



Humanoid controller for walking and jumping motions based on mc_rtc framework

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HVAC 2021 Results



HRP-5P is walking on uneven ground, stairs, and jumping over gaps





Walking Control Method

Integration of existing typical components









Preview Control

• Preview control provides closed-form solutions to the following problem [Kajita, ICRA'03]

$$\min_{COM} \sum_{0}^{\infty} \|ZMP - ZMP^{ref}\|^{2} + \|\ddot{COM}\|^{2} \text{ s.t. } LIPM dynamics$$

- ZMP^{ref} is determined from a predefined footstep sequence
- Integrating the optimal \ddot{COM} yields the COM^{plan} and ZMP^{plan}







DCM-based feedback

- Modify ZMP to reduce errors due to disturbances $ZMP^{target} = ZMP^{plan} + K(DCM^{actual} - DCM^{plan})$ where $DCM = CoM + \dot{CoM}/\omega$
- The optimal ratio of *CoM* and *CoM* feedback gains leads to *DCM* [Sugihara, ICRA'09]
- Convert target ZMP to total wrench

Force^{total} =
$$m \omega^2 (CoM - ZMP^{target})$$







Wrench Distribution to Feet

- Distribute total wrench to each foot under friction constraints
- Formulated as a quadratic programming problem







Foot Admittance Control

• Modify the foot pose to track target foot wrench

 $Pose^{target} \leftarrow Pose^{target} + \Delta Pose$ where $\Delta Pose = D (Wrench^{actual} - Wrench^{target})$







Inverse Kinematics

- Calculate joint positions that satisfy target CoM and foot poses
- Formulated as a quadratic programming problem

$$\theta \leftarrow \theta + \Delta \theta^*$$
 where $\Delta \theta^* = \underset{\Delta \theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \sum_{task} \left\| J_{task} \Delta \theta - \left(v_{task}^{target} - v_{task}^{current} \right) \right\|^2$







Jumping Control Method

- The only difference from the walking control is the CoM planning
- Apply linear MPC based on centroidal dynamics









Centroidal Linear MPC

- Since centroidal dynamics is nonlinear, linear MPC cannot be applied as is
- Plan CoM vertical motion only (linear dynamics) with MPC
- Plan full centroidal motion (linear dynamics with known vertical motion) with MPC [Nagasaka, RoboSym'12 (in Japanese), Audren, IROS'14]
- Linear MPC is formulated as quadratic programming problem







Centroidal Linear MPC

- Landing 1.4m forward with a jump of 0.25 s floating phase
- Allow up to 4 times the limits for velocity and torque at knee and hip pitch joints







Control Framework mc_rtc

https://jrl-umi3218.github.io/mc_rtc/

- CNRS-AIST JRL develops mc_rtc
 - Kinematics and dynamics algorithms
 - Robot modeling
 - Logging and utility functions
 - Documentation
 - CI environments

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Open-source Walking Controller BaselineWalkingController

- ✓ Tested on real robots
- ✓ Dynamics simulation tests is run on CI environments
- ✓ Docker image is released with the latest version of the controller
- ✓ Easy to switch between various methods for CoM planning
- ✓ Easy to switch between "closed-loop MPC" and "open-loop MPC + stabilizer"

□ isri-aist / BaselineWalkingController Public

https://github.com/isri-aist/BaselineWalkingController





Real Robot Testing of BaselineWalkingController





HRP-5P (Test on Nov.11th)

HRP-2KAI (Test on Nov. 7th)





Simulation Tests on CI environments

• Choreonoid tests are performed with every update on CI (GitHub Actions)









Automatic Release of Docker Images

• Docker images are released on CI for every update

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Easy switching of CoM planning methods

• You can try the various CoM trajectory generation methods implemented in CentroidalControlCollection

isri-aist/CentroidalControlCollection

isri-aist/BaselineWalkingController

List of methods

- PreviewControlZmp [Kajita, ICRA'03]
- DdpZmp [Feng, Journal of field robotics '15]
- DcmTracking [Englsberger, IROS'13]
- FootGuidedControl [Sugihara, IROS'17, Kojio, IROS'19]
- LinearMpcZmp [Wieber, Humanoids'06]
- IntrinsicallyStableMpc [Scianca, Humanoids'16]
- SingularPreviewControlZmp [Urata, Humanoids'11]







Easy switching of open/closed-loop MPC

- Open-loop MPC is often used implicitly in bipedal walking
- Differences between the two MPC schemes have not been fully discussed







Concluding remarks

- For beginners (and experts, of course), it is very helpful to be able to refer to a set of formulas in a paper and source code
- Let's share them in open discussion forums such as Humanoid Virtual Athletics Challenge