

Continuous time IMU dynamics are

$${}_I\dot{R} = {}_I R ({}^i\omega - b_g - n_w)_x$$

$$\dot{b}_g = n_g, \quad \dot{b}_a = n_a$$

$${}_I\dot{V} = {}_I R ({}^i a - b_a - n_a) + g$$

$${}_I\dot{P} = {}_I V.$$

Deterministic nominal dynamics:

$${}_I\hat{\dot{R}} = {}_I\hat{R} ({}^i\omega - \hat{b}_g)_x$$

$${}_I\hat{\dot{V}} = {}_I\hat{R} ({}^i a - \hat{b}_a) + g$$

$$\hat{\dot{b}}_g = 0 \quad \hat{\dot{b}}_a = 0$$

$${}_I\hat{\dot{P}} = {}_I\hat{V}$$

Stochastic error dynamics:

$${}_I\dot{\tilde{\theta}} = -({}^i\omega - \hat{b}_g)_x {}_I\tilde{\theta} - (\tilde{b}_g + n_w)$$

$${}_I\dot{\tilde{V}} = -{}_I\hat{R} ({}^i a - \hat{b}_a)_x {}_I\tilde{\theta} - {}_I\hat{R} (\tilde{b}_a + n_a)$$

$${}_I\dot{\tilde{P}} = {}_I\tilde{V}$$

$$\dot{\tilde{b}}_g = n_g, \quad \dot{\tilde{b}}_a = n_a$$

Ref:

Quaternion kinematics for the error-state kalman filter.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{\tilde{v}} &= \dot{v} - \dot{\hat{v}} \\
 &= R(a-b-n) - \hat{R}(\hat{a}-\hat{b}) \\
 &\approx \hat{R}(I+\theta_x)(a-b-n) - \hat{R}(\hat{a}-\hat{b}) \\
 &= \hat{R}a - \hat{R}b - \hat{R}n + \hat{R}\theta_x a - \hat{R}\theta_x b - \hat{R}\theta_x n - \hat{R}\hat{a} + \hat{R}\hat{b} \\
 &= \hat{R}\theta_x(a-b) + \hat{R}\tilde{a} - \hat{R}\tilde{b} - \hat{R}n \\
 &= -\hat{R}(a-b)_x \theta - \hat{R}(\tilde{b}+n)
 \end{aligned}$$

$\tilde{a} = a - \hat{a} = 0$
 since $a = \hat{a}$.

$$\dot{\hat{R}} = R(w-b-n)_x$$

$$(\dot{\hat{R}}\tilde{R}) = R(w-b-n)_x$$

$$\dot{\hat{R}}\tilde{R} + \hat{R}\dot{\tilde{R}} = R(w-b-n)_x$$

$$\dot{\tilde{R}} + \hat{R}^T \dot{\hat{R}} \tilde{R} = \hat{R}^T (R(w-b-n)_x)$$

$$\dot{\tilde{R}} + \hat{R}^T \hat{R} (w-\hat{b})_x \tilde{R} = \tilde{R} (w-b-n)_x$$

$$\dot{\tilde{R}} = -(w-\hat{b})_x \tilde{R} + \tilde{R} (w-b-n)_x$$

$$\dot{\tilde{R}} = \tilde{R} (w-b-n)_x \tilde{R}^T \tilde{R} - (w-\hat{b})_x \tilde{R}$$

$$\dot{\tilde{R}} = [\tilde{R} (w-b-n)]_x \tilde{R} - (w-\hat{b})_x \tilde{R}$$

$$(Rv)_x = Rv_x R^T$$

$$\dot{\tilde{R}} = \left\{ \left[\tilde{R} (w - b - n) \right]_x (w - \hat{b})_x \right\} \tilde{R}$$

$$\dot{\theta}_x = (w - b - n + \theta_x w - \theta_x b - \theta_x n - w - \hat{b})_x (I + \theta_x)$$

$$\dot{\theta}_x = (-\tilde{b} - n + \theta_x w - \theta_x b)_x (I + \theta_x)$$

$$\dot{\theta}_x = (-\tilde{b} - n + \theta_x w - \theta_x b)_x$$

$$\dot{\theta} = -(w - b)_x \theta - (\tilde{b} + n)$$

Proposition 4. The nominal dynamics can be integrated in

closed-form to obtain the predicted mean $\hat{X}_{k+1}^P$:

$${}_I \hat{R}_{k+1}^P = {}_I \hat{R}_k \exp(T_k ({}^I \hat{w}_k - \hat{b}_{g,k})_x)$$

$${}_I \hat{v}_{k+1}^P = {}_I \hat{v}_k + g T_k + {}_I \hat{R}_k J_L(T_k ({}^I \hat{w}_k - \hat{b}_{g,k})) ({}^I \hat{a}_k - \hat{b}_{a,k}) T_k$$

$${}_I \hat{P}_{k+1}^P = {}_I \hat{P}_k + {}_I \hat{v}_k T_k + g \frac{T_k^2}{2} + {}_I \hat{R}_k H_L(T_k ({}^I \hat{w}_k - \hat{b}_{g,k})) ({}^I \hat{a}_k - \hat{b}_{a,k}) T_k^2$$

$$\hat{b}_{g,k+1}^P = \hat{b}_{g,k}$$

$$\hat{b}_{a,k+1}^P = \hat{b}_{a,k}$$

$${}_I \hat{T}_k^P = \begin{bmatrix} {}_I \hat{R}_k & {}_I \hat{P}_k \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$${}_I \hat{T}_{k-1}^P = {}_I \hat{T}_{k-1}, \dots, {}_I \hat{T}_{k-n+1}^P = {}_I \hat{T}_{k-n+1}$$

$J_L(w) \triangleq I_3 + \frac{w_x}{2!} + \frac{w_x^2}{3!} + \dots$ is left jacobian of $SO(3)$.

$$H_L(w) \triangleq \frac{I_3}{2!} + \frac{w_x}{3!} + \dots$$

Both $J_L(w)$, $H_L(w)$ has closed-form (Rodrigues) expressions:

$$J_L(w) = I_3 + \frac{1 - \cos\|w\|}{\|w\|^2} w_x + \frac{\|w\| - \sin(\|w\|)}{\|w\|^3} w_x^2$$

$$H_L(w) = \frac{1}{2} I_3 + \frac{\|w\| - \sin\|w\|}{\|w\|^3} w_x + \frac{2(\cos\|w\| - 1) + \|w\|^2}{2\|w\|^4} w_x^2$$

Proof:

Lemma 3:

$$w \in \mathbb{R}^3, J_L(w) \triangleq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{w_x^n}{(n+1)!}, H_L(w) \triangleq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{w_x^n}{(n+2)!}. J_L, H_L \text{ have closed}$$

form expression as above.

Proof:

$$w_x^{2n+1} = (-1)^n \|w\|^{2n} w_x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore J_L(w) &= I_3 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{w_x^n}{(n+1)!} \\ &= I_3 + \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \|w\|^{2n}}{(2n+2)!} \right) w_x + \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \|w\|^{2n}}{(2n+3)!} \right) w_x^2 \\ &= I_3 + \left(\frac{1 - \cos\|w\|}{\|w\|^2} \right) w_x + \left(\frac{\|w\| - \sin\|w\|}{\|w\|^3} \right) w_x^2 \end{aligned}$$

More details:

$$\text{let } w = \phi \alpha, \phi = \|w\|, \alpha = \frac{w}{\phi}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)!} (\phi a_x)^n &= I_3 + \frac{\phi a_x}{2!} + \frac{\phi^2 a_x^2}{3!} + \frac{\phi^3 a_x^3}{4} + \dots \\
&= I_3 + \frac{\phi}{2!} a_x + \frac{\phi^2}{3!} a_x^2 + \frac{\phi^3}{4!} (-a_x) + \frac{\phi^4}{5!} (-a_x a_x) + \frac{\phi^5}{6!} a_x + \dots \\
&= I_3 + \left(\frac{\phi}{2!} - \frac{\phi^3}{4!} + \frac{\phi^5}{6!} - \dots \right) a_x + \left(\frac{\phi^2}{3!} - \frac{\phi^4}{5!} + \frac{\phi^6}{7!} - \dots \right) a_x a_x
\end{aligned}$$

where we use $a_x a_x a_x = -a_x$.

$$\therefore \cos \phi = 1 - \frac{\phi^2}{2!} + \frac{\phi^4}{4!} - \frac{\phi^6}{6!} + \frac{\phi^8}{8!} - \dots$$

$$\sin \phi = \phi - \frac{\phi^3}{3!} + \frac{\phi^5}{5!} - \frac{\phi^7}{7!} + \frac{\phi^9}{9!} - \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore \frac{\phi}{2!} - \frac{\phi^3}{4!} + \frac{\phi^5}{6!} - \dots &= \frac{1}{\phi} \left(\frac{\phi^2}{2!} - \frac{\phi^4}{4!} + \frac{\phi^6}{6!} - \dots \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\phi} (1 - \cos \phi)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\phi^2}{3!} - \frac{\phi^4}{5!} + \frac{\phi^6}{7!} - \dots &= \frac{1}{\phi} \left(\frac{\phi^3}{3!} - \frac{\phi^5}{5!} + \frac{\phi^7}{7!} - \dots \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\phi} (\phi - \sin \phi)
\end{aligned}$$

$$a_x = \frac{\omega_x}{\phi}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\omega_x^n}{(n+1)!} = I_3 + \frac{1 - \cos \|\omega\|}{\|\omega\|^2} \omega_x + \frac{\|\omega\| - \sin \|\omega\|}{\|\omega\|^3} \omega_x^2$$

Lemma 4.

For $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^3$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$, the matrix $\exp(t\omega_x)$ satisfies

$$\int_0^t \int_0^s \exp(r\omega_x) dr ds = \int_0^t s \mathcal{I}_L(s\omega) ds$$

$$= t^2 H_c(tw)$$

Proof: The result follows by integrating the terms of Taylor series of

$$\exp(tw_x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n w_x^n}{n!}$$

To predict the mean, we compute the solutions to the nominal dynamics:

$$w = \dot{w}_k - \hat{b}_{g,k}, \quad t \in [0, \tau_k)$$

$$\downarrow \quad {}_I \hat{R} = {}_I \hat{R} w_x, \quad {}_I \hat{R}(0) = {}_I \hat{R}_k.$$

$$\text{Solution: } {}_I \hat{R}(t) = {}_I \hat{R}_k \exp(tw_k)$$

$$\therefore {}_I \hat{R}_{k+1}^P = {}_I \hat{R}(\tau_k) = {}_I \hat{R}_k \exp(\tau_k(\dot{w}_k - \hat{b}_{g,k})_x).$$

$$a = \dot{a} - \hat{b}_a, \quad t \in [0, \tau_k)$$

$$\downarrow \quad {}_I \hat{V}(0) = {}_I \hat{V}_k, \quad {}_I \hat{V} = {}_I \hat{R}(\dot{a} - \hat{b}_a) + g.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution: } {}_I \hat{V}(t) &= {}_I \hat{V}(0) + \int_0^t ({}_I \hat{R}(s) a + g) ds \\ &= {}_I \hat{V}_k + t {}_I \hat{R}_k J_L(tw) a + tg. \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{Lemma 4}$$

$$\therefore {}_I \hat{V}_{k+1}^P = {}_I \hat{V}(\tau_k).$$

More details:

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}_I\hat{V}_{t+\tau}^P &= {}_I\hat{V}_t + \int_t^{t+\tau} {}_I\dot{\hat{V}}_t ds \\
 &= {}_I\hat{V}_t + \int_t^{t+\tau} {}_I\hat{R}_t (i\hat{a} - \hat{b}_a) ds + \int_t^{t+\tau} g ds \\
 &= {}_I\hat{V}_t + g\tau + \int_t^{t+\tau} {}_I\hat{R}_t (i\hat{a} - \hat{b}_a) ds \\
 &= {}_I\hat{V}_t + g\tau + \int_t^{t+\tau} {}_I\hat{R}_t ds (i\hat{a} - \hat{b}_a) \\
 \int_t^{t+\tau} {}_I\hat{R}_t ds &= {}_I\hat{R}_t \int_t^{t+\tau} \exp(s(i\omega_t - \hat{b}_{g,t})_x) ds \\
 &= R \int_t^{t+\tau} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (s(\omega - b)_x)^n ds \\
 &= R \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \int_t^{t+\tau} (s(\omega - b)_x)^n ds \\
 &= R \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \tau^{n+1} ((\omega - b)_x)^n \\
 &= R\tau \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)!} (\tau(\omega - b)_x)^n \\
 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)!} (\tau(i\omega_t - \hat{b}_{g,t})_x)^n &= J_1(\tau(i\omega_t - \hat{b}_{g,t}))
 \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 4, for $t \in [0, T_k)$, ${}_I\hat{P}(0) = {}_I\hat{P}_k$, $\dot{{}_I\hat{P}} = {}_I\dot{\hat{V}}$,

Solution is:

$${}_I\hat{P}(t) = {}_I\hat{P}(0) + \int_0^t {}_I\dot{\hat{V}}(s) ds$$

$$= {}_I \hat{P}_k + t {}_I \hat{V}_k + t^2 {}_I \hat{R}_k H_L(tw) a + \frac{t^2}{2} g.$$

$$\therefore {}_I \hat{P}_{k+1}^P = {}_I \hat{P}(\tau_k).$$

More details:

$$\begin{aligned} {}_I \hat{P}_{t+1}^P &= {}_I \hat{P}_t + \int_t^{t+\tau} {}_I \hat{P}_t^\wedge ds \\ &= P + \int_t^{t+\tau} v + g_s + RJ_L(s(w-b)) (a-b) s ds \end{aligned}$$

We need to show

$$\int_t^{t+\tau} J_L(s(w-b)) s ds = \tau^2 H_L(\tau(w-b)) \quad (\#)$$

$$\text{Let } w' = ({}^I w_t - \hat{b}_{g,t}).$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\#) &= \int_t^{t+\tau} J_L(s(w-b)) s ds \\ &= \int_t^{t+\tau} \left(I_3 + \frac{s w'_x}{2!} + \frac{(s w'_x)^2}{3!} + \dots \right) s ds \\ &= \int_t^{t+\tau} \left(s I_3 + \frac{s^2 w'_x}{2!} + \frac{s^3 w_x'^2}{3!} + \dots \right) ds \\ &= \frac{\tau^2}{2} I_3 + \frac{\tau^3 w'_x}{3 \times 2!} + \frac{\tau^4 w_x'^2}{4 \times 3!} + \dots \\ &= \tau^2 \left[\frac{I_3}{2} + \frac{\tau w'_x}{3!} + \frac{\tau^2 w_x'^2}{4!} + \dots \right] \\ &= \tau^2 H_L(\tau(w-b)) \end{aligned}$$

For the closed form of H_L , let $w = \tau(\dot{w}_t - \hat{b}_{g,t})$, $w = \phi a_x$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{I_3}{2!} + \frac{w_x}{3!} + \frac{w_x^2}{4!} + \dots \\
 &= \frac{I_3}{2} + \frac{\phi a_x}{3!} + \frac{(\phi a_x)^2}{4!} + \frac{(\phi a_x)^3}{5!} + \frac{(\phi a_x)^4}{6!} + \dots \\
 &= \frac{I_3}{2} + \frac{\phi a_x}{3!} + \frac{(\phi a_x)^2}{4!} - \frac{\phi^3}{5!} a_x - \frac{\phi^4}{6!} a_x^2 + \dots \\
 &= \frac{I_3}{2} + \left(\frac{\phi}{3!} - \frac{\phi^3}{5!} + \dots \right) a_x + \left(\frac{\phi^2}{4!} - \frac{\phi^4}{6!} + \dots \right) a_x^2 \\
 &\therefore \frac{\phi}{3!} - \frac{\phi^3}{5!} + \frac{\phi^5}{7!} - \dots = \frac{1}{\phi^2} \left(\frac{\phi^3}{3!} - \frac{\phi^5}{5!} + \frac{\phi^7}{7!} - \dots \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\phi^2} (\phi - \sin \phi)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \left(\frac{\phi}{3!} - \frac{\phi^3}{5!} + \frac{\phi^5}{7!} - \dots \right) a_x &= \frac{1}{\phi^3} (\phi - \sin \phi) w_x \\
 \therefore \frac{\phi^2}{4!} - \frac{\phi^4}{6!} + \frac{\phi^6}{8!} - \dots &= \frac{1}{\phi^2} \left(\frac{\phi^4}{4!} - \frac{\phi^6}{6!} + \frac{\phi^8}{8!} - \dots \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\phi^2} \left(-\frac{\phi^2}{2!} + \frac{\phi^4}{4!} - \frac{\phi^6}{6!} + \frac{\phi^8}{8!} - \dots + \frac{\phi^2}{2!} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\phi^2} (2(\cos \phi - 1) + \phi^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{\phi^2}{4!} - \frac{\phi^4}{6!} + \frac{\phi^6}{8!} - \dots \right) a_x^2 = \frac{1}{2\phi^4} (2(\cos \phi - 1) + \phi^2) w_x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow H_L(w) = \frac{1}{2} I_3 + \frac{\|w\| - \sin \|w\|}{\|w\|^3} w_x + \frac{2(\cos \|w\| - 1) + \|w\|^2}{2\|w\|^4} w_x^2$$

To compute the predicted covariance Σ_{k+1}^p , we need to integrate

the error dynamics. The IMU error state $\tilde{x}^2(t)$ satisfies a

linear time variant (LTV) stochastic differential equation (SDE)

for $t \in [0, T_k]$:

$$\dot{\tilde{x}} = F(x) \tilde{x} + n, \quad \tilde{x}(0) \sim N(0, I_{\xi_k})$$

n is white Gaussian noise with PSD

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_w^2 I_3 & & & & \\ & \sigma_a^2 I_3 & & & \\ & & 0 & & \\ & & & \sigma_g^2 I_3 & \\ & & & & \sigma_a^2 I_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

and $F(t)$ is

$$\begin{bmatrix} -(\omega - b)_x & 0 & 0 & -I & 0 \\ -R(t)(a-b)_x & 0 & 0 & 0 & -R(t) \\ 0 & I & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

where $\hat{R}(t) = \hat{R}_k \exp(t(\hat{w}_k - \hat{b}_{g,k})_x)$

$\because \mathbb{E}[\tilde{x}(t)]$ is 0 over $[0, T_k]$, covariance of $\tilde{x}(T_k)$ is

$$\Sigma_{k+1}^P = \mathbb{E}[\tilde{x}(T_k) \tilde{x}(T_k)^T]$$

$$= \Phi(\tau_k, 0) \Sigma_k \Phi(\tau_k, 0)^T + \int_0^{\tau_k} \Phi(\tau_k, s) Q \Phi(\tau_k, s)^T ds.$$

where $\Phi(t, s)$ is the transition matrix of $\dot{\tilde{x}} = F(t) \tilde{x} + \tilde{z}$.

Proposition 5. The LTV SDE has a closed form transition matrix:

$$\Phi(t, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} \exp(-t\omega_x) & 0 & 0 & -tJ_L(-t\omega) & 0 \\ \Phi_{lv}(t) & I_3 & 0 & \Phi_{lv}(t) & \Phi_{va}(t) \\ \Phi_{pw}(t) & tI_3 & I_3 & \Phi_{pw}(t) & \Phi_{pa}(t) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & I_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

where $\omega = i\omega_k - \hat{b}_{g,k}$, $a = i a_k - \hat{b}_{a,k}$

Proof: The transition matrix $\Phi(t, 0)$ can be determined by computing the solution

$$\tilde{x}(t) = \Phi(t, 0) \tilde{x}(0)$$

to the homogeneous system

$$\dot{\tilde{x}} = F(t) \tilde{x}$$

for initial condition.

$${}_I\tilde{X}(0) = ({}_I\theta(0), {}_I\tilde{V}(0), {}_I\tilde{P}(0), \tilde{b}_g(0), \tilde{b}_a(0))$$

The bias terms remain constant in the homogeneous system:

$$\tilde{b}_g(t) = \tilde{b}_g(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & I_3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} {}_I\tilde{X}(0)$$

$$\tilde{b}_a(t) = \tilde{b}_a(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I_3 \end{bmatrix} {}_I\tilde{X}(0).$$

Next, consider $\dot{{}_I\theta}(t) = -\omega_x {}_I\theta(t) - \tilde{b}_g(t)$ with $\omega = \hat{\omega}_x - \hat{b}_{g,k}$

which is a LTI system in ${}_I\theta(t)$. Using $\tilde{b}_g(t) = \tilde{b}_g(0) + \text{Lemma 4}$.

the system has solution:

$$\begin{aligned} {}_I\theta(t) &= \exp(-t\omega_x) {}_I\theta(0) - \int_0^t \exp(-(t-s)\omega_x) ds \tilde{b}_g(0) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \exp(-t\omega_x) & 0 & 0 & -tJ_L(-t\omega) & 0 \end{bmatrix} {}_I\tilde{X}(0) \end{aligned}$$

Next, consider $\dot{{}_I\tilde{V}}(t) = -{}_I\hat{R}(t) a_x {}_I\theta(t) - {}_I\hat{R}(t) \tilde{b}_a(t)$ with

$a = \hat{a}_x - \hat{b}_{a,k}$, which is an LTI system in ${}_I\tilde{V}(t)$. Using

$\tilde{b}_a(t) = \tilde{b}_a(0)$, the LTI system has solution:

$${}_I\tilde{V}(t) = {}_I\tilde{V}(0) - \int_0^t {}_I\hat{R}(s) a_x {}_I\theta(s) ds - \int_0^t {}_I\hat{R}(s) ds \tilde{b}_a$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \Phi_{v0}(t) & I_3 & 0 & \Phi_{vw}(t) & \Phi_{va}(t) \end{bmatrix} I \tilde{x}(0)$$

$$\Phi_{v0}(t) = - \int_0^t \hat{R}(s) a_x \exp(-s\omega_x) ds$$

$$\Phi_{vw}(t) = \int_0^t s \hat{R}(s) a_x J_L(-s\omega) ds$$

$$\Phi_{va}(t) = - \int_0^t \hat{R}(s) ds = - t \hat{R} J_L(t\omega).$$

$\Phi_{v0}(t)$ proof:

We use

1. the solution to $\dot{I\hat{R}} = I\hat{R}\omega_x, I\hat{R}(0) = I\hat{R}_k$.

$$2. R a_x R^T = [R a]_x$$

3. Lemm 4.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \Phi_{v0}(t) &= - I\hat{R}_k \int_0^t \exp(s\omega_x) a_x \exp(s\omega_x)^T ds \\ &= - R \left[\int_0^t \exp(s\omega_x) ds a \right]_x \\ &= - t R [J_L(t\omega) a]_x. \end{aligned}$$

Φ_{vw} proof:

$$\because \omega_x^3 = - \|\omega\|^2 \omega_x$$

$$\therefore I_3 - \frac{W_x}{\|W\|^2} (\exp(W_x) - I_3 - W_x) = J_L(W).$$

We can also split Φ_{vw} into two parts:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{vw}(t) &= R \int_0^t \exp(sW_x) ds a_x \left(I_3 + \frac{W_x^2}{\|W\|^2} \right) \\ &\quad + R \int_0^t \exp(sW_x) \frac{a_x W_x}{\|W\|^2} (\exp(sW_x)^T - I_3) ds \end{aligned}$$

By integrating the terms of the Taylor series of $\exp(sW_x)$, and using $W_x^3 = -\|W\|^2 W_x$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \exp(sW_x) ds &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{n+2} W_x^n}{(n+2)n!} \\ &= \frac{-1}{\|W\|^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^{n+2} W_x^{n+2}}{(n+2)n!} \\ &= \frac{1}{\|W\|^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{t^{n+2} W_x^{n+2}}{(n+2)!} - \frac{t^{n+2} W_x^{n+2}}{(n+1)!} \right) \\ &= \frac{\Delta(t)}{\|W\|^2} \end{aligned}$$

where $\Delta t = (\exp(tW_x)(I_3 - tW_x) - I_3)$.

(See more details in a separate PDF in this blog).

The second integral can be computed using

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_x w_x = w a^T - (a^T w) I_3 \\ \exp(S w_x) w = w \\ \exp(S w_x) \exp(S w_x)^T = I_3 \\ \text{Lemma 4} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \Phi_{vw}(t) &= R \Delta(t) \frac{a_x}{\|w\|^2} \left(I_3 + \frac{w_x^2}{\|w\|^2} \right) \\ &\quad + t R \frac{w a^T}{\|w\|^2} (J_L(-tw) - I) \\ &\quad + t R \frac{a^T w}{\|w\|^2} (J_L(tw) - I_3). \end{aligned}$$

Φ_{va} Proof:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Solution to } \dot{\hat{r}} = \hat{r} w_x \quad \hat{r}(0) = \hat{r}_k \\ \text{Lemma 4} \end{array} \right.$$

Finally, consider $\dot{\hat{p}}(t) = \hat{v}(t)$, which is an LTI system in $\hat{p}(t)$, with solution

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{P}(t) &= \tilde{P}(0) + \int_0^t \tilde{V}(s) ds \\ &= [\Phi_{p0}(t) \quad tI_3 \quad I_3 \quad \Phi_{pw}(t) \quad \Phi_{pa}(t)] \tilde{X}(0).\end{aligned}$$

$$\Phi_{p0}(t) = \int_0^t \Phi_{v0}(s) ds = -t^2 \hat{R} [H_L(t\omega) a]_x$$

$$\Phi_{pw}(t) = \int_0^t \Phi_{vw}(s) ds$$

$$\Phi_{pa}(t) = \int_0^t \Phi_{va}(s) ds = -t^2 \hat{R} H_L(t\omega)$$

Φ_{p0}, Φ_{pa} follow from Lemma 4.

Φ_{pw} proof:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^t \Delta(s) ds &= \int_0^t \exp(s\omega_x) ds - \int_0^t s \exp(s\omega_x) ds \omega_x - tI_3 \\ &= tJ_L(t\omega) - \frac{\omega_x \Delta(t)}{\|\omega\|^2} - tI_3\end{aligned}$$

More details:

Quaternion kinematics for the error-state Kalman filter.

Appendix B.

Consider $\dot{x}(t) = A \cdot x(t)$.

assume the relation is linear and constant over the interval.

$[t_n, t_n + \Delta t]$,

$$\Rightarrow x_{n+1} = e^{A\Delta t} x_n = \Phi x_n.$$

Φ is transition matrix.

Taylor expansion of Φ :

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi &= e^{A \cdot \Delta t} = I + A\Delta t + \frac{1}{2}A^2\Delta t^2 + \frac{1}{3!}A^3\Delta t^3 + \dots \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} A^k \Delta t^k\end{aligned}$$

B1. Integration of angular error

Consider the angular error dynamics without bias and noise:

$$\dot{\delta\theta} = -[w]_x \delta\theta.$$

$$\Phi = e^{-[w]_x \Delta t} = I - [w]_x \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} [w]_x^2 \Delta t^2 - \frac{1}{3!} [w]_x^3 \Delta t^3 + \frac{1}{4!} [w]_x^4 \Delta t^4 \dots$$

define $\omega \Delta t \triangleq u \Delta\theta$.

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi &= I - [u]_x \Delta\theta + \frac{1}{2} [u]_x^2 \Delta\theta^2 - \frac{1}{3!} [u]_x^3 \Delta\theta^3 + \frac{1}{4!} [u]_x^4 \Delta\theta^4 - \dots \\ &= I - [u]_x \left(\Delta\theta - \frac{\Delta\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\Delta\theta^5}{5!} - \dots \right) + [u]_x^2 \left(\frac{\Delta\theta^2}{2!} - \frac{\Delta\theta^4}{4!} + \frac{\Delta\theta^6}{6!} - \dots \right) \\ &= I - [u]_x \sin \Delta\theta + [u]_x^2 (1 - \cos \Delta\theta)\end{aligned}$$

B2. Simplified IMU example.

Error state dynamics:

$$\dot{\delta p} = \delta v$$

$$\dot{\delta v} = -R[a]_x \delta \theta$$

$$\dot{\delta \theta} = -[\omega]_x \delta \theta$$

The system is defined by the state vector and dynamic matrix:

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} \delta p \\ \delta v \\ \delta \theta \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & P_v & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & V_\theta \\ 0 & 0 & H_\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

with

$$P_v = I \quad \leftarrow \text{note here that } R \text{ is constant.}$$

$$V_\theta = -R[a]_x \quad \text{In } \text{arcVIO}, R \text{ is}$$

$$H_\theta = -[\omega]_x \quad \hat{R}(t) = \hat{R} \exp(t\omega_x)$$

Its integration is $x_{n+1} = e^{(A\Delta t)} x_n = \bar{\Phi} x_n$.

$$\text{Let } \bar{\Phi} = \begin{bmatrix} I & \bar{\Phi}_{pv} & \bar{\Phi}_{p\theta} \\ 0 & I & \bar{\Phi}_{v\theta} \\ 0 & 0 & \bar{\Phi}_{\theta\theta} \end{bmatrix}$$

Denote $R\{\phi\} \triangleq \text{Exp}(\phi)$ $\Phi_{00} = R\{\omega_0 t\}^T$.

$$\Phi_{10} = -R[a]_x \left(I \Delta t + \frac{[w]_x}{\|w\|^2} (R\{\omega_0 t\}^T - I + [w]_x \Delta t) \right)$$