

1. Describe each of the following rotations using roll-pitch-yaw angles  $(\phi, \theta, \psi)$ , angle-axis  $(\theta, \vec{k})$  and quaternion  $\bar{q}$ .
  - (a) no rotation
  - (b) rotation about  $x$  by  $90^\circ$
  - (c) rotation about  $y$  by  $180^\circ$
  - (d) rotation about  $z$  by  $-90^\circ$
  
2. Consider the quaternion  $\bar{q}_{x,90^\circ}$  that describes a rotation about the x-axis by  $90^\circ$ .
  - (a) Show the opposite rotation  $\bar{q}_{x,-90^\circ}$  is its inverse (conjugate) using the definition.
  - (b) Compose  $\bar{q}_{x,90^\circ}$  with  $\bar{q}_{x,-90^\circ}$  via multiplication ( $\otimes$ ) on the left and right. Do both yield the identity quaternion?
  - (c) Given  $\bar{q}_1^0 = \bar{q}_{x,-90^\circ}$  describes the orientation of frame  $\{1\}$  relative to frame  $\{0\}$ , reorientate the vector  $\vec{v}^1 = [1, 1, 1]^T$  in frame  $\{0\}$ , i.e., use the quaternion to find  $\vec{v}^0$ .
  
3. How many multiplies and additions are needed for each of the following computations?
  - (a) composition of rotations via rotation matrices,  $C_1^2 C_0^1$
  - (b) composition of rotations via quaternions,  $\bar{q}_1^2 \otimes \bar{q}_0^1$
  - (c) reorientatization of a vector via rotation matrix,  $C_1^2 \vec{r}^1$
  - (d) reorientatization of a vector via quaternion,  $\bar{q}_1^2 \otimes \vec{r}^1 \otimes (\bar{q}_1^2)^{-1}$
  
4. Consider the time-varying rotation matrix  $C_b^a = R_{z,\theta(t)}$  that describes the orientation of frame  $\{b\}$  as it rotates about frame  $\{a\}$ 's  $z$ -axis by angle  $\theta(t)$ . Determine the angular velocity as a skew-symmetric matrix (via  $\Omega_{ab}^a = \dot{C}_b^a [C_b^a]^T$ ) and vector  $\vec{\omega}_{ab}^a$ . Do these answers make sense in light of the type of rotation between the frames?

5. Consider the time-varying coordinate transformation matrix  $C_b^n$  given below that describes the orientation of the body frame as it rotates with respect to the navigation frame.

$$C_b^n = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(t) & \sin(t) \sin(t^2) & \sin(t) \cos(t^2) \\ 0 & \cos(t^2) & -\sin(t^2) \\ -\sin(t) & \cos(t) \sin(t^2) & \cos(t) \cos(t^2) \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) Determine the analytic form of the time-derivative of  $C_b^n$  (i.e.,  $\dot{C}_b^n = \frac{dC_b^n}{dt}$ ) via a term-by-term differentiation.
- (b) Develop MATLAB functions that accept “ $t$ ” (i.e., time) as a numerical input and return  $C_b^n$  and  $\dot{C}_b^n$ , respectively, as numerical outputs.
- (c) Using the  $C_b^n$  and  $\dot{C}_b^n$  functions from above, compute the angular velocity vector  $\vec{\omega}_{nb}^n$  at time  $t = 0$  sec (**Hint**: you might want to compute  $\Omega_{nb}^n$  first).
- What is the magnitude (i.e.,  $\dot{\theta}$ , angular speed) of the angular velocity?
  - About what unit vector ( $\vec{k}_{nb}^n$ ) has the instantaneous rotation occurred?
- (d) Using the  $C_b^n$  and  $\dot{C}_b^n$  functions from above, compute the angular velocity vector  $\vec{\omega}_{nb}^n$  at time  $t = 0.5$  sec.
- What is the magnitude (i.e.,  $\dot{\theta}$ , angular speed) of the angular velocity?
  - About what unit vector ( $\vec{k}_{nb}^n$ ) has the instantaneous rotation occurred?
- (e) Using  $C_b^n$  and  $\dot{C}_b^n$  functions from above, compute the angular velocity vector  $\vec{\omega}_{nb}^n$  at time  $t = 1$  sec.
- What is the magnitude (i.e.,  $\dot{\theta}$ , angular speed) of the angular velocity?
  - About what unit vector ( $\vec{k}_{nb}^n$ ) has the instantaneous rotation occurred?
- (f) In practice, direct measurement of the angular velocity vector  $\vec{\omega}_{nb}^n$  can prove challenging, so a finite-difference approach may be taken given two sequential orientations represented by  $C_b^n(t)$  and  $C_b^n(t + \Delta t)$  a small time  $\Delta t$  apart. Consider the approximate value of the angular velocity vector  $\vec{\omega}_{nb}^n$  derived by using the finite difference

$$\dot{C}_b^n(t) \approx \frac{C_b^n(t + \Delta t) - C_b^n(t)}{\Delta t}$$

at times  $t = 0, 0.5$ , and 1 sec. Compare the “analytic” values for  $\dot{\theta}$  and  $\vec{k}_{nb}^n$  (found in parts b, c and d) with your approximations from the finite difference using  $\Delta t = 0.1$  sec. How large are the errors?

- (g) How small does the sampling time (i.e.,  $\Delta t$ ) need to be to get a “good” (better than 99.9%) approximation of the angular speed (i.e.,  $\dot{\theta}$ )?

6. Consider the three coordinate frames  $\{\alpha\}$ ,  $\{\beta\}$ , and  $\{\gamma\}$  shown in the diagram below. Following the notation introduced in the class, find the following Cartesian position vectors (denoted by  $\vec{r}$ ).

- (a)  $\vec{r}_{\gamma\alpha}^{\gamma}$   
 (b)  $\vec{r}_{\gamma\beta}^{\gamma}$   
 (c)  $\vec{r}_{\beta\alpha}^{\beta}$  by appropriately adding vectors in parts (a) and (b)

