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Integrated Positioning and Navigation

**Integration of the
velocity and posi-
tion equations in the
e-system**

Integration of the velocity and position equations

Differential equations (6.17) from Module 6:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{x}}^e &= \mathbf{v}^e \\ \dot{\mathbf{v}}^e &= \mathbf{C}_p^e \mathbf{a}^p - 2\boldsymbol{\Omega}_{ie}^e \mathbf{v}^e - \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{ie}^e \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{ie}^e \mathbf{x}^e + \mathbf{g}^e\end{aligned}\quad (9.1)$$

Attitude equation has been integrated (Module 8); DCM is known!

Second, third and fourth term on r.h.s. are slowly varying terms and can be approximated by constant values in the interval $t_{k-1} < \tau < t_k$

$$\mathbf{v}^e(t_k) = \int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} \mathbf{C}_p^e \cdot \mathbf{a}^p d\tau - [2\boldsymbol{\Omega}_{ie}^e \mathbf{v}^e + \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{ie}^e \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{ie}^e \mathbf{x}^e - \mathbf{g}^e]_{t_{k-1}} \cdot (t_k - t_{k-1}) \quad (9.2)$$

Accelerometer output (Module 7):

$$\Delta \mathbf{v}^p(t_k) = \int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} \mathbf{a}^p(\tau) d\tau \quad (9.3)$$

Integration of the velocity and position equations - cont'd

Integration of equation (9.2) using *Simpson's Rule*:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{y} &= f(t) \Rightarrow \\ y(t_k) &= y(t_{k-1}) + \frac{h}{6} \left(f(t_{k-1}) + 4f(t_{k-1} + \frac{h}{2}) + f(t_{k-1} + h) \right) \\ h &= t_k - t_{k-1}, \quad f(x) = \mathbf{C}_p^e \cdot \mathbf{a}^p \end{aligned} \quad (9.4)$$

Question: How can we obtain the \mathbf{a}^p needed in equation (9.4) from the accelerometer output (equation (9.3))? In general, we can express \mathbf{a}^p in a Taylor expansion in the interval $[t_{k-2}, t_k]$:

$$\mathbf{a}^p(t) = \mathbf{a}^p(t_{k-2}) + \dot{\mathbf{a}}^p(t_{k-2}) \cdot (t - t_{k-2}) + O(\delta t^2), \quad t - t_{k-2} \leq \delta t \quad (9.5)$$

Integration of (9.5):

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \mathbf{v}^p(t_{k-1}) &= \int_{t_{k-2}}^{t_{k-1}} \mathbf{a}^p(\tau) d\tau = \mathbf{a}^p(t_{k-2}) \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} \dot{\mathbf{a}}^p(t_{k-2}) \Delta t^2 + \dots \\ \Delta \mathbf{v}^p(t_k) &= \mathbf{a}^p(t_{k-2}) \Delta t + \dot{\mathbf{a}}^p(t_{k-2}) \int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} (\tau - t_{k-1}) + (t_{k-1} - t_{k-2}) d\tau + \dots \\ &= \mathbf{a}^p(t_{k-2}) \Delta t + \frac{3}{2} \dot{\mathbf{a}}^p(t_{k-2}) \Delta t^2 \end{aligned} \quad (9.7)$$

Integration of the velocity and position equations - cont'd

From equations (9.6) and (9.7):

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{a}^p(t_{k-2}) &= \frac{1}{2\Delta t} (3\Delta\mathbf{v}^p(t_{k-1}) - \Delta\mathbf{v}^p(t_k)) + \dots \\ \dot{\mathbf{a}}^p(t_{k-2}) &= \frac{1}{\Delta t^2} (\Delta\mathbf{v}^p(t_k) - \Delta\mathbf{v}^p(t_{k-1})) + \dots\end{aligned}\tag{9.8}$$

Equations (9.8) inserted in (9.5) and integrated:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{a}^p(t_{k-2}) &= \frac{1}{2\Delta t} (3\Delta\mathbf{v}^p(t_{k-1}) - \Delta\mathbf{v}^p(t_k)) + \dots \\ \mathbf{a}^p(t_{k-1}) &= \frac{1}{2\Delta t} (3\Delta\mathbf{v}^p(t_{k-1}) - \Delta\mathbf{v}^p(t_k)) + \frac{1}{\Delta t} (\Delta\mathbf{v}^p(t_k) - \Delta\mathbf{v}^p(t_{k-1})) + \dots \\ \mathbf{a}^p(t_k) &= \frac{1}{2\Delta t} (3\Delta\mathbf{v}^p(t_{k-1}) - \Delta\mathbf{v}^p(t_k)) + \frac{2}{\Delta t} (\Delta\mathbf{v}^p(t_k) - \Delta\mathbf{v}^p(t_{k-1})) + \dots\end{aligned}\tag{9.9}$$

Integration of the velocity and position equations - cont'd

Set $\delta t = 2\Delta t$ and indicate approximation by $\hat{}$ (remove higher order terms)

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\mathbf{a}}^p(t_{k-2}) &= \frac{3\Delta \mathbf{v}^p(t_{k-1}) - \Delta \mathbf{v}^p(t_k)}{\delta t} \\ \hat{\mathbf{a}}^p(t_{k-1}) &= \frac{\Delta \mathbf{v}^p(t_{k-1}) + \Delta \mathbf{v}^p(t_k)}{\delta t} \\ \hat{\mathbf{a}}^p(t_k) &= \frac{3\Delta \mathbf{v}^p(t_k) - \Delta \mathbf{v}^p(t_{k-1})}{\delta t}\end{aligned}\tag{9.10}$$

\mathbf{a}^p is a function of accelerometer output and known quantities!

Use Simpson's Rule (9.4) to integrate equation (9.2):

$$\int_{t_{k-1}}^{t_k} \mathbf{C}_p^e \mathbf{a}^p d\tau = \frac{\delta t}{6} \left[\left(\mathbf{C}_p^e \mathbf{a}^p \right) (t_{k-2}) + 4 \left(\mathbf{C}_p^e \mathbf{a}^p \right) (t_{k-1}) + \left(\mathbf{C}_p^e \mathbf{a}^p \right) (t_k) \right] \tag{9.11}$$

Integration of the velocity and position equations - cont'd

Use DCM as computed in Module 8, use α^p as computed in equation (9.10))

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}^e(t_k) = & \hat{\mathbf{v}}^e(t_{k-2}) \\ & + \left[\hat{\mathbf{C}}_p^e(t_{k-2}) (3\Delta\mathbf{v}^p(t_{k-1}) - \Delta\mathbf{v}^p(t_k)) \right. \\ & + 4\hat{\mathbf{C}}_p^e(t_{k-1}) (\Delta\mathbf{v}^p(t_{k-1}) + \Delta\mathbf{v}^p(t_k)) \\ & + \left. \hat{\mathbf{C}}_p^e(t_k) (3\Delta\mathbf{v}^p(t_k) - \Delta\mathbf{v}^p(t_{k-1})) \right] / 6 \\ & - \left[2\boldsymbol{\Omega}_{ie}^e \hat{\mathbf{v}}^e(t_{k-2}) + \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{ie}^e \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{ie}^e \hat{\mathbf{x}}^e(t_{k-2}) - \mathbf{g}^e \right] \cdot \delta t \end{aligned} \quad (9.12)$$

And finally

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}^e(t_k) = \hat{\mathbf{x}}^e(t_{k-1}) + \hat{\mathbf{v}}^e(t_{k-1}) \cdot \Delta t \quad (9.13)$$