

Building an Estimator

1. Step1: Sensor noise:

In this step, an excel sheet is used to import sensors data and then calculate the standard deviation. So, the solution is:

MeasuredStdDev_GPSPosXY = 0.7

MeasuredStdDev_AccelXY = 0.5

2. Step2: Attitude estimation:

In this step a simplistic rotation matrix is implemented

```
// defining the rotation matrix...
Mat3x3F rot = Mat3x3F::Zeros();
float phi = rollEst;
float theta = pitchEst;
rot(0, 0) = 1;
rot(0, 1) = sin(phi) * tan(theta);
rot(0, 2) = cos(phi) * tan(theta);
rot(1, 0) = 0;
rot(1, 1) = cos(phi);
rot(1, 2) = -sin(phi);
rot(2, 0) = 0;
rot(2, 1) = sin(phi) / cos(theta);
rot(2, 2) = cos(phi) / cos(theta);
V3F angle_dot = rot * gyro;
float predictedRoll = rollEst + dtIMU * angle_dot.x;
float predictedPitch = pitchEst + dtIMU * angle_dot.y;
ekfState(6) = ekfState(6) + dtIMU * angle_dot.z;
// normalize yaw to -pi .. pi
if (ekfState(6) > F_PI) {
    ekfState(6) -= 2.f * F_PI;
}
if (ekfState(6) < -F_PI) {
    ekfState(6) += 2.f * F_PI;
}
```

3. Step3: Prediction :

In this step a simple integration is implemented in the PridictState function

```
V3F Inertial_frame_acc = attitude.Rotate_BtoI(accel) - V3F(0.0, 0.0, CONST_GRAVITY);

predictedState(0) = curState(0) + curState(3) * dt; // X-pos
predictedState(1) = curState(1) + curState(4) * dt; // Y-pos
predictedState(2) = curState(2) + curState(5) * dt; // Z-pos
predictedState(3) = curState(3) + Inertial_frame_acc.x * dt; // X-pos
predictedState(4) = curState(4) + Inertial_frame_acc.y * dt; // Y-pos
predictedState(5) = curState(5) + Inertial_frame_acc.z * dt; // Z-pos
```

Partial derivative of the body-to-global rotation matrix in the function GetRbgPrime()
function

```
float theta = pitch;
float phi = roll;
float psi = yaw;
float R11, R12, R13, R21, R22, R23;

R11 = -cos(theta) * sin(psi);
R21 = cos(theta) * cos(psi);

R12 = -sin(phi) * sin(theta) * sin(psi) - cos(phi) * cos(psi);
R22 = sin(phi) * sin(theta) * cos(psi) - cos(phi) * sin(psi);

R13 = -cos(phi) * sin(theta) * sin(psi) + sin(phi) * cos(psi);
R23 = cos(phi) * sin(theta) * cos(psi) + sin(phi) * sin(psi);

RbgPrime(0, 0) = R11;
RbgPrime(0, 1) = R12;
RbgPrime(0, 2) = R13;
RbgPrime(1, 0) = R21;
RbgPrime(1, 1) = R22;
RbgPrime(1, 2) = R23;
```

Implementing the rest of the prediction step (predict the state covariance forward) in
Predict() function (tuned values QPosXYStd= 0.05 QVelXYStd= 0.1)

```
// g' update:
gPrime(0, 3) = dt;
gPrime(1, 4) = dt;
gPrime(2, 5) = dt;

gPrime(3, 6) = (RbgPrime(0, 0) * accel.x + RbgPrime(0, 1) * accel.y + RbgPrime(0, 2)
* accel.z) * dt;
gPrime(4, 6) = (RbgPrime(1, 0) * accel.x + RbgPrime(1, 1) * accel.y + RbgPrime(1, 2)
* accel.z) * dt;

// sigma bar update
ekfCov = gPrime * ekfCov * gPrime.transpose() + Q;
```

4. Step4: magnetometer update:

After tuning (QYawStd = 0.31) , then Implementing magnetometer update in the
function UpdateFromMag()

```
hPrime(QUAD_EKF_NUM_STATES - 1) = 1;
zFromX(0) = ekfState(6);

if ((z(0) - zFromX(0)) > F_PI) {
    zFromX(0) += 2.f * F_PI;
}
else if ((z(0) - zFromX(0)) < -F_PI) {
    zFromX(0) -= 2.f * F_PI;
}
```

5. Step5: Closed loop + GPS update:

Implementing the EKF GPS Update in the function UpdateFromGPS()

```
for (int i = 0; i < 6; i++) {  
    hPrime(i, i) = 1;  
    zFromX(i) = ekfState(i);  
}
```

6. Step6: Adding Your Controller:

The files QuadController.cpp and QuadControlParams.txt is replaced with a retuned parameters from the previous control project