

ME136/236: Cheat sheet

AERODYNAMICS

Reynold's number, $Re := \frac{v_\infty l \rho}{\mu}$, Mach number, $M := \frac{v_\infty}{v_{\text{sound}}}$, with free-stream air speed v_∞ .

Aerofoils:

- Lift: $f_l = \frac{1}{2} \rho v_\infty^2 C_l$
- α : aerofoil angle of attack [rad]
- Thin aerofoil model:
 - Lift curve slope: $\frac{\partial C_l}{\partial \alpha} = 2\pi$
 - $C_l = C_{l_0} + \frac{\partial C_l}{\partial \alpha} \alpha = C_{l_0} + 2\pi \alpha$

Finite wings:

- Lift: $f_l = \frac{1}{2} \rho v_\infty^2 S C_l$:
 - S : Surface area
 - c : chord (wing width, varies along wing)
 - b : span (wing tip-to-tip distance)
 - AR : aspect ratio, $AR = \frac{b^2}{S}$
 - Analytical model for a finite wing, flat plate aerofoil: $C_L = \frac{AR}{AR+2} C_l$
 - Induced drag: $f_{D_i} := f_l \sin \alpha_i = \frac{1}{2} \rho v_\infty^2 S C_{D_i}$
 - Analytical model: $C_{D_i} \approx \frac{C_l^2}{\pi AR}$

Drag:

Form drag (pressure drag):

$$f_D = \frac{1}{2} \rho v_\infty^2 S C_D$$

Propellers

Thrust f_T [N] from scalar speed Ω [rads⁻¹]

$$f_T = C_T \Omega^2, \text{ Torque: } \tau = \gamma f_T$$

Momentum theory: propeller radius r_p , power consumed P :

$$P = \frac{f_T^{3/2}}{r_p \sqrt{2 \pi \rho}}$$

TENSORS & DYNAMICS

- Displacement of point A w.r.t. point B : \underline{s}_{AB}
- Velocity of point A w.r.t. frame E (\underline{B} is fixed in E), $\underline{v}_A^E := D^E \underline{s}_{AB}$: \underline{v}_A^E
- Rotation of frame B w.r.t. frame A : \underline{R}^{BA}
- Ang. velocity of frame B w.r.t. frame A : $\underline{\omega}^{BA}$
- (capital letter) Skew symmetric form of $\underline{\omega}^{BA}$ is $\underline{\Omega}^{BA}$:
- Identity tensor (identity matrix in any coord. sys.): \underline{I}
- Overbar is 'transpose': \underline{x}

Skew-symmetric form:

$$\text{if } [\underline{x}]^A = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ then } [\underline{X}]^A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -x_3 & x_2 \\ x_3 & 0 & -x_1 \\ -x_2 & x_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Changing coordinate systems: $[T]^{AB}$ transforms to A w.r.t. B .

Definition of tensors: for any coordinate systems A, B :

- First order tensor \underline{x} : $[\underline{x}]^A = [T]^{AB} [\underline{x}]^B$
- Second order tensor \underline{Y} : $[\underline{Y}]^A = [T]^{AB} [\underline{Y}]^B [\underline{T}]^{BA}$

Contraction of indices:

- Displacements: $\underline{s}_{AC} = \underline{s}_{AB} + \underline{s}_{BC}$
- Transformations: $[T]^{AC} = [T]^{AB} [T]^{BC}$

Length of a tensor:

- $\|\underline{x}\| = \sqrt{\underline{x} \cdot \underline{x}} = \sqrt{[\underline{x}]^A [\underline{x}]^A} = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2}$ for any coordinate system A , and wherein $(x_1, x_2, x_3) = [\underline{x}]^A$.

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Transformation matrix:

$$[T]^{BA} = \begin{bmatrix} [\underline{1}]^B & [\underline{2}]^B & [\underline{3}]^B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} [\underline{1^B}]^A \\ [\underline{2^B}]^A \\ [\underline{3^B}]^A \end{bmatrix}$$

Euler angles: Encode transformation matrix $[T]^{BE}$ with three parameters: $[T]^{BE} = [T]^{BY} [T]^{YX} [T]^{XE}$:

- Yaw (ψ): rotate E about $\underline{3}^E = \underline{3}^X$ to generate X system
- Pitch (θ): rotate X about $\underline{2}^X = \underline{2}^Y$ to generate Y system
- Roll (ϕ): rotate Y about $\underline{1}^Y = \underline{1}^B$ to generate B system

$$[T]^{BE} = \begin{bmatrix} c\psi c\theta & s\psi c\theta & -s\theta \\ c\psi s\theta s\phi - s\psi c\phi & s\psi s\theta s\phi + c\psi c\phi & c\theta s\phi \\ c\psi s\theta c\phi + s\psi s\phi & s\psi s\theta c\phi - c\psi s\phi & c\theta c\phi \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotation tensor For frames A, B : $\underline{1}^A = \underline{R}^{AB} \underline{1}^B$ (same for $\underline{2}^A$ and $\underline{3}^A$).

$$[\underline{R}^{BA}]^B = [\underline{R}^{BA}]^A = [\underline{T}]^{BA} = [T]^{AB}$$

Rotational time derivative: (Note: $[\frac{d}{dt} \underline{x}]^A \neq [T]^{AB} [\frac{d}{dt} \underline{x}]^B$ in general.)

$$[\underline{D}^A \underline{x}]^B := \left[\frac{d}{dt} \underline{x} \right]^B + [T]^{BA} \left[\frac{d}{dt} \underline{T} \right]^{BA} [\underline{x}]^B$$

Preserves $[\underline{D}^C \underline{x}]^A = [T]^{AB} [\underline{D}^C \underline{x}]^B$ for any A, B, C .

When superscripts match:

$$[\underline{D}^A \underline{x}]^A = \left[\frac{d}{dt} \underline{x} \right]^A = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ for } [\underline{x}]^A = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Euler transformation: $D^A \underline{x} = D^B \underline{x} + \underline{\Omega}^{BA} \underline{x}$

- Translational velocity: $\underline{v}_B^A := D^A \underline{s}_{BA_1}$ where A_1 fixed w.r.t. frame A .
- Translational acceleration: $\underline{a}_B^A := D^A \underline{v}_B^A$.
- Angular velocity: $\underline{\Omega}^{BA} := (D^A \underline{R}^{BA}) \underline{\dot{R}}^{BA}$ (second order tensor).
 - $\underline{\Omega}^{BA} = -\underline{\Omega}^{AB} = \underline{\dot{\Omega}}^{AB}$
 - Related first order tensor is $\underline{\omega}^{BE}$ (if B is body-fixed, E is earth-fixed):

$$[\underline{\omega}^{BE}]^B = \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix}; \quad [\underline{\Omega}^{BE}]^B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -r & q \\ r & 0 & -p \\ -q & p & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[\frac{d}{dt} \underline{T} \right]^{EB} = [T]^{EB} [\underline{\Omega}^{BE}]^B$$

Time derivative of Euler angles:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \phi \\ \theta \\ \psi \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sin\phi \tan\theta & \cos\phi \tan\theta \\ 0 & \cos\phi & -\sin\phi \\ 0 & \sin\phi / \cos\theta & \cos\phi / \cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix}$$

For small angles only:

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\phi, \theta, \psi) \approx (p, q, r)$$

Center of mass: That point C for which

$$\sum_i m^i \underline{s}_{PiC} = 0$$

Translational momentum:

$$\underline{p}_C^E := m^B \underline{v}_C^E$$

Newton's law:

$$D^I \underline{p}_C^I = \underline{f}$$

Inertia tensor: Body B , reference point R : (\underline{S}_{P_iR} is skew-symmetric form of \underline{s}_{P_iR})

$$\underline{J}_R^B := \sum_i m^i \underline{S}_{P_iR} \underline{S}_{P_iR}$$

(See expansion at end of cheat-sheet)

Angular momentum: For ref. point equal to center of mass:

$$\underline{l}_B^{BA} = \underline{J}_B^B \underline{\omega}^{BA}$$

Moment of force ("torque"):

$$\underline{n}_R = \underline{S}_{PR} \underline{f}$$

Euler's law:

$$D^I \underline{l}_B^{BI} = \underline{n}_B$$

For a rigid body, coordinated in B :

$$\left[\frac{d}{dt} \underline{\omega}^{BE} \right]^B = \left(\left[J_B^B \right]^B \right)^{-1} \left(\left[n_B \right]^B - \left[\underline{\Omega}^{BE} \right]^B \left[J_B^B \right]^B \left[\underline{\omega}^{BE} \right]^B \right)$$

SENSORS

Accelerometer: Output is $[\underline{\alpha}]^S$

$$[\underline{\alpha}]^S = \left[\underline{a}_B^E \right]^S - \left[g \right]^S$$

Rate gyroscope: Output is $[\underline{\gamma}]^S$

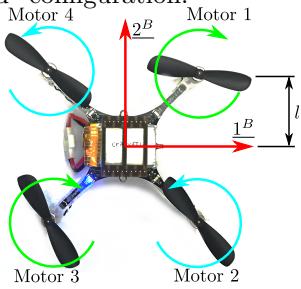
$$[\underline{\gamma}]^S = \left[\underline{\omega}^{BE} \right]^S$$

Optical flow: Output is (σ_1, σ_2)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \left(-\frac{1}{\| \underline{s}_{FS} \|} \left[\underline{v}_S^E \right]^S + \left[\underline{\Omega}^{BE} \right]^S \left[\underline{3}^S \right]^S \right)$$

QUADCOPTER DYNAMICS

"ME136 Standard" configuration:



$$\begin{bmatrix} c_\Sigma \\ n_1 \\ n_2 \\ n_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ l & -l & -l & l \\ -l & -l & l & l \\ \kappa & -\kappa & \kappa & -\kappa \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{P_1} \\ c_{P_2} \\ c_{P_3} \\ c_{P_4} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{P_1} \\ c_{P_2} \\ c_{P_3} \\ c_{P_4} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & l^{-1} & -l^{-1} & \kappa^{-1} \\ 1 & -l^{-1} & -l^{-1} & -\kappa^{-1} \\ 1 & -l^{-1} & l^{-1} & \kappa^{-1} \\ 1 & l^{-1} & l^{-1} & -\kappa^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n_1 \\ n_2 \\ n_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

DESCRIPTIONS OF ROTATIONS

Rotation vector, axis-angle: Rotate from frame A about axis \underline{n}^{BA} by an angle ρ^{BA} to generate frame B . Alternatively, rotation vector $\underline{\lambda}^{BA} := \rho^{BA} \underline{n}^{BA}$.

$$[T]^{BA} = \exp(-[\underline{\Lambda}^{BA}]^B)$$

$$= [I] + (-[\underline{\Lambda}^{BA}]^B) + \frac{1}{2!} (-[\underline{\Lambda}^{BA}]^B)^2 + \frac{1}{3!} (-[\underline{\Lambda}^{BA}]^B)^3 \dots$$

$$= \cos \rho^{BA} [I] + (1 - \cos \rho^{BA}) [\underline{n}^{BA}]^B [\underline{n}^{BA}]^B - \sin \rho^{BA} [\underline{N}^{BA}]^B$$

Euler Symmetric Parameters:

$$\{q\}^{BA} := \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\frac{1}{2}\rho^{BA}) \\ [\underline{n}^{BA}]^B \sin(\frac{1}{2}\rho^{BA}) \end{bmatrix} =: \begin{bmatrix} q_0 \\ q_v \end{bmatrix} = (q_0, q_1, q_2, q_3)$$

$$[T]^{BA} = q_0^2 [I] - \overline{[q_v]} [q_v] [I] + 2[q_v] \overline{[q_v]} - 2q_0 [Q_v]$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} q_0^2 + q_1^2 - q_2^2 - q_3^2 & 2(q_1 q_2 + q_0 q_3) & 2(q_1 q_3 - q_0 q_2) \\ 2(q_1 q_2 - q_0 q_3) & q_0^2 - q_1^2 + q_2^2 - q_3^2 & 2(q_2 q_3 + q_0 q_1) \\ 2(q_1 q_3 + q_0 q_2) & 2(q_2 q_3 - q_0 q_1) & q_0^2 - q_1^2 - q_2^2 + q_3^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\{q\}^{CA} = \overline{\{Q\}}^{CB} \{q\}^{BA}$$

$$\{Q\}^{BA} = q_0 \{I\} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \overline{[q_v]} \\ -[q_v] & [Q_v] \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left\{ \frac{d}{dt} q \right\}^{BA} = \frac{1}{2} \overline{\{\Omega\}}^{BA} \{q\}^{BA}; \text{ with } \{\omega\}^{BA} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ [\underline{\omega}^{BA}]^B \end{bmatrix}$$

CONTROL

Canonical model: $\dot{x} = f(x, u)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $u \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

Equilibrium: x^*, u^* such that $\dot{x} = 0$

First order system: $\dot{x} = -\frac{1}{\tau} x$

Second order, damped system: $\ddot{x} + 2\zeta\omega_n\dot{x} + \omega_n^2 x = 0$

$$\left[\underline{J}_R^B \right]^B := \begin{bmatrix} \sum_i m^i \left((s_{P_i R}^2)^2 + (s_{P_i R}^3)^2 \right) & -\sum_i m^i s_{P_i R}^1 s_{P_i R}^2 & -\sum_i m^i s_{P_i R}^1 s_{P_i R}^3 \\ -\sum_i m^i s_{P_i R}^1 s_{P_i R}^2 & \sum_i m^i \left((s_{P_i R}^1)^2 + (s_{P_i R}^3)^2 \right) & -\sum_i m^i s_{P_i R}^2 s_{P_i R}^3 \\ -\sum_i m^i s_{P_i R}^1 s_{P_i R}^3 & -\sum_i m^i s_{P_i R}^2 s_{P_i R}^3 & \sum_i m^i \left((s_{P_i R}^1)^2 + (s_{P_i R}^2)^2 \right) \end{bmatrix}$$