

Curvilinear Analysis

- Some notation definitions needed to use "intuitive" variable names

Define a few Variables

R_0 is the earth's semi-major axis $\sim 6.378137 \times 10^6$ meters

R_E is the transverse radius of curvature

$$R_E = \frac{R_0}{\sqrt{1 - e^2 \sin^2[L_b]}} ;$$

R_N is the meridian radius of curvature

$$R_N = \frac{R_0 (1 - e^2)}{(1 - e^2 \sin^2[L_b])^{3/2}} ;$$

Previously derived (Eqn. 2.70), body position in the ECEF frame, described in the ECEF frame:

$$\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e = \begin{pmatrix} (R_E + h_b) \cos[L_b] \cos[\lambda_b] \\ (R_E + h_b) \cos[L_b] \sin[\lambda_b] \\ ((1 - e^2) R_E + h_b) \sin[L_b] \end{pmatrix} ;$$

Compute the Velocity : $\dot{\mathbf{v}}_{e,b}^e =$

$$\frac{d \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e}{dt} = \frac{\delta \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e}{\delta L_b} \frac{dL_b}{dt} + \frac{\delta \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e}{\delta \gamma_b} \frac{d\gamma_b}{dt} + \frac{\delta \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e}{\delta h_b} \frac{dh_b}{dt}$$

- First compute $\frac{\delta \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e}{\delta L_b}$

$$\text{Print} \left[\frac{\delta \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e}{\delta L_b} = \text{MatrixForm} \left[\text{Simplify} \left[\text{D} \left[\hat{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e, L_b \right] \right] /. \{ \cos[2 L_b] \rightarrow 1 - 2 \sin^2[L_b] \} \right] \right]$$

$$\frac{\delta \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e}{\delta L_b} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\cos[\lambda_b] \sin[L_b] \left(\sqrt{2} (2 - e^2 + e^2 (1 - 2 \sin^2[L_b])^{3/2}) h_b + 4 R_0 - 4 e^2 R_0 \right)}{4 (1 - e^2 \sin^2[L_b])^{3/2}} \\ -\frac{\sin[L_b] \sin[\lambda_b] \left(\sqrt{2} (2 - e^2 + e^2 (1 - 2 \sin^2[L_b])^{3/2}) h_b + 4 R_0 - 4 e^2 R_0 \right)}{4 (1 - e^2 \sin^2[L_b])^{3/2}} \\ -\frac{\cos[L_b] \left(-\frac{(2 - e^2 + e^2 (1 - 2 \sin^2[L_b])^{3/2}) h_b}{2 \sqrt{2}} + (-1 + e^2) R_0 \right)}{(1 - e^2 \sin^2[L_b])^{3/2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Looking at the top and middle terms

$$\text{Simplify}\left[\frac{\sqrt{2} (2 - e^2 + e^2 (1 - 2 \sin[L_b]^2))^{3/2} h_b}{4 (1 - e^2 \sin[L_b]^2)^{3/2}}\right]$$

$$h_b$$

$$\therefore \text{Term}_1 = -\cos[\lambda_b] \sin[L_b] \left(h_b + \frac{R_0 (1 - e^2)}{(1 - e^2 \sin[L_b]^2)^{3/2}} \right) = -\cos[\lambda_b] \sin[L_b] (h_b + R_N)$$

$$\therefore \text{Term}_2 = -\sin[L_b] \sin[\lambda_b] \left(h_b + \frac{R_0 (1 - e^2)}{(1 - e^2 \sin[L_b]^2)^{3/2}} \right) = -\sin[L_b] \sin[\lambda_b] (h_b + R_N)$$

Looking at the bottom term

$$\text{Simplify}\left[\frac{(2 - e^2 + e^2 (1 - 2 \sin[L_b]^2))^{3/2} h_b}{2 \sqrt{2}}\right]$$

$$(1 - e^2 \sin[L_b]^2)^{3/2} h_b$$

$$\therefore \text{Term}_3 = -\cos[L_b] \left(\frac{-(1 - e^2 \sin[L_b]^2)^{3/2} h_b - (1 - e^2) R_0}{(1 - e^2 \sin[L_b]^2)^{3/2}} \right) = \cos[L_b] (h_b + R_N)$$

$$\frac{\delta \vec{r}_{e,b}^e}{\delta L_b} = (R_N + h_b) \begin{pmatrix} -\cos[\lambda_b] \sin[L_b] \\ -\sin[L_b] \sin[\lambda_b] \\ \cos[L_b] \end{pmatrix}$$

■ Next compute $\frac{\delta \vec{r}_{e,b}^e}{\delta \gamma_b}$

$$\text{Print}\left["\frac{\delta \vec{r}_{e,b}^e}{\delta \lambda_b} = ", \text{MatrixForm}\left[\text{Simplify}\left[D[\vec{r}_{e,b}^e, \lambda_b]\right]\right] /. \left\{\frac{R_0}{\sqrt{1 - e^2 \sin[L_b]^2}} \rightarrow "R_E"\right\}\right]$$

$$\frac{\delta \vec{r}_{e,b}^e}{\delta \lambda_b} = \begin{pmatrix} -\cos[L_b] \sin[\lambda_b] (R_E + h_b) \\ \cos[L_b] \cos[\lambda_b] (R_E + h_b) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Next compute $\frac{\delta \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e}{\delta \gamma_b}$

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Print[" $\frac{\delta \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e}{\delta \lambda_b}$  =", MatrixForm[Simplify[D[ $\dot{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e$ ,  $\lambda_b$ ]]] /. { $\frac{R_0}{\sqrt{1 - e^2 \sin[L_b]^2}}$  -> "R_E"}]
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$$\frac{\delta \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e}{\delta \lambda_b} = \begin{pmatrix} -\cos[L_b] \sin[\lambda_b] (R_E + h_b) \\ \cos[L_b] \cos[\lambda_b] (R_E + h_b) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\delta \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e}{\delta \lambda_b} = (R_E + h_b) \cos[L_b] \begin{pmatrix} -\sin[\lambda_b] \\ \cos[\lambda_b] \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Finally compute $\frac{\delta \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e}{\delta h_b}$

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Print[" $\frac{\delta \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e}{\delta h_b}$  =", MatrixForm[Simplify[D[ $\dot{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e$ ,  $h_b$ ]]]
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$$\frac{\delta \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e}{\delta h_b} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos[L_b] \cos[\lambda_b] \\ \cos[L_b] \sin[\lambda_b] \\ \sin[L_b] \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\delta \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e}{\delta h_b} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos[L_b] \cos[\lambda_b] \\ \cos[L_b] \sin[\lambda_b] \\ \sin[L_b] \end{pmatrix}$$

- Composing the final result : $\dot{\mathbf{v}}_{e,b}^e =$

$$\frac{d \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e}{dt} = \frac{\delta \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e}{\delta L_b} \frac{dL_b}{dt} + \frac{\delta \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e}{\delta \gamma_b} \frac{d\gamma_b}{dt} + \frac{\delta \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e}{\delta h_b} \frac{dh_b}{dt} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\delta \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e}{\delta L_b} & \frac{\delta \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e}{\delta \gamma_b} & \frac{\delta \dot{\mathbf{r}}_{e,b}^e}{\delta h_b} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{L}_b \\ \dot{\lambda}_b \\ \dot{h}_b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{v}}_{e,b}^e = \begin{pmatrix} -\cos[\lambda_b] \sin[L_b] & -\sin[\lambda_b] & -\cos[L_b] \cos[\lambda_b] \\ -\sin[L_b] \sin[\lambda_b] & \cos[\lambda_b] & -\cos[L_b] \sin[\lambda_b] \\ \cos[L_b] & 0 & -\sin[L_b] \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (R_N + h_b) \dot{L}_b \\ \cos[L_b] (R_E + h_b) \dot{\lambda}_b \\ -\dot{h}_b \end{pmatrix}$$

Comparing the matrix with Eqn 2.99 (i.e. C_n^e)

$$\vec{v}_{e,b}^e = C_n^e \begin{pmatrix} (R_N + h_b) \dot{L}_b \\ \cos[L_b] (R_E + h_b) \dot{\lambda}_b \\ -\dot{h}_b \end{pmatrix} = C_n^e \vec{v}_{e,b}^n$$

Which suggests that

$$\vec{v}_{e,b}^n = \begin{pmatrix} (R_N + h_b) \dot{L}_b \\ \cos[L_b] (R_E + h_b) \dot{\lambda}_b \\ -\dot{h}_b \end{pmatrix}$$