

# Modelling and Estimation of Spacecraft Attitude Kinematics and Kinetics

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 System description

A satellite has the following principal-axes moments of inertia about its centre-of-mass

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 480 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 640 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 960 \end{bmatrix} kg - m^2,$$

and is equipped with the following sensors and actuators:

- thrusters that can generate moments  $n = [n_1 \ n_2 \ n_3]^T$  up to a maximum of 80, 80, 80  $kN - m$  about the satellite's principal  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  directions,
- a gyroscope that can measure body-frame components of the angular velocity  $\vec{\omega}$  up to 20 rad/s along the  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  directions with a Gaussian noise of rms 1 rad/s in each component,
- a star tracker that can measure the direction  $\vec{h}$  of star A if A is within 60 degrees of the body-frame  $+y$  axis, with a Gaussian noise of rms 0.1 in each component and additionally, a uniform sampling jitter of  $\pm 0.01$  s in the line of apparent motion,
- a star tracker that can measure the direction  $\vec{k}$  of star B if B is within 60 degrees of the body-frame  $-y$  axis, with a Gaussian noise of rms 0.1 in each component and additionally, a uniform sampling jitter of  $\pm 0.01$  s in the line of apparent motion,
- a home-tracker that can point in the direction  $\vec{g}$  of the center of the Earth if the Earth is within 60 degrees of the body-frame  $+z$  axis, with a Gaussian noise of rms 0.1 in each component and additionally, a uniform sampling jitter of  $\pm 0.01$  s in the line of apparent motion.

Assume the ground-frame fixed to the center of the Earth is inertial, and that the components of the measured vectors in the ground-frame are

$$h = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, k = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, g = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

respectively.

Initial Conditions:

$$\check{q}(0) = \check{1}, \vec{\omega} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 10 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

## 1.2 System Dynamics

**Quaternions:** the (unit-magnitude) axis,  $\vec{n}$ , and angle,  $\Phi$ , of rotation, are combined as a column vector  $\check{q}$ , with a scalar part  $q_0$ , and vector part  $\vec{q}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \check{q} &= \begin{bmatrix} q_0 \\ q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} q_0 \\ \vec{q} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\Phi/2 \\ \vec{n}\sin\Phi/2 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \vec{n}^T \vec{n} &= 1 \\ \implies \check{q}^T \check{q} &= \cos^2\Phi/2 + \vec{n}^T \vec{n} \sin^2\Phi/2 = 1 \\ \check{p} \otimes \check{q} &= \begin{bmatrix} p_0 \\ \vec{p} \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} q_0 \\ \vec{q} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_0 q_0 - \vec{p}^T \vec{q} \\ p_0 \vec{q} + q_0 \vec{p} + \vec{p} \times \vec{q} \end{bmatrix} \\ \check{q}^{-1} &= \begin{bmatrix} q_0 \\ -\vec{q} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

The time derivative of a rotation quaternion is given in terms of its body-frame angular velocity and ground-frame angular velocity  $\vec{\chi}$  by

$$\dot{\vec{q}} = \frac{1}{2}\vec{q} \otimes \vec{\omega} = \frac{1}{2}\vec{\chi} \otimes \vec{q}$$

The ground frame angular velocity  $\vec{\chi}$  is given by the following relation:

$$\vec{\chi} = \vec{q} \otimes \vec{\omega} \otimes \vec{q}^{-1}$$

In the next step the quaternion is updated as

$$\vec{q}_{t+1} = \vec{q}_t + \dot{\vec{q}} \times ts$$

where,  $ts$  = differential time step

Quaternions must abide the unit length constraint, so the updated quaternion has to be divided by its magnitude.

$$\vec{q} = \frac{\vec{q}}{||\vec{q}||}$$

For the body frame angular velocity  $\vec{\omega}$ , the time derivative is given by:

$$\dot{\vec{\omega}} = J^{-1}(\vec{n} - (\vec{\omega} \times J\vec{\omega}))$$

where  $\vec{n}$  = Applied Moment

From the obtained time derivative of angular velocity, the angular velocity is obtained

$$\vec{\omega} = \vec{\omega} + \dot{\vec{\omega}} \times ts$$

## 2 Methods for Attitude Estimation

There are two major classes of attitude estimation depending upon whether we use kinematic measurements or purely geometric measurements. We have geometric attitude estimation if all the measurements correspond to geometric quantities, and geometro-kinematic attitude estimation if we may additionally measure the angular velocity. We will use two geometric attitude estimators, namely Harold Black's Vector Triad method and Paul Davenport's q-method, and one geometro-kinematic attitude estimator, namely the Extended Kalman Filter applied to the attitude space.

### 2.1 Triad Method

Triad algorithm problem statement: Estimate the attitude matrix  $\hat{C}$  from the body-frame measurements of the components,  $u$  and  $v$  of two vectors, whose components in the ground-frame,  $g$  and  $h$ , are already known (example, acceleration due to gravity and geo-magnetic field intensity). Construct the orthogonal triads,

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{g}{|g|} & \frac{g \times h}{|g \times h|} & \frac{g \times (g \times h)}{|g \times (g \times h)|} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{g}{|g|} & \frac{g \times h}{|g \times h|} & \frac{gg^T h - hg^T g}{|g||g \times h|} \end{bmatrix}$$

for the ground-frame, and

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{u}{|u|} & \frac{u \times v}{|u \times v|} & \frac{u \times (u \times v)}{|u \times (u \times v)|} \end{bmatrix}, = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{u}{|u|} & \frac{u \times v}{|u \times v|} & \frac{uu^T v - vv^T u}{|u||u \times v|} \end{bmatrix}$$

for the body frame.

The estimate for the attitude matrix is,

$$\hat{C} = XY^T$$

It can be easily verified that,

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \hat{C}Y, \\ \frac{g}{|g|} &= \hat{C} \frac{u}{|u|}, \\ \frac{h}{|h|} &= \hat{C} \frac{v}{|v|}, \text{ if } u^T v = g^T h \end{aligned}$$

## 2.2 Quest Method

q-method problem statement: Estimate the attitude quaternion  $\tilde{q}$  from the body-frame measurements of the components  $u, v, \dots$ , of Euclidean vectors, whose components in the groundframe,  $g, h, \dots$ , are already known (example, acceleration due to gravity, geo-magnetic field intensity, sun tracker, etc), so as to minimize the weighted quadratic error function

$$E(\tilde{q}) = a|u - \hat{u}|^2 + b|v - \hat{v}|^2 + \dots,$$

with measurement weights  $a, b, \dots$   
where,

$$\hat{u} = \hat{q}^{-1} \otimes \check{g} \otimes \hat{q}, \quad \hat{v} = \hat{q}^{-1} \otimes \check{h} \otimes \hat{q}, \quad \dots$$

Define the weighted error energy function  $E(\tilde{q})$  as a function of the quaternion estimate  $\tilde{q}$ , with weight parameters  $a, b, \dots$ , summing to 1

$$a + b + \dots = 1$$

and the given measurements  $u, v, \dots, g, h, \dots$ , as:

$$\begin{aligned} E(\tilde{q}) &= a|u - \hat{q}^{-1} \otimes \check{g} \otimes \hat{q}|^2 + b|v - \hat{q}^{-1} \otimes \check{h} \otimes \hat{q}|^2 + \dots \\ &= a|u|^2 + a|\hat{q}^{-1} \otimes \check{g} \otimes \hat{q}|^2 - 2au^T(\hat{q}^{-1} \otimes \check{g} \otimes \hat{q}) \\ &\quad + b|v|^2 + b|\hat{q}^{-1} \otimes \check{h} \otimes \hat{q}|^2 - 2bv^T(\hat{q}^{-1} \otimes \check{h} \otimes \hat{q}) + \dots \\ &= a|u|^2 + a|g|^2 - 2a(\hat{q} \otimes \check{u})^T(\check{g} \otimes \hat{q}) \\ &\quad b|v|^2 + b|h|^2 - 2b(\hat{q} \otimes \check{v})^T(\check{h} \otimes \hat{q}) + \dots \\ &= 2a - 2a(\hat{q} \otimes \check{u})^T(\check{g} \otimes \hat{q}) + 2b - 2b(\hat{q} \otimes \check{v})^T(\check{h} \otimes \hat{q}) + \dots \\ &= 2(a + b + \dots) - 2(a(\hat{q} \otimes \check{u})^T(\check{g} \otimes \hat{q}) + b(\hat{q} \otimes \check{v})^T(\check{h} \otimes \hat{q}) + \dots) \end{aligned}$$

The error energy functional  $E$  may be scaled by the irrelevant factor of two, negated, and shifted to the origin, and expressed as a quadratic form in  $\hat{q}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} J(\hat{q}) &= a + b + \dots - E/2 = a(\hat{q} \otimes \check{u})^T(\check{g} \otimes \hat{q}) + b(\hat{q} \otimes \check{v})^T(\check{h} \otimes \hat{q}) + \dots \\ &= a\hat{q}^T[\otimes \check{u}]^T[\check{g} \otimes] \hat{q} + b\hat{q}^T[\otimes \check{v}]^T[\check{h} \otimes] \hat{q} + \dots \\ &= \hat{q}^T D \hat{q} \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

where  $D$  is **Davenport's matrix**. On account of the negation, minimizing  $E$  is equivalent to maximizing  $J$ . But, of course, we use calculus only to extremize  $J(\hat{q})$ , and then choose the solution which maximizes (rather than minimizes)  $J$ . Expressing the cost function  $J$  in the form of (2.1) is useful because it isolates the unknown attitude estimate  $\hat{q}$  from the weights and measurements which are collected together in the matrix  $D$ .

Davenport's matrix  $D$  may be simplified to

$$\begin{aligned} D &= a[\otimes \check{u}]^T[\check{g} \otimes] + b[\otimes \check{v}]^T[\check{h} \otimes] + \dots \\ &= a \begin{bmatrix} 0 & u^T \\ -u & [u \times] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -g^T \\ g & [g \times] \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 0 & v^T \\ -v & [v \times] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -h^T \\ h & [h \times] \end{bmatrix} + \dots \\ &= a \begin{bmatrix} u^T g & u^T [g \times] \\ u \times g & ug^T + [u \times][g \times] \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} v^T h & v^T [h \times] \\ v \times h & vh^T + [v \times][h \times] \end{bmatrix} + \dots \\ &= a \begin{bmatrix} u^T g & (u \times g)^T \\ u \times g & ug^T + gu^T + u^T g 1_{3 \times 3} \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} v^T h & (v \times h)^T \\ v \times h & vh^T + hv^T + v^T h 1_{3 \times 3} \end{bmatrix} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

In order to determine the optimal attitude estimate, we use the method of Lagrange multipliers (described in the previous subsection) to maximize the quadratic form in (2.1) subject to the normalization constraint for an attitude quaternion

$$\hat{q}^T \hat{q} = 1$$

The auxilliary cost function

$$J_a = \hat{q}^T D \hat{q} + \lambda(1 - \hat{q}^T \hat{q})$$

and apply the first-order optimality conditions to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} J_a &= 2\hat{q}^{*T} D - 2\lambda\hat{q}^{*T} \\ \implies D\hat{q}^* &= \lambda\hat{q}^* \end{aligned}$$

The above is an eigenvalue-eigenvector equation for Davenport's matrix  $D$ . Since  $D$  is symmetric, all eigenvalues are real. Further, since  $D$  is traceless, we will necessarily have at least one positive real root. The value of the objective function  $J_a$  at the optimal value is

$$J_a = \hat{q}^{*T} D \hat{q}^* = \hat{q}^{*T} \lambda \hat{q}^* = \lambda$$

Thus maximizing  $J_a$  is equivalent to maximizing the eigenvalue  $\lambda$ , and **the optimal attitude estimate is the eigenvector of Davenport's matrix corresponding to the maximum eigenvalue.**

## 2.3 Attitude Kalman Filter

Attitude Kalman Filter (AKF) problem statement: Given the attitude system equations,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\tilde{q}} &= \frac{1}{2} \tilde{q} \otimes \omega, \quad \hat{\omega} = \omega + \xi \\ u &= \hat{q}^{-1} \otimes g \otimes \hat{q} + \theta_u, \quad v = \hat{q}^{-1} \otimes h \otimes \hat{q} + \theta_v, \dots \end{aligned}$$

estimate the attitude quaternion  $\tilde{q}$  using the body-frame angular velocity measurement  $\hat{\omega}$ , and measurements of the components  $u, v, \dots$ , of Euclidean vectors, whose components in the groundframe,  $g, h, \dots$ , are already known (example, acceleration due to gravity, geo-magnetic field intensity, sun tracker, etc), given statistics  $E[\xi] = 0$ ,  $E[\theta] = 0$ ,  $Cov(\xi, \xi) = \Xi$ , and  $Cov(\theta, \theta) = \Theta$  for the noise in the measurements, and the initial estimate  $\tilde{p}_0$ , so as to minimize a quadratic residual error.

Kalman filtering (KF) is a very popular tool for treating measurement data and making good estimations out of them. KF could be defined as an iterative algorithm, which assumes that the measurement consists of a true value corrupted by a noise or error and in a mathematical way it makes an educated guess of which part of the observation that is noise and which that is the closest we can get to the true value. For doing so, the algorithm needs more information that comes partly from the knowledge on the process, in the form of the equations of motions for example, and partly from other observations/measurements.

Important characteristics of KF is that it is a discrete process, data is sampled at intervals of time  $\delta t$ , and it is recursive process, it only needs information from the actual and previous states. The process is divided into a prediction phase, where a preliminary estimation is made, and an update phase, where observation results are incorporated.

The Kalman filter may be appropriately expanded to estimate attitude based on measurements of attitude kinematics and direction.

A time step of 0.01 seconds has been taken.

Let the estimated and residual rotation at any time-step be given by the quaternion  $\tilde{p}$  and  $\tilde{r}$ . So,

$$\tilde{r} = \tilde{p}^{-1} \otimes \tilde{q} = \begin{bmatrix} r_0 \\ \vec{r} \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \vec{r} \end{bmatrix}$$

The Kalman filter is now implemented upon the small incremental rotation  $\tilde{r}$ . The linearization in the attitude equations is accomplished by assuming that  $\tilde{r}$  is very nearly equal to the identity quaternion.

The **predict step** takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{p}_{k|k-1} &= \tilde{p}_{k-1} \otimes \tilde{\varphi}_{k-1}, \\ \tilde{\varphi}_{k-1} &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos(|\hat{\omega}_{k-1}|dt/2) \\ \sin(|\hat{\omega}_{k-1}|dt/2) \frac{\hat{\omega}_{k-1}}{|\hat{\omega}_{k-1}|} \end{bmatrix}, \\ \tilde{r}_{k|k-1} &= \tilde{1}, \\ R_{k|k-1} &= Cov(\vec{r}_{k|k-1}, \vec{r}_{k|k-1}) = A_{k-1} R_{k-1} A_{k-1}^T + \Xi_{k-1} (dt^2)/4, \end{aligned}$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned} A_{k-1} &= 1_{3 \times 3} + [\times \hat{\omega}_{k-1}] dt, \\ R_{k-1} &= Cov(\vec{r}_{k-1}, \vec{r}_{k-1}), \\ \Xi_{k-1} &= Cov(\xi_{k-1}, \xi_{k-1}) \end{aligned}$$

The **update/correct step** takes the form

$$\check{p}_k = \check{p}_{k|k-1} \otimes E[\check{r}_k] = \check{p}_{k|k-1} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{1 - |E[r_{v,k}]|^2} \\ E[r_{v,k}] \end{bmatrix},$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned} E[r_{v,k}] &= (R_{k|k-1}^{-1} + C_k^T \Theta_k^{-1} C_k) C_k^T \Theta_k^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} u_k - \hat{u}_{k|k-1} \\ v_k - \hat{v}_{k|k-1} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \\ C_k &= \frac{\partial}{\partial r_{v,k}} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{u}_k \\ \hat{v}_k \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} [\hat{u}_{k|k-1} \times] \\ [\hat{v}_{k|k-1} \times] \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}, \\ \Theta_k &= \begin{bmatrix} \Theta_{u,k} & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & \Theta_{v,k} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}, \\ \hat{u}_{k|k-1} &= \check{p}_{k|k-1}^{-1} \otimes g \otimes \check{p}_{k|k-1}, \dots \end{aligned}$$

The update/correct step is conceptually performed after the direction measurements are made available. The estimates for the residual rotation  $\check{r}_k$  and the attitude  $\hat{p}_k$  after this step are also called **a-posteriori** estimates, since they are computed after incorporating the information contained in direction measurements. The covariance matrix for  $\hat{p}_k$  at the end of the update step is given as usual by

$$R_k = (R_{k|k-1}^{-1} + C_k^T \Theta_k^{-1} C_k)^{-1} = R_{k|k-1} - R_{k|k-1} C_k^T (C_k R_{k|k-1} C_k^T + \Theta_k)^{-1} C_k R_{k|k-1}$$

The covariance in the a-posteriori estimate  $\hat{p}_k$  is reduced with respect to the covariance of the **a-priori** estimate  $\hat{p}_{k|k-1}$  since we have utilized the information contained in the direction measurements to filter out the errors in the measurements.

### 3 Results and Discussion

#### 3.1 Triad Method

The Triad algorithm, utilizing both home-tracker and star A tracker sensors, stands out for its simplicity and real-time applicability. Its reliance on multiple sensors ensures redundancy, fostering a dependable attitude estimation method even in scenarios with minimal external disturbances.

**Limitations:**

However, the algorithm may face challenges in handling sensor noise and calibration errors, potentially impacting accuracy. In situations with limited star visibility, maintaining precision becomes more challenging due to reduced celestial reference points.

**Comparative Advantages and Disadvantages:**

Compared to other methods, the Triad algorithm's computational efficiency and suitability for real-time processing are evident. The redundancy provided by multiple sensors enhances the system's fault tolerance. Despite its advantages, the Triad algorithm's sensitivity to sensor biases and misalignments is a notable challenge. Regular recalibration becomes essential to mitigate cumulative inaccuracies over time.

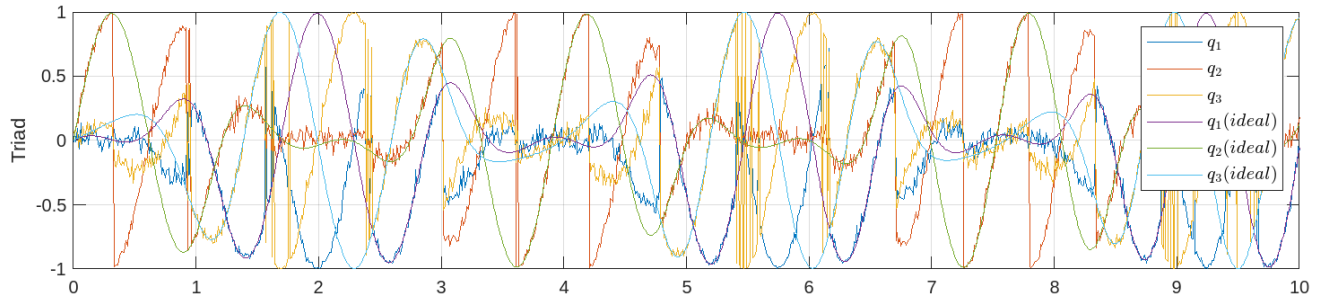


Figure 1: Triad Method with external moment,  $\vec{n} = [0 \ 0 \ 0]^T$

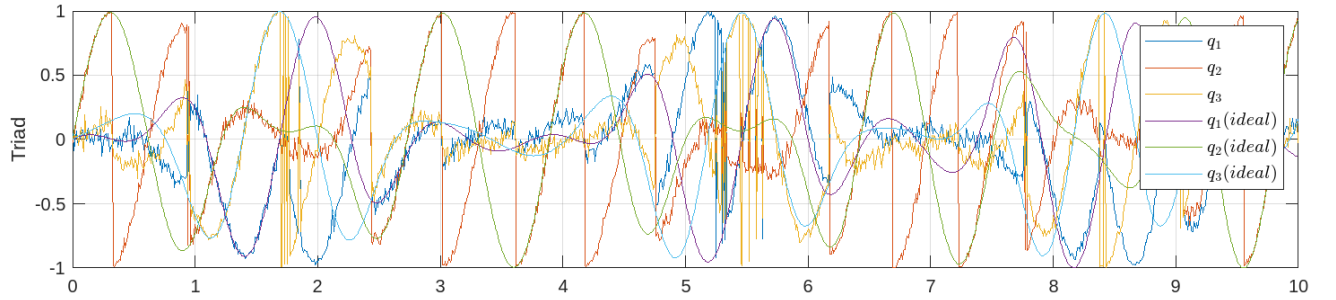


Figure 2: Triad Method with external moment,  $\vec{n} = -K_P q_v$

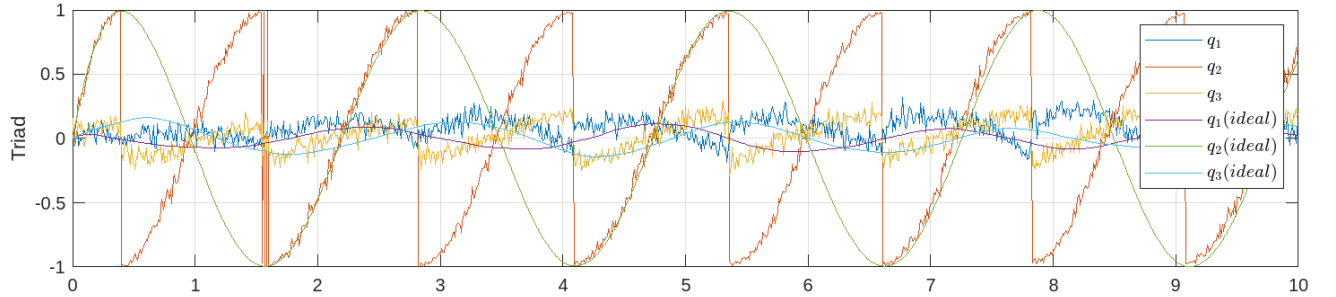


Figure 3: Triad Method with external moment,  $\vec{n} = -K_P q_v - K_D(\dot{\omega} - \omega_{cmd})$



### 3.2 Q method

The Q-method, incorporating moments proportional to the change in attitude, is characterized by improved stability, particularly in scenarios with external disturbances. Its ability to capture sudden changes in attitude makes it a favorable choice for applications where rapid responses are critical.

#### Limitations:

However, the Q-method may encounter difficulties in scenarios involving continuous rotations, potentially overemphasizing abrupt changes while neglecting gradual variations. The reliance on moments proportional to attitude changes introduces sensitivity to noise.

#### Comparative Advantages and Disadvantages:

In comparison to methods without moment consideration, the Q-method provides a more nuanced understanding of attitude dynamics. Its versatility in handling varying environmental conditions sets it apart. Yet, the complexity of the Q-method and the requirement for a deep understanding of system dynamics pose implementation challenges. Calibration and parameter tuning become critical aspects, adding to the overall complexity.

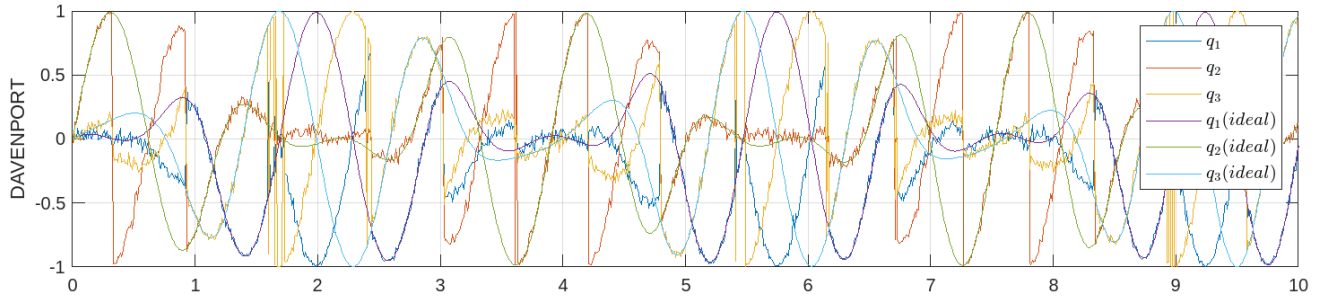


Figure 4: Q Method with external moment,  $\vec{n} = [0 \ 0 \ 0]^T$

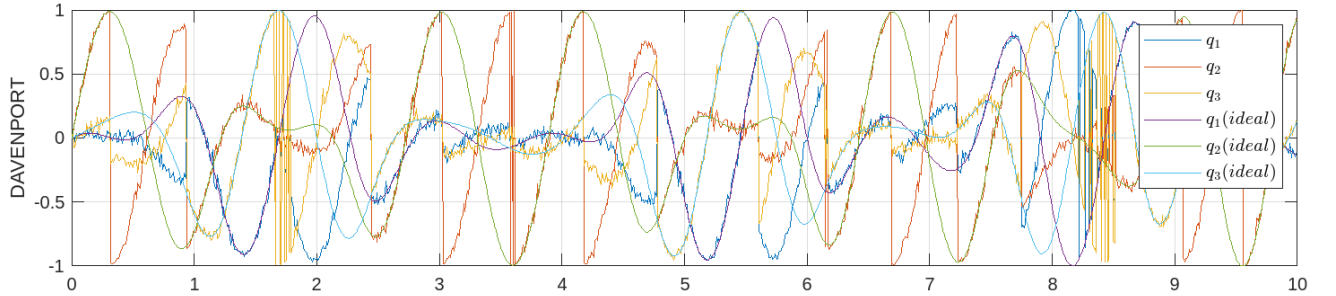


Figure 5: Q Method with external moment,  $\vec{n} = -K_P q_v$

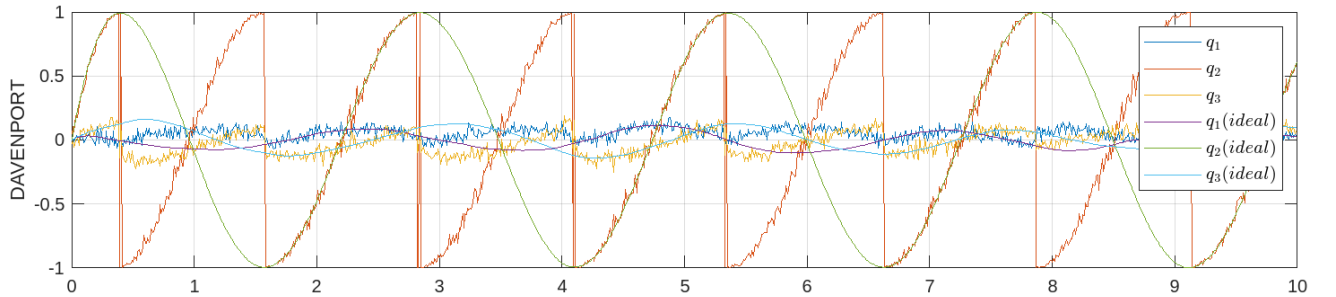


Figure 6: Q Method with external moment,  $\vec{n} = -K_P q_v - K_D(\dot{\omega} - \omega_{cmd})$

### 3.3 Attitude Kalman Filter

The Attitude Kalman Filter (AKF), with moments proportional to both attitude changes and angular velocity, is notable for its adaptability in dynamic scenarios. It excels in providing comprehensive attitude estimation, incorporating both orientation and rate of change.

**Limitations:**

However, the AKF's performance heavily depends on accurate knowledge of system dynamics and noise characteristics. In scenarios with poorly understood dynamics, achieving optimal convergence may be challenging, impacting attitude estimates.

**Comparative Advantages and Disadvantages:**

Compared to other methods, the AKF offers superior performance in scenarios with continuous and dynamic attitude changes. Its integration of angular velocity information enhances accuracy, particularly in applications requiring precise control.

Yet, the computational demands of the AKF may limit its real-time applicability. The need for accurate parameterization and tuning further underscores the importance of a well-understood system for optimal performance.

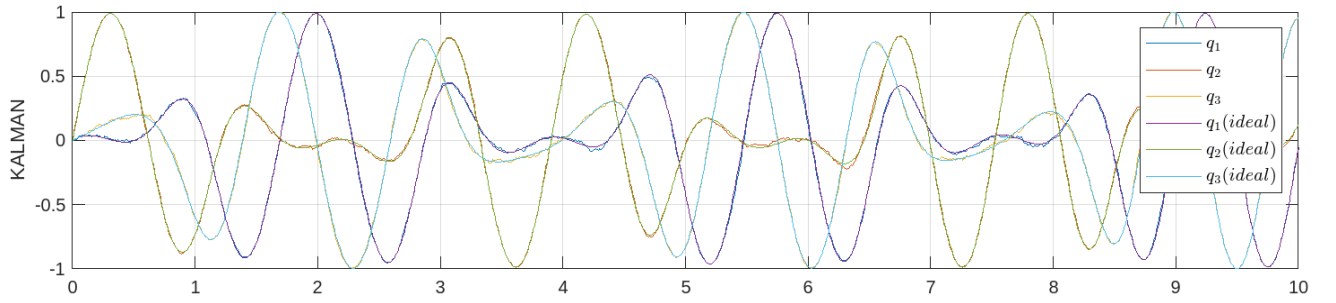


Figure 7: Attitude Kalman Filter with external moment,  $\vec{n} = [0 \ 0 \ 0]^T$

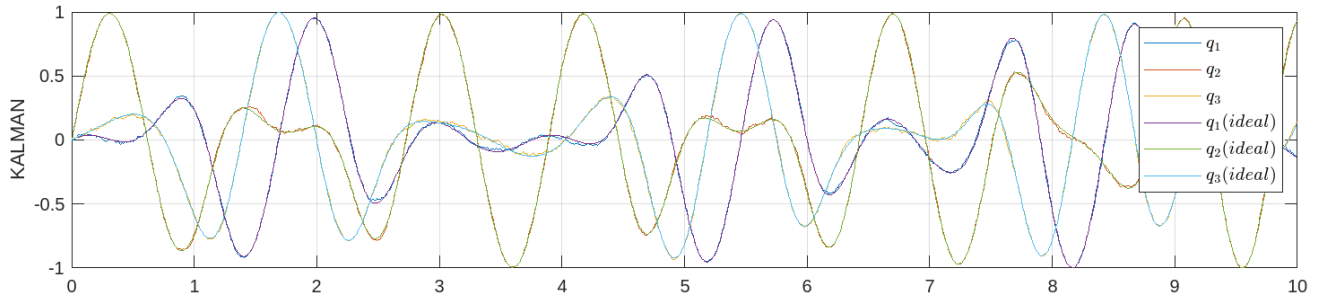


Figure 8: Attitude Kalman Filter with external moment,  $\vec{n} = -K_P q_v$

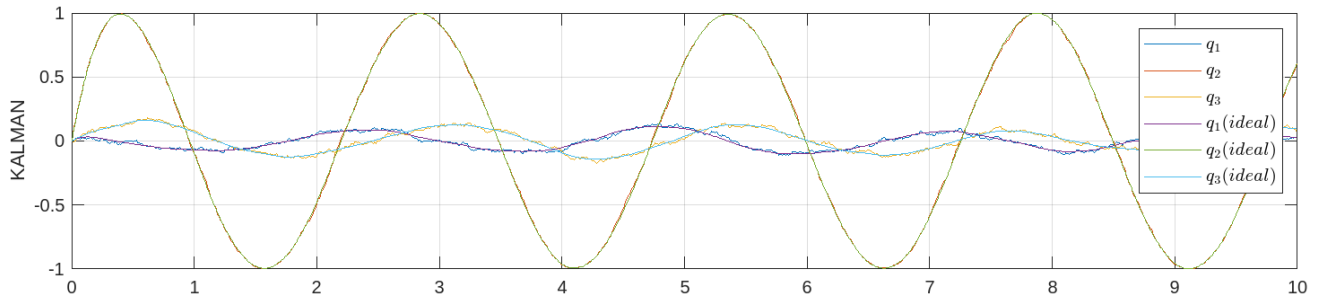


Figure 9: Attitude Kalman Filter with external moment,  $\vec{n} = -K_P q_v - K_D(\dot{\omega} - \omega_{cmd})$

## 4 Appendix

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1 clear *; close all;
2 g=[0; 0; 1];
3 h=[0; 1; 0];
4 k=[0; -1; 0];
5
6 % Body moment of inertias
7 J=diag([480,640,960]);
8
9 % moments
10 Kp=diag([1000, 0, 1000]);
11 Kd=2000;
12
13 nts = 1000; tf = 10; ts = tf/nts;
14 t=0:ts:tf;
15
16 %noise and disturbances
17 v_rms_sensor=0.1;
18 v_rms_gyro=1;
19
20 %initial conditions
21 q_o=[1; 0; 0; 0];
22 omg_o=[1; 10; 1];
23 st_o=[omg_o; q_o];
24 st=zeros(7,nts+1);
25 st(:,1)=st_o;
26 omg_meas=zeros(3,nts+1);
27 omg_meas(:,1)=st(1:3,1)+v_rms_gyro*randn(3,1); %noise
28 qhat_triad=zeros(4,nts+1);
29 qhat_qmethod=zeros(4,nts+1);
30 u_meas=zeros(3,nts+1);
31 v_meas=zeros(3,nts+1);
32 w_meas=zeros(3,nts+1);
33 n=-Kp*st(5:7,1)-Kd*(omg_meas(:,1)-[0; 5; 0]);
34
35 % Triad method Algorithm{
36 for i=1:nts
37     st_dot=zeros(7,1);
38     st_dot(1:3)=J^-1*(-cross(st(1:3,i),J*st(1:3,i))+n);
39     st_dot(4:7)=1/2*[-st(5:7,i)'*st(1:3,i); st(4,i)*st(1:3,i)+cross(st(5:7,i),st
        (1:3,i))];
40     st(:,i+1)=st(:,i) + st_dot*ts;
41     st(4:7,i+1) = st(4:7,i+1)/norm(st(4:7,i+1)); % normalize attitude quaternion
42     omg_meas(:,i+1)=st(1:3,i+1)+v_rms_gyro*randn(3,1); % noise
43     C=(st(4,i)^2-st(5:7,i)'*st(5:7,i))*eye(3) + 2*(st(5:7,i)*st(5:7,i)') + 2*st(4,i
        )*vec_cross(st(5:7,i));
44     u_meas(:,i)=C'*g+ v_rms_sensor*randn(3,1); % noise
45     v_meas(:,i)=C'*h+ v_rms_sensor*randn(3,1); % noise
46     w_meas(:,i)=C'*k+ v_rms_sensor*randn(3,1); % noise
47
48     % C(attitude matrix) obtained from triad algorithm
49     C_triad=Triad(g,h,u_meas(:,i),v_meas(:,i));
50
51     % q obtained from triad algorithm
52     qhat_triad(:,i)= quat_from_C(C_triad);
53
54     %moment updated for next time step
55     n=-Kp*qhat_triad(2:4,i)-Kd*(omg_meas(:,i)-[0; 5; 0]);
56 end
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57 C=(st(4,i+1)^2-st(5:7,i+1)'*st(5:7,i+1))*eye(3)+2*(st(5:7,i+1)*st(5:7,i+1)')+2*st
    (4,i+1)*vec_cross(st(5:7,i+1));
58
59 u_meas(:,i+1)=C'*g+ v_rms_sensor*randn(3,1); % noise
60 v_meas(:,i+1)=C'*h+ v_rms_sensor*randn(3,1); % noise
61 w_meas(:,i+1)=C'*k+ v_rms_sensor*randn(3,1); % noise
62
63 C_triad=Triad(g,h,u_meas(:,i+1),v_meas(:,i+1));
64 qhat_triad(:,i+1)= quat_from_C(C_triad);
65 %}
66
67 %{qmethod
68 for i=1:nts
69     st_dot(1:3)=J^-1*(-cross(st(1:3,i),J*st(1:3,i))+n);
70     st_dot(4:7)=1/2*[-st(5:7,i)'*st(1:3,i); st(4,i)*st(1:3,i)+cross(st(5:7,i),st
        (1:3,i))];
71     st(:,i+1)=st(:,i) + st_dot*ts;
72     st(4:7,i+1) = st(4:7,i+1)/norm(st(4:7,i+1)); % normalize attitude quaternion
73
74     omg_meas(:,i+1)=st(1:3,i+1)+v_rms_gyro*randn(3,1); % noise
75
76 C=(st(4,i)^2-st(5:7,i)'*st(5:7,i))*eye(3) + 2*(st(5:7,i)*st(5:7,i)') + 2*st(4,i)
    )*vec_cross(st(5:7,i));
77 u_meas(:,i)=C'*g+ v_rms_sensor*randn(3,1); % noise
78 v_meas(:,i)=C'*h+ v_rms_sensor*randn(3,1); % noise
79 w_meas(:,i)=C'*k+ v_rms_sensor*randn(3,1); % noise
80
81 % Davenport matrix
82 D=1/3*[0 u_meas(:,i)'; -u_meas(:,i) vec_cross(u_meas(:,i))]*[0 -g'; g vec_cross
    (g)] + 1/3*[0 v_meas(:,i)'; -v_meas(:,i) vec_cross(v_meas(:,i))]*[0 -h'; h
    vec_cross(h)] + 1/3*[0 w_meas(:,i)'; -w_meas(:,i) vec_cross(w_meas(:,i))
    ]*[0 -k'; k vec_cross(k)];
83
84 [q,A_k_1]=eig(D); % q is a matrix whose columns are eigen vectors, A is
    diagonal matrix with eigen values
85 [~, s]=max(diag(A_k_1)); % ~ stores max value and s stores its index, diag(A)
    will give [lambda1, lambda2, lambda3]
86
87 qhat_qmethod(:,i)=q(:,s)*sign(q(1, s)); % q obtained from q_method
88
89 %moment updated for next time step
90 n=-Kp*qhat_qmethod(2:4,i)-Kd*(omg_meas(:,i)-[0; 5; 0]);
91 end
92
93 C=(st(4,i+1)^2-st(5:7,i+1)'*st(5:7,i+1))*eye(3)+2*(st(5:7,i+1)*st(5:7,i+1)')+2*st
    (4,i+1)*vec_cross(st(5:7,i+1));
94
95 u_meas(:,i+1)=C'*g+ v_rms_sensor*randn(3,1); % noise
96 v_meas(:,i+1)=C'*h+ v_rms_sensor*randn(3,1); % noise
97 w_meas(:,i+1)=C'*k+ v_rms_sensor*randn(3,1); % noise
98
99 D=1/3*[0 u_meas(:,i)'; -u_meas(:,i) vec_cross(u_meas(:,i))]*[0 -g'; g vec_cross(g)]
    + 1/3*[0 v_meas(:,i)'; -v_meas(:,i) vec_cross(v_meas(:,i))]*[0 -h'; h
    vec_cross(h)] + 1/3*[0 w_meas(:,i)'; -w_meas(:,i) vec_cross(w_meas(:,i))]*[0 -k
    '; k vec_cross(k)];
100 [q,A_k_1]=eig(D);
101 [~, s]=max(diag(A_k_1));
102 qhat_qmethod(:,i+1)=q(:,s)*sign(q(1, s));
103 %}
104
105 % {Kalman Filter
106 phat_k_k_1=zeros(4,nts+1);

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107 phat_k_k_1(:,1)=q_o;
108 phat_k=phat_k_k_1;
109 r_kv=zeros(4,nts+1);
110 R_k_k_1=zeros(4,nts+1);
111 r_kv(1,:)=1;
112 uhat_k_k_1=zeros(4,nts+1);
113 vhat_k_k_1=zeros(4,nts+1);
114 what_k_k_1=zeros(4,nts+1);
115 R_k_1=zeros(3);
116 n=-Kp*q_o(2:4,1)-Kd*(omg_meas(:,1)-[0; 5; 0]);
117 E = v_rms_gyro^(2)*eye(3);
118 Tht = v_rms_sensor^(2)*eye(9);
119 for j=1:nts
120     st_dot(1:3)=J^-1*(-cross(st(1:3,i),J*st(1:3,i))+n);
121     st_dot(4:7)=1/2*[-st(5:7,i)'*st(1:3,i); st(4,i)*st(1:3,i)+cross(st(5:7,i),st
        (1:3,i))];
122     st(:,i+1)=st(:,i) + st_dot*ts;
123     st(4:7,i+1) = st(4:7,i+1)/norm(st(4:7,i+1)); % normalize attitude quaternion
124
125     omg_meas(:,i+1)=st(1:3,i+1)+v_rms_gyro*randn(3,1); % noise
126
127     % Predict Step:
128     phat_k_k_1(:,j+1)=quat_multiply(phat_k(:,j),[cos(sqrt(omg_meas(:,j)')*omg_meas
        (:,j))*ts/2); sin(sqrt(omg_meas(:,j)')*omg_meas(:,j))*ts/2*omg_meas(:,j)/(
        sqrt(omg_meas(:,j)')*omg_meas(:,j))]);
129     A_k_1=eye(3)+cross_vec(omg_meas(:,j))*ts;
130     R_k_k_1=A_k_1*R_k_1*A_k_1'+E*ts^2/4;
131
132     % Update step:
133     uhat_k_k_1(:,j+1)=quat_multiply(quat_multiply([phat_k_k_1(1,j+1); -phat_k_k_1
        (2:4,j+1)], [0;g]), phat_k_k_1(:,j+1));
134     vhat_k_k_1(:,j+1)=quat_multiply(quat_multiply([phat_k_k_1(1,j+1); -phat_k_k_1
        (2:4,j+1)], [0;h]), phat_k_k_1(:,j+1));
135     what_k_k_1(:,j+1)=quat_multiply(quat_multiply([phat_k_k_1(1,j+1); -phat_k_k_1
        (2:4,j+1)], [0;k]), phat_k_k_1(:,j+1));
136
137     Ck=2*[vec_cross(uhat_k_k_1(2:4,j+1)); vec_cross(vhat_k_k_1(2:4,j+1)); vec_cross
        (what_k_k_1(2:4,j+1))];
138
139     Lk=((R_k_k_1^(-1) + Ck'*Tht^(-1)*Ck)^(-1))*Ck'*Tht^(-1);
140     r_kv(2:4,j+1)=Lk*[u_meas(:,j+1)-uhat_k_k_1(2:4,j+1); v_meas(:,j+1)-vhat_k_k_1
        (2:4,j+1); w_meas(:,j+1)-what_k_k_1(2:4,j+1)];
141
142     phat_k(:,j+1)=quat_multiply(phat_k_k_1(:,j+1),r_kv(:,j+1));
143     phat_k(:,j+1)=phat_k(:,j+1)/norm(phat_k(:,j+1)); % normalize q
144     n=-Kp*phat_k(2:4,j)-Kd*(omg_meas(:,j)-[0; 5; 0]);
145     R_k_1 = R_k_k_1 - R_k_k_1*Ck'*(Ck*R_k_k_1*Ck' + Tht)^(-1)*Ck*R_k_k_1;
146 end
147 %}
148
149 % plot for triad method
150 subplot(3,1,1)
151 plot(t,qhat_triad(2:4,:))
152 hold on
153 plot(t,st(5:7,:))
154 hold off
155 grid on
156 ylabel('Triad')
157 legend({'$q_1$', '$q_2$', '$q_3$', '$q_1(ideal)$', '$q_2(ideal)$', '$q_3(ideal)$'}, ...
158 'Interpreter', 'latex', 'FontSize', 10);
159
160 %plot for qmethod

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161 subplot(3,1,2)
162 plot(t,qhat_qmethod(2:4,:))
163 hold on
164 plot(t,st(5:7,:))
165 hold off
166 grid on
167 ylabel('DAVENPORT')
168 legend({'$q_1$', '$q_2$', '$q_3$', '$q_1(ideal)$', '$q_2(ideal)$', '$q_3(ideal)$'}, ...
169 'Interpreter', 'latex', 'FontSize', 10);
170 %}
171
172 subplot(3,1,3)
173 %plot for Kalman filter
174 plot(t,phat_k(2:4,:))
175 hold on
176 plot(t,st(5:7,:))
177 hold off
178 grid on
179 ylabel('KALMAN')
180 legend({'$q_1$', '$q_2$', '$q_3$', '$q_1(ideal)$', '$q_2(ideal)$', '$q_3(ideal)$'}, ...
181 'Interpreter', 'latex', 'FontSize', 10);
182
183 function q=quat_from_C(C)
184 % for obtaining quaternion from C matrix
185 c_phi=(sum(diag(C))-1)/2;
186 s_phi=sqrt(1-c_phi^2);
187 nx=(C-C')/(2*s_phi);
188 qvec = sqrt((1-c_phi)/2)*[nx(3,2); nx(1,3); nx(2,1)];
189 q=[sqrt((c_phi+1)/2); qvec]; %
190 end
191
192 function v=vec_cross(a)
193 %for obtaining [vx] of a vector
194 v=[0 -a(3) a(2); a(3) 0 -a(1); -a(2) a(1) 0];
195 end
196
197 function C_t=Triad(g,h,u,v)
198 %for obtaining the attitude matrix by triad method
199 X=[g/sqrt(sum(g.^2)), cross(g,h)/sqrt(sum(cross(g,h).^2)), ...
200 cross(g,cross(g,h))/(sqrt(sum(g.^2))*sqrt(sum(cross(g,h).^2)))];
201 Y=[u/sqrt(sum(u.^2)), cross(u,v)/sqrt(sum(cross(u,v).^2)), ...
202 cross(u,cross(u,v))/(sqrt(sum(u.^2))*sqrt(sum(cross(u,v).^2)))];
203 % attitude matrix
204 C_t=X*Y';
205 end
206
207 function Q=quat_multiply(a,b)
208 %quaternion multiplication
209 Q=[a(1)*b(1)-a(2:4)'*b(2:4); a(1)*b(2:4)+b(1)*a(2:4)+cross(a(2:4),b(2:4))];
210 end
211
212 function f=cross_vec(a)
213 %for obtaining [xv] of a vector
214 v=[0 -a(3) a(2); a(3) 0 -a(1); -a(2) a(1) 0];
215 f=v';
216 end

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Listing 1: MATLAB code