

# **DRONE STATE ESTIMATION USING MULTIPLE INFRARED CAMERAS**

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A motion capture system is generally used to estimate drone states in laboratory environments. For this setup, some reflective markers are attached to the drone, and multiple infrared cameras are positioned around the experiment area. The reflective markers' positions in space, along with their relative positions with respect to each other, are captured by the cameras, processed by software on the command center computer and are used to return the 3D position, velocities, and roll, pitch, and yaw of the drone. In this study, the logic used by the software on the command center computer will be replicated. A system that uses multiple cameras (all with their own biases and noise) will be simulated to estimate the state of the drone.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Drones generally use GPS measurements in conjunction with measurements from an IMU to estimate their position, velocity, and their roll, pitch, and yaw. In laboratory environments, the drones cannot use GPS data to complement other sensory inputs, so a motion capture system is generally used.<sup>1</sup> In such a system, a local origin is set, and the drone uses that as the origin of its inertial frame of reference.

In optical-passive motion capture, retro-reflective markers are placed at various places on the drone. Multiple infrared cameras are positioned around the experiment area, and they capture the infrared light reflected back from the retroreflective markers at rates of around 120 Hz. Such high input frequency is important when testing out controllers, as a high number of samples would allow the controller to control better against sudden changes in the state of the system. Figure 1 shows examples of a motion capture space and a drone with retro-reflective markers attached.

Most previous studies in drone state estimation have assumed constant inputs. In this study, a linear-quadratic regulator (LQR) controller will be used to find the inputs to the system's dynamics at every timestep, thereby allowing more types of flight paths to be tracked. This study will use simulated motion capture system data to estimate the states of a drone in various flight patterns. The simulation will take place in a Gazebo 3D simulation environment.<sup>4</sup> A ROS (Robot Operating System)<sup>5</sup> package will be used to perform control and trajectory planning for the drone, and logs of the flight data will be run through an Extended Kalman filter (EKF) and an Unscented Kalman filter (UKF) in MATLAB to obtain an accurate estimate of the position of the drone. The performance of the filters on flight paths of varying levels of difficulty will be analyzed.

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(a) Example motion capture space setup<sup>2</sup>



(b) Example drone with retro-reflective markers<sup>3</sup>

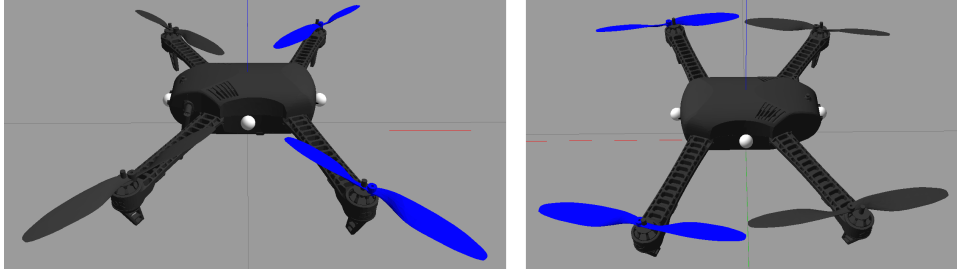
**Figure 1:** Example setup that could be used if this study were to be repeated on real-life data

## SIMULATION SETUP

Data for this study was obtained through simulation. The drone chosen for this experiment was the 3DR Iris,<sup>6</sup> a model of which is available for use in Gazebo.<sup>4</sup> The Spatial Data File (SDF) of the Iris' model was edited to include four reflective markers. The positions of these markers can be seen in Table 1 and Figure 2. This drone also contained an IMU, and the SDF of the Iris' model showed that it was located at the centroid of the drone.

**Table 1:** Positions of the reflective markers (in cm) with respect to the centroid of the drone

Marker Number	x	y	z
1	10.5	0	0
2	0	6.0	0
3	-11.5	0	0
4	0	-6.0	0

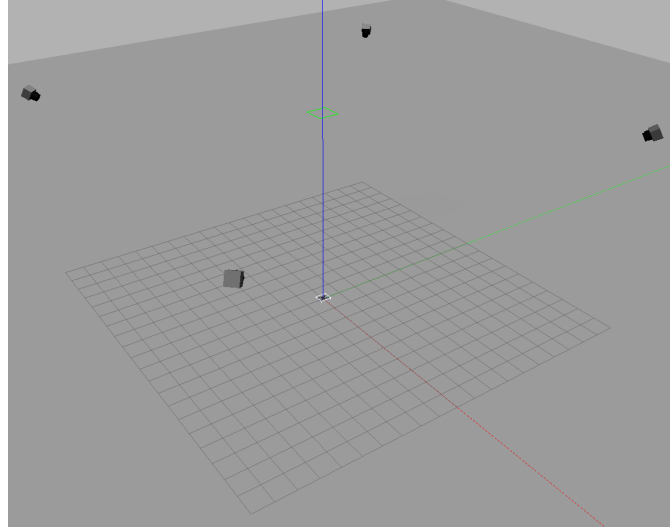


**Figure 2:** Right and left views of the drone that will be used for simulation

A world with four Vicon Vantage V16 infrared cameras<sup>1</sup> was then created in Gazebo, and their coordinates can be seen in Table 2. Figure 3 shows the setup of the environment. The distance from these cameras to reflective markers on the drone was measured at a rate of approximately 120 Hz, which is consistent with the spec sheet of the Vicon Vantage V16.<sup>1</sup>

**Table 2:** Coordinates of the cameras in m

Camera ID	x	y	z
1	10	10	10
2	-10	10	10
3	-10	-10	10
4	10	-10	10

**Figure 3:** The Gazebo world that the simulation will take place in. Each square has a side length of 1m. Thus, the entire world is 10m  $\times$  10m  $\times$  10m

## DYNAMICS MODELING

Eq. (1) shows the states that were to be observed for the filter, where  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  are the  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  positions of the drone,  $v_x$ ,  $v_y$ , and  $v_z$  are the  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  velocities of the drone,  $\phi$ ,  $\theta$ , and  $\psi$  are the roll, pitch, yaw of the drone, and  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$  are the body angular velocities in terms of Euler angles and Euler rates.

$$X = [x \ y \ z \ v_x \ v_y \ v_z \ \phi \ \theta \ \psi \ p \ q \ r]^T \quad (1)$$

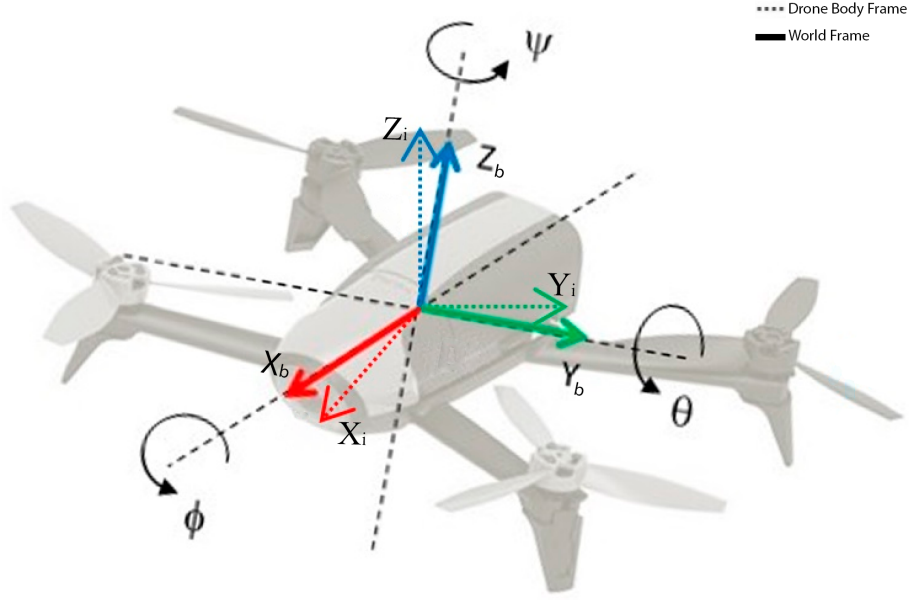
Taking the time derivative of  $X_1$  through  $X_3$  from Eq. (1) gives Eq. (2).

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

The velocities of the drone (i.e.  $v_x$ ,  $v_y$ ,  $v_z$ ) will be perturbed by the thrust on the drone, which will be referred to as  $u_3$ . However, drone dynamics states that the thrust will only act in the  $+z$  of the drone body-fixed frame, denoted by  $X_b$ ,  $Y_b$ , and  $Z_b$  in Figure 4. Thus, the thrust input must be rotated with respected to the roll, pitch, and yaw of the drone to find its effect along the  $X_i$ ,  $Y_i$ , and  $Z_i$  directions. An Euler 123 rotation, denoted by  $R$  in Eq. (3) is used to rotate from the body frame to the inertial frame\*. Combining these steps, taking the time derivative of  $X_4$  through  $X_6$  gives Eq.

\*Throughout this report,  $c$ ,  $s$ , and  $t$  will be used in place of  $\cos$ ,  $\sin$ , and  $\tan$  for brevity

(5).



**Figure 4:** An illustration comparing the inertial world frame (denoted by dotted lines), and the body-fixed frame (denoted by solid lines)

$$R_{123} = R_z(\psi)R_y(\theta)R_x(\phi) = \begin{bmatrix} c(\psi) & s(\psi) & 0 \\ s(\psi) & c(\psi) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c(\theta) & 0 & s(\theta) \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s(\theta) & 0 & c(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c(\phi) & -s(\phi) \\ 0 & s(\phi) & c(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$R_{123} = \begin{bmatrix} c(\theta)c(\psi) & c(\psi)s(\theta)s(\phi) - c(\phi)s(\psi) & s(\phi)s(\psi) + c(\phi)c(\psi)s(\theta) \\ c(\theta)s(\psi) & c(\phi)c(\psi) + s(\theta)s(\phi)s(\psi) & c(\phi)s(\theta)s(\psi) - c(\psi)s(\phi) \\ -s(\theta) & c(\theta)s(\phi) & c(\theta)c(\phi) \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{v}_x \\ \dot{v}_y \\ \dot{v}_z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{R_{123} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ mg \end{bmatrix}}{m} = \begin{bmatrix} (u_3(s(\phi)s(\psi) + c(\phi)c(\psi)s(\theta)))/m \\ -(u_3(c(\psi)s(\phi) - c(\phi)s(\theta)s(\psi)))/m \\ -(mg - u_3c(\theta)c(\phi))/m \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

Similarly, since  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$  (i.e. the roll, pitch, and yaw rates) are in the body frame, they must be rotated into the inertial frame. Taking the time derivative of  $X_7$  through  $X_9$  then gives Eq. (6).

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & s(\phi)t(\theta) & c(\phi)t(\theta) \\ 0 & c(\phi) & -s(\phi) \\ 0 & s(\phi)/c(\theta) & c(\phi)/c(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p + r \cos(\phi) \tan(\theta) + q \tan(\theta) \sin(\phi) \\ q \cos(\phi) - r \sin(\phi) \\ (r \cos(\phi))/\cos(\theta) + (q \sin(\phi))/\cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

The rotational equations of motion can be derived from Euler's equations for rigid body dynamics. Expressed in vector form, Euler's equations are written as

$$I\dot{\omega} + \omega \times (I\omega) = \tau$$

where  $\omega$  is the angular velocity vector,  $I$  is the inertia matrix, and  $\tau$  is a vector of external torques. This can be rewritten as

$$\dot{\omega} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{p} \\ \dot{q} \\ \dot{r} \end{bmatrix} = I^{-1} \left( \begin{bmatrix} u_4 \\ u_5 \\ u_6 \end{bmatrix} \omega \times (I\omega) \right)$$

where  $u_4$  through  $u_6$  are the roll, pitch, yaw torques on the drone respectively. The quadcopter can be modeled as two thin uniform rods crossed at the origin with a point mass (the motor) at the end of each. This results in a diagonal inertia matrix of the form

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} I_{xx} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_{yy} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$

Combining these steps, the final result of the time derivative of states  $X_{10}$  through  $X_{12}$  can be seen in Eq. (7).<sup>7</sup>

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{p} \\ \dot{q} \\ \dot{r} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (u_4 + I_{yy}qr - I_{zz}qr)/I_{xx} \\ (u_5 - I_{xx}pr + I_{zz}pr)/I_{yy} \\ (u_6 + I_{xx}qp - I_{yy}qp)/I_{zz} \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

Combining Equations 2, 5, 6 and 7 gives Eq. (8).

$$\dot{X}(t) = F(X(t), t) = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \\ \dot{v}_x \\ \dot{v}_y \\ \dot{v}_z \\ \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \\ \dot{p} \\ \dot{q} \\ \dot{r} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \\ (u_3(\sin(\phi)\sin(\psi) + \cos(\phi)\cos(\psi)\sin(\theta))/m \\ (-u_3(\cos(\psi)\sin(\phi) + \cos(\phi)\sin(\theta)\sin(\psi))/m \\ (u_3\cos(\theta)\cos(\phi) - mg)/m \\ p + r\cos(\phi)\tan(\theta) + q\tan(\theta)\sin(\phi) \\ q\cos(\phi) - r\sin(\phi) \\ \frac{r\cos(\phi)}{\cos(\theta)} + \frac{q\sin(\phi)}{\cos(\theta)} \\ \frac{u_4 + qrI_{yy} - qrI_{zz}}{I_{xx}} \\ \frac{u_5 - prI_{xx} + prI_{zz}}{I_{yy}} \\ \frac{u_6 + qpI_{xx} - qpI_{yy}}{I_{zz}} \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

Taking the partial of  $F$  with respect to  $X$  gives Eq. (9).

$$A = \frac{\partial F}{\partial X} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x} & \cdots & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial r} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial F_{12}}{\partial x} & \cdots & \frac{\partial F_{12}}{\partial r} \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{u_3(c(\phi)s(\psi) - c(\psi)s(\theta)s(\phi))}{m} & \frac{u_3c(\theta)c(\phi)c(\psi)}{m} & \frac{u_3(c(\psi)s(\phi) - c(\phi)s(\theta)s(\psi))}{m} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{u_3(c(\phi)c(\psi) + s(\theta)s(\phi)s(\psi))}{m} & \frac{u_3c(\theta)c(\phi)s(\psi)}{m} & \frac{u_3(s(\phi)s(\psi) + c(\phi)c(\psi)s(\theta))}{m} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{u_3c(\theta)s(\phi)}{m} & -\frac{u_3c(\phi)s(\theta)}{m} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & qc(\phi)t(\theta) - rt(\theta)s(\phi) & rc(\phi)(t(\theta)^2 + 1) + qs(\phi)(t(\theta)^2 + 1) & 0 & 1 & t(\theta)s(\phi) & c(\phi)t(\theta) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -rc(\phi) - qs(\phi) & 0 & 0 & 0 & c(\phi) & -s(\phi) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{qc(\phi)}{c(\theta)} - \frac{rs(\phi)}{c(\theta)} & \frac{rc(\phi)s(\theta)}{c(\theta)^2} + \frac{qs(\theta)s(\phi)}{c(\theta)^2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{s(\phi)}{c(\theta)} & \frac{c(\phi)}{c(\theta)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{I_{yy}r - I_{zz}r}{I_{xx}} & \frac{I_{yy}q - I_{zz}q}{I_{xx}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{I_{xx}r - I_{zz}r}{I_{yy}} & 0 & -\frac{I_{xx}p - I_{zz}p}{I_{yy}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{I_{xx}q - I_{yy}q}{I_{zz}} & \frac{I_{xx}p - I_{yy}p}{I_{zz}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Figure 5:** The final  $A$  matrix, where  $c$ ,  $s$ , and  $t$ , are  $\cos$ ,  $\sin$ , and  $\tan$ . (This was included as a figure since  $\LaTeX$  did not allow matrices this wide)

Since the SDF of the Iris model specifies its physical properties to be used in by the simulator, the drone's mass and moment of inertia values were taken from the file to be  $m = 1.545$  kg,  $I_{xx} = 0.029125$  kg  $\cdot$  m<sup>2</sup>,  $I_{yy} = 0.029125$  kg  $\cdot$  m<sup>2</sup>, and  $I_{zz} = 0.055225$  kg  $\cdot$  m<sup>2</sup>, and  $g = 9.81$  m/s<sup>2</sup> was used.

It can be noticed from Eq. 8 that to be able to propagate the drone's state forward, it is necessary to have some knowledge of  $u_3$  through  $u_6$ , i.e. the thrust, and roll, pitch, yaw torques. A Linear-quadratic regulator (LQR) controller will be created for this purpose. The LQR controller will take in the drone's current state, compute  $A$  using Eq. 9 with  $u_3 = mg$ , compute  $B$  using Eq. 10, and uses  $Q$  and  $R$  from Eq. 11 to compute the optimal gain matrix for the LQR controller,  $K$ , according to Eq. 12, and return a vector of inputs  $u_3$  through  $u_6$  to control the drone\*. The LQR logic will be done using MATLAB's `lqr` function.<sup>8</sup>

$$B = \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial u_3} & \cdots & \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial u_6} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial F_{12}}{\partial u_3} & \cdots & \frac{\partial F_{12}}{\partial u_6} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ (\sin(\phi)\sin(\psi) + \cos(\phi)\cos(\psi)\sin(\theta))/m & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -(\cos(\psi)\sin(\phi) - \cos(\phi)\sin(\theta)\sin(\psi))/m & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ (\cos(\phi)\cos(\theta))/m & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_{xx}^{-1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{yy}^{-1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & I_{zz}^{-1} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

\*Note that  $Q$ ,  $R$ , and  $K$  in the LQR controller play a similar role as they do in the Kalman filter, but they are not the same value

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \text{diag}([100 \ 100 \ 100 \ 100 \ 100 \ 100 \ 0.1 \ 0.1 \ 0.1 \ 10 \ 10 \ 10]) \\ R &= \text{diag}([0.1 \ 1000 \ 1000 \ 1000]) \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Find } K \text{ such that } u = -Kx \text{ minimizes } J(u) &= \int_0^\infty (x^T Q x + u^T R u) dt \\ \text{subject to the system dynamics } \dot{x} &= Ax + Bu \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

## MEASUREMENT MODEL

The distance from the camera to the centroid of the drone was measured by each of the infrared cameras, and roll, pitch, yaw measurements of the drone would directly be measured using the IMU. To find the distance from the cameras to the centroid, the cameras would return the average of the distances of each of the reflective markers from the cameras. This math is done implicitly within the Vicon computer software, and just the ranges are returned. Thus, instead of maintaining a separate state for each of the reflective markers on the drone, it will be assumed that the measurement model uses the coordinates of the centroid to measure the range to the centroid\*. The noise for the range measurements will be set as the claimed accuracy on the specs sheet of the Vicon Vantage V16. The roll, pitch, and yaw measurements will be used directly from the IMU measurements. The noise for the roll, pitch, yaw measurements will be experimentally determined by find the variance of the IMU measurements when the drone is stationary. The measurement model was then formulated as in Eq. 13, where  $X_n$ ,  $Y_n$ , and  $Z_n$  are the  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$  coordinates of the  $n$ th camera.

$$G(X(t), t) = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{(x - X_1)^2 + (y - Y_1)^2 + (z - Z_1)^2} \\ \sqrt{(x - X_2)^2 + (y - Y_2)^2 + (z - Z_2)^2} \\ \sqrt{(x - X_3)^2 + (y - Y_3)^2 + (z - Z_3)^2} \\ \sqrt{(x - X_4)^2 + (y - Y_4)^2 + (z - Z_4)^2} \\ \phi \\ \theta \\ \psi \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

The observation matrix,  $H$ , was found by taking partial of the measurement model,  $G$ , with respect to  $X$ .

$$H = \frac{\partial G}{\partial X} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial G_1}{\partial x} & \cdots & \frac{\partial G_1}{\partial r} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial G_7}{\partial x} & \cdots & \frac{\partial G_7}{\partial r} \end{bmatrix} \quad (14)$$

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\*The alternative to this is to maintain the state of each marker separately, and propagate each state forward individually. However, since the reflective markers are placed almost symmetrically across the axes of the drone-fixed frame, this will offer little to no improvement in the accuracy of the estimates, and that possible slight improvement in accuracy will not outweigh the increase in computational time

$$H = \frac{\partial G}{\partial X} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{X_1 - x}{\sqrt{(X_1 - x)^2 + (Y_1 - y)^2 + (Z_1 - z)^2}} & \frac{Y_1 - y}{\sqrt{(X_1 - x)^2 + (Y_1 - y)^2 + (Z_1 - z)^2}} & \frac{Z_1 - z}{\sqrt{(X_1 - x)^2 + (Y_1 - y)^2 + (Z_1 - z)^2}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{X_2 - x}{\sqrt{(X_2 - x)^2 + (Y_2 - y)^2 + (Z_2 - z)^2}} & \frac{Y_2 - y}{\sqrt{(X_2 - x)^2 + (Y_2 - y)^2 + (Z_2 - z)^2}} & \frac{Z_2 - z}{\sqrt{(X_2 - x)^2 + (Y_2 - y)^2 + (Z_2 - z)^2}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{X_3 - x}{\sqrt{(X_3 - x)^2 + (Y_3 - y)^2 + (Z_3 - z)^2}} & \frac{Y_3 - y}{\sqrt{(X_3 - x)^2 + (Y_3 - y)^2 + (Z_3 - z)^2}} & \frac{Z_3 - z}{\sqrt{(X_3 - x)^2 + (Y_3 - y)^2 + (Z_3 - z)^2}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{X_4 - x}{\sqrt{(X_4 - x)^2 + (Y_4 - y)^2 + (Z_4 - z)^2}} & \frac{Y_4 - y}{\sqrt{(X_4 - x)^2 + (Y_4 - y)^2 + (Z_4 - z)^2}} & \frac{Z_4 - z}{\sqrt{(X_4 - x)^2 + (Y_4 - y)^2 + (Z_4 - z)^2}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Figure 6:** The final H matrix where  $X_n$ ,  $Y_n$ , and  $Z_n$  are the  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$  coordinates of the  $n$ th camera (This was included as a figure since L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X did not allow matrices this wide)

## FILTER SETUP

Using the aforementioned dynamics and measurement model, a hybrid Extended Kalman filter and an Unscented Kalman filter were implemented. The hybrid EKF algorithm that was used for this study can be seen in Algorithm 1. The UKF algorithm used for this study can be seen in Algorithm 2. The MATLAB implementation of these algorithms can be seen in the Appendix\*.

## EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE

The range measurements from the cameras and the roll, pitch, yaw measurements from the IMU were stored as ROSbags, and were read into MATLAB. The a priori state was measured during every experiment. The a priori state covariance,  $P_0^+$  was set to  $\text{diag}([ (0.001)^2 \ (0.001)^2 \ (0.001)^2 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ (3.8785e-5)^2 \ (3.8785e-5)^2 \ (3.8785e-5)^2 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 ])$ , since it is possible that there were errors on the scale of millimeters when measuring the starting position of the drone,  $3.8785 \cdot 10^{-5}$  radians of error from the IMU measurements (according to the standard deviation of the measurements when the drone was at rest), and 0 error in the velocities and angular rates since it was at rest. For the Unscented Kalman Filter, the velocity and  $p$ ,  $q$ ,  $r$  covariances were set as  $(0.001)^2$  and  $(3.8785e-5)^2$  respectively, since the matrix must be positive definite. The variance of the Vicon Vantage V16 motion capture cameras was specified to be 1.5 mm in their specsheet.<sup>1</sup> However, such small variances did not show how robust the filters' to non-ideal conditions. Hence, the variances of each of the four cameras' range measurements was set as  $0.0015^2$  m,  $0.015^2$  m,  $0.002^2$  m, and  $0.1^2$  m to showcase the filters' robustness, and the aforementioned  $3.8785 \cdot 10^{-5}$  radians of error was used for the IMU measurements. Hence, the covariance matrix of the measurements was set as  $R = \text{diag}([0.0015^2 \ 0.015^2 \ 0.002^2 \ 0.1^2 \ (3.8785e-5)^2 \ (3.8785e-5)^2 \ (3.8785e-5)^2])$ .

Four types of trajectories were used to analyze the performance of the filters for this study:

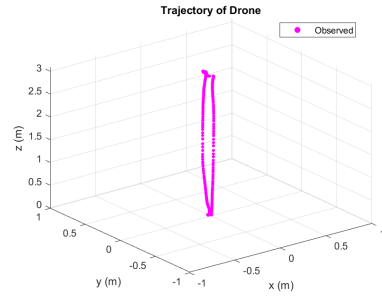
- (a) Hover - The drone hovers to a height of 3 m and lands (as seen in Figure 7a)
- (b) Circle - The drone hovers to a height of 3 m and starts flying in a circle with radius 1 m (as seen in Figure 7b)
- (c) Sine - The drone hovers to a height of 3 m and flies in a sine wave in the +x-direction (as seen in Figure 7c)

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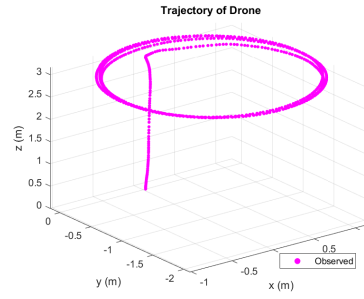
\*The code for this study can also be found at



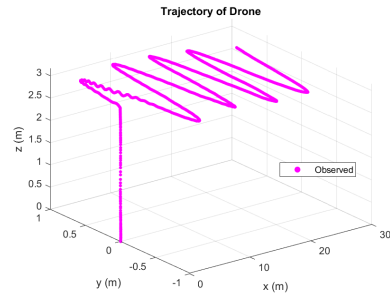
- (d) Square - The drone hovers to a height of 3 m and flies in a square with a sidelength of 4 m (as seen in Figure 7d)



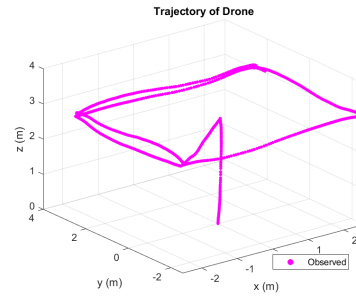
(a) Hover trajectory



(b) Circle trajectory



(c) Sine trajectory



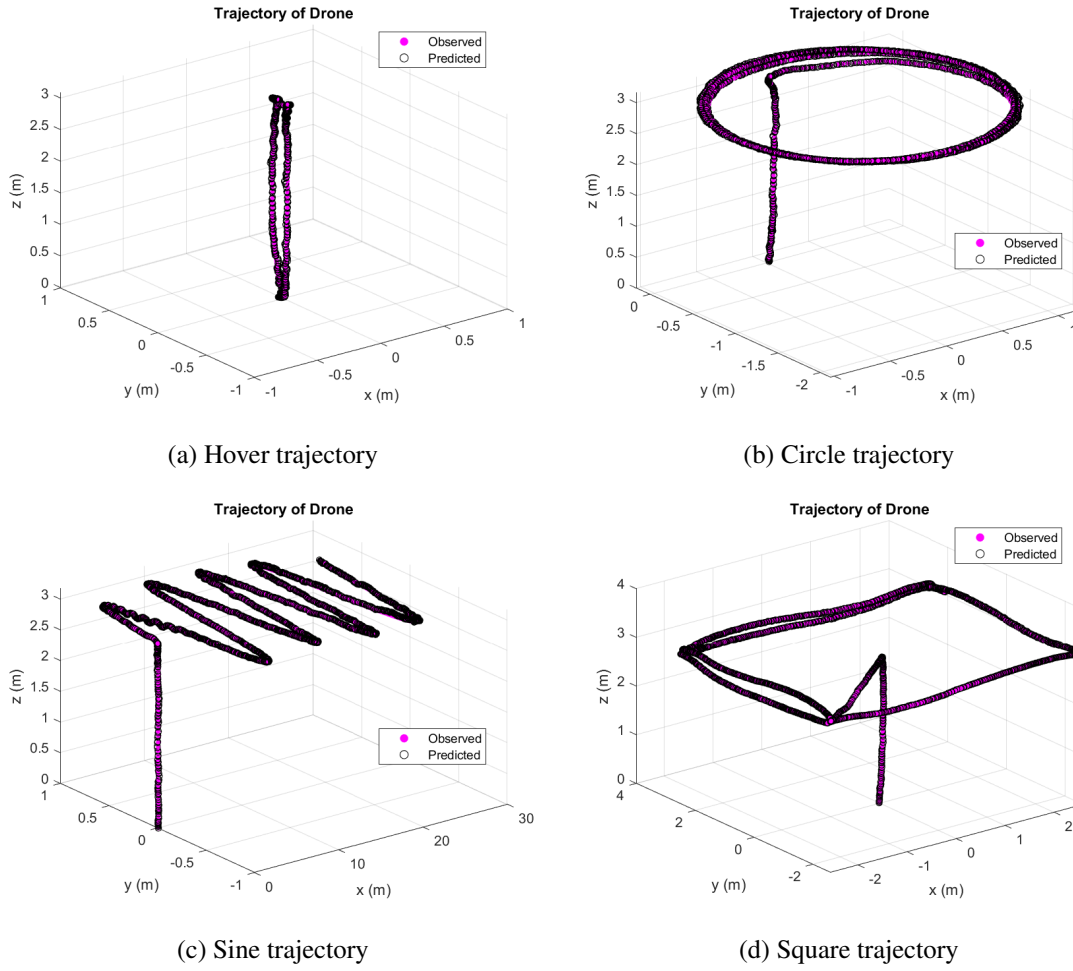
(d) Square trajectory

**Figure 7:** The trajectories that the drone followed

The default sampling rate of the cameras was at 120 Hz, but the stored data was modified to replicate a measurement rate of 60 Hz, 24 Hz, 12 Hz, 6 Hz, and an extreme of 1 Hz, and the performance of the filters over these measurement rates was compared.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results of the hybrid Extended Kalman filter will be discussed first. The estimations from the EKF can be seen overlayed on top of the observations in Figure ??.



**Figure 8:** The observed trajectories (magenta) overlaid with the estimated drone position (black)

The standard deviations of errors in position estimates for the different trajectories at various sampling rates can be seen in Tables 3 through 5.

**Table 3:** Standard deviation of x-position error

Sample Rate	Trajectory Type	$\sigma_x$ (in m)			
		Hover	Circle	Square	Sine
	120 Hz	0.0042149	0.0084198	0.0083749	0.0054409
	60 Hz	0.0049716	0.010091	0.0099932	0.0055549
	24 Hz	0.0059826	0.012189	0.011919	0.0070862
	12 Hz	0.007542	0.014241	0.012638	0.0084996
	6 Hz	0.007107	0.015207	0.012958	0.0091919
	1 Hz	0.010384	0.027626	0.015892	0.01356

**Table 4:** Standard deviation of y-position error

Sample Rate \ Trajectory Type	$\sigma_y$ (in m)			
	Hover	Circle	Square	Sine
120 Hz	0.0042601	0.0083595	0.0083918	0.0052932
60 Hz	0.0050061	0.010083	0.0099853	0.0055125
24 Hz	0.0061169	0.012145	0.011965	0.0072212
12 Hz	0.0073317	0.014331	0.012841	0.0086543
6 Hz	0.0071077	0.014991	0.012912	0.0093219
1 Hz	0.011162	0.028407	0.01622	0.013620

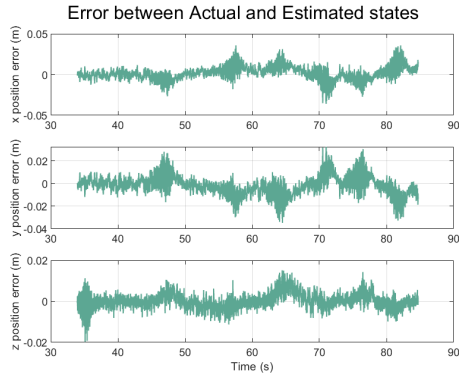
**Table 5:** Standard deviation of z-position error

Sample Rate \ Trajectory Type	$\sigma_z$ (in m)			
	Hover	Circle	Square	Sine
120 Hz	0.0038442	0.0030611	0.003646	0.011294
60 Hz	0.0032534	0.0032203	0.0041564	0.011154
24 Hz	0.0024082	0.0038679	0.004756	0.015028
12 Hz	0.0025436	0.0038703	0.0056868	0.01889
6 Hz	0.0023293	0.0039609	0.0053087	0.017223
1 Hz	0.018534	0.0077148	0.0068089	0.030209

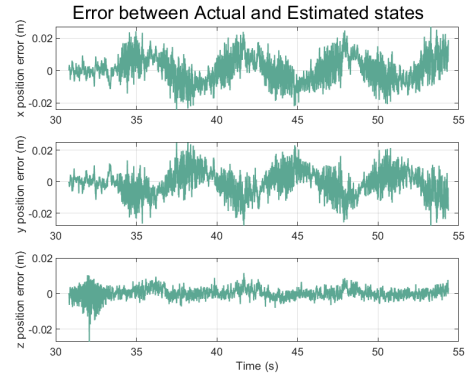
It can be seen from Tables 3 through 5 that the error in actual position and estimated position increases for all trajectories as the sampling rate is decreased. This is intuitive because as the resolution of data decreases, the system has to use its knowledge of the system's dynamics to propagate itself to the next state, and this may differ from the system's real-life behavior since many approximations were made to linearize the system's dynamics. This also explains why the magnitude of error in the z-direction is lower than the error in the x and y directions, since the drone does not move much in the z directions while performing the trajectory, therefore only causing small deviations from the actual. (WHAT) This can also be noticed in Figure 9.

That being said, it can be noticed from Figure 9 that the filter is still accurate to a hundredth of a meter, and having centimeter-level accuracy is incredible when considering that the errors in the measurements from the motion capture cameras were greatly exaggerated (used 1.5 mm, 1.5 cm, 2 mm, and 10 cm in each of the four cameras instead of the rated values of 1.5 mm<sup>1</sup>).

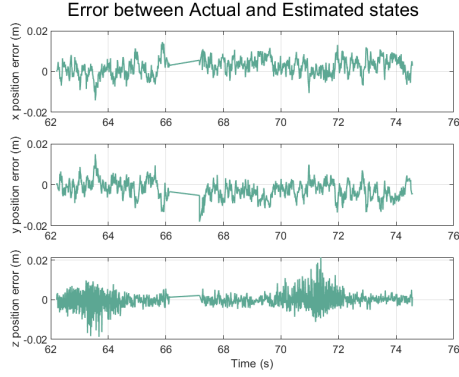
The results of the Unscented Kalman Filter will be discussed next. The first noticeable difference between the EKF and UKF was their runtime. Table 6 shows the runtimes of the EKF and UKF (measured using MATLAB's `tic` and `toc` functions) for different trajectories. The UKF takes 24 times longer per iteration than the EKF, mainly due to generating and propagating sigma points. With an average runtime of 2.9589 seconds, it is not a viable option to put the UKF on an embedded system to control a drone.



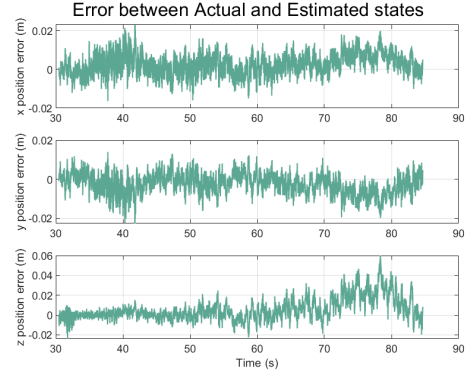
(a) Position error on the square trajectory



(b) Position error on the circle trajectory



(c) Position error on the hover trajectory



(d) Position error on the sine trajectory

**Figure 9:** Error between predicted and actual positions on different trajectories

**Table 6:** Runtimes (in seconds) of the EKF and UKF over all trajectories at a sample rate of 6 Hz

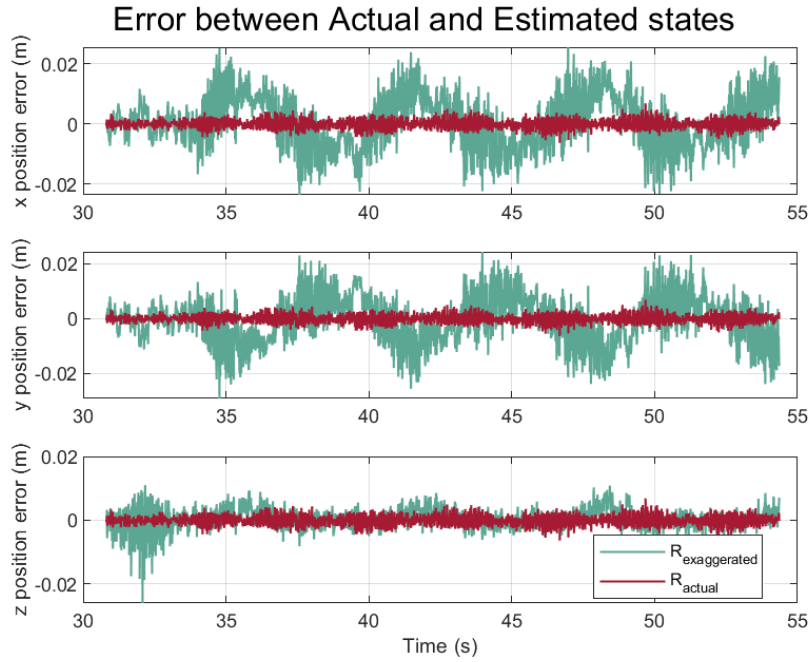
Trajectory	Filter	EKF	UKF
Hover Circle Square Sine		0.125	2.8026
		0.12666	3.0158
		0.11342	2.9119
		0.12442	3.0153
Average		<b>0.12238</b>	<b>2.9589</b>

Table 7 shows the standard deviation of the position error of the UKF estimates. When compared with the “6 Hz” row of Tables 3 through 5, it can be seen that the UKF estimates are slightly better, with an improvement of approximately 2 mm. This slight improvement in accuracy does not outweigh the UKF’s massive increase in runtime, especially considering that the filter will need to be deployed on an embedded system to control the drone.

**Table 7:** Standard deviation of the position error of UKF estimates at a sample rate of 6 Hz

Direction \ Trajectory	Hover	Circle	Square	Sine
$\sigma_x$	0.013826	0.010209	0.0094935	0.0099276
$\sigma_y$	0.015173	0.010124	0.0094954	0.0095272
$\sigma_z$	0.0049896	0.0057478	0.0043911	0.01642
<b>Average</b>	<b>0.01133</b>	<b>0.008694</b>	<b>0.010209</b>	<b>0.011958</b>

Now that it has been decided that the EKF is a better option for the application that is being studied, the EKF will be rerun with measurement error values that are more consistent with the real-life specifications of the motion capture cameras. Recall that the variances of the cameras were greatly exaggerated for this study. According to the Vicon Vantage V16's specs sheet,<sup>1</sup> the cameras have an error of 1.5 mm. After changing the  $R$  matrix to reflect this, the errors of the EKF change as can be seen graphically in Figure 10 or numerically in Table 8. Unsurprisingly, the standard deviations of the position errors are much better when compared to the errors with the perturbed  $R$  matrix.

**Figure 10:** Comparison of the position error when using the actual errors ( $R_a = R_{actual}$ ) v.s. the exaggerated errors ( $R_e = R_{exaggerated}$ )

**Table 8:** Standard deviation of the position error when using the actual errors ( $R_a = R_{actual}$ ) v.s. the exaggerated errors ( $R_e = R_{exaggerated}$ )

	Hover		Circle	
	$R_a$	$R_e$	$R_a$	$R_e$
$\sigma_x$	0.0010586	0.0042149	0.0016466	0.0084198
$\sigma_y$	0.0012544	0.0042601	0.0016962	0.0083595
$\sigma_z$	0.0023459	0.0038442	0.0017194	0.0030611

	Square		Sine	
	$R_a$	$R_e$	$R_a$	$R_e$
$\sigma_x$	0.0015686	0.0083749	0.0014993	0.0054409
$\sigma_y$	0.0015528	0.0083918	0.0012982	0.0052932
$\sigma_z$	0.0015894	0.003646	0.0022801	0.011294

## CONCLUSION

In this study, a hybrid Extended Kalman filter and an Unscented Kalman filter were implemented on the dynamics of a drone. In order to improve the quality of the study, an LQR controller was used to determine the inputs to the system at each time, thereby increasing the types of trajectories that could be analyzed, as opposed to past studies that just involved the drone hovering or with constant inputs. Simulated measurements from Gazebo were used to test the filter. Through this study, it was noted that even with greatly exaggerated measurement covariances, the EKF was able to predict the position of the drone with centimeter-level accuracy. When the measurement covariances were changed to more closely reflect their actual values, the filter performed exceptional well, showing millimeter-level accuracy. It was also noted that the UKF provided a slight improvement in accuracy, but took 24 times longer than the EKF. The slight improvement in accuracy does not outweigh the massive increase in times, and hence it can be concluded that implementing the UKF on an embedded system is not a viable option. This study proved that the EKF is accurate, quick, and robust to measurement perturbations.

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## APPENDIX A: ALGORITHMS

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### Algorithm 1 Hybrid Extended Kalman filter

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1: Recognize system equations  $\hat{x} = f(x, u, w, t), y_k = h_k(x_k, v_k), w(t) \sim (0, Q), v_k \sim (0, R)$ 
2: Initialize  $x_{initial}, P, Q, R$ 
3: Set  $\hat{x}_{k-1}^+ \leftarrow x_{initial}, P_{k-1}^+ \leftarrow P$ 
4: for each measurement  $y$  do
5:   Assemble  $y_{obs}$  by reading in measurements at  $t_k$ 
6:    $dt \leftarrow t_k - t_{k-1}$ 
7:    $\hat{x}_k^- \leftarrow$  propagate  $\hat{x}_{k-1}^+$  using the dynamics  $\dot{\hat{x}}_k$  over  $dt$  using ode45
8:    $A \leftarrow$  assemble according to Eq. 9
9:    $\dot{P} \leftarrow AP_{k-1}^+ + P_{k-1}^+ A^T + Q$ 
10:  Assemble  $y_{comp}$  according to Eq. 13 using  $\hat{x}_k^-$ 
11:  Assemble  $H_k$  according to Eq. 14 using  $\hat{x}_k^-$  and coordinates in Table 2
12:   $P_k^- \leftarrow P_{k-1}^+ + \dot{P} \times dt$ 
13:   $K_k \leftarrow P_k^- H_k^T (H_k P_k^- H_k^T + R)^{-1}$ 
14:   $\hat{x}_k^+ \leftarrow \hat{x}_k^- + K_k (y_{obs} - y_{comp})$ 
15:   $P_k^+ \leftarrow (I_{12} - K_k H_k) P_k^- (I_{12} - K_k H_k)^T + R$ 
16: end for

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### Algorithm 2 Unscented Kalman filter

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1: Recognize system equations  $x_{k+1} = f(x_k, u_k, t_k) + w_k, y_k = h(x_k, t_k) + v_k, w(t) \sim (0, Q_k), v_k \sim (0, R_k)$ 
2: Initialize  $x_{initial}, P, Q, R$ 
3: Set  $\hat{x}_{k-1}^+ \leftarrow x_{initial}, P_{k-1}^+ \leftarrow P, n \leftarrow$  number of states
4: for each measurement  $y$  do
5:   Assemble  $y_{obs}$  by reading in measurements at  $t_k$ 
6:    $dt \leftarrow t_k - t_{k-1}$ 
7:   for  $j=1:2n$  do
8:      $\hat{x}_{k-1}^{(i)} \leftarrow \hat{x}_{k-1}^+ + \tilde{x}^{(i)}; \quad i = 1, \dots, 2n$ 
9:      $\tilde{x}^{(i)} \leftarrow (\sqrt{n P_{k-1}^+})_i^T; \quad i = 1, \dots, n$ 
10:     $\tilde{x}^{(n+i)} \leftarrow -(\sqrt{n P_{k-1}^+})_i^T; \quad i = 1, \dots, n$ 
11:   end for
12:    $\hat{x}_k^{(i)} \leftarrow$  propagate  $\hat{x}_{k-1}^{(i)}$  using the dynamics  $\dot{\hat{x}}_k^{(i)}$  over  $dt$  using ode45
13:    $\hat{x}_k^- \leftarrow \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \hat{x}_k^{(i)}$ 
14:    $P_k^- \leftarrow \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{2n} (\hat{x}_k^{(i)} - \hat{x}_k^-)(\hat{x}_k^{(i)} - \hat{x}_k^-)^T + Q_{k-1}$ 
15:   for  $j=1:2n$  do
16:      $\hat{x}_k^{(i)} \leftarrow \hat{x}_k^+ + \tilde{x}^{(i)}; \quad i = 1, \dots, 2n$ 
17:      $\tilde{x}^{(i)} \leftarrow (\sqrt{n P_k^+})_i^T; \quad i = 1, \dots, n$ 
18:      $\tilde{x}^{(n+i)} \leftarrow -(\sqrt{n P_k^+})_i^T; \quad i = 1, \dots, n$ 
19:   end for
20:   Assemble  $\hat{y}_k^{(i)}$  according to Eq. 13 using  $\hat{x}_k^{(i)}$ 
21:    $\hat{y}_k \leftarrow \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \hat{y}_k^{(i)}$ 
22:    $P_y \leftarrow \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{2n} (\hat{y}_k^{(i)} - \hat{y}_k)(\hat{y}_k^{(i)} - \hat{y}_k)^T + R_k$ 
23:    $P_{xy} \leftarrow \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^{2n} (\hat{x}_k^{(i)} - \hat{x}_k^-)(\hat{y}_k^{(i)} - \hat{y}_k)^T$ 
24:    $K_k \leftarrow P_{xy} P_y^{-1}$ 
25:    $\hat{x}_k^+ \leftarrow \hat{x}_k^- + K_k (y_{obs} - \hat{y}_k)$ 
26:    $P_k^+ \leftarrow P_k^- - K_k P_y K_k^T$ 
27: end for

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## APPENDIX B: ADDITIONAL PLOTS AND DATA

### APPENDIX C: MATLAB CODE

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1  clc; clear all; close all;
2
3  %% Prepping state data
4
5  bag_list = ["circle", "hover", "sine", "square"];
6  % bag_list = ["hover"];
7  % freq_list = [1 2 5 10 20 60 120];
8  freq_list = [1];
9
10 for bag_idx = 1:length(bag_list)
11     for freq_idx = 1:length(freq_list)
12         clc; close all; clearvars -except bag_idx freq_idx bag_list freq_list
13         % Physical parameters and constants
14         m = 1.545;
15         Ixx = 0.029125;
16         Iyy = 0.029125;
17         Izz = 0.055225;
18         g = 9.81;
19         cam1loc = [10, 10, 10]';
20         cam2loc = [-10, 10, 10]';
21         cam3loc = [-10, -10, 10]';
22         cam4loc = [10, -10, 10]';
23
24         % Initial conditions
25         P = diag([(0.001)^2 (0.001)^2 (0.001)^2 (0.001)^2 (0.001)^2 (0.001)^2 (3.8785e-5)^2
26             ↪ (3.8785e-5)^2 (3.8785e-5)^2 (3.8785e-5)^2 (3.8785e-5)^2 (3.8785e-5)^2]);
27         Q = eye(12).*1e-3;
28         % R = diag([0.0015^2 0.0015^2 0.0015^2 0.1^2 (3.8785e-5)^2 (3.8785e-5)^2 (3.8785e-5)^2]);
29         R = diag([0.0015^2 0.0015^2 0.0015^2 0.0015^2 (3.8785e-5)^2 (3.8785e-5)^2 (3.8785e-5)^2]);
30
31         shape = bag_list(bag_idx);
32         sample_freq = freq_list(freq_idx);
33
34         data = importdata(strcat(shape, "_actual_states.csv"));
35         measurementdata = importdata(strcat(shape, "_measurements.csv"));
36
37         states = [];
38         target_states = [];
39         measurements = [];
40         time = [];
41         % Truncating data
42         for i = 1:size(data,2)
43             if mod(i,sample_freq)==0
44                 states = [states data(1:12, i)];
45                 target_states = [target_states data(13:24, i)];
46                 measurements = [measurements measurementdata(:, i)+
47                     ↪ sqrt(diag(R)).*randn(size(diag(R)))]];
48                 time = [time data(end, i)];
49             end
50         end
51         x_(:,1) = states(:,1); % Using the first column from the data
52         time = time./1e9;
53         disp("Everything in SI, angles in radians")
54
55         %%
56         % Visualizing data
57         figure(1)
58         scatter3(states(1,:), states(2,:), states(3,:), 10, 'm', 'filled')
59         xlabel('x (m)')
60         ylabel('y (m)')
61         zlabel('z (m)')
62         title('Trajectory of Drone')
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61 legend('Observed', 'Predicted', 'Location', 'best')
62 if shape == "hover"
63     xlim([-1 1])
64     ylim([-1 1])
65 end
66 if sample_freq == 1
67     saveas(gcf, strcat(shape, num2str(sample_freq), '_just_traj.png'))
68 end
69
70 store_x = [x_(:,1)];
71 store_P = [norm(diag(P))];
72
73 timeElapsedArray = [];
74 for i=2:size(measurements,2)
75     tic;
76     dt = time(i) - time(i-1);
77     % Observed
78     y_obs(:,i) = measurements(:, i);
79
80     % Propagation of state
81     if dt ~= 0
82         [t_out, y_out] = ode45(@(t,y) drone_dynamics(t, y, target_states(:,i-1), m, Ixx,
↪ Iyy, Izz, g), [0 dt], x_(:, i-1), odeset('RelTol',1e-2,'AbsTol',1e-4));
83     end
84
85     x_(:,i) = y_out(end,:);
86
87     % Propagation of state covariance
88     A = find_A(x_(:,i-1), m, Ixx, Iyy, Izz, g);
89     Pdot = A*P + P*A' + Q;
90     P = P + Pdot*dt;
91
92     % Assembling y_comp
93     y_comp(:,i) = [vecnorm(x_(1:3,end)-cam1loc);
94                   vecnorm(x_(1:3,end)-cam2loc);
95                   vecnorm(x_(1:3,end)-cam3loc);
96                   vecnorm(x_(1:3,end)-cam4loc);
97                   x_(7,end);
98                   x_(8,end);
99                   x_(9,end)];
100
101     % Computing H using y_comp
102     X1 = cam1loc(1);
103     Y1 = cam1loc(2);
104     Z1 = cam1loc(3);
105     X2 = cam2loc(1);
106     Y2 = cam2loc(2);
107     Z2 = cam2loc(3);
108     X3 = cam3loc(1);
109     Y3 = cam3loc(2);
110     Z3 = cam3loc(3);
111     X4 = cam4loc(1);
112     Y4 = cam4loc(2);
113     Z4 = cam4loc(3);
114     drone_x = x_(1,end);
115     drone_y = x_(2,end);
116     drone_z = x_(3,end);
117     H = [-(X1 - drone_x)/((X1 - drone_x)^2 + (Y1 - drone_y)^2 + (Z1 - drone_z)^2)^(1/2),
↪ -(Y1 - drone_y)/((X1 - drone_x)^2 + (Y1 - drone_y)^2 + (Z1 - drone_z)^2)^(1/2), -(Z1
↪ - drone_z)/((X1 - drone_x)^2 + (Y1 - drone_y)^2 + (Z1 - drone_z)^2)^(1/2), 0, 0, 0,
↪ 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0;
118     -(X2 - drone_x)/((X2 - drone_x)^2 + (Y2 - drone_y)^2 + (Z2 - drone_z)^2)^(1/2),
↪ -(Y2 - drone_y)/((X2 - drone_x)^2 + (Y2 - drone_y)^2 + (Z2 - drone_z)^2)^(1/2), -(Z2
↪ - drone_z)/((X2 - drone_x)^2 + (Y2 - drone_y)^2 + (Z2 - drone_z)^2)^(1/2), 0, 0, 0,
↪ 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0;

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119     -(X3 - drone_x)/((X3 - drone_x)^2 + (Y3 - drone_y)^2 + (Z3 - drone_z)^2)^(1/2),
↪ -(Y3 - drone_y)/((X3 - drone_x)^2 + (Y3 - drone_y)^2 + (Z3 - drone_z)^2)^(1/2), -(Z3
↪ - drone_z)/((X3 - drone_x)^2 + (Y3 - drone_y)^2 + (Z3 - drone_z)^2)^(1/2), 0, 0, 0,
↪ 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0;
120     -(X4 - drone_x)/((X4 - drone_x)^2 + (Y4 - drone_y)^2 + (Z4 - drone_z)^2)^(1/2),
↪ -(Y4 - drone_y)/((X4 - drone_x)^2 + (Y4 - drone_y)^2 + (Z4 - drone_z)^2)^(1/2), -(Z4
↪ - drone_z)/((X4 - drone_x)^2 + (Y4 - drone_y)^2 + (Z4 - drone_z)^2)^(1/2), 0, 0, 0,
↪ 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0;
121     0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0;
122     0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0;
123     0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0];
124
125 % Kalman gain
126 K = P*H'*inv(H*P*H'+R);
127
128 % Measurement update
129 x_(:,i) = x_(:,i) + K * (y_obs(:,i) - y_comp(:,i));
130
131 P = (eye(12)-K*H)*P*(eye(12)-K*H)' + K*R*K';
132
133 store_x = [store_x x_(:, i)];
134 store_P = [store_P norm(diag(P))];
135
136 timeElapsed = toc;
137 timeElapsedArray = [timeElapsedArray timeElapsed];
138
139 fprintf("%g%% done\n", round(i/size(measurements,2)*100))
140 end
141 figure(1)
142 hold on
143 scatter3(x_(1,:), x_(2,:), x_(3,:), 20, 'black')
144 legend('Observed', 'Predicted', 'Location', 'best')
145 hold off;
146 if shape == "hover"
147     xlim([-1 1])
148     ylim([-1 1])
149 end
150 saveas(gcf, strcat(shape, num2str(sample_freq), '_BETTER_traj.png'))
151
152 err = store_x - states;
153
154 figure(2)
155 subplot(3,1,1)
156 hold on
157 plot(time, store_x(1,:), 'LineWidth', 1, 'Color', '#da7e30')
158 plot(time, states(1,:), '--', 'LineWidth', 1, 'Color', '#6b4c9a')
159 box on
160 grid on
161 ylabel("x position (m)")
162 subplot(3,1,2)
163 hold on
164 plot(time, store_x(2,:), 'LineWidth', 1, 'Color', '#da7e30')
165 plot(time, states(2,:), '--', 'LineWidth', 1, 'Color', '#6b4c9a')
166 box on
167 grid on
168 ylabel("y position (m)")
169 subplot(3,1,3)
170 hold on
171 plot(time, store_x(3,:), 'LineWidth', 1, 'Color', '#da7e30')
172 plot(time, states(3,:), '--', 'LineWidth', 1, 'Color', '#6b4c9a')
173 box on
174 grid on
175 ylabel("z position (m)")
176 xlabel("Time (s)")
177 legend("Estimated", "Actual", "Location", "best")
178 sgttitle("Comparison of Actual and Estimated states")

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179 saveas(gcf, strcat(shape, num2str(sample_freq), '_BETTER_compare.png'))
180
181 figure(3)
182 subplot(3,1,1)
183 hold on
184 plot(time, err(1,:), 'LineWidth', 1, 'Color', '#5ca793')
185 box on
186 grid on
187 ylabel("x position error (m)")
188 subplot(3,1,2)
189 hold on
190 plot(time, err(2,:), 'LineWidth', 1, 'Color', '#5ca793')
191 box on
192 grid on
193 ylabel("y position error (m)")
194 subplot(3,1,3)
195 hold on
196 plot(time, err(3,:), 'LineWidth', 1, 'Color', '#5ca793')
197 box on
198 grid on
199 ylabel("z position error (m)")
200 xlabel("Time (s)")
201 sgtitle("Error between Actual and Estimated states")
202 saveas(gcf, strcat(shape, num2str(sample_freq), '_BETTER_err.png'))
203
204 writematrix([std(err(1,:));
205             std(err(2,:));
206             std(err(3,:));
207             strcat(num2str(1/mean(time(2:end) - time(1:end-1))*1.2), "Hz");
208             strcat(num2str(mean(timeElapsedArray)), "s per timestep")], strcat(shape,
↪ num2str(sample_freq), '_BETTER_std.csv'))
209 end
210 end
211
212 %% Functions
213 function [u3 u4 u5 u6] = get_u(states, target_states, m, Ixx, Iyy, Izz, g)
214     q7 = states(7);
215     q8 = states(8);
216     q9 = states(9);
217     q10 = states(10);
218     q11 = states(11);
219     q12 = states(12);
220     u3 = m*g;
221     A = find_A(states, m, Ixx, Iyy, Izz, g);
222     B = [0, 0, 0, 0;
223         0, 0, 0, 0;
224         0, 0, 0, 0;
225         (sin(q7) * sin(q9) + cos(q7) * cos(q9) * sin(q8)) / m, 0, 0, 0;
226         -(cos(q9) * sin(q7) - cos(q7) * sin(q8) * sin(q9)) / m, 0, 0, 0;
227         (cos(q7) * cos(q8)) / m, 0, 0, 0;
228         0, 0, 0, 0;
229         0, 0, 0, 0;
230         0, 0, 0, 0;
231         0, 1 / Ixx, 0, 0;
232         0, 0, 1 / Iyy, 0;
233         0, 0, 0, 1 / Izz];
234     Q = diag([100 100 100 100 100 100 0.1 0.1 0.1 10 10 10]);
235     R = diag([0.1 1000 1000 1000]);
236     K = lqr(A, B, Q, R);
237     u = -K*(states - target_states);
238     u(1) = u(1) + m*g;
239     u3 = u(1);
240     u4 = u(2);
241     u5 = u(3);
242     u6 = u(4);
243 end

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244
245 function A = find_A(states, m, Ixx, Iyy, Izz, g)
246     q7 = states(7);
247     q8 = states(8);
248     q9 = states(9);
249     q10 = states(10);
250     q11 = states(11);
251     q12 = states(12);
252     u3 = m*g;
253     A = [0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0;
254          0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0;
255          0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0;
256          0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, (u3 * (cos(q7) * sin(q9) - cos(q9) * sin(q7) * sin(q8))) / m,
↳ ...
257          (u3 * cos(q7) * cos(q8) * cos(q9)) / m, ...
258          (u3 * (cos(q9) * sin(q7) - cos(q7) * sin(q8) * sin(q9))) / m,
↳ ...
259          0, 0, 0;
260          0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -(u3 * (cos(q7) * cos(q9) + sin(q7) * sin(q8) * sin(q9))) / m,
↳ ...
261          (u3 * cos(q7) * cos(q8) * sin(q9)) / m, ...
262          (u3 * (sin(q7) * sin(q9) + cos(q7) * cos(q9) * sin(q8))) / m,
↳ ...
263          0, 0, 0;
264          0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -(u3 * cos(q8) * sin(q7)) / m, ...
265          -(u3 * cos(q7) * sin(q8)) / m, ...
266          0, 0, 0, 0;
267          0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, q11 * cos(q7) * tan(q8) - q12 * sin(q7) * tan(q8), ...
268          q12 * cos(q7) * (tan(q8)^2 + 1) + q11 * sin(q7) * (tan(q8)^2 +
↳ 1), ...
269          0, 1, sin(q7) * tan(q8), cos(q7) * tan(q8);
270          0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -q12 * cos(q7) - q11 * sin(q7), 0, 0, 0, cos(q7), -sin(q7);
271          0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, (q11 * cos(q7)) / cos(q8) - (q12 * sin(q7)) / cos(q8), ...
272          (q12 * cos(q7) * sin(q8)) / cos(q8)^2 + (q11 * sin(q7) *
↳ sin(q8)) / cos(q8)^2, ...
273          0, 0, sin(q7) / cos(q8), cos(q7) / cos(q8);
274          0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, (Iyy * q12 - Izz * q12) / Ixx, ...
275          (Iyy * q11 - Izz * q11) / Ixx;
276          0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -(Ixx * q12 - Izz * q12) / Iyy, ...
277          0, -(Ixx * q10 - Izz * q10) / Iyy;
278          0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, (Ixx * q11 - Iyy * q11) / Izz, ...
279          (Ixx * q10 - Iyy * q10) / Izz, 0];
280 end
281
282 function xhatdot = drone_dynamics(t, x, target_state, m, Ixx, Iyy, Izz, g)
283     x_pos = x(1);
284     y_pos = x(2);
285     z_pos = x(3);
286     x_vel = x(4);
287     y_vel = x(5);
288     z_vel = x(6);
289     roll = x(7);
290     pitch = x(8);
291     yaw = x(9);
292     roll_rate = x(10);
293     pitch_rate = x(11);
294     yaw_rate = x(12);
295     [u3, u4, u5, u6] = get_u(x, target_state, m, Ixx, Iyy, Izz, g);
296
297     xhatdot =[x_vel;
298              y_vel;
299              z_vel;
300              (u3*(sin(roll)*sin(yaw) + cos(roll)*cos(yaw)*sin(pitch)))/m;
301              -(u3*(cos(yaw)*sin(roll) - cos(roll)*sin(pitch)*sin(yaw)))/m;
302              -(g*m - u3*cos(pitch)*cos(roll))/m;
303              roll_rate + yaw_rate*cos(roll)*tan(pitch) + pitch_rate*tan(pitch)*sin(roll);

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304         pitch_rate*cos(roll) - yaw_rate*sin(roll);
305         (yaw_rate*cos(roll))/cos(pitch) + (pitch_rate*sin(roll))/cos(pitch);
306         (u4 + Iyy*pitch_rate*yaw_rate - Izz*pitch_rate*yaw_rate)/Ixx;
307         (u5 - Ixx*roll_rate*yaw_rate + Izz*roll_rate*yaw_rate)/Iyy;
308         (u6 + Ixx*pitch_rate*roll_rate - Iyy*pitch_rate*roll_rate)/Izz];
309
310     end

1   clc; clear all; close all;
2
3   %% Prepping state data
4   bag_list = ["circle", "hover", "sine", "square"];
5   % freq_list = [1 2 5 10 20 60 120];
6   freq_list = [20];
7
8   for bag_idx = 1:length(bag_list)
9       freq_idx = 1:length(freq_list)
10      clc; close all; clearvars -except bag_idx freq_idx bag_list freq_list
11      % Physical parameters and constants
12      m = 1.545;
13      Ixx = 0.029125;
14      Iyy = 0.029125;
15      Izz = 0.055225;
16      g = 9.81;
17      cam1loc = [10, 10, 10]';
18      cam2loc = [-10, 10, 10]';
19      cam3loc = [-10, -10, 10]';
20      cam4loc = [10, -10, 10]';
21
22      R = diag([0.0015^2 0.015^2 0.002^2 0.1^2 (3.8785e-5)^2 (3.8785e-5)^2 (3.8785e-5)^2]);
23
24      shape = bag_list(bag_idx);
25      sample_freq = freq_list(freq_idx);
26
27
28      data = importdata(strcat(shape, "_actual_states.csv"));
29      measurementdata = importdata(strcat(shape, "_measurements.csv"));
30
31      states = [];
32      target_states = [];
33      measurements = [];
34      time = [];
35      % Truncating data
36      for i = 1:size(data,2)
37          if mod(i,sample_freq)==0
38              states = [states data(1:12, i)];
39              target_states = [target_states data(13:24, i)];
40              measurements = [measurements measurementdata(:, i)+
↪          sqrt(diag(R)).*randn(size(diag(R)))];
41              time = [time data(end, i)];
42          end
43      end
44      time = time./1e9;
45
46      % Initial conditions
47      P = diag([(0.001)^2 (0.001)^2 (0.001)^2 (0.001)^2 (0.001)^2 (0.001)^2 (3.8785e-5)^2
↪          (3.8785e-5)^2 (3.8785e-5)^2 (3.8785e-5)^2 (3.8785e-5)^2 (3.8785e-5)^2]);
48      Q = eye(12).*1e-3;
49      x_(:,1) = states(:,1); % Using the first column from the data
50      n = length(x_);
51      disp("Everything in SI, angles in radians")
52
53      %%
54      % Visualizing data
55      figure(1)
56      scatter3(states(1,:), states(2,:), states(3,:), 10, 'm', 'filled')

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57 xlabel('x (m)')
58 ylabel('y (m)')
59 zlabel('z (m)')
60 title('Trajectory of Drone')
61 % legend('Observed', 'Predicted', 'Location', 'best')
62 if shape == "hover"
63     xlim([-1 1])
64     ylim([-1 1])
65 end
66 if sample_freq == 1
67     saveas(gcf, strcat(shape, num2str(sample_freq), '_just_traj.png'))
68 end
69
70 store_x = [x_(:,1)];
71 store_P = [norm(diag(P))];
72 timeElapsedArray = [];
73 for i=2:size(measurements,2)
74     tic;
75     dt = time(i) - time(i-1);
76     % Observed
77     y_obs(:,i) = measurements(:, i);
78
79     xhat_k_1 = [];
80     % Sigma points
81     for j = 1:2*n
82         if j<=n
83             xtilda = chol(n*P);
84             xtilda = xtilda(j,:);
85         else
86             xtilda = -chol(n*P);
87             xtilda = xtilda(j-n,:);
88         end
89         xhat_k_1 = [xhat_k_1 x_(:,i-1)+xtilda];
90     end
91
92     % Propagation of state
93     xhat_k = [];
94     for j = 1:2*n
95         current_x = xhat_k_1(:,j);
96         if dt ~= 0
97             [t_out, y_out] = ode45(@(t,y) drone_dynamics(t, y, target_states(:,i-1), m,
↪ Ixx, Iyy, Izz, g), [0 dt], current_x, odeset('RelTol',1e-2,'AbsTol',1e-4));
98         end
99         xhat_k = [xhat_k y_out(end,:)'];
100     end
101     xhatk_ = sum(xhat_k, 2)/(2*n);
102     temp_Pk_ = 0;
103     for j = 1:2*n
104         temp_Pk_ = temp_Pk_ + (xhat_k(:,j) - xhatk_)*(xhat_k(:,j) - xhatk_);
105     end
106     Pk_ = temp_Pk_/(2*n) + Q;
107
108     %
109     % Sigma points
110     for j = 1:2*n
111         if j<=n
112             xtilda = chol(n*P);
113             xtilda = xtilda(j,:);
114         else
115             xtilda = -chol(n*P);
116             xtilda = xtilda(j-n,:);
117         end
118         xhat_k = [xhat_k xhatk_+xtilda];
119     end
120
121     % Assembling y_computed

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122     y_comp = [];
123     for j = 1:2*n
124         current_x = xhat_k(:,j);
125         y1_comp = vecnorm(current_x(1:3)-cam1loc);
126         y2_comp = vecnorm(current_x(1:3)-cam2loc);
127         y3_comp = vecnorm(current_x(1:3)-cam3loc);
128         y4_comp = vecnorm(current_x(1:3)-cam4loc);
129
130     y_comp = [y_comp y1_comp; y2_comp; y3_comp; y4_comp; current_x(7); current_x(8);
↪ current_x(9)];
131     end
132     y_comp_hat = sum(y_comp, 2)/(2*n);
133
134     temp_Py = 0;
135     temp_Pxy = 0;
136     for j = 1:2*n
137         temp_Py = temp_Py + (y_comp(:,j) - y_comp_hat)*(y_comp(:,j) - y_comp_hat)';
138         temp_Pxy = temp_Pxy + (xhat_k(:,j)-xhat_k)*(y_comp(:,j)-y_comp_hat)';
139     end
140     Py = temp_Py/(2*n) + R;
141     Pxy = temp_Pxy/(2*n);
142
143     K = Pxy*inv(Py);
144     x_(:,i) = xhat_k_ + K*(y_obs(:,i) - y_comp_hat);
145     P = Pk_ - K*Py*K';
146
147     store_x = [store_x x_(:, i)];
148     timeElapsed = toc;
149     timeElapsedArray = [timeElapsedArray timeElapsed];
150     figure(1)
151     hold on
152     scatter3(x_(1,i), x_(2,i), x_(3,i), 20, 'black')
153     fprintf("%g%% done\n", round(i/size(measurements,2)*100))
154 end
155
156 figure(1)
157 hold on
158 scatter3(x_(1,:), x_(2,:), x_(3,:), 20, 'black')
159 legend('Observed', 'Predicted', 'Location', 'best')
160 hold off;
161 if shape == "hover"
162     xlim([-1 1])
163     ylim([-1 1])
164 end
165 saveas(gcf, strcat(shape, num2str(sample_freq), '_traj_UKF.png'))
166
167 err = store_x - states;
168
169 figure(2)
170 subplot(3,1,1)
171 hold on
172 plot(time, store_x(1,:), 'LineWidth', 1, 'Color', '#da7e30')
173 plot(time, states(1,:), '--', 'LineWidth', 1, 'Color', '#6b4c9a')
174 box on
175 grid on
176 ylabel("x position (m)")
177 subplot(3,1,2)
178 hold on
179 plot(time, store_x(2,:), 'LineWidth', 1, 'Color', '#da7e30')
180 plot(time, states(2,:), '--', 'LineWidth', 1, 'Color', '#6b4c9a')
181 box on
182 grid on
183 ylabel("y position (m)")
184 subplot(3,1,3)
185 hold on
186 plot(time, store_x(3,:), 'LineWidth', 1, 'Color', '#da7e30')

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187 plot(time, states(3,:), '--', 'LineWidth', 1, 'Color', '#6b4c9a')
188 box on
189 grid on
190 ylabel("z position (m)")
191 xlabel("Time (s)")
192 legend("Estimated", "Actual", "Location", "best")
193 sgtitle("Comparison of Actual and Estimated states")
194 saveas(gcf, strcat(shape, num2str(sample_freq), '_compare_UKF.png'))
195
196 figure(3)
197 subplot(3,1,1)
198 hold on
199 plot(time, err(1,:), 'LineWidth', 1, 'Color', '#5ca793')
200 box on
201 grid on
202 ylabel("x position error (m)")
203 subplot(3,1,2)
204 hold on
205 plot(time, err(2,:), 'LineWidth', 1, 'Color', '#5ca793')
206 box on
207 grid on
208 ylabel("y position error (m)")
209 subplot(3,1,3)
210 hold on
211 plot(time, err(3,:), 'LineWidth', 1, 'Color', '#5ca793')
212 box on
213 grid on
214 ylabel("z position error (m)")
215 xlabel("Time (s)")
216 sgtitle("Error between Actual and Estimated states")
217 saveas(gcf, strcat(shape, num2str(sample_freq), '_err_UKF.png'))
218
219 writematrix([std(err(1,:));std(err(2,:));std(err(3,:));strcat(num2str(1/mean(time(2:end)
↪ - time(1:end-1))*1.2), "Hz"); strcat(num2str(mean(timeElapsedArray)), "s per
↪ timestep)], strcat(shape, num2str(sample_freq), '_std_UKF.csv'))
220 end
221 end
222
223 %% Functions
224
225 function xhatdot = drone_dynamics(t, x, target_state, m, Ixx, Iyy, Izz, g)
226     x_pos = x(1);
227     y_pos = x(2);
228     z_pos = x(3);
229     x_vel = x(4);
230     y_vel = x(5);
231     z_vel = x(6);
232     roll = x(7);
233     pitch = x(8);
234     yaw = x(9);
235     roll_rate = x(10);
236     pitch_rate = x(11);
237     yaw_rate = x(12);
238     [u3, u4, u5, u6] = get_u(x, target_state, m, Ixx, Iyy, Izz, g);
239
240     xhatdot = [x_vel;
241               y_vel;
242               z_vel;
243               (u3*(sin(roll)*sin(yaw) + cos(roll)*cos(yaw)*sin(pitch)))/m;
244               -(u3*(cos(yaw)*sin(roll) - cos(roll)*sin(pitch)*sin(yaw)))/m;
245               -(g*m - u3*cos(pitch)*cos(roll))/m;
246               roll_rate + yaw_rate*cos(roll)*tan(pitch) + pitch_rate*tan(pitch)*sin(roll);
247               pitch_rate*cos(roll) - yaw_rate*sin(roll);
248               (yaw_rate*cos(roll))/cos(pitch) + (pitch_rate*sin(roll))/cos(pitch);
249               (u4 + Iyy*pitch_rate*yaw_rate - Izz*pitch_rate*yaw_rate)/Ixx;
250               (u5 - Ixx*roll_rate*yaw_rate + Izz*roll_rate*yaw_rate)/Iyy;

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251         (u6 + Ixx*pitch_rate*roll_rate - Iyy*pitch_rate*roll_rate)/Izz];
252
253     end
254
255     function [u3 u4 u5 u6] = get_u(states, target_states, m, Ixx, Iyy, Izz, g)
256         q7 = states(7);
257         q8 = states(8);
258         q9 = states(9);
259         q10 = states(10);
260         q11 = states(11);
261         q12 = states(12);
262         u3 = m*g;
263         A = find_A(states, m, Ixx, Iyy, Izz, g);
264         B = [0, 0, 0, 0;
265             0, 0, 0, 0;
266             0, 0, 0, 0;
267             (sin(q7) * sin(q9) + cos(q7) * cos(q9) * sin(q8)) / m, 0, 0, 0;
268             -(cos(q9) * sin(q7) - cos(q7) * sin(q8) * sin(q9)) / m, 0, 0, 0;
269             (cos(q7) * cos(q8)) / m, 0, 0, 0;
270             0, 0, 0, 0;
271             0, 0, 0, 0;
272             0, 0, 0, 0;
273             0, 1 / Ixx, 0, 0;
274             0, 0, 1 / Iyy, 0;
275             0, 0, 0, 1 / Izz];
276         Q = diag([100 100 100 100 100 100 0.1 0.1 0.1 10 10 10]);
277         R = diag([0.1 1000 1000 1000]);
278         K = lqr(A, B, Q, R);
279         u = -K*(states - target_states);
280         u(1) = u(1) + m*g;
281         u3 = u(1);
282         u4 = u(2);
283         u5 = u(3);
284         u6 = u(4);
285     end
286
287     function A = find_A(states, m, Ixx, Iyy, Izz, g)
288         q7 = states(7);
289         q8 = states(8);
290         q9 = states(9);
291         q10 = states(10);
292         q11 = states(11);
293         q12 = states(12);
294         u3 = m*g;
295         A = [0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0;
296             0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0;
297             0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0;
298             0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, (u3 * (cos(q7) * sin(q9) - cos(q9) * sin(q7) * sin(q8))) / m,
↪ ...
299                                     (u3 * cos(q7) * cos(q8) * cos(q9)) / m, ...
300                                     (u3 * (cos(q9) * sin(q7) - cos(q7) * sin(q8) * sin(q9))) / m,
↪ ...
301                                     0, 0, 0;
302             0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -(u3 * (cos(q7) * cos(q9) + sin(q7) * sin(q8) * sin(q9))) / m,
↪ ...
303                                     (u3 * cos(q7) * cos(q8) * sin(q9)) / m, ...
304                                     (u3 * (sin(q7) * sin(q9) + cos(q7) * cos(q9) * sin(q8))) / m,
↪ ...
305                                     0, 0, 0;
306             0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -(u3 * cos(q8) * sin(q7)) / m, ...
307                                     -(u3 * cos(q7) * sin(q8)) / m, ...
308                                     0, 0, 0;
309             0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, q11 * cos(q7) * tan(q8) - q12 * sin(q7) * tan(q8), ...
310                                     q12 * cos(q7) * (tan(q8)^2 + 1) + q11 * sin(q7) * (tan(q8)^2 +
↪ 1), ...
311                                     0, 1, sin(q7) * tan(q8), cos(q7) * tan(q8);

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312         0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -q12 * cos(q7) - q11 * sin(q7), 0, 0, 0, cos(q7), -sin(q7);
313         0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, (q11 * cos(q7)) / cos(q8) - (q12 * sin(q7)) / cos(q8), ...
314         (q12 * cos(q7) * sin(q8)) / cos(q8)^2 + (q11 * sin(q7) *
↪ sin(q8)) / cos(q8)^2, ...
315         0, 0, sin(q7) / cos(q8), cos(q7) / cos(q8);
316         0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, (Iyy * q12 - Izz * q12) / Ixx, ...
317         (Iyy * q11 - Izz * q11) / Ixx;
318         0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -(Ixx * q12 - Izz * q12) / Iyy, ...
319         0, -(Ixx * q10 - Izz * q10) / Iyy;
320         0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, (Ixx * q11 - Iyy * q11) / Izz, ...
321         (Ixx * q10 - Iyy * q10) / Izz, 0];
322 end

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