Bio-inspired Soft Variable-Stiffness Prehensile Tail Enabling Versatile Grasping and Enhancing Dynamic Mobility

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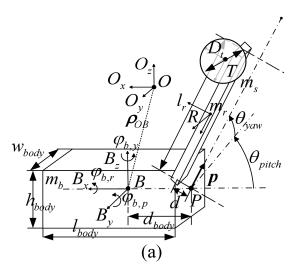


Fig. 1. Analytical models of the kangaroo rat and our tailed robot with a 3-DoF tail.

We start with an angular momentum equation expressed in the inertial frame $\{O\}$:

$$H^{O} = I_{b}^{O} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b}^{O} + I_{r}^{O} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{r}^{O} + I_{t}^{O} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{t}^{O} + m_{b} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{O} \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{O} + m_{b} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{O} + m_{b} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{O} \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{O} + m_{b} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{O} + m_{b} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{O$$

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where I_b^O and I_r^O are the inertias of the robot body and tail link in the inertial frame $\{O\}$. m_t, m_r, m_b denote the mass of the body, the tail link, and the tail end mass. $\rho_{OT}^O, \rho_{OR}^O, \rho_{OB}^O$ are the vectors from the origin of the frame $\{O\}$ to the origins of the tail end frame $\{T\}$, the tail link frame $\{R\}$, and the body frame $\{B\}$. It can be also expressed in the body frame as:

$$H^{B} = I_{b}^{B} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b}^{B} + I_{r}^{B} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{r}^{B} + I_{t}^{O} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{t}^{O} + m_{b} (R_{B}^{O})^{T} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{O} \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{O} + m_{r} (R_{B}^{O})^{T} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OT}^{O} \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OT}^{O},$$

$$(2)$$

where R_B^O is the rotation matrix from frame $\{B\}$ to frame $\{O\}$. Based on $\boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^O = R_B^O \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^B$, we have $\dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^O = \dot{R}_B^O \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^B + R_B^O \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^B$. Then, we have:

$$(R_{B}^{O})^{T} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{O} \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{O}$$

$$= (R_{B}^{O})^{T} (R_{B}^{O} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B}) \times (\dot{R}_{B}^{O} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} + R_{B}^{O} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B})$$

$$= (R_{B}^{O})^{T} (R_{B}^{O} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B}) \times (\dot{R}_{B}^{O} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B}) + (R_{B}^{O})^{T} (R_{B}^{O} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B}) \times (R_{B}^{O} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B})$$

$$= ((R_{B}^{O})^{T} R_{B}^{O} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{O}) \times ((R_{B}^{O})^{T} \dot{R}_{B}^{O} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B}) + ((R_{B}^{O})^{T} R_{B}^{O} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B}) \times (R_{B}^{O} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B}) \times ((R_{B}^{O})^{T} R_{B}^{O} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B}) + (R_{B}^{O})^{T} R_{B}^{O} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B}) \times ((R_{B}^{O})^{T} (R_{B}^{O} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B}) \times ((R_{B}^{O})^{T} (R_{B}^{O} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B}) + (R_{B}^{O} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B}) + (R_{B}^{O} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B}) \times ((R_{B}^{O})^{T} (R_{B}^{O} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{O}) + (R_{B}^{O} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B}) \times ((R_{B}^{O})^{T} (R_{B}^{O} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{A} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B}) + (R_{B}^{O} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B} \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B}) \times ((R_{B}^{O})^{T} (R_{B}^{O} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{A} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B}) + (R_{B}^{O} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B} \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B}) \times ((R_{B}^{O})^{T} (R_{B}^{O} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{A} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B} \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B}) \times ((R_{B}^{O})^{T} (R_{B}^{O} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{A} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B} \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B}$$

where $R(x \times y) = (Rx) \times (Ry)$ and $\Omega_b^O = \left[\boldsymbol{\omega}_b^O \times \right] = \dot{R}_B^O (R_B^O)^T$ are used. Here $\left(\boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^B\right)^2 = \left(\boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^B\right) \cdot \left(\boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^B\right)$. Then Eq. 2 becomes:

$$H^{B} = I_{b}^{B} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b}^{B} + I_{r}^{B} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{r}^{B} + I_{r}^{B} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{r}^{B} + m_{b} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B} +$$

$$m_{r} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OR}^{B} \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OR}^{B} + m_{t} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OT}^{B} \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OT}^{B} + m_{b} \left(\boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B}\right)^{2} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b}^{B}$$

$$+ m_{r} \left(\boldsymbol{\rho}_{OR}^{B}\right)^{2} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b}^{B} + m_{t} \left(\boldsymbol{\rho}_{OT}^{B}\right)^{2} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b}^{B} - m_{b} \left(\boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b}^{B}\right)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} - m_{r} \left(\boldsymbol{\rho}_{OR}^{B} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b}^{B}\right) \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OR}^{B} - m_{t} \left(\boldsymbol{\rho}_{OT}^{B} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b}^{B}\right) \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OT}^{B}.$$

$$(4)$$

At the robot center of mass (CoM), we have:

$$m_b \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^O + m_r \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OR}^O + m_t \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OT}^O = \boldsymbol{0}, \tag{5}$$

here

$$\rho_{OR}^{O} = \rho_{OT}^{O} - \rho_{RT}^{O} = \rho_{OT}^{O} - R_{B}^{O} \rho_{RT}^{B} = 2 \begin{cases} 2^{r_{r}} (m_{r} + m_{t})^{1/2 \text{pitch } y_{aw} \text{ opitch}} \\ + c_{pitch} s_{yaw} \dot{\theta}_{yaw} - c_{yaw} \dot{\theta}_{yaw} -$$

where $c_{pitch} = \cos\theta_{pitch}$, $s_{pitch} = \sin\theta_{pitch}$, $c_{yaw} = \cos\theta_{yaw}$, $s_{yaw} = \sin\theta_{yaw}$. θ_{pitch} is the tail swing angle in the body pitch direction and θ_{yaw} is the tail swing angle in the body yaw direction. $\boldsymbol{p}^B = \begin{bmatrix} -c_{pitch}c_{yaw} & -s_{yaw} & s_{pitch}c_{yaw} \end{bmatrix}^T$ is unit tail reorientation vector in frame $\{B\}$. l_r denotes the tail length. Substitute Eq. 6 into Eq. 5, we get:

$$\begin{split} &\left(m_{r}+m_{t}\right)\boldsymbol{\rho}_{OT}^{O}=-m_{b}\boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{O}+m_{r}R_{B}^{O}\\ &\left(\left[-\frac{1}{2}l_{r}c_{pitch}c_{yaw}\right.\right. -\frac{1}{2}l_{r}s_{yaw}\right. \left.\frac{1}{2}l_{r}s_{pitch}c_{yaw}\right]^{T}\\ &+\left[-\frac{1}{2}D_{t}c_{pitch}s_{yaw}\right. \left.\frac{1}{2}D_{t}c_{yaw}\right. \left.\frac{1}{2}D_{t}s_{pitch}s_{yaw}\right]^{T}\right),\\ &\boldsymbol{\rho}_{OT}^{B}=-\frac{m_{b}}{\left(m_{r}+m_{t}\right)}\boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B}+\frac{m_{r}}{\left(m_{r}+m_{t}\right)}\\ &\left(\left[-\frac{1}{2}l_{r}c_{pitch}c_{yaw}\right. \left.-\frac{1}{2}l_{r}s_{yaw}\right. \left.\frac{1}{2}l_{r}s_{pitch}c_{yaw}\right]^{T}\\ &+\left[-\frac{1}{2}D_{t}c_{pitch}s_{yaw}\right. \left.\frac{1}{2}D_{t}c_{yaw}\right. \left.\frac{1}{2}D_{t}s_{pitch}s_{yaw}\right]^{T}\right),\\ &\boldsymbol{\rho}_{OR}^{B}=\boldsymbol{\rho}_{OT}^{B}-\boldsymbol{\rho}_{RT}^{B}=\\ &-\frac{m_{b}}{\left(m_{r}+m_{t}\right)}\boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B}-\frac{m_{t}}{\left(m_{r}+m_{t}\right)}\\ &\left(\left[-\frac{1}{2}l_{r}c_{pitch}c_{yaw}\right. \left.-\frac{1}{2}l_{r}s_{yaw}\right. \left.\frac{1}{2}l_{r}s_{pitch}c_{yaw}\right]^{T}\\ &+\left[-\frac{1}{2}D_{t}c_{pitch}s_{yaw}\right. \left.\frac{1}{2}D_{t}c_{yaw}\right. \left.\frac{1}{2}D_{t}s_{pitch}s_{yaw}\right]^{T} \right) \end{split}$$

We also have:

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OT}^{B} = -\frac{m_b}{\left(m_r + m_t\right)}\dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B} +$$

$$\begin{split} &+\frac{1}{2}\,l_{r}\,\frac{m_{r}}{\left(m_{r}+m_{t}\right)}\big[s_{pitch}c_{yaw}\dot{\theta}_{pitch}\\ &+c_{pitch}s_{yaw}\dot{\theta}_{yaw}-c_{yaw}\dot{\theta}_{yaw}-c_{pitch}c_{yaw}\dot{\theta}_{pitch}-s_{pitch}s_{yaw}\dot{\theta}_{yaw}\big]^{T}\\ &+\frac{1}{2}\,D_{t}\,\frac{m_{r}}{\left(m_{r}+m_{t}\right)}\big[s_{pitch}s_{yaw}\dot{\theta}_{pitch}-c_{pitch}c_{yaw}\dot{\theta}_{yaw}\\ &-s_{yaw}\dot{\theta}_{yaw}-c_{pitch}s_{yaw}\dot{\theta}_{pitch}+s_{pitch}c_{yaw}\dot{\theta}_{yaw}\big]^{T}\,,\\ &\dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OR}^{B}=-\frac{m_{b}}{\left(m_{r}+m_{t}\right)}\dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B}\\ &-\frac{1}{2}\,l_{r}\,\frac{m_{t}}{\left(m_{r}+m_{t}\right)}\big[s_{pitch}c_{yaw}\dot{\theta}_{pitch}\\ &+c_{pitch}s_{yaw}\dot{\theta}_{yaw}-c_{yaw}\dot{\theta}_{yaw}-c_{pitch}c_{yaw}\dot{\theta}_{pitch}-s_{pitch}s_{yaw}\dot{\theta}_{yaw}\big]^{T}\\ &-\frac{1}{2}\,D_{t}\,\frac{m_{t}}{\left(m_{r}+m_{t}\right)}\big[s_{pitch}s_{yaw}\dot{\theta}_{pitch}-c_{pitch}c_{yaw}\dot{\theta}_{yaw}\\ &-s_{yaw}\dot{\theta}_{yaw}-c_{pitch}s_{yaw}\dot{\theta}_{pitch}+s_{pitch}c_{yaw}\dot{\theta}_{yaw}\big]^{T}\,, \end{split}$$

Eq. 4 can be updated as:

(7)

$$H^{B} = I_{b}^{B} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b}^{B} + I_{r}^{B} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{r}^{B} + I_{t}^{B} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{t}^{B} + m_{b} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B} + m_{r} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OR}^{B} \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OR}^{B} - m_{r} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OR}^{B} \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OR}^{B} + m_{r} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OR}^{B} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{$$

$$m_{t} \begin{pmatrix} \left(-\frac{m_{b}}{\left(m_{r}+m_{t}\right)}\boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B}+\frac{1}{2}\frac{m_{r}}{\left(m_{r}+m_{t}\right)}l_{r}\boldsymbol{p}^{B}\right) \\ +\frac{1}{2}\frac{m_{r}}{\left(m_{r}+m_{t}\right)}D_{t}\boldsymbol{q}^{B} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \left(-\frac{m_{b}}{\left(m_{r}+m_{t}\right)}\boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B}+\frac{1}{2}\frac{m_{r}}{\left(m_{r}+m_{t}\right)}l_{r}\boldsymbol{p}^{B}\right) \\ +\frac{1}{2}\frac{m_{r}}{\left(m_{r}+m_{t}\right)}D_{t}\boldsymbol{q}^{B} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{split} & m_{b}(\boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b}^{B}) \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} - m_{r} \left(\left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{m_{t}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_{t}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} l_{r} \boldsymbol{p}^{B} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b}^{B} \right) \\ & \left(-\frac{m_{b}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_{t}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} l_{r} \boldsymbol{p}^{B} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_{t}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} D_{t} \boldsymbol{q}^{B} \right) \\ & - m_{t} \left(\left(-\frac{m_{b}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_{r}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} l_{r} \boldsymbol{p}^{B} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_{r}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} D_{t} \boldsymbol{q}^{B} \right) \\ & - m_{t} \left(\left(-\frac{m_{b}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_{r}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} l_{t} \boldsymbol{p}^{B} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_{r}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} D_{t} \boldsymbol{q}^{B} \right) \right) \\ & - m_{t} \left(\left(-\frac{m_{b}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_{r}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} l_{t} \boldsymbol{p}^{B} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_{r}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} D_{t} \boldsymbol{q}^{B} \right) \right) \\ & - m_{t} \left(\left(-\frac{m_{b}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_{r}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} l_{t} \boldsymbol{p}^{B} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_{r}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} D_{t} \boldsymbol{q}^{B} \right) \right) \\ & - m_{t} \left(\left(-\frac{m_{b}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_{r}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} l_{t} \boldsymbol{p}^{B} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_{r}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} D_{t} \boldsymbol{q}^{B} \right) \right) \\ & - m_{t} \left(\left(-\frac{m_{b}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} + \frac{1}{2} D_{t} \boldsymbol{q}^{B} \right) \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} \right) + \frac{m_{t} m_{r}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} \left(\left(-\frac{1}{2} l_{t} \boldsymbol{p}^{B} + \frac{1}{2} D_{t} \boldsymbol{q}^{B} \right) \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} \right) \right) \\ & - m_{t} \left(\boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} + \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} + \frac{1}{2} D_{t} \boldsymbol{q}^{B} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} \right) \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} \right) \\ & - m_{t} \left(\boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{B} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{$$

Here $\mathbf{q}^B = \begin{bmatrix} -c_{pitch}s_{yaw} & c_{yaw} & s_{pitch}s_{yaw} \end{bmatrix}^T$ is unit reorientation vector of R_y in frame $\{B\}$. A closed path starting from the origin of frame $\{O\}$ passing through body CoM B, tail base P, and tail end mass CoM P can be expressed as:

$$\boldsymbol{\rho}_{OB}^{O} + \boldsymbol{\rho}_{BP}^{O} + \boldsymbol{\rho}_{PT}^{O} - \boldsymbol{\rho}_{OT}^{O} = \boldsymbol{0},$$

where

$$\boldsymbol{\rho}_{BP}^{O} = R_{B}^{O} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{BP}^{B} = R_{B}^{O} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{BP}^{B} = R_{B}^{O} \left[-d_{b} \quad 0 \quad 0 \right]^{T},$$

$$\boldsymbol{\rho}_{PT}^{O} = R_{B}^{O} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{PT}^{B} = R_{B}^{O} \left(l_{r} \boldsymbol{p}^{B} + d\boldsymbol{r}^{B} + \frac{D_{t}}{2} \boldsymbol{q}^{B} \right).$$
(9)

 d_b denotes the distance between the body CoM and the tail pivot. Combining Eq. 7 and Eq. 9 gives:

$$\rho_{OT}^{B} = -\frac{m_{b}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} \rho_{OB}^{B} + \frac{m_{r}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})}$$

$$\left[\left[-\frac{1}{2} l_{r} c_{pitch} c_{yaw} - \frac{1}{2} l_{r} s_{yaw} \frac{1}{2} l_{r} s_{pitch} c_{yaw} \right]^{T} + \left[-\frac{1}{2} D_{t} c_{pitch} s_{yaw} \frac{1}{2} D_{t} c_{yaw} \frac{1}{2} D_{t} s_{pitch} s_{yaw} \right]^{T} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{m_{b}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} \rho_{OB}^{B} + \frac{m_{r}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} \left(\frac{1}{2} l_{r} p^{B} + \frac{1}{2} D_{t} q^{B} \right)$$

$$= R_{O}^{B} \left(\rho_{OB}^{O} + \rho_{BP}^{O} + \rho_{PT}^{O} \right)$$

$$= \rho_{OB}^{B} + \left[-d_{b} \quad 0 \quad 0 \right]^{T} + l_{r} p^{B} + d r^{B} + \frac{D_{t}}{2} q^{B}.$$

Here $\mathbf{r}^{B} = \begin{bmatrix} s_{pitch} & 0 & c_{pitch} \end{bmatrix}^{T}$ is unit reorientation vector of R_z in frame $\{B\}$.

Then:

$$\rho_{OB}^{B} = \frac{m_{r} + m_{t}}{m_{b} + m_{r} + m_{t}} \left[\frac{m_{r}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} (\frac{1}{2} l_{r} \boldsymbol{p}^{B} + \frac{1}{2} D_{t} \boldsymbol{q}^{B}) + \right] \\
= \frac{m_{r} + m_{t}}{m_{b} + m_{r} + m_{t}} \left(\frac{-\frac{1}{2} m_{r} - m_{t}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} l_{r} \boldsymbol{p}^{B} + \begin{bmatrix} d_{b} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{T} - d\boldsymbol{r}^{B} \right) \\
- \frac{m_{t}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} \frac{1}{2} D_{t} \boldsymbol{q}^{B} \right) \\
\dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{OB}^{B} = \frac{m_{r} + m_{t}}{m_{b} + m_{r} + m_{t}} \left(\frac{-\frac{1}{2} m_{r} - m_{t}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} l_{r} \dot{\boldsymbol{p}}^{B} - d\dot{\boldsymbol{r}}^{B} \right) \\
- \frac{m_{t}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} \frac{1}{2} D_{t} \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}^{B} \right)$$

Besides, we have:
$$I_r^B \boldsymbol{\omega}_r^B = R_R^B I_r^R \left(R_R^B\right)^T \boldsymbol{\omega}_r^B,$$

$$I_t^B \boldsymbol{\omega}_t^B = R_R^B I_t^T \left(R_R^B\right)^T \boldsymbol{\omega}_r^B,$$

$$R_R^B = \begin{bmatrix} c_{pitch} c_{yaw} & -c_{pitch} s_{yaw} & s_{pitch} \\ s_{yaw} & c_{yaw} & 0 \\ -s_{pitch} c_{yaw} & s_{pitch} s_{yaw} & c_{pitch} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}_r^B = \boldsymbol{\omega}_t^B = \begin{bmatrix} s_{pitch} \dot{\theta}_{yaw} & \dot{\theta}_{pitch} & c_{pitch} \dot{\theta}_{yaw} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$I_r^R = \frac{m_r}{12} \begin{bmatrix} w_t^2 + h_t^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & l_t^2 + h_t^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & l_t^2 + w_t^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I_{t}^{R} = \frac{m_{r}}{10} \begin{bmatrix} D_{t}^{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & D_{t}^{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & D_{t}^{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Eq. 8 can be expressed as:

$$H^{B} = A\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b}^{B} + F\boldsymbol{u}, \tag{10}$$

$$A = I_{b}^{B} - \frac{m_{b}(m_{r} + m_{t} + m_{b})}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} S(\boldsymbol{\rho}_{0B}^{B}) S(\boldsymbol{\rho}_{0B}^{B})$$

$$- \frac{m_{t}m_{r}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} S(\frac{1}{2}l_{r}\boldsymbol{p}^{B} + \frac{1}{2}D_{t}\boldsymbol{q}^{B}) S(\frac{1}{2}l_{r}\boldsymbol{p}^{B} + \frac{1}{2}D_{t}\boldsymbol{q}^{B}),$$

$$F\boldsymbol{u} = \frac{m_{b}(m_{r} + m_{t} + m_{b})}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{0B}^{B} \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}_{0B}^{B} + \frac{m_{t}m_{r}}{(m_{r} + m_{t})} (\frac{1}{2}l_{r}\boldsymbol{p}^{B} + \frac{1}{2}D_{t}\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}^{B}) \times (\frac{1}{2}l_{r}\dot{\boldsymbol{p}}^{B} + \frac{1}{2}D_{t}\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}^{B}) + R_{R}^{B}(I_{r}^{R} + I_{t}^{T})(R_{R}^{B})^{T} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{r}^{B},$$

$$\boldsymbol{u} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_{pitch} & \dot{\theta}_{yaw} \end{bmatrix}$$
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