

Attitude Representation and Transformation Matrices

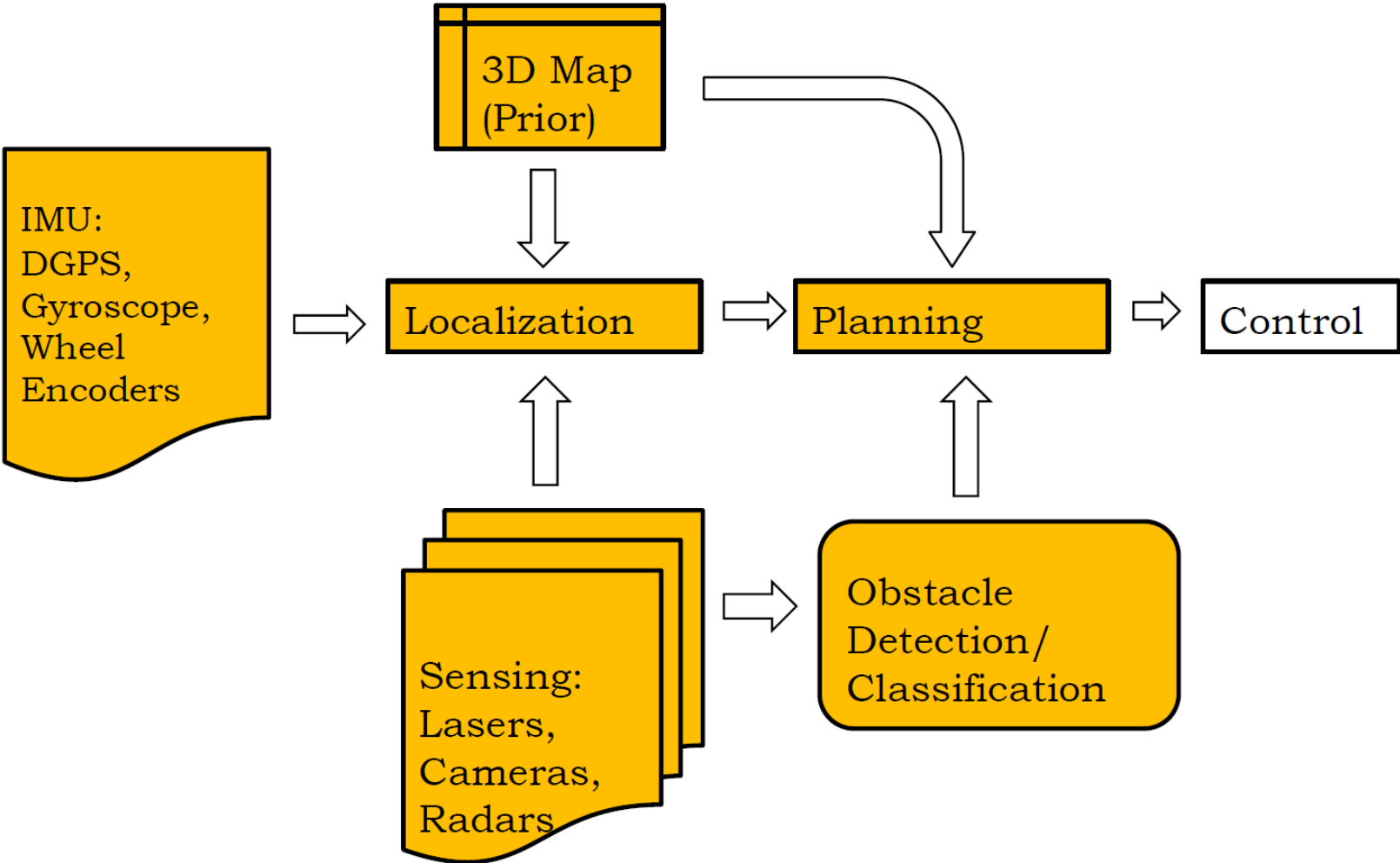
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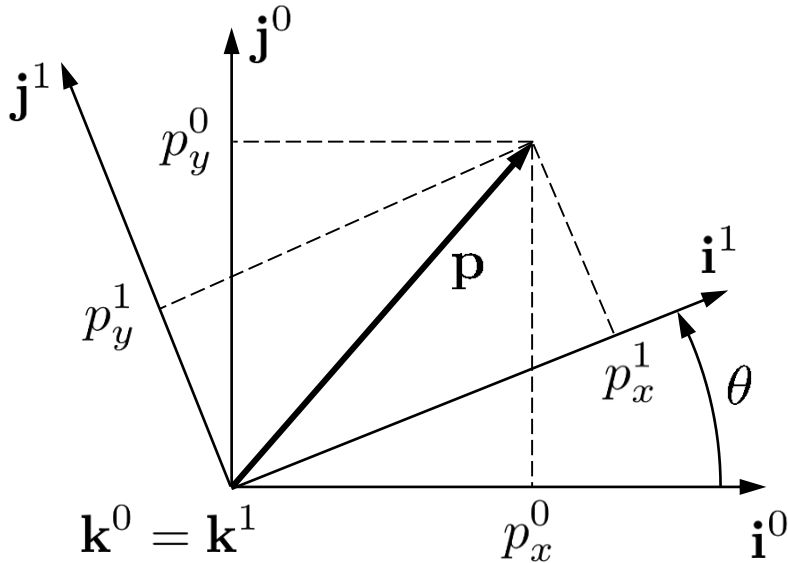
Autonomous Navigation System



Coordinated Frames

- Describe relative position and orientation of objects
 - Aircraft relative to direction of wind
 - Camera relative to aircraft
 - Aircraft relative to inertial frame
- Some things most easily calculated or described in certain reference frames
 - Newton's law
 - Aircraft attitude
 - Aerodynamic forces/torques
 - Accelerometers, rate gyros
 - GPS
 - Mission requirements

Rotation of Reference Frame



$$\mathbf{p} = p_x^0 \mathbf{i}^0 + p_y^0 \mathbf{j}^0 + p_z^0 \mathbf{k}^0$$

$$\mathbf{p} = p_x^1 \mathbf{i}^1 + p_y^1 \mathbf{j}^1 + p_z^1 \mathbf{k}^1$$

$$p_x^1 \mathbf{i}^1 + p_y^1 \mathbf{j}^1 + p_z^1 \mathbf{k}^1 = p_x^0 \mathbf{i}^0 + p_y^0 \mathbf{j}^0 + p_z^0 \mathbf{k}^0$$

$$\mathbf{p}^1 \triangleq \begin{pmatrix} p_x^1 \\ p_y^1 \\ p_z^1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{i}^1 \cdot \mathbf{i}^0 & \mathbf{i}^1 \cdot \mathbf{j}^0 & \mathbf{i}^1 \cdot \mathbf{k}^0 \\ \mathbf{j}^1 \cdot \mathbf{i}^0 & \mathbf{j}^1 \cdot \mathbf{j}^0 & \mathbf{j}^1 \cdot \mathbf{k}^0 \\ \mathbf{k}^1 \cdot \mathbf{i}^0 & \mathbf{k}^1 \cdot \mathbf{j}^0 & \mathbf{k}^1 \cdot \mathbf{k}^0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_x^0 \\ p_y^0 \\ p_z^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{p}^1 = \mathcal{R}_0^1 \mathbf{p}^0 \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{R}_0^1 \triangleq \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(rotation about \mathbf{k} axis)

Rotation of Reference Frame

Right-handed rotation about \mathbf{j} axis:

$$\mathcal{R}_0^1 \triangleq \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

Right-handed rotation about \mathbf{i} axis:

$$\mathcal{R}_0^1 \triangleq \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ 0 & -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

Orthonormal matrix properties:

P.1. $(\mathcal{R}_a^b)^{-1} = (\mathcal{R}_a^b)^\top = \mathcal{R}_b^a$

P.2. $\mathcal{R}_b^c \mathcal{R}_a^b = \mathcal{R}_a^c$

P.3. $\det(\mathcal{R}_a^b) = 1$

Particle/Rigid Body Rotation

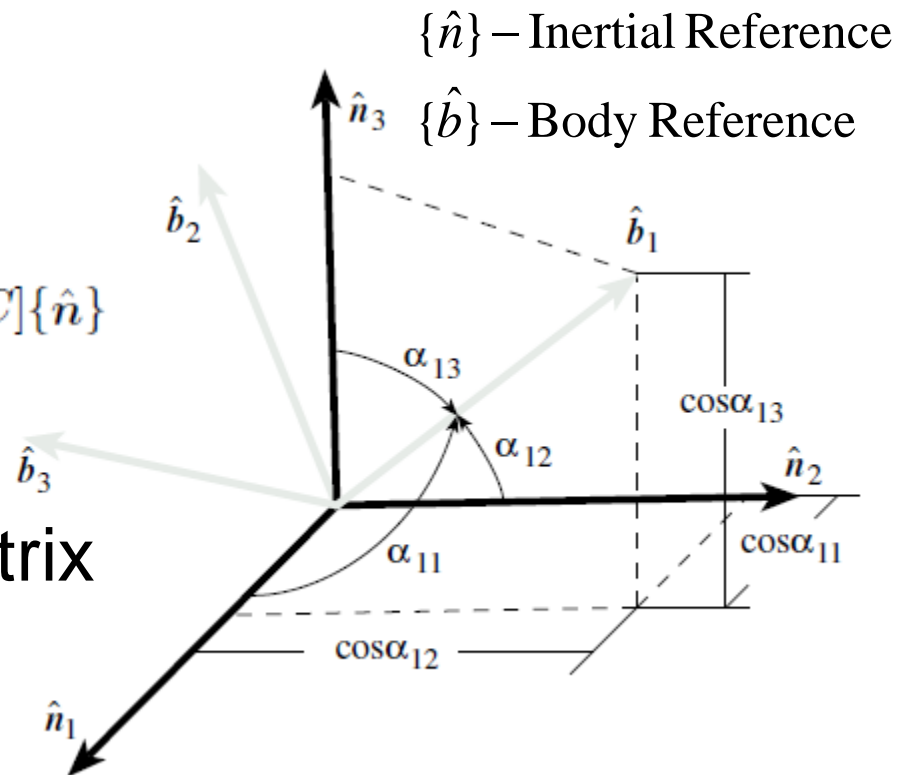
- One can say then that a Rigid Body is essentially a Reference Frame (RF). The translation of the origin of the RF describes the translational position. The specific orientation of the axes wrt to a chosen Inertial Reference provides the angular position.

$$\{\hat{n}\} \equiv \begin{Bmatrix} \hat{n}_1 \\ \hat{n}_2 \\ \hat{n}_3 \end{Bmatrix} \quad \{\hat{b}\} \equiv \begin{Bmatrix} \hat{b}_1 \\ \hat{b}_2 \\ \hat{b}_3 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$\{\hat{b}\} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \alpha_{11} & \cos \alpha_{12} & \cos \alpha_{13} \\ \cos \alpha_{21} & \cos \alpha_{22} & \cos \alpha_{23} \\ \cos \alpha_{31} & \cos \alpha_{32} & \cos \alpha_{33} \end{bmatrix} \{\hat{n}\} = [C]\{\hat{n}\}$$

[C] – Direction Cosine Matrix

$$C_{ij} = \cos(\angle \hat{b}_i, \hat{n}_j) = \hat{b}_i \cdot \hat{n}_j$$



Euler Angles

- Need way to describe attitude of aircraft
- Common approach: Euler angles

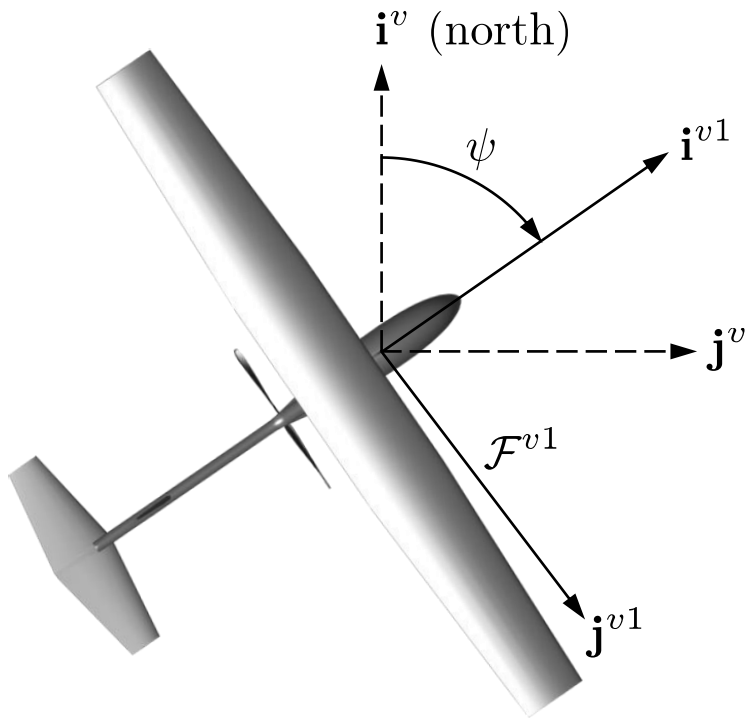
ψ : heading (yaw)

θ : elevation (pitch)

ϕ : bank (roll)

- Pro: Intuitive
- Con: Mathematical singularity
 - Quaternions are alternative for overcoming singularity

Vehicle-1 Frame

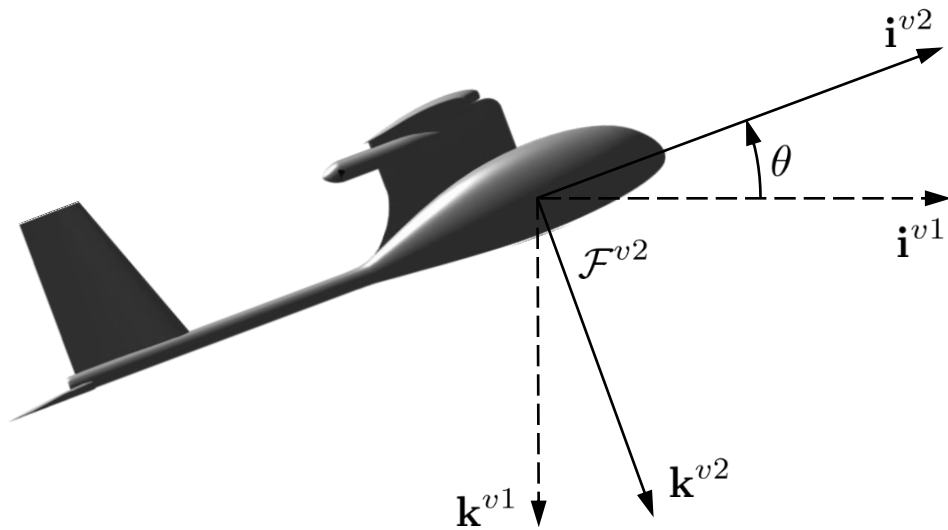


$$\mathcal{R}_v^{v1}(\psi) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \psi & \sin \psi & 0 \\ -\sin \psi & \cos \psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{p}^{v1} = \mathcal{R}_v^{v1}(\psi)\mathbf{p}^v$$

ψ : heading

Vehicle-2 Frame

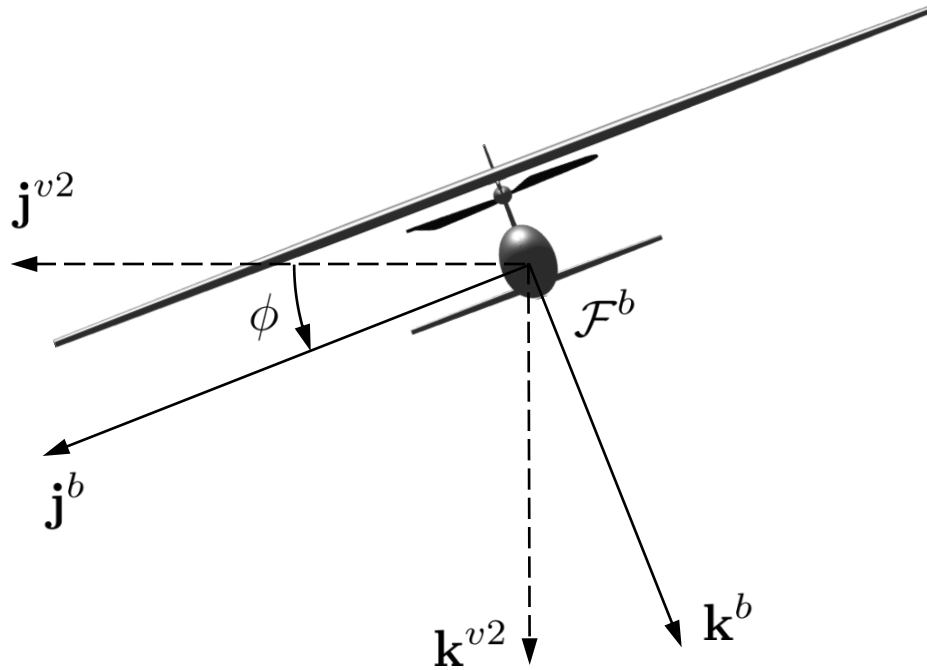


$$\mathcal{R}_{v1}^{v2}(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{p}^{v2} = \mathcal{R}_{v1}^{v2}(\theta)\mathbf{p}^{v1}$$

θ : elevation (pitch)

Body Frame



$$\mathcal{R}_{v2}^b(\phi) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ 0 & -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{p}^b = \mathcal{R}_{v2}^b(\phi) \mathbf{p}^{v2}$$

ϕ : bank (roll)

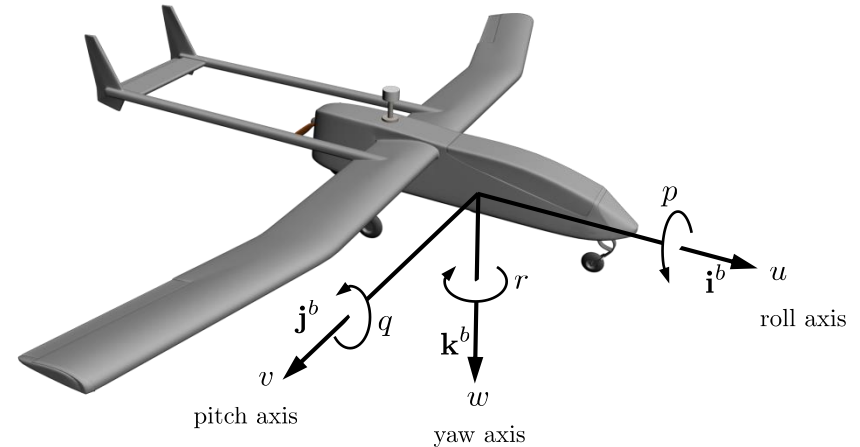
Inertial Frame to Body Frame Transformation

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R}_v^b(\phi, \theta, \psi) &= \mathcal{R}_{v_2}^b(\phi) \mathcal{R}_{v_1}^{v_2}(\theta) \mathcal{R}_v^{v_1}(\psi) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ 0 & -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \psi & \sin \psi & 0 \\ -\sin \psi & \cos \psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} c_\theta c_\psi & c_\theta s_\psi & -s_\theta \\ s_\phi s_\theta c_\psi - c_\phi s_\psi & s_\phi s_\theta s_\psi + c_\phi c_\psi & s_\phi c_\theta \\ c_\phi s_\theta c_\psi + s_\phi s_\psi & c_\phi s_\theta s_\psi - s_\phi c_\psi & c_\phi c_\theta \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{p}^b = \mathcal{R}_v^b(\theta) \mathbf{p}^v$$

Rotational Kinematics

$$\begin{aligned}
 \begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{R}_{v_2}^b(\phi) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \dot{\theta} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{R}_{v_2}^b(\phi) \mathcal{R}_{v_1}^{v_2}(\theta) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\psi} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ 0 & -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \dot{\theta} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ 0 & -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \dot{\psi} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \cos \phi & \sin \phi \cos \theta \\ 0 & -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$



Inverting gives

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \sin \phi \tan \theta & \cos \phi \tan \theta \\ 0 & \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ 0 & \sin \phi \sec \theta & \cos \phi \sec \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{pmatrix}$$

Differentiation of a Vector

$$\mathbf{p} = p_x \mathbf{i}^b + p_y \mathbf{j}^b + p_z \mathbf{k}^b$$

$$\frac{d}{dt_i} \mathbf{p} = \dot{p}_x \mathbf{i}^b + \dot{p}_y \mathbf{j}^b + \dot{p}_z \mathbf{k}^b + p_x \frac{d}{dt_i} \mathbf{i}^b + p_y \frac{d}{dt_i} \mathbf{j}^b + p_z \frac{d}{dt_i} \mathbf{k}^b$$

$$\frac{d}{dt_b} \mathbf{p} = \dot{p}_x \mathbf{i}^b + \dot{p}_y \mathbf{j}^b + \dot{p}_z \mathbf{k}^b$$

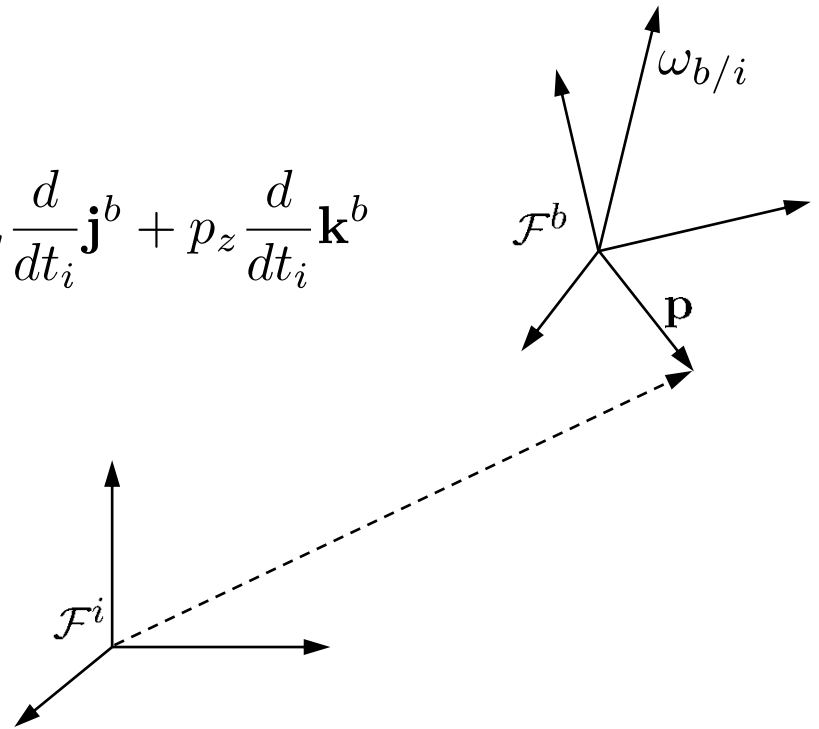
$$\dot{\mathbf{i}}^b = \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b/i} \times \mathbf{i}^b$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{j}}^b = \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b/i} \times \mathbf{j}^b$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{k}}^b = \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b/i} \times \mathbf{k}^b$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_x \dot{\mathbf{i}}^b + p_y \dot{\mathbf{j}}^b + p_z \dot{\mathbf{k}}^b &= p_x (\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b/i} \times \mathbf{i}^b) + p_y (\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b/i} \times \mathbf{j}^b) + p_z (\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b/i} \times \mathbf{k}^b) \\ &= \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b/i} \times \mathbf{p} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt_i} \mathbf{p} = \frac{d}{dt_b} \mathbf{p} + \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b/i} \times \mathbf{p}$$



Let $\{\mathbf{b}\}$ have an angular velocity ω and be expressed as:

$$\omega = \omega_1 \hat{\mathbf{b}}_1 + \omega_2 \hat{\mathbf{b}}_2 + \omega_3 \hat{\mathbf{b}}_3$$

Then $\frac{N_d}{dt} \{\hat{\mathbf{b}}_i\} = \cancel{\frac{B_d}{dt} \{\hat{\mathbf{b}}_i\}} + \omega \times \{\hat{\mathbf{b}}_i\}$ skew-symmetric
cross product
operator

Thus $\boxed{\frac{N_d}{dt} \{\hat{\mathbf{b}}\} = -[\tilde{\omega}] \{\hat{\mathbf{b}}\}}$ $[\tilde{x}] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -x_3 & x_2 \\ x_3 & 0 & -x_1 \\ -x_2 & x_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

But LHS $\frac{N_d}{dt} ([C] \{\hat{\mathbf{n}}\}) = \frac{d}{dt} ([C]) \{\hat{\mathbf{n}}\} + [C] \cancel{\frac{N_d}{dt} (\{\hat{\mathbf{n}}\})} = [\dot{C}] \{\hat{\mathbf{n}}\}$

Finally $\left([\dot{C}] + [\tilde{\omega}] [C] \right) \{\hat{\mathbf{n}}\} = 0$ $\boxed{[\dot{C}] = -[\tilde{\omega}] [C]}$

Nine parameter attitude
representation

**Poisson Kinematic
Equation**

For the Euler 3-2-1 Sequence

$$[C] = \begin{bmatrix} c\theta_2 c\theta_1 & c\theta_2 s\theta_1 & -s\theta_2 \\ s\theta_3 s\theta_2 c\theta_1 - c\theta_3 s\theta_1 & s\theta_3 s\theta_2 s\theta_1 + c\theta_3 c\theta_1 & s\theta_3 c\theta_2 \\ c\theta_3 s\theta_2 c\theta_1 + s\theta_3 s\theta_1 & c\theta_3 s\theta_2 s\theta_1 - s\theta_3 c\theta_1 & c\theta_3 c\theta_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\psi = \theta_1 = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{C_{12}}{C_{11}} \right)$$

$$\theta = \theta_2 = -\sin^{-1} (C_{13})$$

$$\phi = \theta_3 = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{C_{23}}{C_{33}} \right)$$

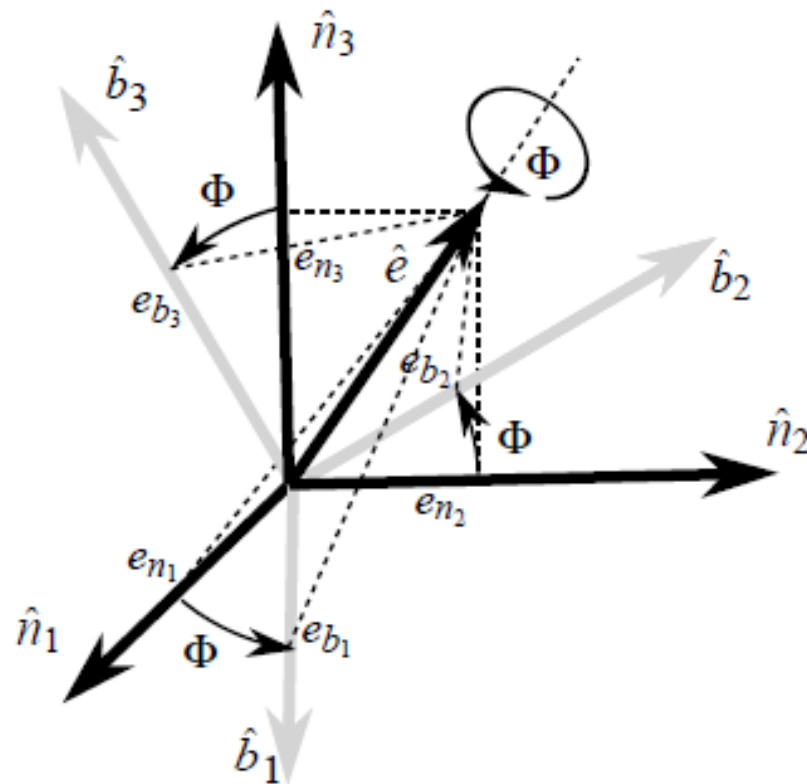
$$\begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \theta & 0 & 1 \\ \sin \phi \cos \theta & \cos \phi & 0 \\ \cos \phi \cos \theta & -\sin \phi & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{\psi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\phi} \end{pmatrix}$$

Attitude Kinematics Differential Equation

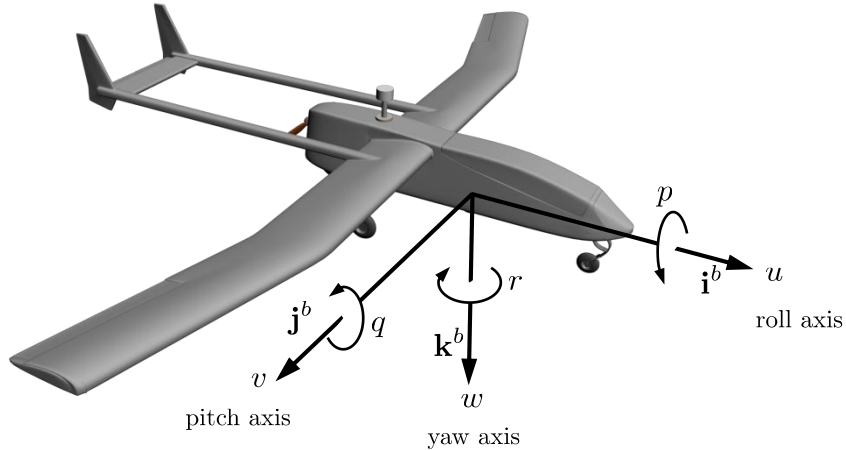
$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{\psi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\phi} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \sin \phi & \cos \phi \\ 0 & \cos \phi \cos \theta & -\sin \phi \cos \theta \\ \cos \theta & \sin \phi \sin \theta & \cos \phi \sin \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 \end{pmatrix} = [B(\psi, \theta, \phi)]\omega$$

Euler's Principal Rotation Theorem

Informal Statement: There exists a principal axis about which a single axis rotation through Φ will orient the Inertial axes with the Body axes.



Rotational Dynamics



Newton's 2nd Law:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{h}}{dt_i} = \mathbf{m}$$

- \mathbf{h} is the angular momentum vector
- \mathbf{m} is the sum of all external moments
- Time derivative taken wrt inertial frame

$$\frac{d\mathbf{h}}{dt_i} = \frac{d\mathbf{h}}{dt_b} + \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b/i} \times \mathbf{h} = \mathbf{m}$$

Expressed in the body frame,

$$\frac{d\mathbf{h}^b}{dt_b} + \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b/i}^b \times \mathbf{h}^b = \mathbf{m}^b$$

Rotational Dynamics

$$\frac{d\mathbf{h}^b}{dt_b} + \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b/i}^b \times \mathbf{h}^b = \mathbf{m}^b$$

Because \mathbf{J} is unchanging in the body frame, $\frac{d\mathbf{J}}{dt_b} = 0$ and

$$\mathbf{J} \frac{d\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b/i}^b}{dt_b} + \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b/i}^b \times \left(\mathbf{J} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b/i}^b \right) = \mathbf{m}^b$$

Rearranging we get

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{b/i}^b = \mathbf{J}^{-1} \left[-\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b/i}^b \times \left(\mathbf{J} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b/i}^b \right) + \mathbf{m}^b \right]$$

where $\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{b/i}^b = \frac{d\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b/i}^b}{dt_b} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{p} \\ \dot{q} \\ \dot{r} \end{pmatrix}$

Inertia matrix

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} \int (y^2 + z^2) dm & - \int xy dm & - \int xz dm \\ - \int xy dm & \int (x^2 + z^2) dm & - \int yz dm \\ - \int xz dm & - \int yz dm & \int (x^2 + y^2) dm \end{pmatrix}$$

Rotational Dynamics

If the aircraft is symmetric about the \mathbf{i}^b - \mathbf{k}^b plane, then $J_{xy} = J_{yz} = 0$ and

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} J_x & 0 & -J_{xz} \\ 0 & J_y & 0 \\ -J_{xz} & 0 & J_z \end{pmatrix}$$

This symmetry assumption helps simplify the analysis. The inverse of \mathbf{J} becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{J}^{-1} &= \frac{\text{adj}(\mathbf{J})}{\det(\mathbf{J})} = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} J_y J_z & 0 & J_y J_{xz} \\ 0 & J_x J_z - J_{xz}^2 & 0 \\ J_{xz} J_y & 0 & J_x J_y \end{pmatrix}}{J_x J_y J_z - J_{xz}^2 J_y} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{J_z}{\Gamma} & 0 & \frac{J_{xz}}{\Gamma} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{J_y} & 0 \\ \frac{J_{xz}}{\Gamma} & 0 & \frac{J_x}{\Gamma} \end{pmatrix} \quad \Gamma \triangleq J_x J_z - J_{xz}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Rotational Dynamics

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_{b/i}^b = \mathbf{J}^{-1} \left[-\boldsymbol{\omega}_{b/i}^b \times \left(\mathbf{J} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{b/i}^b \right) + \mathbf{m}^b \right]$$

Define $\mathbf{m}^b \triangleq \begin{pmatrix} l \\ m \\ n \end{pmatrix}$ $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -a_3 & a_2 \\ a_3 & 0 & -a_1 \\ -a_2 & a_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{p} \\ \dot{q} \\ \dot{r} \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{J_z}{\Gamma} & 0 & \frac{J_{xz}}{\Gamma} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{J_y} & 0 \\ \frac{J_{xz}}{\Gamma} & 0 & \frac{J_x}{\Gamma} \end{pmatrix} \left[\begin{pmatrix} 0 & r & -q \\ -r & 0 & p \\ q & -p & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} J_x & 0 & -J_{xz} \\ 0 & J_y & 0 \\ -J_{xz} & 0 & J_z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} l \\ m \\ n \end{pmatrix} \right] \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{J_z}{\Gamma} & 0 & \frac{J_{xz}}{\Gamma} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{J_y} & 0 \\ \frac{J_{xz}}{\Gamma} & 0 & \frac{J_x}{\Gamma} \end{pmatrix} \left[\begin{pmatrix} J_{xz}pq + (J_y - J_z)qr \\ J_{xz}(r^2 - p^2) + (J_z - J_x)pr \\ (J_x - J_y)pq - J_{xz}qr \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} l \\ m \\ n \end{pmatrix} \right] \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_1 pq - \Gamma_2 qr + \Gamma_3 l + \Gamma_4 n \\ \Gamma_5 pr - \Gamma_6 (p^2 - r^2) + \frac{1}{J_y} m \\ \Gamma_7 pq - \Gamma_1 qr + \Gamma_4 l + \Gamma_8 n \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Γ 's are functions of moments and products of inertia

Equations of Motion

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{p}_n \\ \dot{p}_e \\ \dot{p}_d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_\theta c_\psi & s_\phi s_\theta c_\psi - c_\phi s_\psi & c_\phi s_\theta c_\psi + s_\phi s_\psi \\ c_\theta s_\psi & s_\phi s_\theta s_\psi + c_\phi c_\psi & c_\phi s_\theta s_\psi - s_\phi c_\psi \\ -s_\theta & s_\phi c_\theta & c_\phi c_\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \\ \dot{w} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} rv - qw \\ pw - ru \\ qu - pv \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{m} \begin{pmatrix} f_x \\ f_y \\ f_z \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \sin \phi \tan \theta & \cos \phi \tan \theta \\ 0 & \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ 0 & \frac{\sin \phi}{\cos \theta} & \frac{\cos \phi}{\cos \theta} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{p} \\ \dot{q} \\ \dot{r} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_1 pq - \Gamma_2 qr \\ \Gamma_5 pr - \Gamma_6 (p^2 - r^2) \\ \Gamma_7 pq - \Gamma_1 qr \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_3 l + \Gamma_4 n \\ \frac{1}{J_y} m \\ \Gamma_4 l + \Gamma_8 n \end{pmatrix}$$

External Forces and Moments

$$\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}_g + \mathbf{f}_a + \mathbf{f}_p$$

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{m}_a + \mathbf{m}_p$$

gravitational, aerodynamic, propulsion

Gravity Force

$$\mathbf{f}_g^v = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ mg \end{pmatrix}$$

expressed in vehicle frame

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{f}_g^b &= \mathcal{R}_v^b \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ mg \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -mg \sin \theta \\ mg \cos \theta \sin \phi \\ mg \cos \theta \cos \phi \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

expressed in body frame