = \nabla V(R_c, \lambda', \theta) \quad (7)$$

# System Dynamics

## Fundamental Diagram

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -4\sigma_x \omega_o^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & (1 - \sigma_x) \omega_o \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3\sigma_y \omega_o^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -(1 - \sigma_z) \omega_o & 0 & 0 & -\sigma_z \omega_o^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{B_z^o(t)}{2I_x} & -\frac{B_y^o(t)}{2I_x} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{B_z^o(t)}{2I_y} & 0 & \frac{B_x^o(t)}{2I_y} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{B_y^o(t)}{2I_z} & -\frac{B_x^o(t)}{2I_z} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Parameters

- Angular Velocity  
 $\omega_o$
- Intertial difference  
 $\sigma_i$

## Cost Function

- General LQR Cost Function

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} [\mathbf{x}^T(t) \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{u}^T(t) \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}(t)] dt \quad (8)$$

- Cost Function with Weight Matrices as Identity Matrix

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} [x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 + x_5^2 + x_6^2 + u_1^2 + u_2^2 + u_3^2] dt \quad (9)$$

# Optimal Control Approach: HJB

## Hamilton Jacobi Bellman Equation

$$0 = J_t^* + H^* \quad (10)$$

with the Hamiltonian defined as

$$H = g + J_x^* a \quad (11)$$

# Analytical Treatment of HJB

Assuming the solution  $J^* = 1/2X^T(t)P(t)X(t)$  for (??) we get the Differential Riccati Equation

**HJB**

$$-\dot{P}(t) = P(t)A + A^T P(t) + 1 - P(t)B(t)B^T(t)P(t) \quad (12)$$

$$p(T) = 0.$$

After the ODE is solved, the control law can be determined by evaluating  $\frac{\partial H}{\partial u}$

**Necessary conditions to find  $u^*$**

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial u_1} = 0, \frac{\partial H}{\partial u_2} = 0, \frac{\partial H}{\partial u_3} = 0 \quad (13)$$



# Analytical Treatment of HJB

## Optimal Control Laws

$$\begin{aligned}u_1^* &= \frac{J_{x_4^*}}{2} \left( \frac{B_z^o(t)}{2I_y} \right) - \frac{J_{x_6^*}}{2} \left( \frac{B_y^o(t)}{2I_z} \right) \\u_2^* &= \frac{J_{x_6^*}}{2} \left( \frac{B_x^o(t)}{2I_z} \right) - \frac{J_{x_2^*}}{2} \left( \frac{B_z^o(t)}{2I_y} \right) \\u_3^* &= \frac{J_{x_2^*}}{2} \left( \frac{B_y^o(t)}{2I_x} \right) - \frac{J_{x_4^*}}{2} \left( \frac{B_x^o(t)}{2I_y} \right)\end{aligned}\tag{14}$$

# Pontryagin's Maximum Principle

- General LQR Cost Function

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} [\mathbf{x}^T(t) \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{u}^T(t) \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u}(t)] dt \quad (15)$$

- Cost Function with Weight Matrices as Identity Matrix

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} [x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 + x_5^2 + x_6^2 + u_1^2 + u_2^2 + u_3^2] dt \quad (16)$$

# Pontryagin's Maximum Principle

- General Hamiltonian

$$H = g + p^T[a] \quad (17)$$

- Hamiltonian

$$\begin{aligned} H = & \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 + x_5^2 + x_6^2 + u_1^2 + u_2^2 + u_3^2) + p1[x_2] \\ & + p2[-4\sigma_x\omega_o^2x_1 + (1 - \sigma_x)\omega_o x_6 + \frac{B_z^o(t)}{2I_x}u_2 - \frac{B_y^o(t)}{2I_x}u_3 \\ & + p3[x_4] + p4[-3\sigma_y\omega_o^2x_3 - \frac{-B_z^o(t)}{2I_y}u_1 + \frac{B_x^o(t)}{2I_y}u^3] + p5[x_6] \\ & p6[-1(1 - \sigma_z)w_o x_2 - \sigma_z\omega_o^2x_5 + \frac{B_y^o(t)}{2I_z}u_1 - \frac{B_x^o(t)}{2I_z}u_2] \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

# Pontryagin's Maximum Principle

- General State Equation

$$\dot{x}^* = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} \quad (19)$$

Returns State Equations

# Pontryagin's Maximum Principle

- State Equation

$$\dot{x}_1^* = x_2 \tag{20}$$

$$\dot{x}_2^* = -4\sigma_x \omega_o^2 x_1 + (1 - \sigma_x) \omega_o x_6 + \frac{B_z^o(t)}{2I_x} u_2 - \frac{B_y^o(t)}{2I_x} u_3 \tag{21}$$

$$\dot{x}_3^* = x_4 \tag{22}$$

$$\dot{x}_4^* = -3\sigma_y \omega_o^2 x_3 - \frac{B_z^o(t)}{2I_y} u_1 + \frac{B_x^o(t)}{2I_y} u^3 \tag{23}$$

$$\dot{x}_5^* = x_6 \tag{24}$$

$$\dot{x}_6^* = -1(1 - \sigma_z) \omega_o x_2 - \sigma_z \omega_o^2 x_5 + \frac{B_y^o(t)}{2I_z} u_1 - \frac{B_x^o(t)}{2I_z} u_2$$

# Pontryagin's Maximum Principle

- General Co-State Equation

$$\dot{p}^* = \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} \quad (26)$$

Returns Lagrange Equations

# Pontryagin's Maximum Principle

- Co-State Equation

$$\dot{p}_1^* = -x_1 + 4\sigma_x \omega_o^2 p_2 \quad (27)$$

$$\dot{p}_2^* = -x_2 - p_1 + (1 - \sigma_z) \omega_o p_6 \quad (28)$$

$$\dot{p}_3^* = -x_3 + 3\sigma_y \omega_o^2 p_4 \quad (29)$$

$$\dot{p}_4^* = -x_4 - p_3 \quad (30)$$

$$\dot{p}_5^* = -x_5 + \sigma_z \omega^2 p_6 \quad (31)$$

$$\dot{p}_6^* = -x_6 - (1 - \sigma_x) \omega_o p_2 \quad (32)$$

# Pontryagin's Maximum Principle

- Control Law with unbounded  $u$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial u} = 0 \quad (33)$$

- Control Law with bounded  $u$

$$H(x^*(t), p^*(t), u(t), t) \geq H(x^*(t), p^*(t), u^*(t), t) \quad (34)$$

All hamiltonians must be greater than the hamiltonian with the  $u^*$



# Pontryagin's Maximum Principle

- Control Law with unbounded  $u$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial u_1} = 0 \quad (35)$$

$$u_1^* = \frac{B_z^o}{2I_y} p_4 - \frac{B_y^o}{2I_z} p_6 \quad (36)$$

- Control Law with bounded  $u$

$$u_1^* = \begin{cases} .25; & -\frac{B_z^o}{2I_y} p_4 + \frac{B_y^o}{2I_z} p_6 < 1 \\ \frac{B_z^o}{2I_y} p_4 - \frac{B_y^o}{2I_z} p_6; & 0 \leq -\frac{B_z^o}{2I_y} p_4 + \frac{B_y^o}{2I_z} p_6 \leq .25 \\ -.25; & -\frac{B_z^o}{2I_y} p_4 + \frac{B_y^o}{2I_z} p_6 > 1 \end{cases} \quad (37)$$

# Pontryagin's Maximum Principle

- Control Law with unbounded  $u$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial u_2} = 0 \quad (38)$$

$$u_2^* = -\frac{B_z^o}{2I_x}p_2 + \frac{B_x^o}{2I_z}p_6 \quad (39)$$

- Control Law with bounded  $u$

$$u_2^* = \begin{cases} .25; & \frac{B_z^o}{2I_x}p_2 - \frac{B_x^o}{2I_z}p_6 < 1 \\ -\frac{B_z^o}{2I_x}p_2 + \frac{B_x^o}{2I_z}p_6; & 0 \leq \frac{B_z^o}{2I_x}p_2 - \frac{B_x^o}{2I_z}p_6 \leq .25 \\ -.25; & \frac{B_z^o}{2I_x}p_2 - \frac{B_x^o}{2I_z}p_6 > 1 \end{cases} \quad (40)$$

# Pontryagin's Maximum Principle

- Control Law with unbounded  $u$

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial u_3} = 0 \quad (41)$$

$$u_3^* = \frac{B_y^o}{2I_x} p_2 - \frac{B_x^o}{2I_y} p_4 \quad (42)$$

- Control Law with bounded  $u$

$$u_3^* = \begin{cases} .25; & -\frac{B_y^o}{2I_x} p_2 + \frac{B_x^o}{2I_y} p_4 < 1 \\ \frac{B_y^o}{2I_x} p_2 - \frac{B_x^o}{2I_y} p_4; & 0 \leq \frac{B_y^o}{2I_x} p_2 - \frac{B_x^o}{2I_y} p_4 \leq .25 \\ -.25; & -\frac{B_y^o}{2I_x} p_2 + \frac{B_x^o}{2I_y} p_4 > 1 \end{cases} \quad (43)$$

## Current Direction

- Determine the magnetic field  $B(t)$
- Numerically solve the control law using both HJB and Pontryagin
- Analyze the effect of weight matrices on the control law and tune them accordingly

# Conclusion

- Introduced background and motivation CubeSat
- Presented state dynamics for the system
- Analytically solved HJB equation
- Analytically solved Pontryagin Equation

Thank you!