Introduction to Aerial Robotics Lecture 3

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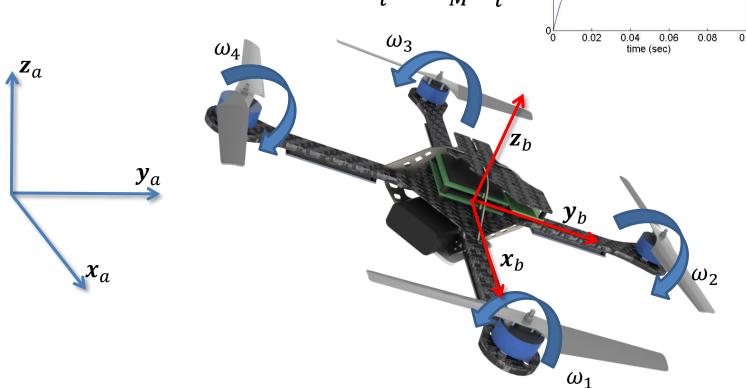


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Outline

- Quadrotor Dynamics
- Control Basics
- Quadrotor Control
- Trajectory Generation

- Motor model: $\dot{\omega}_i = k_m(\omega_i^{des} \omega_i)$
- Thrust from individual motor: $F_i = k_F \omega_i^2$
- Moment from individual motor: $M_i = k_M \omega_i^2$

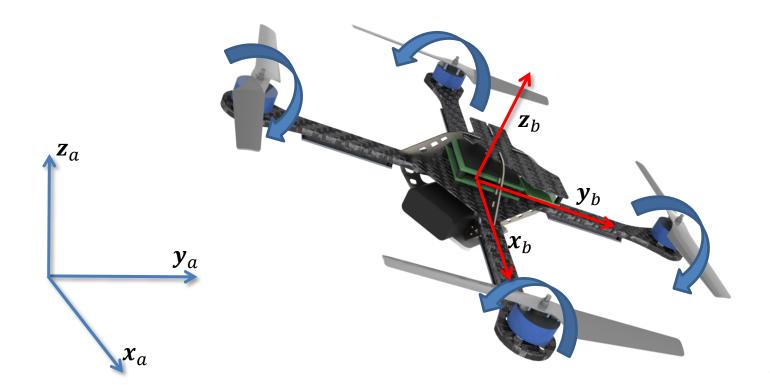


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- Z-X-Y Euler Angles: $\mathbf{\textit{R}}_{ab} = \mathbf{\textit{R}}_{z}(\psi) \cdot \mathbf{\textit{R}}_{x}(\phi) \cdot \mathbf{\textit{R}}_{y}(\theta)$
- Sequence of three rotations about body-fixed axes
- What are the singularities?

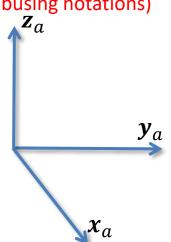


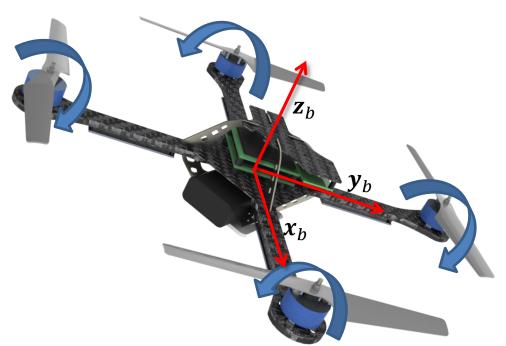


•
$$\mathbf{R}_{ab} = \begin{bmatrix} c\psi c\theta - s\phi s\psi s\theta & -c\phi s\psi & c\psi s\theta + c\theta s\phi s\psi \\ c\theta s\psi + c\psi s\phi s\theta & c\phi c\psi & s\psi s\theta - c\psi c\theta s\phi \\ -c\phi s\theta & s\phi & c\phi c\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

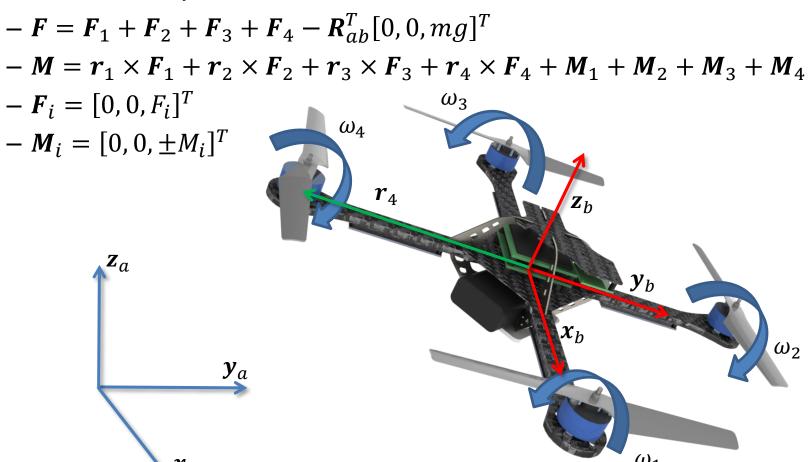
$$\bullet \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c\theta & 0 & -c\phi s\theta \\ 0 & 1 & s\phi \\ s\theta & 0 & c\phi c\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix}$$

Instantaneous body angular velocity viewed in the body frame (sorry for abusing notations)

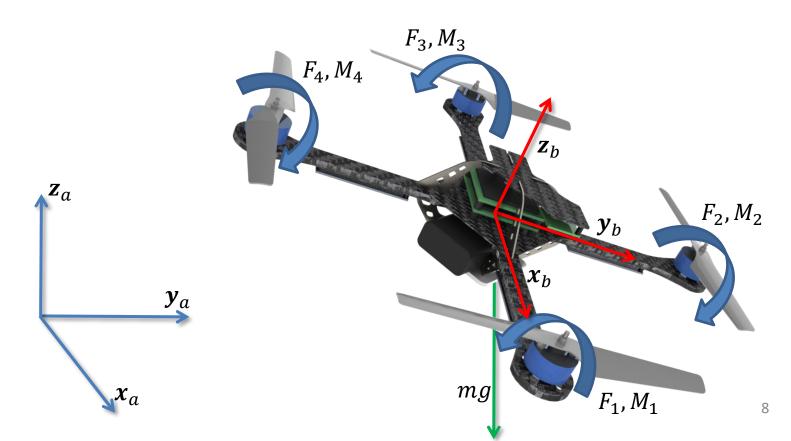




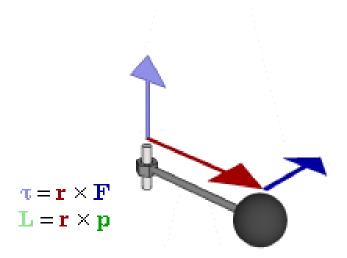
Consider body frame



• Newton Equation:
$$m\ddot{p}^a = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\0\\-mg \end{bmatrix} + R_{ab} \begin{bmatrix} 0\\0\\F_1+F_2+F_3+F_4 \end{bmatrix}$$





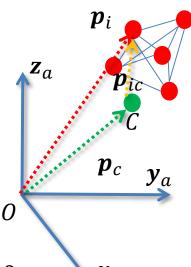


Relationship between force (F), torque/moment of force(τ), momentum (p), and angular momentum (L) vectors in a rotating system. r is the position vector.

- The rigid body as a collection of particles
 - Center of mass (CoM): p_c
 - Position of the i-th particle to CoM: $m{p}_{ic} = m{p}_i m{p}_c$
 - Velocity of the i-th particle to CoM: $m{v}_{ic} = m{p}_i m{p}_c$ = $m{v}_i - m{v}_c$
 - Angular momentum of the i-th particle:

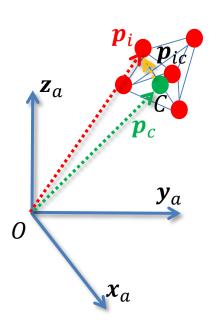
$$\boldsymbol{H}_i = \boldsymbol{p}_{ic} \times m_i \boldsymbol{v}_i$$

- Angular momentum of the rigid body:
 - $\boldsymbol{H} = \sum \boldsymbol{p}_{ic} \times m_i \boldsymbol{v}_i$
 - Since: $\sum m_i \boldsymbol{p}_{ic} = \sum m_i (\boldsymbol{p}_i \boldsymbol{p}_c) = \sum m_i \boldsymbol{p}_i \boldsymbol{p}_c \sum m_i = 0$,
 - We have: $\sum {m p}_{ic} imes m_i {m v}_c = (\sum m_i {m p}_{ic}) imes {m v}_c = 0$
 - Therefore: ${\pmb H} = \sum {\pmb p}_{ic} \times m_i {\pmb v}_i \sum {\pmb p}_{ic} \times m_i {\pmb v}_c = \sum {\pmb p}_{ic} \times m_i {\pmb v}_{ic}$
 - Since: $v_{ic} = \boldsymbol{\omega} \times \boldsymbol{p}_{ic}$,
 - We have: $\mathbf{H} = \sum \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times (\boldsymbol{\omega} \times m_i \mathbf{p}_{ic}) = -\sum \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times (m_i \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times \boldsymbol{\omega})$



Rotational dynamics

- Angular momentum: ${m H} = \sum {m p}_{ic} imes m_i {m v}_i$
- Take the derivative: $\dot{\boldsymbol{H}} = \sum \dot{\boldsymbol{p}}_{ic} \times m_i \boldsymbol{v}_i + \sum \boldsymbol{p}_{ic} \times m_i \dot{\boldsymbol{v}}_i$
- Since $\sum \dot{\boldsymbol{p}}_{ic} \times m_i \boldsymbol{v}_i = \sum \boldsymbol{v}_i \times m_i \boldsymbol{v}_i \boldsymbol{v}_c \times m_i \boldsymbol{v}_i = \sum -\boldsymbol{v}_c \times m_i \boldsymbol{v}_i = -\boldsymbol{v}_c \times \frac{d}{dt} \sum m_i \boldsymbol{p}_i = -\boldsymbol{v}_c \times \frac{d}{dt} \boldsymbol{p}_c \sum m_i = 0$
- We have $\dot{\boldsymbol{H}} = \sum \boldsymbol{p}_{ic} \times m_i \dot{\boldsymbol{v}}_i$
- Referring to Newton's second law: ${m F}_i + \sum_{i
 eq j} {m F}_{ij} = m_i \dot{{m v}}_i$
- $\dot{\mathbf{H}} = \sum \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times m_i \dot{\mathbf{v}}_i = \sum \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times (\mathbf{F}_i + \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbf{F}_{ij}) = \sum \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times \mathbf{F}_i$
- We also know that the external moment: $m{M} = \sum m{p}_{ic} imes m{F}_i$
- We have the rotational dynamics: $M = \dot{H}$



- Finishing the work on rotational dynamics
 - Given: $\boldsymbol{H} = -\sum \boldsymbol{p}_{ic} \times (m_i \boldsymbol{p}_{ic} \times \boldsymbol{\omega})$
 - And using the fact: $(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{a}) \times (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})$
 - **R**: rotation matrix
 - o *a*, *b*: vectors
 - We can transform the representation of the angular momentum to the body frame with constant inertian matrix:

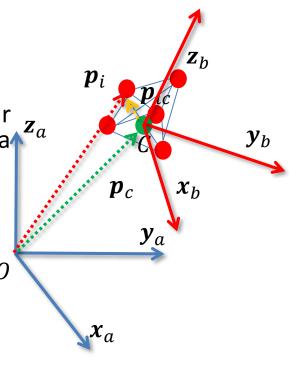
$$H = -\sum \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times (m_i \mathbf{p}_{ic} \times \boldsymbol{\omega})$$

$$= -\sum \mathbf{R}_{ab} \mathbf{p}_{ic}^b \times (m_i \mathbf{R}_{ab} \mathbf{p}_{ic}^b \times \mathbf{R}_{ab} \boldsymbol{\omega}^b)$$

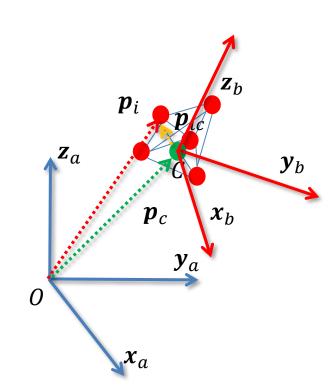
$$= -\mathbf{R}_{ab} \sum \mathbf{p}_{ic}^b \times (m_i \mathbf{p}_{ic}^b \times \boldsymbol{\omega}^b)$$

$$= -\mathbf{R}_{ab} \sum m_i \cdot \mathbf{p}_{ic}^b \times (\widehat{\mathbf{p}}_{ic}^b \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}^b)$$

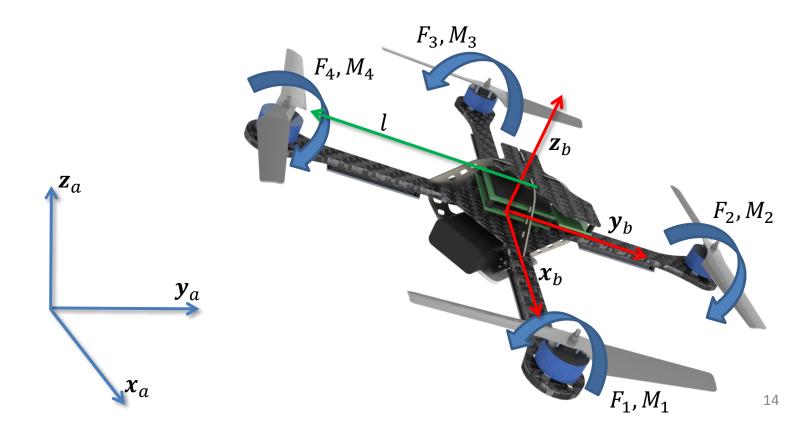
$$= \mathbf{R}_{ab} (-\sum m_i \cdot \widehat{\mathbf{p}}_{ic}^b \cdot \widehat{\mathbf{p}}_{ic}^b) \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}^b = \mathbf{R}_{ab} (\mathbf{I}^b \boldsymbol{\omega}^b)$$



- Finishing the work on rotational dynamics
 - Given $\boldsymbol{H} = \boldsymbol{R}_{ab}(\boldsymbol{I}^b \boldsymbol{\omega}^b)$
 - Take the derivative: $\dot{H} = \dot{R}_{ab} I^b \omega^b + R_{ab} I^b \dot{\omega}^b = R_{ab} \widehat{\omega}^b I^b \omega^b + R_{ab} I^b \dot{\omega}^b = R_{ab} (\omega^b \times (I^b \omega^b) + I^b \dot{\omega}^b)$
 - Also transform the moment into body frame: $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{R}_{ab}\mathbf{M}^b$
 - Finally: $\mathbf{M}^b = \boldsymbol{\omega}^b \times (\mathbf{I}^b \boldsymbol{\omega}^b) + \mathbf{I}^b \dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}^b$



• Euler Equation:
$$I \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\omega}_x \\ \dot{\omega}_y \\ \dot{\omega}_z \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} \times I \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l(F_2 - F_4) \\ l(F_3 - F_1) \\ M_1 - M_2 + M_3 - M_4 \end{bmatrix}$$



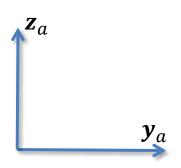
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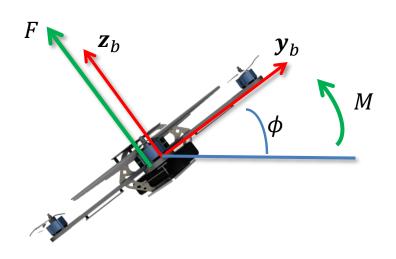
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A Planar Quadrotor

$$\bullet \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{y} \\ \ddot{z} \\ \ddot{\phi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -g \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{m}\sin\phi & 0 \\ \frac{1}{m}\cos\phi & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{I_{xx}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F \\ M \end{bmatrix}$$





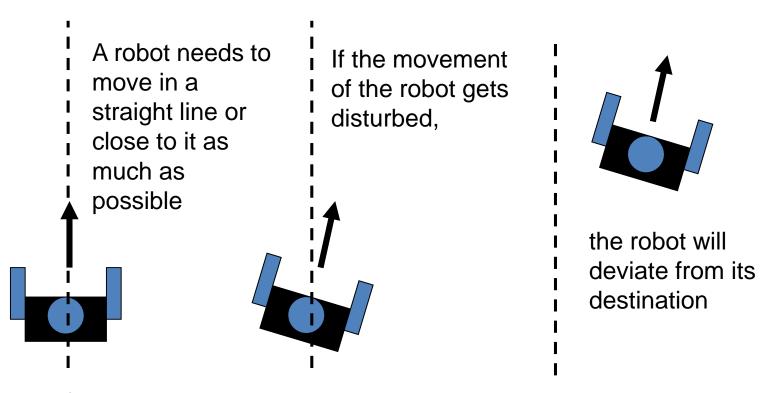
Control System Design



Control System Design

- Introduction of control systems
- Linear Time Invariant (LTI) systems
 - Simple first-order system
 - Simple second-order system
- Controller design
 - Gain tuning
 - Model-based control



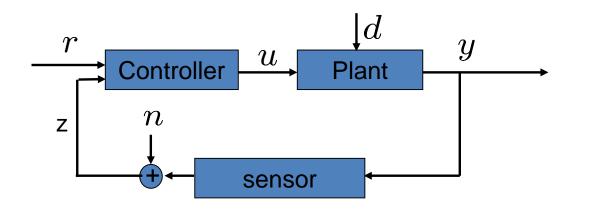


Therefore we need to have a controller to control its movement in real time based on its movement and the destination



- Open loop control
 - Move the robot in a pre-determined way
 - Example: walking with your eyes closed
- Closed loop (feedback) control
 - Use the output (i.e. the location of the robot) to adjust the input (i.e. the direction and may be speed) to the movement of the robot
 - We also call it feedback control, since we make the control decision based on the output feedback
 - Example: walking with your eyes open
- We want to stabilize a system with closed loop control

 One objective of control is to make the plant stable and track a given reference signal as precise and swift as possible



r: reference input

z: state feedback

u: controller output

d: plant disturbance

y: output

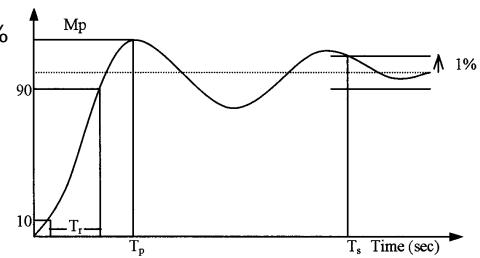
n: communication noise

 A controller is simply a computation unit that computes the "optimal" or "desired" input to the plant

> "Feedback is a method of controlling a system by inserting into it the result of its past performance"



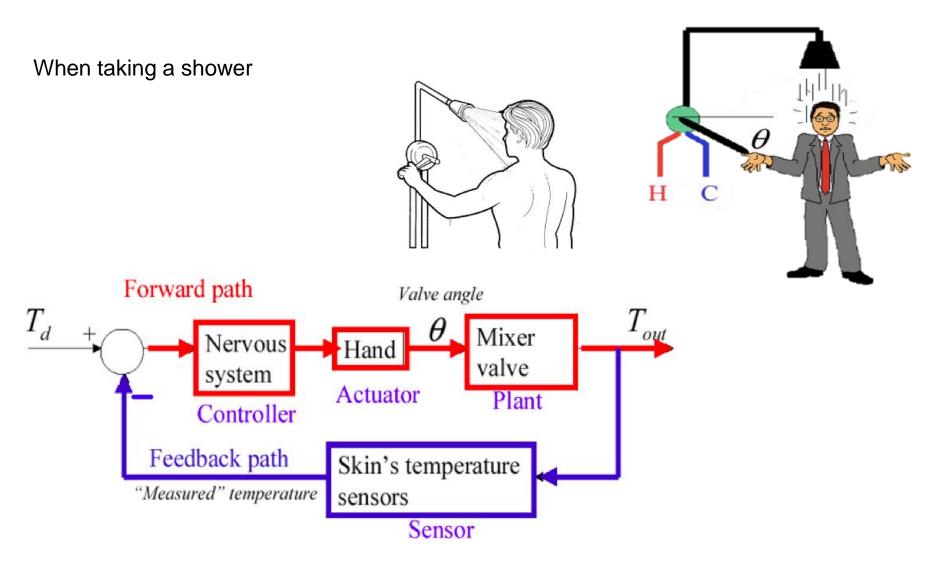
- Rise time:
 - Time it takes from 10% to 90%
- Steady-state error
- Overshoot
 - Percentage by which peak exceeds final value



- Settling time
 - Time it takes to reach 1% of final value
- A good control system has small rise time, overshoot, settling time and steadystate error

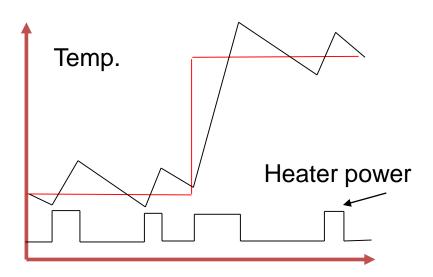
Response







- Example: shower water temperature control
 - Turn the heater on if T_{water} is below certain value
 - Turn the heater off if T_{water} is above certain value
- Simple
- Transition is not smooth



Control of a simple first-order system

Problem

State, input

$$x, u \in \mathbf{R}$$

Kinematic plant model

$$\dot{x} = u$$

Want x to follow trajectory $x^{des}(t)$

General Approach

Define error,
$$e(t) = x^{des}(t) - x(t)$$

Want e(t) to converge exponentially to zero

Strategy

Find u such that

$$\dot{e} + K_p e = 0 \qquad K_p > 0$$

$$u(t) = \dot{x}^{des}(t) + K_p e(t)$$

Feed forward Proportional

Control of a simple second-order system

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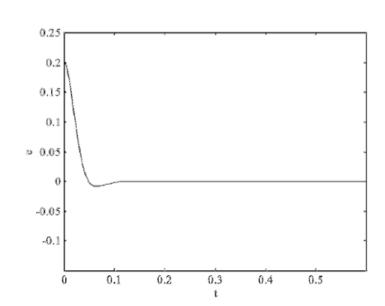


Find u such that

$$\ddot{e} + K_d \dot{e} + K_p e = 0 \qquad K_d, K_p > 0$$

$$u(t) = \ddot{x}^{des}(t) + K_d \dot{e}(t) + K_p e(t)$$

Feed forward Derivative Proportional



PD control and PID control

PD control

$$u(t) = \ddot{x}^{des}(t) + K_d \dot{e}(t) + K_p e(t)$$

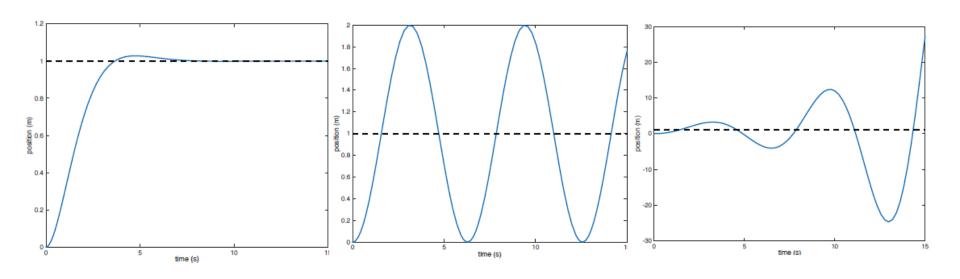
Proportional control acts like a spring (capacitance) response Derivative control is a viscous dashpot (resistance) response Large derivative gain makes the system overdamped and the system converges slowly

PID control

$$u(t) = \ddot{x}^{des}(t) + K_d \dot{e}(t) + K_p e(t) + K_I \int_0^t e(\tau) d\tau$$
Integral

PID control generates a third-order closed-loop system Integral control makes the steady-state error go to zero

Gain Tuning



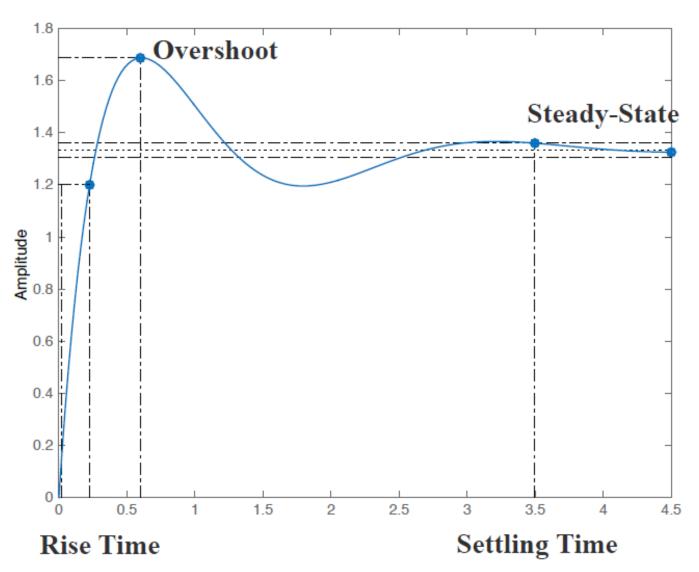
Stable (converge)

Marginally Stable (oscillate)

Unstable (diverge)



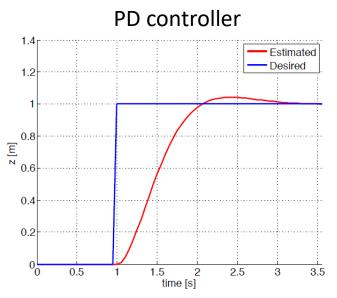
Manual Tuning



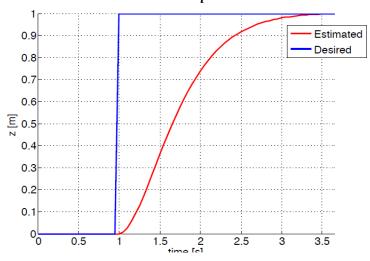
Manual Tuning

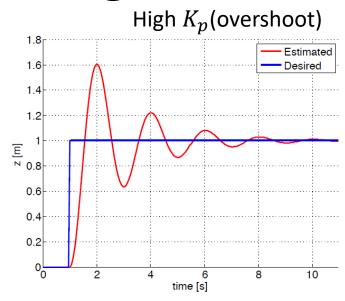
Parameter Increased	$K_p \uparrow$	$K_d \uparrow$	$K_i \uparrow$
Rise Time	Decrease	-	Decrease
Overshoot	Increase	Decrease	Increase
Settling Time	-	Decrease	Increase
Steady-State Error	Decrease	-	Eliminate

Manual Tuning

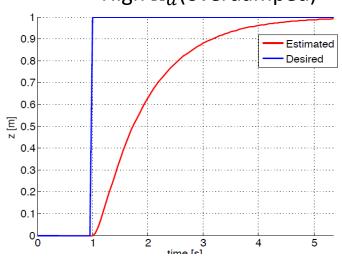


Low K_p (soft response)





High K_d (overdamped)



Ziegler-Nichols Method

- Heuristic for tuning gains
 - 1. Set $K_i = K_d = 0$
 - 2. Increase K_p until ultimate gain, K_u , when output starts to oscillate
 - 3. Find the oscillation period T_u at K_u
 - 4. Set gains according to:

Controller	K_p	K_d	K_i
Р	$0.5K_u$	-	-
PD	$0.8K_u$	$K_pT_u/8$	-
PID	0.6 <i>K</i> _u	$K_pT_u/8$	$2K_p/T_u$

Model-based control

Consider a general second-order model

$$m\ddot{x}(t) + b\dot{x}(t) + kx(t) = u(t)$$

Disadvantages of PID or PD control schemes

$$u(t) = \ddot{x}^{des}(t) + K_d \dot{e}(t) + K_p e(t)$$

- Performance will depend on the model
- Need to tune gains to maximize performance
- Model based control law

Model based

$$u(t) = \widehat{m}(\ddot{x}^{des}(t) + K_d \dot{e}(t) + K_p e(t)) + \widehat{b}\dot{x}(t) + \widehat{k}x(t)$$

Servo: feedforward + PD feedback

- Model based part
 - Cancel the dynamics of the system
 - · Specific to the model
- Servo based part
 - Use PID or PD with feedforward to drive errors to zero
 - Independent of the model of the system

Model-based control

Model based control law

Model based (estimates)

$$u(t) = \widehat{m}(\ddot{x}^{des}(t) + K_d \dot{e}(t) + K_p e(t)) + \widehat{b}\dot{x}(t) + \widehat{k}x(t)$$

Advantage

Servo: feedforward + PD feedback

- Decomposes the control law into
 - Model-dependent part (depends on the knowledge of the model)
 - Model-independent part (servo control, gains are independent of the model)
- Disadvantage
 - Based on estimates of model parameters
 - Ideal performance

$$\ddot{e} + K_d \dot{e} + K_p e = 0$$

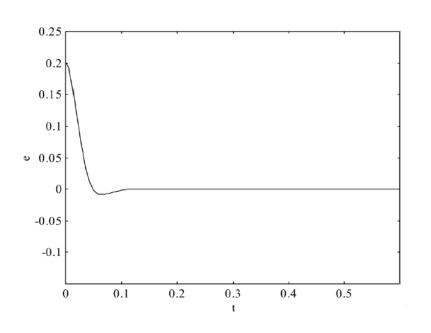
Actual performance

$$\ddot{e} + K_d \dot{e} + K_p e = \left(\frac{m}{\widehat{m}} - 1\right) \ddot{x} + \frac{(b - \hat{b})}{\widehat{m}} \dot{x} + \frac{(k - \hat{k})}{\widehat{m}} x$$

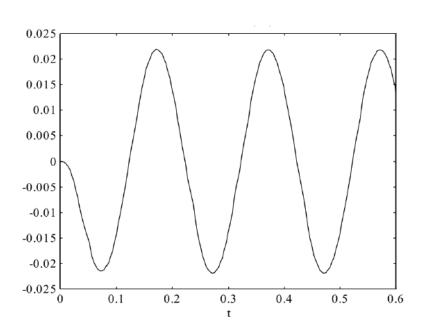
Model-based control

Performance

$$u(t) = \widehat{m}(\ddot{x}^{des}(t) + K_d \dot{e}(t) + K_p e(t)) + \widehat{b}\dot{x}(t) + \widehat{k}x(t)$$



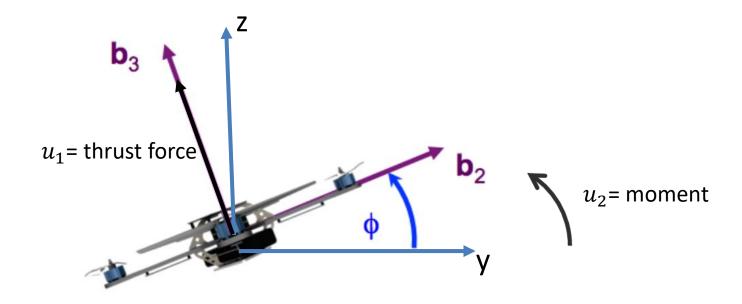
Perfect model



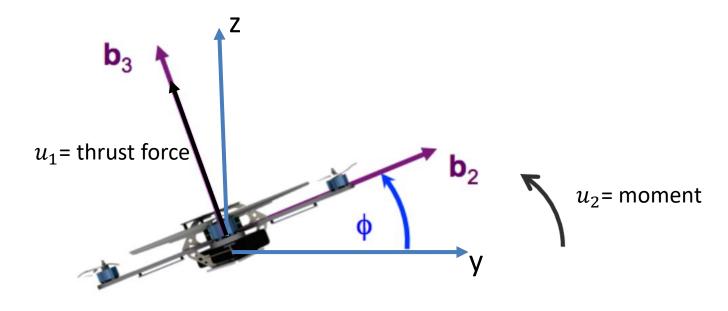
Imperfect model, 10% errors in parameters

Quadrotor Control

Application to Quadrotors



Planar Quadrotor Model



$$\sum F_{y} = -u_{1} \sin(\phi) = m\ddot{y}$$

$$\sum F_{z} = -mg + u_{1} \cos(\phi) = m\ddot{z} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{y} \\ \ddot{z} \\ \ddot{\phi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -g \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{m} \sin\phi & 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \cos\phi & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{I_{xx}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{1} \\ u_{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M = u_{2} = I_{xx}\ddot{\phi}$$

Linearized Dynamic Model

Nonlinear dynamics

$$\ddot{y} = -\frac{u_1}{m} sin(\phi)$$

$$\ddot{z} = -g + \frac{u_1}{m} cos(\phi)$$

$$\ddot{\phi} = \frac{u_2}{I_{xx}}$$

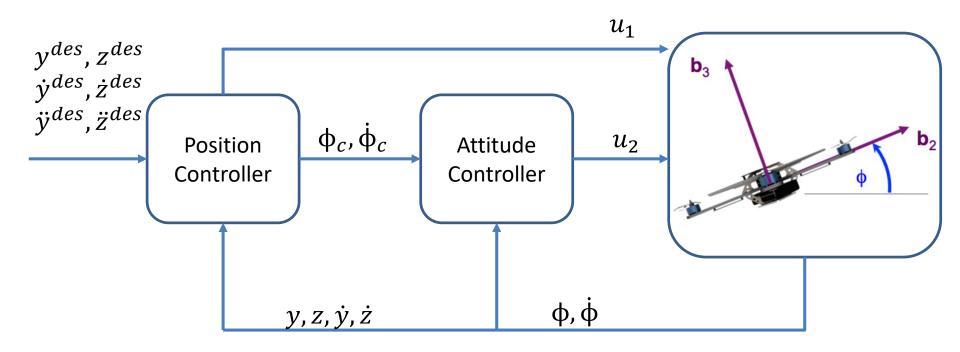
Equilibrium hover configuration

$$y_0, z_0, \phi_0 = 0, u_{1,0} = mg, u_{2,0} = 0$$

Linearized dynamics

$$\ddot{y}=-g \varphi$$
 Cascaded second order system $\ddot{z}=-g+\dfrac{u_1}{m}$ $\ddot{\varphi}=\dfrac{u_2}{I_{xx}}$ A simple second order system

Control Structure



Control Equations

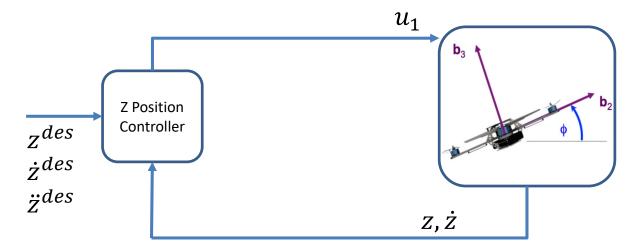
Z-position control

PD:
$$\ddot{z}_c = \ddot{z}^{des} + K_{d,z}(\dot{z}^{des} - \dot{z}) + K_{p,z}(z^{des} - z)$$

$$\mathsf{Model}: \ddot{z} = -g + \frac{u_1}{m}$$



$$u_1 = m(g + \ddot{z}^{des} + K_{d,z}(\dot{z}^{des} - \dot{z}) + K_{p,z}(z^{des} - z))$$



Linearized Dynamic Model

Y-position control

PD:
$$\ddot{y}_{c} = \ddot{y}^{des} + K_{d,y}(\dot{y}^{des} - \dot{y}) + K_{p,y}(y^{des} - y)$$

Model: $\ddot{y} = -g\varphi$
 $\varphi_{c} = -\frac{1}{a}(\ddot{y}^{des} + K_{d,y}(\dot{y}^{des} - \dot{y}) + K_{p,y}(y^{des} - y))$

Attitude control

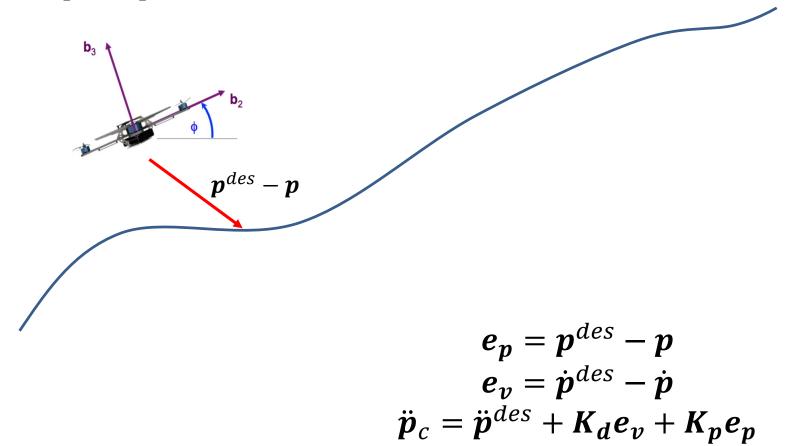
PD:
$$\ddot{\phi}_{c} = K_{d,\phi}(\dot{\phi}_{c} - \dot{\phi}) + K_{p,\phi}(\dot{\phi}_{c} - \dot{\phi})$$
Model:
$$\ddot{\phi} = \frac{u_{2}}{I_{xx}}$$

$$u_{2} = I_{xx}(K_{d,\phi}(\dot{\phi}_{c} - \dot{\phi}) + K_{p,\phi}(\dot{\phi}_{c} - \dot{\phi}))$$

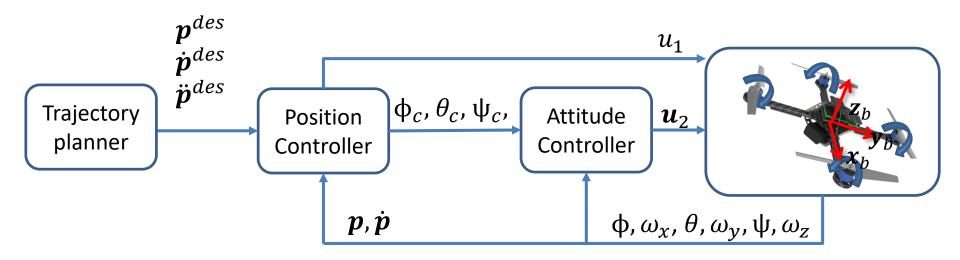
$$y^{des}$$

Trajectory Tracking

Given $oldsymbol{p}^{des}$, $oldsymbol{\dot{p}}^{des}$, $oldsymbol{\dot{p}}^{des}$



3-D Quadrotor



Nonlinear dynamics

Newton Equation:
$$m\ddot{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -mg \end{bmatrix} + R \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ F_1 + F_2 + F_3 + F_4 \end{bmatrix} \underbrace{u_1}$$

Euler Equation:
$$I \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\omega_x} \\ \dot{\omega_y} \\ \dot{\omega_z} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} \times I \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l(F_2 - F_4) \\ l(F_3 - F_1) \\ M_1 - M_2 + M_3 - M_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

3-D Quadrotor

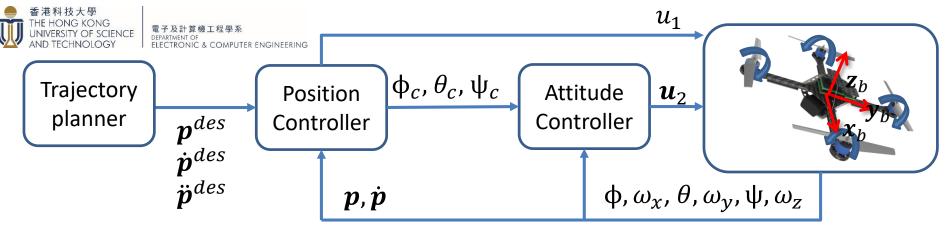
Linearization

Equilibrium hover $(\phi_0 \sim 0, \theta_0 \sim 0, u_{1,0} \sim mg)$

Euler angle derivative
$$\begin{bmatrix} \omega_{\chi} \\ \omega_{y} \\ \omega_{z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c\theta & 0 & -c\phi s\theta \\ 0 & 1 & s\phi \\ s\theta & 0 & c\phi c\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{\chi} \\ \omega_{y} \\ \omega_{z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix}$$

Euler Equation:
$$\mathbf{I} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\varphi} \\ \ddot{\theta} \\ \ddot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} \times \mathbf{I} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l(F_2 - F_4) \\ l(F_3 - F_1) \\ M_1 - M_2 + M_3 - M_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Position control

PID:
$$\ddot{\boldsymbol{p}}_{i,c} = \ddot{\boldsymbol{p}}_i^{des} + K_{d,i}(\dot{\boldsymbol{p}}_i^{des} - \dot{\boldsymbol{p}}_i) + K_{p,i}(\boldsymbol{p}_i^{des} - \boldsymbol{p}_i)$$

Model:
$$u_1 = m(g + \ddot{\boldsymbol{p}}_{3,c})$$
 (Newton Equation)

$$\phi_c = \frac{1}{g} (\ddot{\boldsymbol{p}}_{1,c} sin\boldsymbol{\psi} - \ddot{\boldsymbol{p}}_{2,c} cos\boldsymbol{\psi}) \quad \theta_c = \frac{1}{g} (\ddot{\boldsymbol{p}}_{1,c} cos\boldsymbol{\psi} + \ddot{\boldsymbol{p}}_{2,c} sin\boldsymbol{\psi})$$

Attitude control

PID:
$$\begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\varphi}_c \\ \ddot{\theta}_c \\ \ddot{\psi}_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} K_{p,\phi}(\varphi_c - \varphi) + K_{d,\phi}(\dot{\varphi}_c - \dot{\varphi}) \\ K_{p,\theta}(\theta_c - \theta) + K_{d,\phi}(\dot{\theta}_c - \dot{\theta}) \\ K_{p,\psi}(\psi_c - \psi) + K_{d,\psi}(\dot{\psi}_c - \dot{\psi}) \end{bmatrix}$$

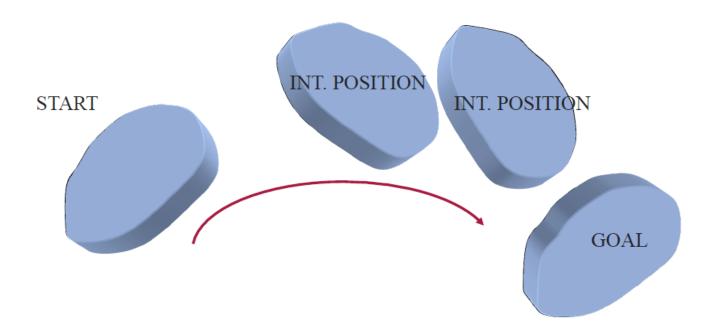
Model:
$$\mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{I} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \Phi_c \\ \ddot{\theta}_c \\ \ddot{\omega}_z \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} \times \mathbf{I} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix}$$
 (Euler Equation)

Trajectory Generation



Smooth 3D Trajectories

- Smooth trajectory is beneficial for autonomous flight
 - Smooth trajectories respect the continuous nature of aerial robots
 - The robot should not stop at turns

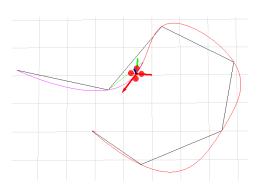


Smooth 3D Trajectories

- General setup
 - Start, goal positions (orientations)
 - Waypoint positions (orientations)



- To be covered in the next lecture
- Smoothness criterion
 - Generally translates into minimizing rate of change of "input"
- Question: How to make sure that a trajectory can be tracked by the quadrotor?



- The states and the inputs of a quadrotor can be written as algebraic functions of four carefully selected flat outputs and their derivatives
 - Enables automated generation of trajectories
 - Any smooth trajectory in the space of flat outputs (with reasonably bounded derivatives) can be followed by the under-actuated quadrotor
 - A possible choice:
 - $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = [x, y, z, \psi]^T$
 - Trajectory in the space of flat outputs:
 - $\sigma(t) = [T_0, T_M] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \times SO(2)$

Body angular velocity

viewed in the body frame

- Quadrotor states
 - Position, orientation, linear velocity, angular velocity

$$\mathbf{X} = [x, y, z, \phi, \theta, \psi, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}, \omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z]^T$$

– Equation of motions:

$$m\ddot{\boldsymbol{p}} = -mg\mathbf{z}_W + u_1\mathbf{z}_B.$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}_{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{x} \\ \omega_{y} \\ \omega_{z} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\omega}_{B} = \boldsymbol{I}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -\boldsymbol{\omega}_{B} \times \boldsymbol{I} \cdot \boldsymbol{\omega}_{B} + \begin{bmatrix} u_{2} \\ u_{3} \\ u_{4} \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

 Position, velocity, and acceleration are simply derivatives of the flat outputs

Orientation

– Quadrotor state:

$$\mathbf{X} = [x, y, z, \phi, \theta, \psi, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}, \omega_{x}, \omega_{y}, \omega_{z}]^{T}$$

— From the equation of motion:

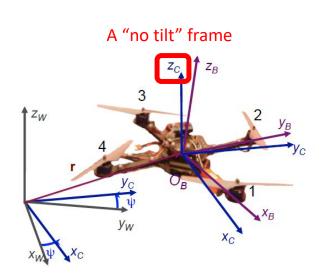
$$\mathbf{z}_B = \frac{\mathbf{t}}{\|\mathbf{t}\|}, \mathbf{t} = [\ddot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_1, \ddot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_2, \ddot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_3 + g]^T$$

– Define the yaw vector (Z-X-Y Euler):

$$\mathbf{x}_C = [\cos \boldsymbol{\sigma}_4, \sin \boldsymbol{\sigma}_4, 0]^T$$

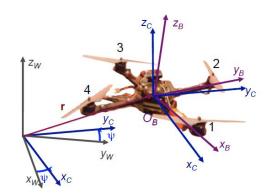
Orientation can be expressed in terms of flat outputs

$$\mathbf{y}_B = \frac{\mathbf{z}_B \times \mathbf{x}_C}{\|\mathbf{z}_B \times \mathbf{x}_C\|}, \quad \mathbf{x}_B = \mathbf{y}_B \times \mathbf{z}_B \quad \mathbf{R}_B = [\mathbf{x}_B \ \mathbf{y}_B \ \mathbf{z}_B]$$



- Angular velocity
 - Quadrotor state:

$$\mathbf{X} = [x, y, z, \phi, \theta, \psi, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}, \omega_z, \omega_y, \omega_z]^T$$



Take the derivative of the equation of motion

$$m\ddot{\boldsymbol{p}} = -mg\mathbf{z}_W + u_1\mathbf{z}_B.$$
 \longrightarrow $m\dot{\boldsymbol{a}} = \dot{u}_1\mathbf{z}_B + \boldsymbol{\omega}_{BW} \times u_1\mathbf{z}_B$

— Quadrotors only have vertical thrust:

Body angular velocity viewed in the world frame

$$\dot{u}_1 = \mathbf{z}_B \cdot m\dot{\boldsymbol{a}}$$

— We have:

$$\mathbf{h}_{\omega} = \boldsymbol{\omega}_{BW} \times \mathbf{z}_{B} = \frac{m}{u_{1}} (\dot{\boldsymbol{a}} - (\mathbf{z}_{B} \cdot \dot{\boldsymbol{a}}) \mathbf{z}_{B}).$$

- Angular velocity
 - Quadrotor state:

$$\mathbf{X} = [x, y, z, \phi, \theta, \psi, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}, \omega_{x}, \omega_{y}, \omega_{z}]^{T}$$

— We have:

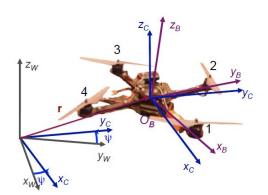
$$\mathbf{h}_{\omega} = \boldsymbol{\omega}_{BW} \times \mathbf{z}_{B} = \frac{m}{u_{1}} (\dot{\boldsymbol{a}} - (\mathbf{z}_{B} \cdot \dot{\boldsymbol{a}}) \mathbf{z}_{B}).$$

- This is the projection of $\frac{m}{u_1}\dot{a}$ onto the x_B-y_B plane
- We know that:

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}_{BW} = \omega_{x} \mathbf{x}_{B} + \omega_{y} \mathbf{y}_{B} + \omega_{z} \mathbf{z}_{B}$$

- Angular velocities along x_B and y_B directions can be found as:

$$\omega_{x} = -\mathbf{h}_{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{y}_{B}$$
, $\omega_{y} = \mathbf{h}_{\omega} \cdot \mathbf{x}_{B}$



Differential Flatness A "no tilt" frame

- Angular velocity
 - Quadrotor state:

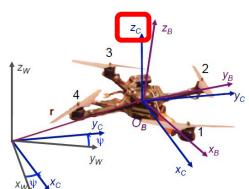
$$\mathbf{X} = [x, y, z, \phi, \theta, \psi, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}, \omega_{x}, \omega_{y}, \omega_{z}]^{T}$$



$$\mathbf{h}_{\omega} = \boldsymbol{\omega}_{BW} \times \mathbf{z}_{B} = \frac{m}{u_{1}} (\dot{\boldsymbol{a}} - (\mathbf{z}_{B} \cdot \dot{\boldsymbol{a}}) \mathbf{z}_{B}).$$

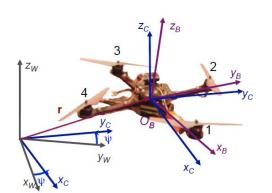
- This is the projection of $\frac{m}{y_A}\dot{a}$ onto the x_B-y_B plane
- Since $\omega_{BW} = \omega_{BC} + \omega_{CW}$, where ω_{BC} has no \mathbf{z}_B component:

$$\omega_z = \boldsymbol{\omega}_{BW} \cdot \mathbf{z}_B = \boldsymbol{\omega}_{CW} \cdot \mathbf{z}_B = \dot{\psi} \mathbf{z}_W \cdot \mathbf{z}_B.$$



- Summary
 - Quadrotor state:

$$\mathbf{X} = [x, y, z, \phi, \theta, \psi, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}, \omega_{x}, \omega_{y}, \omega_{z}]^{T}$$



– Flat outputs:

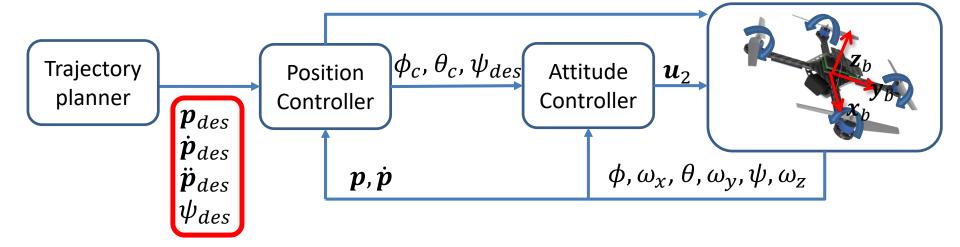
How about Force and Moment Input (u_1, u_2) ?

- $\boldsymbol{\sigma} = [x, y, z, \psi]^T$
- Position, velocity, acceleration
 - Derivatives of flat outputs
- Orientation

$$\mathbf{x}_C = [\cos\sigma_4, \sin\sigma_4, 0]^T \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}_B = [\mathbf{x}_B \ \mathbf{y}_B \ \mathbf{z}_B]$$

Angular velocity

$$\omega_x = -\mathbf{h}_\omega \cdot \mathbf{y}_B, \quad \omega_y = \mathbf{h}_\omega \cdot \mathbf{x}_B, \quad \omega_z = \dot{\psi} \mathbf{z}_w \cdot \mathbf{z}_B$$



Nonlinear dynamics

Newton Equation:
$$m\ddot{\pmb{p}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -mg \end{bmatrix} + \pmb{R} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ F_1 + F_2 + F_3 + F_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Euler Equation:
$$\mathbf{I} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\omega}_{x} \\ \dot{\omega}_{y} \\ \dot{\omega}_{z} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{x} \\ \omega_{y} \\ \omega_{z} \end{bmatrix} \times \mathbf{I} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{x} \\ \omega_{y} \\ \omega_{z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} l(F_{2} - F_{4}) \\ l(F_{3} - F_{1}) \\ M_{1} - M_{2} + M_{3} - M_{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

Polynomial Trajectories

Flat outputs:

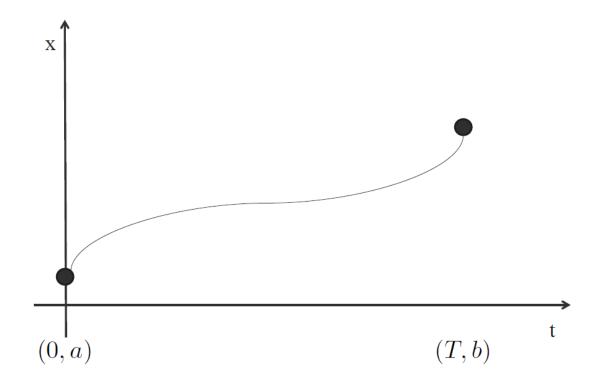
$$-\boldsymbol{\sigma} = [x, y, z, \psi]^T$$

Trajectory in the space of flat outputs:

$$-\boldsymbol{\sigma}(t) = [T_0, T_M] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \times SO(2)$$

- Polynomial functions can be used to specify trajectories in the space of flat outputs
 - Easy determination of smoothness criterion with polynomial orders
 - Easy and closed form calculation of derivatives
 - Decoupled trajectory generation in three dimensions

- Design a trajectory x(t) such that:
 - -x(0)=a
 - -x(T)=b



• 5th order polynomial trajectory:

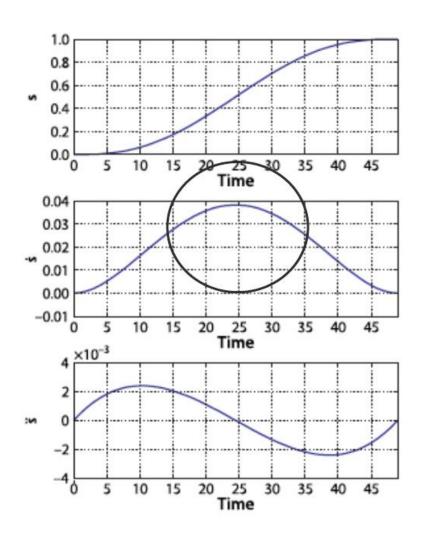
$$- x(t) = c_5 t^5 + c_4 t^4 + c_3 t^3 + c_2 t^2 + c_1 t + c_0$$

Boundary conditions

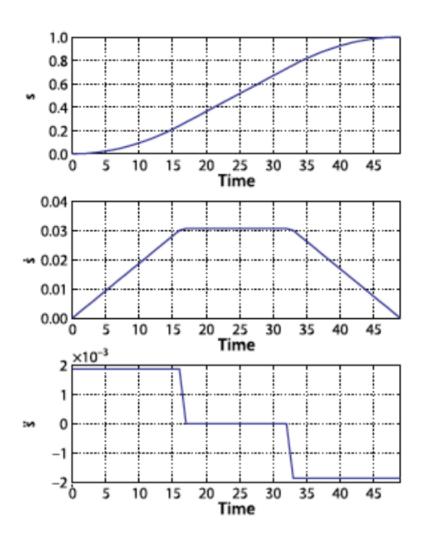
	Position	Velocity	Acceleration
t = 0	a	0	0
t = T	b	0	0

Solve:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ T^5 & T^4 & T^3 & T^2 & T & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5T^4 & 4T^3 & 3T^2 & 2T & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 20T^3 & 12T^2 & 6T & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_5 \\ c_4 \\ c_3 \\ c_2 \\ c_1 \\ c_0 \end{bmatrix}$$



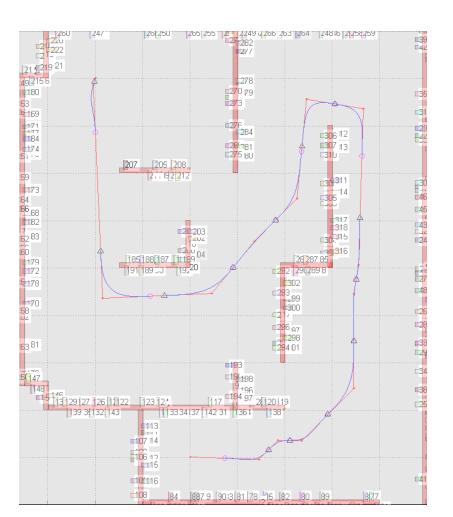
Bang-Bang Trajectory





Smooth Multi-Segment Trajectory

- Smooth the corners of straight line segments
- Preferred constant velocity motion at v
- Preferred zero acceleration
- Requires special handling of short segments



• Generate each 5^{th} order polynomial independently:

$$-x(t) = c_5 t^5 + c_4 t^4 + c_3 t^3 + c_2 t^2 + c_1 t + c_0$$

Boundary conditions

	Position	Velocity	Acceleration
t = 0	a	v_0	0
t = T	b	v_T	0

• Solve:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ v_0 \\ v_T \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ T^5 & T^4 & T^3 & T^2 & T & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 5T^4 & 4T^3 & 3T^2 & 2T & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 20T^3 & 12T^2 & 6T & 2 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_5 \\ c_4 \\ c_3 \\ c_2 \\ c_1 \\ c_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Next Lecture...

- Continuation on trajectory generation
- Path planning

Logistics

- Project 1, phase 1 is released (02/21)
 - Due on 3/3. Early submission is encouraged.