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0/0.5 c) no approach given. -0.5
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Multibody Dynamics B - Assignment

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1 Statement of integrity

my homework is completely in accordance with
the Academic Integrity

Figure 1: My handwritten statement of integrity

2 Acknowledgements

I used [1] in making this assignment when finished I compared my values with Prajish Kumar (4743873). He then pointed out that my Q matrix was expressed in the Inertial frame instead of the Body fixed frame.

3 Setup overview

In this assignment we were asked to evaluate the motion of a ejection seat. An overview of the ejection seat is given in figure 2. In this figure h represents the height of the pillars and w the width between the tops ends of the pillars. Further for this setup we know the moment of inertia J , the mass m , the vehicle radius r , the gravity constant g , the relative distance between the center of the vehicle and the COM c and the relative distance between the vehicle center and the spring attachment sites p_s . The values for these parameters are as follows:

Vehicle, frame and world parameters

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 170 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 120 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 140 \end{bmatrix} \text{ kgm}^2 \quad (1)$$

$$m = 420 \text{ kg} \quad (2)$$

$$h = 25 \text{ m} \quad (3)$$

$$w = 18 \text{ m} \quad (4)$$

$$r = 1 \text{ m} \quad (5)$$

$$g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2 \quad (6)$$

$$\rho = 1.25 \text{ kg/m}^3 \quad (7)$$

$$c_d = 0.5 \quad (8)$$

Known spring parameters

$$\zeta = 0.1 \quad (9)$$

4 Problem Statement

In this assignment we were asked to derive the motion of a ejection seat by means of Euler parameters. To be able to do this we first need to compute some spring parameters that were not given, namely the spring stiffness k , the damping coefficient b and the spring resting length l_0 . These parameters can be calculated by making use of the principle of conservation of energy and the newtons second law.

Conservation of energy

First we derive the sum of the potential and kinetic energies for both the top and the down positions:

$$E_t = E_b \quad (10)$$

$$E_{kin,t} + E_{pot,t} = E_{kin,b} + E_{pot,b} \quad (11)$$

In these formulas E_t represent the energy at the top while E_b represents the energy at the bottom. Since at the top and the bottom the vehicle has zero speed the kinetic energy is 0. Further since set the height at the bottom position to be zero we at the bottom only have the potential energy of the spring. As a result we get the following equation:

$$mg(h + 0.5w) + k(l_t - l_0)^2 - k(l_b - l_0)^2 = 0 \quad (12)$$

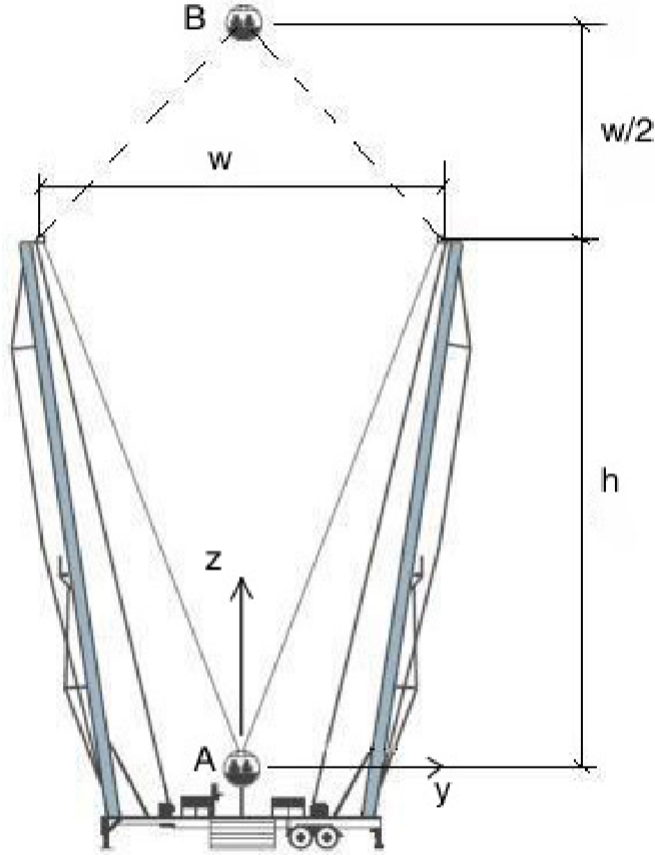


Figure 2: Overview of the ejection seat of assignment 10

Second law of newton

For the second law of newton we know the spring forces and we know that the acceleration at the bottom is equal to $4.8g$. With this information and some simple geometry we get the following equation:

$$2k * (l_b - l_0) * \cos(\tan^{-1}(\frac{0.5w - r}{h})) - 5.8mg \quad (13)$$

We now have two equations with two unknowns which can be solved by Gaussian elimination. When we use the symbolic toolbox of MATLAB to do this we get the following result:

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$$k = 1.0720e + 03 \text{ N/m} \quad (14)$$

$$l_0 = 14.5463 \text{ m} \quad (15)$$

$$\text{Spring gives force when } Lf < L0 - 0.25 \quad (16)$$

with these parameters we now can also calculate the damping coefficient b by approximating the spring as a simple spring damper system. For a simple spring damping system we get the following equation:

$$b = \zeta \sqrt{k * m} = 134.2020 \text{ N s/m} \quad (17)$$

4.1 Rotation matrix

Before we can calculate the equations of motion we need to make sure that all our variables are specified w.r.t. the same coordinate frame. To do this we need to derive the Rotation matrix. As earlier stated to get rid of singularities we can use the Euler parameters for this. These Euler parameters make use of Eulers principal axis of rotation theorem. This theorem says the following:

"Any rotation in 3D can be represented by a rotation about a fixed axis at a given angle."

With the help of this theorem the Euler parameters are defined as follows [1]:

$$q_0 = \cos(0.5\phi) \quad (18)$$

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \end{bmatrix} = \sin(0.5\phi) \hat{n} \quad (19)$$

In this ϕ is the angle of rotation and \hat{n} the axis about which is rotated. After a long derivation we can get the following rotation matrix to rotate from the body fixed frame \mathcal{B} to the inertial frame \mathcal{N} :

$$R_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{N}} = \begin{bmatrix} q_0^2 + q_1^2 - q_2^2 - q_3^2 & 2(q_1q_2 - q_0q_3) & 2(q_1q_3 - q_0q_2) \\ 2(q_2q_1 - q_0q_3) & q_0^2 - q_1^2 + q_2^2 - q_3^2 & 2(q_2q_3 - q_0q_1) \\ 2(q_1q_3 - q_0q_2) & 2(q_3q_2 - q_0q_1) & q_0^2 - q_1^2 - q_2^2 + q_3^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (20)$$

4.2 derivation of EOM

To derive the equations of motion we need to use the principle of virtual work that was explained in chapter 3 of the reader [1]. In this example the following forces contribute to the virtual work of the system:

1. Elastic components of the springs F_{s1} and F_{s2}
2. The damper components of the two springs F_{b1} and F_{b2}
3. The air drag F_d
4. The d'alambert forces $-m\ddot{a}$

With all these components we get the following virtual power expression expressed in the body fixed frame:

$$M\ddot{x} = F\partial\dot{x} - \sigma_{s1} l_{s1,i} \partial\dot{x} - \sigma_{s2} l_{s2,i} \partial\dot{x} - \sigma_{b1} l_{s1,i} \partial\dot{x} - \sigma_{b2} l_{s1,i} \partial\dot{x} - \sigma_d \partial\dot{x} \quad (21)$$

Since this has to hold for all virtual velocities that obey the constraints the EOM equation becomes:

$$M\ddot{x} = F - \sigma_{s1} l_{s1,i} - \sigma_{s2} l_{s2,i} - \sigma_{b1} l_{s1,i} - \sigma_{b2} l_{s1,i} - \sigma_d \partial\dot{x} \quad (22)$$

In this:

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} m & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad F = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -mg \end{bmatrix} \quad (23)$$

In this the σ_s is the spring force magnitude, σ_b the damper force magnitude and σ_d the drag magnitude. Further the $L_{s1,i}$ is the Jacobean of the spring length. This Jacobean is used to translate the Force magnitude to their x,y and z components in the inertial frame. Below the derivation of each of the component will be discussed:

4.2.1 Elastic components

To get the virtual power of the spring we need to first get the spring elongation. To get the spring elongation we first need to compute the position of the center of the vehicle in the inertial frame and the positions of the spring attachment points. The center of the vehicle in the inertial frame can be calculated as:

$$r_c = r_{COM} + R_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{N}} p_c^{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} + R_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{N}} * p_c^{\mathcal{B}} \begin{bmatrix} 0.01 \\ -0.01 \\ 0.1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (24)$$

With this the attachment points of the springs expressed in the N frame can be calculated. The attachment point of the left spring is:

$$r_{s1} = r_c + R_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{N}} r_{s1}^{\mathcal{B}} = r_c + R_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{N}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (25)$$

and the attachment point of the right spring is:

$$r_{s2} = r_c + R_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{N}} r_{s2}^{\mathcal{B}} = r_c + R_{\mathcal{B}}^{\mathcal{N}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (26)$$

With these attachment points we can now create two vectors which point along the springs for the left spring this is done as:

$$l_{s1} = r_{s1} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -0.5w \\ h \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad l_{s1} = r_{s1} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.5w \\ h \end{bmatrix} \quad (27)$$

From these attachment point the spring length $|l_s|$ and also the change in spring length $\Delta l_s = l_s - l_0$. We now only need one more ingredient to get to the virtual power of the 2 springs, namely the Jacobean of the spring length l_s w.r.t. to the reduced state $x_{small} = [xyz]^T$. This Jacobean is calculated with MATLABS symbolic tool box. The script doing this can be found in appendix A. The resulting virtual power of the spring becomes:

$$\partial F_s = \sigma_{s1} l_{s1,i} \partial \dot{x} + \sigma_{s2} l_{s2,i} \partial \dot{x} \quad (28)$$

4.2.2 Damping action of spring elements

The damping action of the springs gets added to the virtual power equation in a similar way.

$$\partial F_b = \sigma_{b1} l_{s1,i} \partial \dot{x} - \sigma_{b2} l_{s1,i} \partial \dot{x} \quad (29)$$

In which:

$$\sigma_{b1} = b \frac{dl_{s1}}{dt} \quad \text{and} \quad l_{s1,i} = \partial l_{s1} \partial x_{small} \quad (30)$$

For the right spring the procedure is the same.

4.2.3 Drag force

As given in the assignment the drag force can be calculated as:

$$\partial F_d = \sigma_d \partial \dot{x}_i = 0.5 \rho A C_d |\dot{x}| \dot{x} \partial \dot{x} \quad (31)$$

4.2.4 Linear accelerations

We now have all the ingredients to calculate the linear accelerations. These accelerations can be calculated by solving the following system of equations:

$$M \ddot{x} = F \partial \dot{x} - \sigma_{s1} l_{s1,i} \partial \dot{x} - \sigma_{s2} l_{s2,i} \partial \dot{x} - \sigma_{b1} l_{s1,i} \partial \dot{x} - \sigma_{b2} l_{s1,i} \partial \dot{x} - \sigma_d \partial \dot{x} \quad (32)$$

$$\ddot{x} = M^{-1} F \partial \dot{x} - \sigma_{s1} l_{s1,i} \partial \dot{x} - \sigma_{s2} l_{s2,i} \partial \dot{x} - \sigma_{b1} l_{s1,i} \partial \dot{x} - \sigma_{b2} l_{s1,i} \partial \dot{x} - \sigma_d \partial \dot{x} \quad (33)$$

This system can be solved by means of a Gaussian elimination. The procedure for this was done in MATLAB and can be found in appendix A.

4.2.5 Angular acceleration

To get the full motion of the system in 3D we now also have to look at the newton-Euler equations. To describe the motion of the body we use the earlier mentioned Euler parameters and the following state:

$$q = [x \ y \ z \ q0 \ q1 \ q2 \ q3 \ \dot{x} \ \dot{y} \ \dot{z} \ \omega_x \ \omega_y \ \omega_z] \quad (34)$$

In our example as a result the initial state becomes:

$$q = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0] \quad (35)$$

The time derivative of the state becomes:

$$\dot{q} = [\dot{x} \ \dot{y} \ \dot{z} \ \dot{q0} \ \dot{q1} \ \dot{q2} \ \dot{q3} \ \ddot{x} \ \ddot{y} \ \ddot{z} \ \dot{\omega}_x \ \dot{\omega}_y \ \dot{\omega}_z] \quad (36)$$

To be able to solve for the full EOM we therefore need to calculate the derivatives of the Euler parameters q . As stated in [1] we can calculate theses derivatives out of the body fixed angular velocities \mathcal{B}^ω as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{q0} \\ \dot{q1} \\ \dot{q2} \\ \dot{q3} \end{bmatrix} = 0.5 \begin{bmatrix} q0 & -q1 & -q2 & q3 \\ q1 & q0 & -q3 & q2 \\ q2 & q3 & q0 & -q1 \\ q3 & -q2 & q1 & q0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix}$$

The zero on the top row comes from the constraint that the norm of axis of rotation has to be equal to 1. Following to get the angular acceleartions we use the Newton-Euler with al its compenents expressed in the body fixed frame B. This equation is:

$$\sum M_B = I_B \dot{\omega} + \omega \times I_B \omega \quad (37)$$

In which the second part of the equation contains the convective term, the $\omega = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix}$ and the moment of inertia is diagonal in nature:

$$I_B = \begin{bmatrix} 170 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 120 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 140 \end{bmatrix} \quad (38)$$

With these equation the angular accelerations can be calculated as:

$$\dot{\omega} = I_B^{-1} (\sum M_B - \omega \times I_B \omega) \quad (39)$$

As the drag and Gravity forces work on the COM they do not contribute to the moments. The forces that contribute to the moments are:

$$F_1 = {}_{s1} l_{s1,i} + \sigma_{b1} l_{s1,i} \quad \text{and} \quad F_2 = {}_{s2} l_{s1,i} + \sigma_{b2} l_{s1,i} \quad (40)$$

The moment arms can be calculated as:

$$r1 = -r_c - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad r2 = -r_c - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (41)$$

Following the moments can be calculated as:

$$M = r_1 \times F_1 + r_2 \times F_2 \quad (42)$$

4.3 Numerical intergration method

To get the movement of the ejection seat in time we will use a 4th order Runge-Kuta intergration method combined with a Gauß-Newton correction for position and speed. This correction is done to compensate for intergration drift. In this correction we use the position constraints and the velocity constraints.

4.3.1 Runge-Kutta 4th order method (RK4)

The Runge-Kutta 4th order method has the following iteration scheme:

$$k_1 = f(t_n, y_n) \quad (43)$$

$$k_2 = f(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{h}{2}k_1) \quad (44)$$

$$k_3 = f(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{h}{2}k_2) \quad (45)$$

$$k_4 = f(t_n + h, y_n + hk_3) \quad (46)$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) \quad (47)$$

4.3.2 Drift correction

In this assignment we only have one constraint 48, namely that axis of rotation \hat{n} needs to have a length equal to one. The drift correction therefore is simply done by normalizing the Euler parameters by means of a simple coordinate projection the method. This coordinate projection method is implemented in appendix A.

$$C = q_0^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2 + q_3^2 \quad (48)$$

4.4 Results and discussion

The the results of a simulation of 60 seconds are shown in figures below (figure (3, 4,5 and 6)). From these figures we can see the following things:

- From figure 3 we can clearly see that the vehicle doesn't reach the max height of ($h+0.5w = 34m$) this is probably due to our drag and damping forces. From figure ?? it can be seen that the Drag and Damping forces are quite big and active at the beginning of the movement.
- From figure 4 we can see that the vehicle has very high oscilations in the Z directino while it has low oscillations in the x and y directions. This is to be expected due to the initial orientation of the vehicle and the direction of the springs.

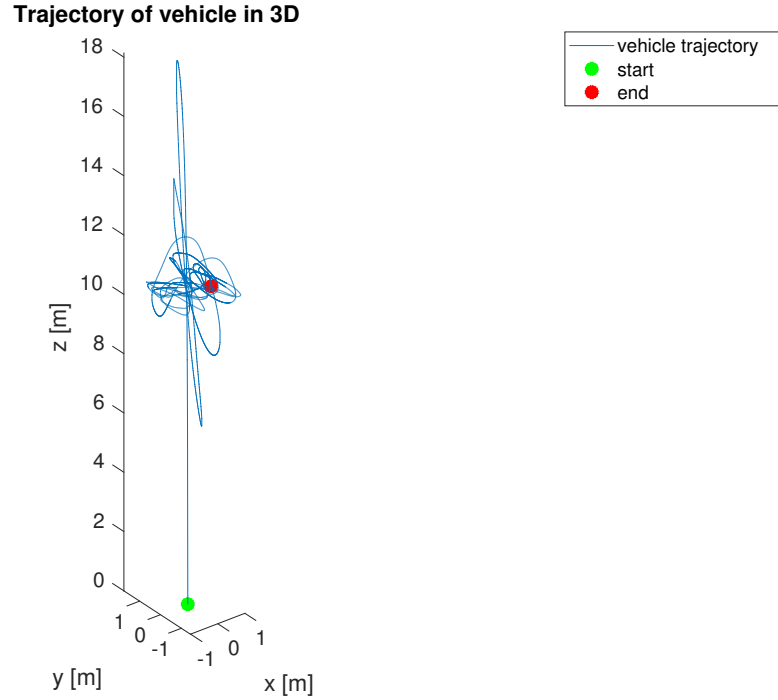


Figure 3: The Vehicle trajectory

- From figure 5 we can see that the angular velocities are roughly equal in magnitude in each direction. this is probably caused by the fact that the inertia matrix has similar values on the diagonal and that the COM is not displaced by a very much amount compared to the center of rotation.

4.5 Global intergration error

In figure 7 the global error is shown versus the time. We can see that for the whole simulation this global error stays below the accepted value of 10^{-12} . We can however not rule out that this value could however eventually rise above 10^{-12} .

No clear approach how the error is calculated. -0.5

4.6 Energy of the system

To get to know more about the behavoir of the system we can also look at the energies present in the system. The total energy of the system is made up by the following energies (gravitational potential energy E_p , spring elastic potential energy E_e , linear kinetic energy E_k and rotational kinetic energy E_r). These energies can be calculated as follows:

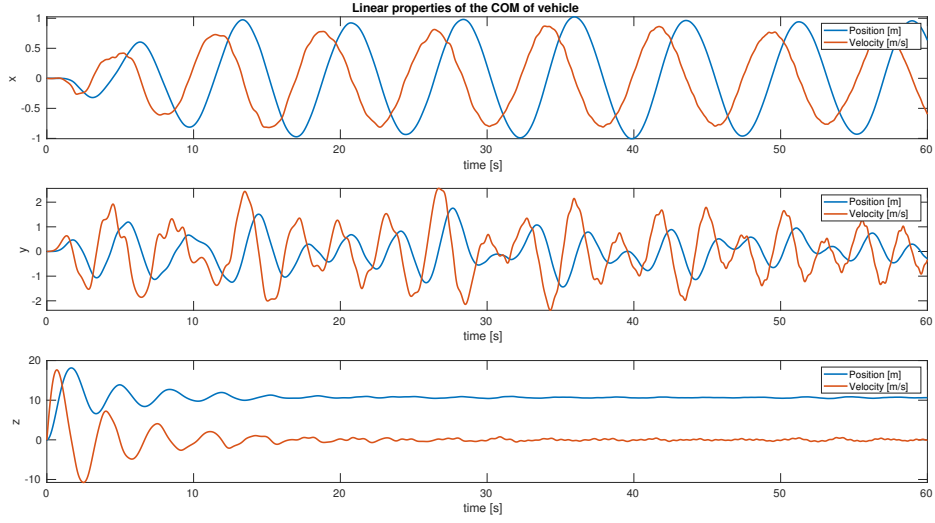


Figure 4: Linear positions and velocities

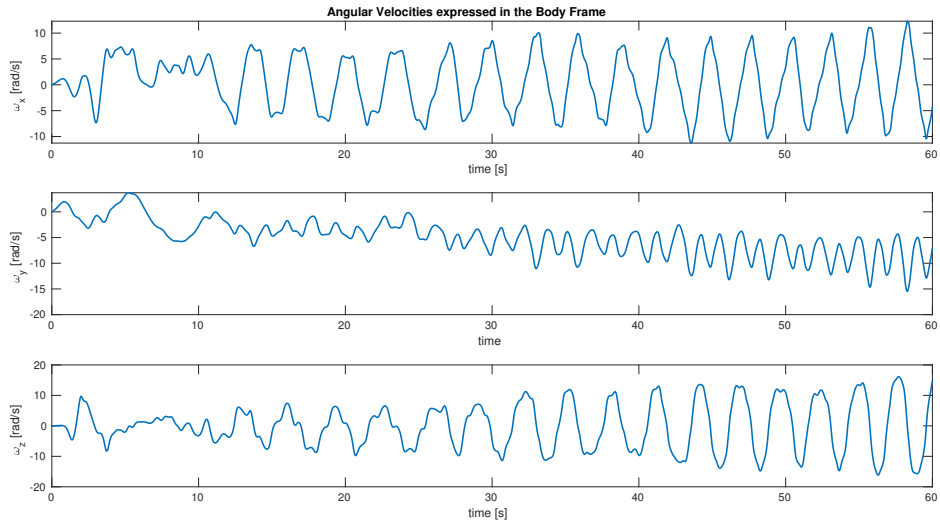


Figure 5: Angular velocities

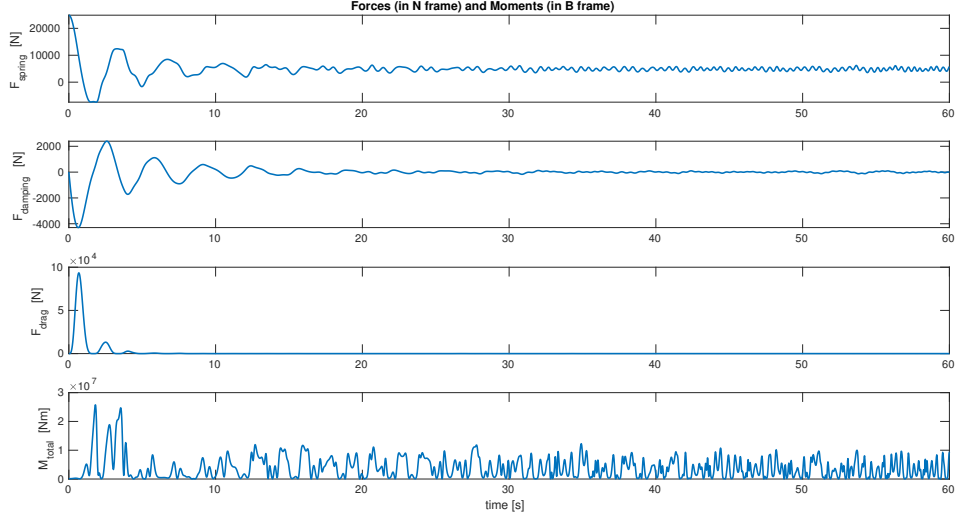


Figure 6: Forces on the vehicle

Figure 7: Global error versus the time

$$E_p = mgz \quad (49)$$

$$E_e = 0.5k(l_{s1} - l_0)^2 + -0.5k(l_{s2} - l_0)^2 \quad (50)$$

$$E_t = 0.5m(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2); E_r = 0.5(\dot{\omega}^T J \dot{\omega}) \quad (51)$$

The result of these energy calculations are shown in figure 8 and figure ???. From this figure we can see the following things:

- From figure 8 we see that all energies are relatively high compared to the other assignments in this course. This is caused by the higher velocities and the higher scale of the setup.
- We further see that the spring energy and gravitational energy are the biggest contributors to the total energy.
- Lastly from examining the total energy in figure ??? we see that a considerably amount of energy is lost due to drag and damming forces.

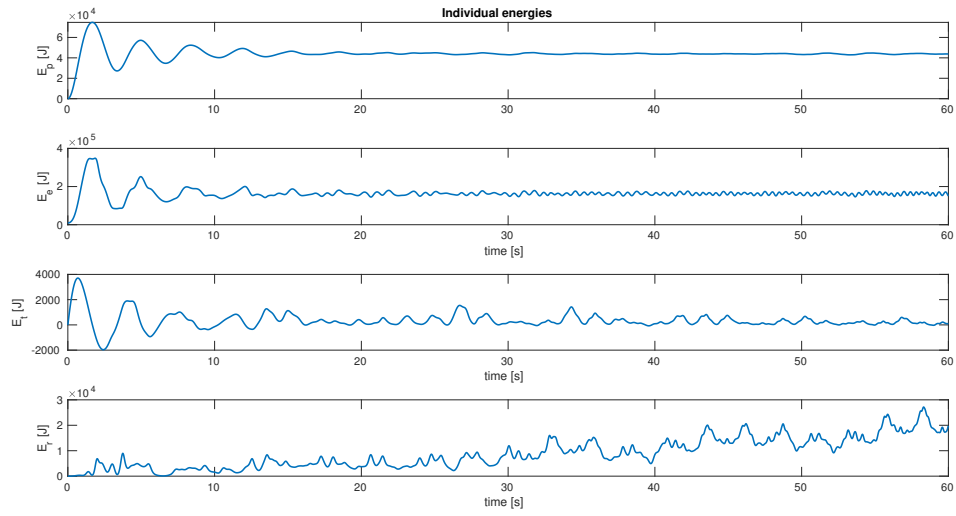


Figure 8: Figure of the individual energies

Total energy cannot rise due to energy dissipation. -0.25

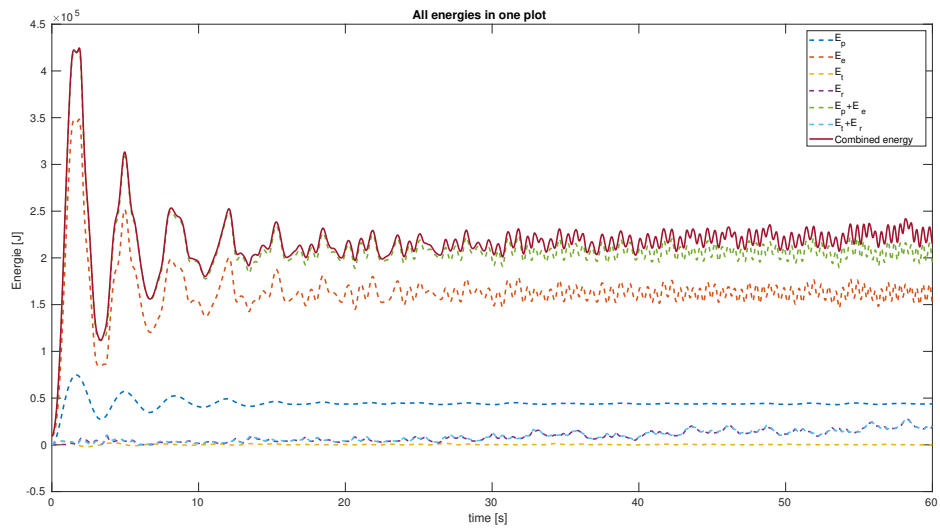


Figure 9: Figure of the individual energies

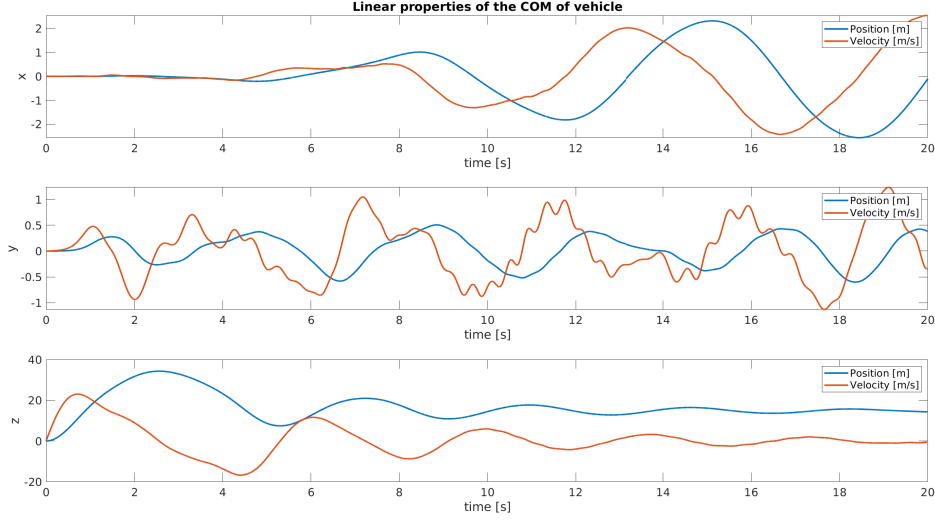


Figure 10: Figure of linear translations for optimum parameters

4.7 Further optimize the spring and damping parameters

To get a more fun customer experience the owner of the attraction hired us to create a more thrilling but yet not lethal experience. We therefore perform an optimization on the spring stiffness k and spring rest length l_0 . to see if we can get a little higher. The script performing this optimization can be found in Appendix A. In this optimization the following parameters seemed to give a height of $h + 0.5 * w = 34m$

$$l_0 = 11 \text{ m} \quad (52)$$

$$k = 1000 \text{ N/m} \quad (53)$$

$$b = 129.6148 \text{ N s/m} \quad (54)$$

$$(55)$$

The result of simulating with these parameters is found in figure 10, 11, 12 13. From these figures we can see that due to the lower stiffness k there are less oscillations in both the translational and rotational movement. We also clearly see that in the new trajectory (figure 12). Lastly we see now that the contribution from the gravitational potential energy is higher.

extreme high elastic energy
not mentioned, -0,25

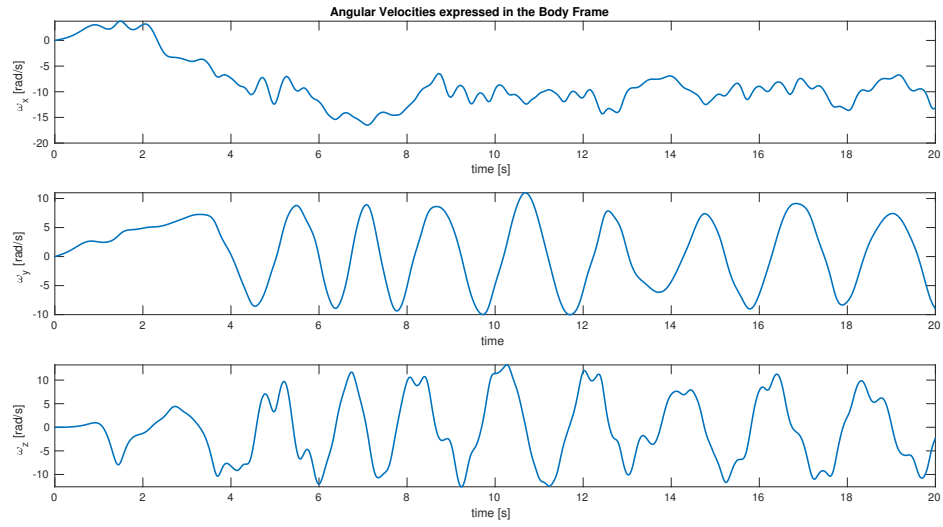


Figure 11: Figure of angular velocities for optimum parameter

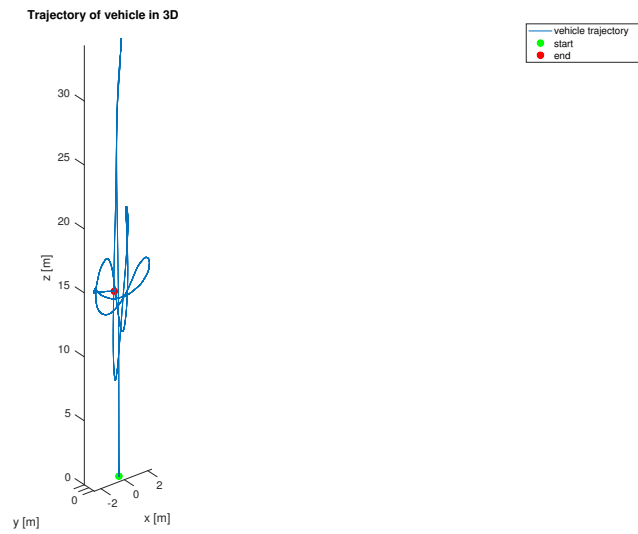


Figure 12: Trajectory of vehicle for optimum parameters

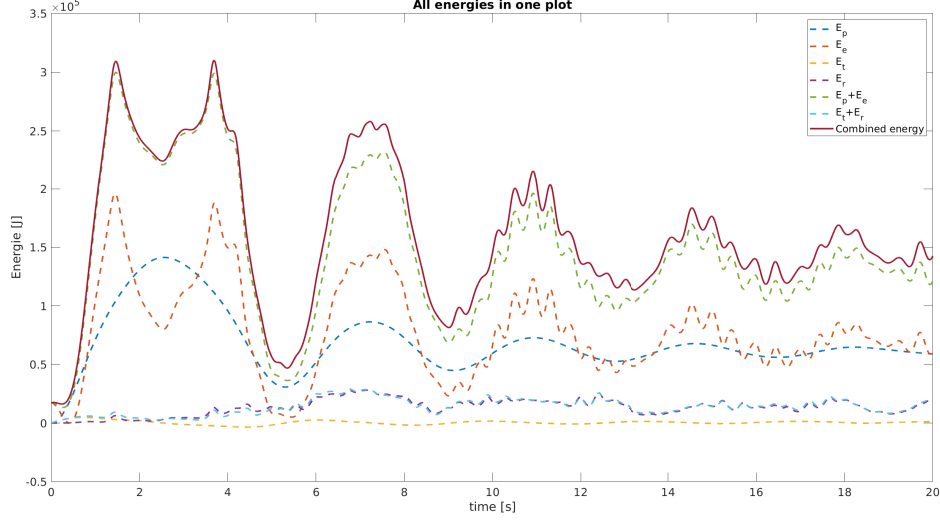


Figure 13: Energies for optimum parameters

4.8 But does the vehicle loop

Since the Moment of inertia matrix is diagonal and express relative to the COM we can use the vector pointing from the center of the vehicle to the COM to examine if the body is rotating around its axis. These needs to be expressed into the global frame \mathcal{M} so the rotation matrix $R_B^{\mathcal{N}}$ is needed to translate $r_c^{\mathcal{B}}$ to the inital frame;

$$r_c^{\mathcal{N}} = R_B^{\mathcal{N}} r_c^{\mathcal{B}} \quad (56)$$

The simulation results are shown in figure 15. From the body we can see that since it changes sign in a non smooth way the y direction it is looping around the y direction.



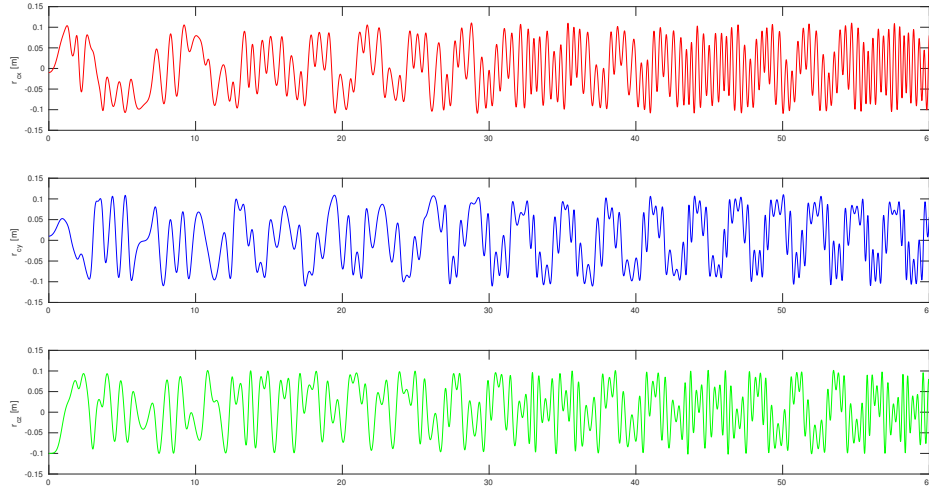


Figure 14: Behaviour of axis pointing from the center to the COM of the body

4.9 Can we also use Euler angles?

We can examine this question by using a cans in series representation. As we know from section 4.8 the vehicle mostly rotates around the global y axis.

When we rotate more around the y axis it is safer to take the [z-y-z] Euler angles since with not much x rotation there will be less change on singularities

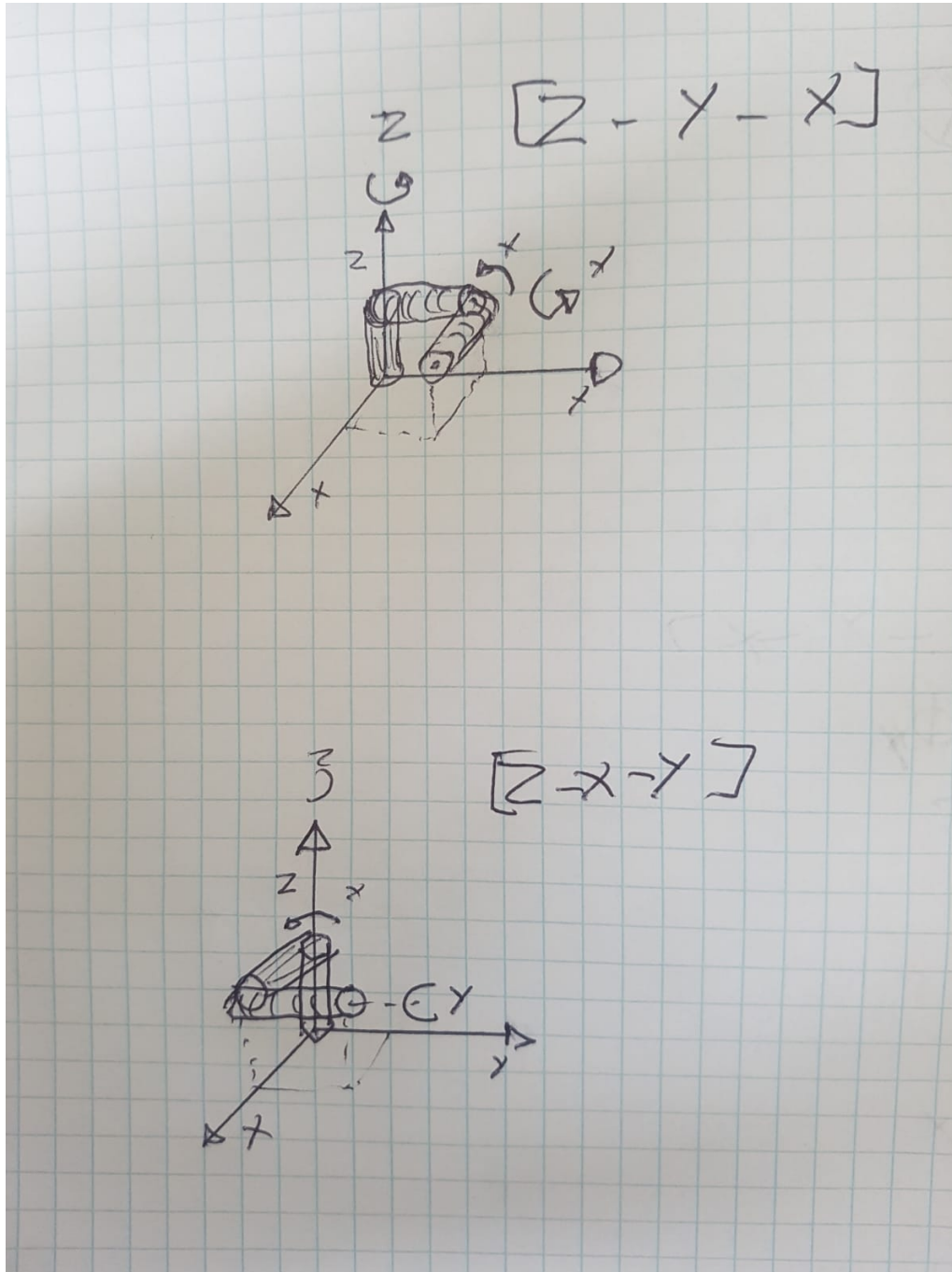


Figure 15: Behavior of axis pointing from the center to the COM of the body

Appendix A

The main MATLAB script

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1 %% MBD_B: Assignment 9 - Euler angles and the human arm
2 % Rick Staa (4511328)
3 % clear all; close all; clc;
4 fprintf('--- A10 ---\n');
5
6 %% Simulation settings
7 EOM_calc_bool = 0; % Set on 1 if you
    want to recalculate the EOM
8
9 %% Intergration parameters
10 parms.sim.sim_time = 60; % Intergration time
11 parms.sim.dt = 1e-3; % Intergration step
    size
12 parms.sim.nmax = 10; % Max number of
    coordinate projections
13 parms.sim.tol = 1e-12; % Maximum allowable
    drift
14
15 %% Model Parameters
16 % Vehicle parameters
17 m = 420; % mass
    vehicle [kg]
18 J = diag([170 120 140]); % moment of
    inertia of vehicle [kg]
19 r = 1; % Radius of
    vehicle [m]
20 c = [-0.01;0.01;-0.1]; % Relative
    COM position to vehicle center [m]
21 p_s = [0;r;0]; % Connection
    of bungie cords relative 2 sphere center
22 A = pi*r^2; % Frontal
    area of the vehicle [m]
23
24 % Paramters of support collumns
25 h = 25; % Hight of
    supporting collumns [m]

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26 w                = 18;                                % Width
    between the supporting collums [m]
27 zeta              = 0.1;                                % Damping
    ratio
28
29 %% World parameters
30 g                  = 9.81;                                % N/kg
31 rho                = 1.25;                                % kg/m^3
32 cd                  = 0.5;                                % Drag
    coefficient
33
34 %% put parameters in struct
35 parms.m             = m;
36 parms.J              = J;
37 parms.r              = r;
38 parms.c              = c;
39 parms.A              = A;
40 parms.h              = h;
41 parms.w              = w;
42 parms.zeta           = zeta;
43 parms.g              = g;
44 parms.rho             = rho;
45 parms.cd              = cd;
46 parms.p_s            = p_s;
47
48 % calculate the missing spring parameters
49 [parms.k,parms.l_0,parms.b] = spring_param_calc(parms);
50
51 % Create xtra symbolic variables
52 syms x y z q0 q1 q2 q3 x_d y_d z_d omega_x omega_y omega_z
    % In this q0 = lambda 0 this was done for code
    Readability
53
54 % Put symbolic variables in struct
55 parms.syms.x          = x;
56 parms.syms.y          = y;
57 parms.syms.z          = z;
58 parms.syms.q0          = q0;
59 parms.syms.q1          = q1;
60 parms.syms.q2          = q2;
61 parms.syms.q3          = q3;
62 parms.syms.x_d         = x_d;
63 parms.syms.y_d         = y_d;

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64 | parms.syms.z_d      = z_d;
65 | parms.syms.omega_x  = omega_x;
66 | parms.syms.omega_y  = omega_y;
67 | parms.syms.omega_z  = omega_z;
68 |
69 | %% Set Initial states
70 | % Set euler parameters (In the initial state the axis of
    |   rotation can said to
71 | % be aligned with the axis through the spring attachment
    |   sites.
72 | n                    = [0;1;0];
    |                                     % Axis through
    |   spring attachment sites
73 | phi                  = 0;
    |                                     % No
    |   rotation
74 |
75 | % Calculate initial states
76 | x0                   = 0;
77 | y0                   = 0;
78 | z0                   = 0;
79 | q0                   = cos(0.5*phi);
80 | q1                   = sin(0.5*phi)*n(1);
81 | q2                   = sin(0.5*phi)*n(2);
82 | q3                   = sin(0.5*phi)*n(3);
83 | x_d                  = 0;
84 | y_d                  = 0;
85 | z_d                  = 0;
86 | omega_x              = 0;
87 | omega_y              = 0;
88 | omega_z              = 0;
89 | x0                   = [x0;y0;z0;q0;q1;q2;q3;x_d;y_d;z_d;
    |   omega_x;omega_y;omega_z];
90 |
91 | %% Calculate equations of motion
92 | if (EOM_calc_bool == 1)
93 |     EOM_calc(parms);
94 | end
95 |
96 | %% Calculate movement by mean sof a Runge-Kuta 4th order
    |   intergration method
97 | [t,x,error,r_axis]   = RK4_custom(x0,parms);
98 |

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99 %% Play sound
100 load gong
101 sound(y,Fs)
102
103 %% Optimize k b and c values
104 % Try to find the optimal values that get the highest height
105
106 % % Create arrays
107 % flag = 1;
108 % h_max_val = 0;
109 % l_0_array = 13:-0.5:8;
110 % k_array = 500:50:1000;
111 % parms.sim.sim_time = 20; % Set to 20 seconds that should be
    more than enough
112 % for ii = 1:length(l_0_array)
113 %     % set l_0
114 %     parms.l_0 = l_0_array(ii);
115 %
116 %     for jj = 1:length(k_array)
117 %         % Set k
118 %         parms.k = k_array(jj);
119 %
120 %         % Calculate the b that corresponds to a zeta of 0.1
    and the given k
121 %         parms.b = 2*parms.zeta*sqrt(parms.k*m);
122 %
123 %         % Plot for new values
124 %         [~,x_opt,~,~] = RK4_custom(x0,parms);
125 %
126 %         % Get height and save in array
127 %         if max(x_opt(:,3)) > h_max_val
128 %             h_max_val = max(x_opt(:,3));
129 %             h_max.k = parms.k;
130 %             h_max.b = parms.b;
131 %             h_max.l_0 = parms.l_0;
132 %
133 %             % Exit loop if
134 %             if h_max_val > (parms.h+0.5*parms.w)
135 %                 flag = 0;
136 %             end
137 %
138 %             % break out of loop if flag = 0;
139 %             if flag == 0

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140 %             break
141 %         end
142 %     end
143 %     % break out of loop if flag = 0;
144 %     if flag == 0
145 %         break
146 %     end
147 % end
148 % % break out of loop if flag = 0;
149 % if flag == 0
150 %     break
151 % end
152 % end
153
154
155 %% Calculate energies
156 %% Energies
157
158 % Potential Energy
159 E_p      = m*g*x(:,3);    % Global axis is at the ground and z
    is relative to N frame
160
161 % Spring Energy
162 l_s1     = subs_l_s1(parms.l_0,x(:,1),x(:,2),x(:,3),x(:,4),x
    (:,5), ...
163     x(:,6),x(:,7)));
164 l_s2     = subs_l_s2(parms.l_0,x(:,1),x(:,2),x(:,3),x(:,4),x
    (:,5), ...
165     x(:,6),x(:,7)));
166
167 E_e      = 0.5*parms.k*(l_s1 - parms.l_0).^2 + 0.5*parms.k*(
    l_s2 - parms.l_0).^2;
168
169 % Translational Kinetic Energy
170 E_t      = 0.5*m*(x(:,8).^2 + x(:,9).^2 + x(:,10));
171
172 % Rotational Kinetic Energy
173 E_r      = 0.5*parms.J(1,1)*x(:,11).^2 + 0.5*parms.J(2,2)*x
    (:,12).^2 + 0.5*parms.J(3,3)*x(:,13).^2;
174
175 %% Create plots
176
177 %% Plots for the vehicle movement

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178 % Plot x y z positions and velocities of the vehicle
179 figure;
180 subplot(3,1,1)
181 plot(t,x(:,1),t,x(:,8),'linewidth',2);
182 set(gca,'fontsize',14);
183 title('Linear properties of the COM of vehicle')
184 xlabel('time [s]');
185 ylabel('x');
186 legend('Position [m]','Velocity [m/s]');
187 subplot(3,1,2)
188 plot(t,x(:,2),t,x(:,9),'linewidth',2);
189 set(gca,'fontsize',14);
190 xlabel('time [s]');
191 ylabel('y');
192 legend('Position [m]','Velocity [m/s]');
193 subplot(3,1,3)
194 plot(t,x(:,3),t,x(:,10),'linewidth',2);
195 set(gca,'fontsize',14);
196 xlabel('time [s]');
197 ylabel('z');
198 legend('Position [m]','Velocity [m/s]');
199
200 % Plot angular velocities of the vehicle
201 figure(2)
202 subplot(3,1,1)
203 plot(t,x(:,11),'linewidth',2);
204 set(gca,'fontsize',14);
205 title('Angular Velocities expressed in the Body Frame')
206 xlabel('time [s]');
207 ylabel('\omega_x [rad/s]');
208 subplot(3,1,2)
209 plot(t,x(:,12),'linewidth',2);
210 set(gca,'fontsize',14);
211 xlabel('time');
212 ylabel('\omega_y [rad/s]');
213 subplot(3,1,3)
214 plot(t,x(:,13),'linewidth',2);
215 set(gca,'fontsize',14);
216 xlabel('time [s]');
217 ylabel('\omega_z [rad/s]');
218
219 % Plot trajectory of vehicle in 3D
220 figure;

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221 plot3(x(:,1),x(:,2),x(:,3));
222 hold on;
223 plot3(x(1,1),x(1,2),x(1,3),'g*','linewidth',8); % Plot
      beginning
224 plot3(x(end,1),x(end,2),x(end,3),'r*','linewidth',8);
225 set(gca,'fontsize',14);
226 title('Trajectory of vehicle in 3D')
227 xlabel('x [m]');
228 ylabel('y [m]');
229 zlabel('z [m]');
230 legend('vehicle trajectory','start','end');
231 axis equal;
232
233 % Plot spring force magnitude
234 figure;
235 subplot(4,1,1)
236 plot(t,subs_F_spring(parms.k,parms.l_0,x(:,1),x(:,2),x(:,3),x
      (:,4), ...
237       x(:,5),x(:,6),x(:,7)), 'linewidth',2);
238 set(gca,'fontsize',14);
239 title('Forces (in N frame) and Moments (in B frame)')
240 ylabel('F_{spring} [N]');
241 subplot(4,1,2)
242 plot(t,subs_F_damp(parms.b,x(:,1),x(:,2),x(:,3),x(:,4),x(:,5)
      ,x(:,6), ...
243       x(:,7),x(:,8),x(:,9),x(:,10)), 'linewidth',2);
244 set(gca,'fontsize',14);
245 ylabel('F_{damping} [N]');
246 subplot(4,1,3)
247 plot(t,sum(subs_F_drag(x(:,8)',x(:,9)',x(:,10)').^2), '
      linewidth',2);
248 set(gca,'fontsize',14);
249 ylabel('F_{drag} [N]');
250 subplot(4,1,4)
251 plot(t,sum(subs_M(parms.k,parms.l_0,parms.b,x(:,1)',x(:,2)',x
      (:,3)', ...
252       x(:,4)',x(:,5)',x(:,6)',x(:,7)',x(:,8)',x(:,9)',x(:,10)')
      .^2) ...
253       , 'linewidth',2);
254 set(gca,'fontsize',14);
255 ylabel('M_{total} [Nm]');
256 xlabel('time [s]');
257

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258 % Plot the accuracy of the solution
259 figure;
260 plot(t,abs(error));
261 hold on;
262 plot([0 parms.sim.sim_time],[1e-12 1e-12],'linewidth',2,'
    linestyle','--');
263 set(gca,'fontsize',14);
264 ylim([0 1.15e-12]);
265 xlabel('time [s]');
266 ylabel('Intergration drift (Error on normality constraint)');
267 title('Intergration accuracy of the solution against the time
    ')
268 legend('Intergration error','max allowed error line','
    location','best');
269
270 %% Plot for the energies
271
272 % First plot the individual energies
273 figure;
274 subplot(4,1,1)
275 plot(t,E_p,'linewidth',2);
276 set(gca,'fontsize',14);
277 title('Individual energies')
278 ylabel('E_p [J]');
279 subplot(4,1,2)
280 plot(t,E_e,'linewidth',2);
281 set(gca,'fontsize',14);
282 ylabel('E_e [J]');
283 xlabel('time [s]');
284 subplot(4,1,3)
285 plot(t,E_t,'linewidth',2);
286 set(gca,'fontsize',14);
287 ylabel('E_t [J]');
288 xlabel('time [s]');
289 subplot(4,1,4)
290 plot(t,E_r,'linewidth',2);
291 set(gca,'fontsize',14);
292 ylabel('E_r [J]');
293 xlabel('time [s]');
294
295 % Now plot interesting combinations of energy
296 figure;

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297 plot(t,E_p,'linewidth',2,'linestyle','--');hold on %
    Gravitational
298 plot(t,E_e,'linewidth',2,'linestyle','--');hold on %
    Gravitational
299 plot(t,E_t,'linewidth',2,'linestyle','--');hold on;
300 plot(t,E_r,'linewidth',2,'linestyle','--');hold on;
301 plot(t,E_p+E_e,'linewidth',2,'linestyle','--'); hold on; %
    Full potential energy
302 plot(t,E_t+E_r,'linewidth',2,'linestyle','--'); hold on;
303 plot(t,E_p+E_e+E_t+E_r,'linewidth',2,'linestyle','-');
304 set(gca,'fontsize',14);
305 title('All energies in one plot');
306 legend('E_p','E_e','E_t','E_r','E_p+E_e','E_t+E_r','Combined
    energy');
307 ylabel('Energie [J]');
308 xlabel('time [s]');
309
310 %% Plot xomponents of the axis through the spring attachment
    sites expressed in the global fram
311 figure;
312 subplot(3,1,1);
313 set(gca,'fontsize',14)
314 title('Check for looping')
315 plot(t,r_axis(:,1),'r');
316 ylabel('r_{cx} [m]');
317 subplot(3,1,2);
318 plot(t,r_axis(:,2),'b');
319 ylabel('r_{cy} [m]');
320 subplot(3,1,3);
321 plot(t,r_axis(:,3),'g');
322 ylabel('r_{cz} [m]');
323
324 %% FUNCTIONS
325
326 %% Runge-Kuta numerical intergration function
327 % This function calculates the motion of the system by means
    of a
328 % Runge-Kuta numerical intergration. This function takes as
    inputs the
329 % parameters of the system (parms), the EOM of the system (
    parms.EOM)
330 % and the initial state.
331 function [time,x,error,r_axis] = RK4_custom(x0,parms)

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332
333 % Initialise variables
334 time = (0:params.sim.dt:params.sim.sim_time).';
          % Create time array
335 x = zeros(length(time),length(x0));
          % Create empty state array
336 x(1,1:length(x0)) = x0;
                                     % Put
          initial state in array
337 error = zeros(length(time),1);
338
339 % preallocate memory for rotation axis
340 R_tmp = subs_R_B_N(x0(4),x0(5),x0(6),x0(7));
341 r_axis = zeros(length(time),3);
342 r_axis(1,:) = (R_tmp*parms.c)';
343
344 % Caculate the motion for the full simulation time by means
    of a
345 % Runge-Kutta4 method
346
347 % Perform intergration till end of set time
348 for ii = 1:(size(time,1)-1)
349
350     % Perform RK 4
351     x_now_tmp = x(ii,:);

          % Create cell for subs function function
352     x_input = num2cell([parms.k,parms.l_0,parms.b
          ,x(ii,:)],1);
          % Add time to state
353     K1 = subs_Xdd(x_input{:}).';
          % Calculate
          the second derivative at the start of the step
354     x1_tmp = x_now_tmp + (parms.sim.dt*0.5)*K1;
          % Create cell for subs
          function function
355     x1_input = num2cell([parms.k,parms.l_0,parms.b
          ,x1_tmp],1);
          % Add time to state
356     K2 = subs_Xdd(x1_input{:}).';
          % Calculate
          the second derivative halfway the step
357     x2_tmp = x_now_tmp + (parms.sim.dt*0.5)*K2;
          % Refine value
          calculation with new found derivative

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358     x2_input          = num2cell([parms.k,parms.l_0,parms.b
359         ,x2_tmp],1);          % Add time to state
359     K3                = subs_Xdd(x2_input{:}).';
                                % Calculate
                                new derivative at the new refined location
360     x3_tmp            = x_now_tmp + (parms.sim.dt)*K3;
                                % Calculate state at
                                end step with refined derivative
361     x3_input          = num2cell([parms.k,parms.l_0,parms.b
362         ,x3_tmp],1);          % Add time to state
362     K4                = subs_Xdd(x3_input{:}).';
                                % Calculate
                                last second derivative
363     x(ii+1,:)         = x_now_tmp + (parms.sim.dt/6)*(K1+2*
        K2+2*K3+K4);          % Perform euler
                                intergration step
364
365     % Correct for intergration drift (Renormalise the axis of
        rotation)
366
367     %% Coordinate projection method (Gaus-newton method)
368     % Correct for intergration drift
369     x_now_tmp = x(ii+1,:);
370     [x_new,error_tmp] = gauss_newton(x_now_tmp,parms);
371
372     % Calculate the roation of the vector pointing from the
        center to one
373     % of the springs
374
375     % For Question f
376     R_tmp = subs_R_B_N(x_new(4),x_new(5),x_new(6),x_new(7));
377     r_axis(ii,:) = (R_tmp*parms.c)';
378
379     % Overwrite position coordinates
380     x(ii+1,:)      = x_new;
381     error(ii+1,:)  = error_tmp;
382 end
383 end
384
385 %% Speed correct function
386 function [x,error] = gauss_newton(x,parms)
387

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388 % Get rid of the drift by solving a non-linear least square
    problem by
389 % means of the Gaus-Newton method
390
391 %% Gaus-newton velocity constraint correction
392 n_iter          = 0;                                % Set
    iteration counter
    % Get position data out
393
394 % % Calculate the two needed constraints
395 D                = subs_D(x(4),x(5),x(6),x(7));
396 Dd               = subs_Dd(x(4),x(5),x(6),x(7));
397
398 % Solve drift using gaus-newton iteration
399 while (max(abs(D)) > parms.sim.tol)&& (n_iter < parms.sim.
    nmax)
400     x_tmp          = x;
401     n_iter          = n_iter + 1;
402     x_del           = Dd.'*inv(Dd*Dd.').*-D;
403     x               = x_tmp + x_del.';
404
405     % Recalculate constraint
406     D               = subs_D(x(4),x(5),x(6),x(7));
407     Dd              = subs_Dd(x(4),x(5),x(6),x(7));
408 end
409
410
411 % Store full error
412 error = D;
413 end
414
415 %% Calculate (symbolic) Equations of Motion four our setup
416 function EOM_calc(parms)
417
418 %% Get parameters and variables
419
420 % create symbolic variables
421 syms k b l_0;
422
423 % Unpack variables for clarity
424 m          = parms.m;
425 J          = parms.J;

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426 r = parms.r;
427 c = parms.c;
428 A = parms.A;
429 h = parms.h;
430 w = parms.w;
431 g = parms.g;
432 rho = parms.rho;
433 c_d = parms.cd;
434 p_s = parms.p_s;
435
436 % Unpack symbolic variables from parms
437 x = parms.syms.x;
438 y = parms.syms.y;
439 z = parms.syms.z;
440 q0 = parms.syms.q0;
441 q1 = parms.syms.q1;
442 q2 = parms.syms.q2;
443 q3 = parms.syms.q3;
444 x_d = parms.syms.x_d;
445 y_d = parms.syms.y_d;
446 z_d = parms.syms.z_d;
447 omega_x = parms.syms.omega_x;
448 omega_y = parms.syms.omega_y;
449 omega_z = parms.syms.omega_z;
450
451 % Create small generalised spring state
452 x_state = [x;y;z];
453 xd_state = [x_d;y_d;z_d];
454 omega_state = [omega_x;omega_y;omega_z];
455
456 %% Calculate Rotation Matrix
457
458 R_B_N = [q0^2+q1^2-q2^2-q3^2, 2*(q1*q2-q0*q3), 2*(q1*q3-
    q0*q2); ...
459 2*(q2*q1-q0*q3), q0^2-q1^2+q2^2-q3^2, 2*(q2*q3-q0*q1
    ); ...
460 2*(q3*q1-q0*q2), 2*(q3*q2-q0*q1), q0^2-q1^2-q2
    ^2+q3^2];
461
462 matlabFunction(R_B_N, 'File', 'subs_R_B_N');
463
464 %% Calculate Spring contribution to virtual work
465 r_c = [x;y;z] + R_B_N*-parms.c;

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466 r_s1          = r_c + R_B_N*-parms.p_s;
467 r_s2          = r_c + R_B_N*parms.p_s;
468
469 % Create vetors along the spring
470 l_s1          = r_s1 - [0; -w/2; h];
471 l_s2          = r_s2 - [0; w/2; h];
472
473 % Calculate delta spring lenght
474 l_s2          = sqrt(sum(l_s2.^2)) - l_0;
475 l_s1          = sqrt(sum(l_s1.^2)) - l_0;
476
477 % Calculate spring forces
478 sigma_s1      = k*l_s1;
479 sigma_s2      = k*l_s2;
480
481 %% Damping Components
482 sigma_c1      = b*jacobian(l_s1,x_state)*xd_state;
483 sigma_c2      = b*jacobian(l_s2,x_state)*xd_state;
484
485 %% Air Drag
486 sigma_a       = 0.5*rho*A*c_d*sqrt(sum(xd_state.^2))*
    xd_state;
487
488 %% Add the contributions of all forces together
489
490 % External inertial forces
491 F_ext         = [0;0;-m*g];
492
493 % Spring, damper and drag forces
494 F             = [F_ext - sigma_s1*jacobian(l_s1,x_state)' -
    sigma_s2*jacobian(l_s2,x_state)' - ...
    sigma_c1*jacobian(l_s1,x_state)' - sigma_c2*jacobian(l_s2
    ,x_state)' - sigma_a];
495
496
497 %% Now finally calculate the linear accelerations by means of
    gaussian elimination
498 M             = diag([m m m]);
499 xdd_lin       = inv(M)*F;
500
501 %% Now lets find the angular accelerations
502 % Calculate forces
503 F1            = sigma_s1*jacobian(l_s1,x_state).' +
    sigma_c1*jacobian(l_s1,x_state).';

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504 F2 = sigma_s2*jacobian(l_s2,x_state).' +
    sigma_c2*jacobian(l_s2,x_state).';
505
506 % Calculate moment arms
507 r1 = -parms.c-parms.p_s;
508 r2 = -parms.c+parms.p_s;
509
510 % Calculate moments
511 M = cross(r1,R_B_N'*F1) + cross(r2,R_B_N'*F2);
512
513 %% Calculate angular accelerations
514
515 omega_d_state = inv(J)*(M - cross(omega_state,J*omega_state
    ));
516
517 %% Calculate the derivative of the omegas and put them in one
    big state variable
518 X_state = [x,y,z,q0,q1,q2,q3,x_d,y_d,z_d,omega_x,
    omega_y,omega_z].';
519
520 dlambd = 0.5*[q0 -q1 -q2 -q3;...
521     q1 q0 -q3 q2;...
522     q2 q3 q0 -q1;...
523     q3 -q2 q1 q0]*[0;omega_state];
524 Xdd = [xd_state;dlambd;xdd_lin;omega_d_state];
525
526 %% Calculate the constraint
527 D = q0^2 + q1^2 + q2^2 + q3^2 - 1;
528 Dd = jacobian(D,X_state);
529
530 % Save all the symbolic expressions in function files
531 matlabFunction(D,'File','subs_D','vars',[q0 q1 q2 q3]);
532 matlabFunction(Dd,'File','subs_Dd','vars',[q0 q1 q2 q3]);
533 matlabFunction(l_s1,'File','subs_l_s1','vars',[l_0,x,y,z,q0,
    q1,q2,q3]);
534 matlabFunction(l_s2,'File','subs_l_s2','vars',[l_0,x,y,z,q0,
    q1,q2,q3]);
535 matlabFunction((sigma_s1+sigma_s2),'File','subs_F_spring','
    vars',[k,l_0,x,y,z,q0,q1,q2,q3]);
536 matlabFunction((sigma_c1+sigma_c2),'File','subs_F_damp','vars
    ',[b,x,y,z,q0,q1,q2,q3,x_d,y_d,z_d]);
537 matlabFunction((sigma_a),'File','subs_F_drag');

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538 matlabFunction(M, 'File', 'subs_M', 'vars', [k, l_0, b, x, y, z, q0, q1,
      q2, q3, x_d, y_d, z_d]);
539 matlabFunction(X_state, 'File', 'subs_X_state', 'Vars', [x, y, z, q0
      , q1, q2, q3, x_d, y_d, z_d, omega_x, omega_y, omega_z]);
540 matlabFunction(Xdd, 'File', 'subs_Xdd', 'Vars', [k, l_0, b, x, y, z, q0
      , q1, q2, q3, x_d, y_d, z_d, omega_x, omega_y, omega_z]);
541
542 end
543
544 %% Calculate spring-damper paramters
545
546 function [k, l0, b] = spring_param_calc(parms)
547 % Unpack variables for clarity
548 m          = parms.m;
549 J          = parms.J;
550 r          = parms.r;
551 c          = parms.c;
552 A          = parms.A;
553 zeta       = parms.zeta;
554 h          = parms.h;
555 w          = parms.w;
556 g          = parms.g;
557 rho       = parms.rho;
558 cd         = parms.cd;
559 p_s       = parms.p_s;
560
561 %% A) Calculate k and L0 paramters
562 % This can be done by using the principle of conservation of
      energy and
563 % newtons second law of motion.
564
565 % Create symbolic variables
566 syms k l0
567
568 % Calculate needed spring lengths
569 l_t       = sqrt((0.5*w)^2 + (0.5*w-r)^2);
570 l_b       = sqrt(h^2 + (0.5*w-r)^2);
571
572 % Conservation of energy equation
573 eq_con     = k*(l_t - l0)^2+m*g*(0.5*w+h)-k*(l_b-l0)^2;
574
575 % Force equation (Newtons second law of motion)
576 eq_F       = 2*k*(l_b-l0)*cos(atan2((0.5*w-r),h))-5.8*m*g;

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577
578 % Put equations in one vector
579 eq          = [eq_con; eq_F];
580
581 % Solve these two equations for two unknowns with the
    symbolic toolbox
582 sol          = solve(eq,[k;l0]);
583 k            = double(sol.k);
584 l0           = double(sol.l0);
585
586 % Calculate damping ratio
587 b            = 2*zeta*sqrt(k*m);
588 end

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