

# AE 483 Homework 2 Solution

## Question 1

### Part a

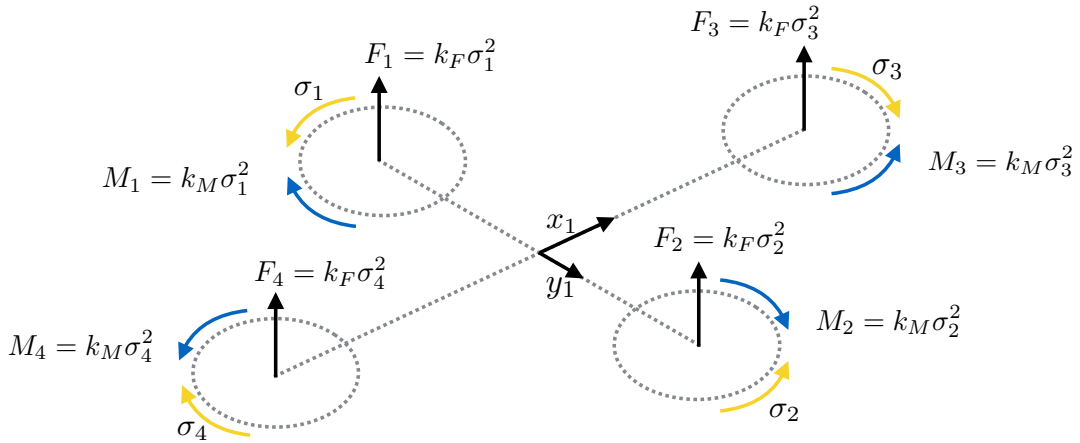


Figure 1: The free-body diagram that shows applied forces and torques

The total force and torque (due *only* to the rotors) are given below:

$$f_{\text{rotors}}^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -k_F(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2 + \sigma_4^2) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tau_{\text{rotors}}^1 = \begin{bmatrix} k_F(\sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2^2)l \\ k_F(\sigma_3^2 - \sigma_4^2)l \\ k_M(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - \sigma_3^2 - \sigma_4^2) \end{bmatrix}$$

### Part b

The matrix  $W \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4}$  should be clear from the following derivations:

$$u = \begin{bmatrix} k_F(\sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2^2)l \\ k_F(\sigma_3^2 - \sigma_4^2)l \\ k_M(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - \sigma_3^2 - \sigma_4^2) \\ k_F(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2 + \sigma_4^2) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} k_F l & -k_F l & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k_F l & -k_F l \\ k_M & k_M & -k_M & -k_M \\ k_F & k_F & k_F & k_F \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 \\ \sigma_2^2 \\ \sigma_3^2 \\ \sigma_4^2 \end{bmatrix} = Ws$$

### Part c

The determinant of the matrix  $W$  is

$$\det W = -8k_F^3 k_M l^2$$

It indicates that the matrix  $W$  is invertible if  $k_F, k_M, l \neq 0$ .

## Part d

For each rotor, the maximum value  $s_{\max} = 10^6$ . Consider the following:

1. For the desired input  $\bar{u} = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 5]^\top$ , one may compute that

$$\bar{s} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.25 \times 10^5 \\ 1.25 \times 10^5 \\ 1.25 \times 10^5 \\ 1.25 \times 10^5 \end{bmatrix}, s = \begin{bmatrix} 1.25 \times 10^5 \\ 1.25 \times 10^5 \\ 1.25 \times 10^5 \\ 1.25 \times 10^5 \end{bmatrix}, u = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. For the desired input  $\bar{u} = [0.5 \ -0.5 \ 0.05 \ 5]^\top$ , one may compute that

$$\bar{s} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \times 10^5 \\ 2 \times 10^5 \\ -5 \times 10^4 \\ 5 \times 10^4 \end{bmatrix}, s = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \times 10^5 \\ 2 \times 10^5 \\ 0 \\ 5 \times 10^4 \end{bmatrix}, u = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ -0.25 \\ 0.045 \\ 5.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Part e

The total force and torque (both due to the rotors and due to gravity) are given below:

$$f^0 = R_1^0 f_{\text{rotors}}^1 + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ mg \end{bmatrix} = R_1^0 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -u_4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ mg \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\tau^1 = \tau_{\text{rotors}}^1 = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Question 2

The equations of motion are:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{bmatrix} \dot{o}_1 \\ \dot{o}_2 \\ \dot{o}_3 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\theta}_1 \\ \dot{\theta}_2 \\ \dot{\theta}_3 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} h_4 \\ h_5 \\ h_6 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{c_2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & s_3 & c_3 \\ 0 & c_2 c_3 & -c_2 s_3 \\ c_2 & s_2 s_3 & s_2 c_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} \dot{v}_1 \\ \dot{v}_2 \\ \dot{v}_3 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} h_7 \\ h_8 \\ h_9 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{f^0}{m} = \frac{1}{m} R_1^0 \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -u_4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ g \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{m} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 s_2 c_3 + s_1 s_3 \\ s_1 s_2 c_3 - c_1 s_3 \\ c_2 c_3 \end{bmatrix} u_4 + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ g \end{bmatrix} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\omega}_1 \\ \dot{\omega}_2 \\ \dot{\omega}_3 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} h_{10} \\ h_{11} \\ h_{12} \end{bmatrix} = J^{-1}(\tau - \hat{\omega} J \omega) \\
 &= J^{-1} \left( \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega_3 & \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 & 0 & -\omega_1 \\ -\omega_2 & \omega_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} J_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & J_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & J_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1/J_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/J_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/J_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 + (J_2 - J_3)\omega_2\omega_3 \\ u_2 + (J_3 - J_1)\omega_1\omega_3 \\ u_3 + (J_1 - J_2)\omega_1\omega_2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} [u_1 + (J_2 - J_3)\omega_2\omega_3]/J_1 \\ [u_2 + (J_3 - J_1)\omega_1\omega_3]/J_2 \\ [u_3 + (J_1 - J_2)\omega_1\omega_2]/J_3 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Question 3

### Part a

Given that  $\theta = 0$ , we should know  $s_1 = s_2 = s_3 = 0, c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 1$  for obvious reasons. From  $\dot{v} = 0$ , we could obtain:

$$\dot{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -u_4/m \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ g \end{bmatrix} = 0 \implies u_4 = mg$$

From  $w = \dot{\omega} = 0$ , we could obtain

$$\dot{\omega} = \begin{bmatrix} u_1/J_1 \\ u_2/J_2 \\ u_3/J_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \implies u_1 = u_2 = u_3 = 0$$

To summarize, the required conditions on inputs are:

$$u_1 = u_2 = u_3 = 0, u_4 = mg$$

## Part b

Our goal is to linearize the differential equations derived in Question 2 around its hover conditions, and put them into the form of

$$\dot{x}_c = A_c x_c + B_c u_c$$

A superscript  $h$  is used to represent the value of each variable in hover conditions.

Consider the following:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta\dot{o}_1 &= \left. \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial v_1} \right|_{v^h} \delta v_1 = \delta v_1 \\ \delta\dot{o}_2 &= \left. \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial v_2} \right|_{v^h} \delta v_2 = \delta v_2 \\ \delta\dot{o}_3 &= \left. \frac{\partial h_3}{\partial v_3} \right|_{v^h} \delta v_3 = \delta v_3 \\ \delta\dot{\theta}_1 &= \sum_{z=\{\theta_2, \theta_3, \omega_2, \omega_3\}} \left. \frac{\partial h_4}{\partial z} \right|_{\theta^h, \omega^h} \delta z = \delta \omega_3 \\ \delta\dot{\theta}_2 &= \sum_{z=\{\theta_3, \omega_2, \omega_3\}} \left. \frac{\partial h_5}{\partial z} \right|_{\theta^h, \omega^h} \delta z = \delta \omega_2 \\ \delta\dot{\theta}_3 &= \sum_{z=\{\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \omega_2, \omega_3\}} \left. \frac{\partial h_6}{\partial z} \right|_{\theta^h, \omega^h} \delta z = \delta \omega_1 \\ \delta\dot{v}_1 &= \sum_{z=\{\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, u_4\}} \left. \frac{\partial h_7}{\partial z} \right|_{\theta^h, u^h} \delta z = -g\delta\theta_2 \\ \delta\dot{v}_2 &= \sum_{z=\{\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, u_4\}} \left. \frac{\partial h_8}{\partial z} \right|_{\theta^h, u^h} \delta z = g\delta\theta_3 \\ \delta\dot{v}_3 &= \sum_{z=\{\theta_2, \theta_3, u_4\}} \left. \frac{\partial h_9}{\partial z} \right|_{\theta^h, u^h} \delta z = -\frac{1}{m}\delta u_4 \\ \delta\dot{\omega}_1 &= \sum_{z=\{\omega_2, \omega_3, u_1\}} \left. \frac{\partial h_{10}}{\partial z} \right|_{\omega^h, u^h} \delta z = \frac{1}{J_1}\delta u_1 \\ \delta\dot{\omega}_2 &= \sum_{z=\{\omega_1, \omega_3, u_2\}} \left. \frac{\partial h_{11}}{\partial z} \right|_{\omega^h, u^h} \delta z = \frac{1}{J_2}\delta u_2 \\ \delta\dot{\omega}_3 &= \sum_{z=\{\omega_1, \omega_2, u_3\}} \left. \frac{\partial h_{12}}{\partial z} \right|_{\omega^h, u^h} \delta z = \frac{1}{J_3}\delta u_3\end{aligned}$$

Then the matrices  $A_c, B_c$  are given by:

$$A_c = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -g & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & g & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B_c = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{m} \\ \frac{1}{J_1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{J_2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{J_3} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

### Part c

By the continuous time state space equations, we could write:

$$\dot{x}_c(i\Delta t) = A_c x_c(i\Delta t) + B_c u_c(i\Delta t)$$

To substitute the above equation into the linear approximation form, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} x_c((i+1)\Delta t) &\approx x_c(i\Delta t) + \dot{x}_c(i\Delta t)\Delta t \\ &= x_c(i\Delta t) + [A_c x_c(i\Delta t) + B_c u_c(i\Delta t)]\Delta t \\ &= (I + A_c \Delta t)x_c(i\Delta t) + B_c \Delta t u_c(i\Delta t) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x_d(i) = x_c(i\Delta t)$ ,  $u_d(i) = u_c(i\Delta t)$ , the above equation can be translated into:

$$x_d(i+1) = (I + A_c \Delta t)x_d(i) + B_c \Delta t u_d(i)$$

which is in discrete time state space form. And matrices  $A_d, B_d$  are given by

$$A_d = I + A_c \Delta t, B_d = B_c \Delta t$$