

FREE ACCESS TIME OPTIMAL TRAJECTORY PLANNING FOR REDUNDANT ROBOTS JOINT SPACE DECOMPOSITION FOR REDUNDANCY RESOLUTION IN NON LINEAR OPTIMIZATION BESTMASTERS

Time-Optimal Trajectory Planning for Redundant Robots

This master's thesis presents a novel approach to finding trajectories with minimal end time for kinematically redundant manipulators. Emphasis is given to a general applicability of the developed method to industrial tasks such as gluing or welding. Minimum-time trajectories may yield economic advantages as a shorter trajectory duration results in a lower task cycle time. Whereas kinematically redundant manipulators possess increased dexterity, compared to conventional non-redundant manipulators, their inverse kinematics is not unique and requires further treatment. In this work a joint space decomposition approach is introduced that takes advantage of the closed form inverse kinematics solution of non-redundant robots. Kinematic redundancy can be fully exploited to achieve minimum-time trajectories for prescribed end-effector paths.

Robot Manipulator Redundancy Resolution

Introduces a revolutionary, quadratic-programming based approach to solving long-standing problems in motion planning and control of redundant manipulators This book describes a novel quadratic programming approach to solving redundancy resolutions problems with redundant manipulators. Known as "QP-unified motion planning and control of redundant manipulators" theory, it systematically solves difficult optimization problems of inequality-constrained motion planning and control of redundant manipulators that have plagued robotics engineers and systems designers for more than a quarter century. An example of redundancy resolution could involve a robotic limb with six joints, or degrees of freedom (DOFs), with which to position an object. As only five numbers are required to specify the position and orientation of the object, the robot can move with one remaining DOF through practically infinite poses while performing a specified task. In this case redundancy resolution refers to the process of choosing an optimal pose from among that infinite set. A critical issue in robotic systems control, the redundancy resolution problem has been widely studied for decades, and numerous solutions have been proposed. This book investigates various approaches to motion planning and control of redundant robot manipulators and describes the most successful strategy thus far developed for resolving redundancy resolution problems. Provides a fully connected, systematic, methodological, consecutive, and easy approach to solving redundancy resolution problems Describes a new approach to the time-varying Jacobian matrix pseudoinversion, applied to the redundant-manipulator kinematic control Introduces The QP-based unification of robots' redundancy resolution Illustrates the effectiveness of the methods presented using a large number of computer simulation results based on PUMA560, PA10, and planar robot manipulators Provides technical details for all schemes and solvers presented, for readers to adopt and customize them for specific industrial applications Robot Manipulator Redundancy Resolution is must-reading for advanced undergraduates and graduate students of robotics, mechatronics, mechanical engineering, tracking control, neural dynamics/neural networks, numerical algorithms, computation and optimization, simulation and modelling, analog, and digital circuits. It is also a valuable working resource for practicing robotics engineers and systems designers and industrial researchers.

Repetitive Motion Planning and Control of Redundant Robot Manipulators

Repetitive Motion Planning and Control of Redundant Robot Manipulators presents four typical motion planning schemes based on optimization techniques, including the fundamental RMP scheme and its extensions. These schemes are unified as quadratic programs (QPs), which are solved by neural networks or numerical algorithms. The RMP schemes are demonstrated effectively by the simulation results based on various robotic models; the experiments applying the fundamental RMP scheme to a physical robot manipulator are also presented. As the schemes and the corresponding solvers presented in the book have solved the non-repetitive motion problems existing in redundant robot manipulators, it is of particular use in applying theoretical research based on the quadratic program for redundant robot manipulators in industrial situations. This book will be a valuable reference work for engineers, researchers, advanced undergraduate and graduate students in robotics fields. Yunong Zhang is a professor at The School of Information Science and Technology, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China; Zhijun Zhang is a research fellow working at the same institute.

Optimal Path and Trajectory Planning for Serial Robots

Alexander Reiter describes optimal path and trajectory planning for serial robots in general, and rigorously treats the challenging application of path tracking for kinematically redundant manipulators therein in particular. This is facilitated by resolving both the path tracking task and the optimal inverse kinematics problem simultaneously. Furthermore, the author presents methods for fast computation of approximate optimal solutions to planning problems with changing parameters. With an optimal solution to a nominal problem, an iterative process based on parametric sensitivities is applied to rapidly obtain an approximate solution. About the Author: Dr. Alexander Reiter is a senior scientist at the Institute of Robotics of the Johannes Kepler University (JKU) Linz, Austria. His major fields of research are kinematics, dynamics, and trajectory planning for kinematically redundant serial robots as well as real-time methods for solving parametric non-linear programming problems.

Joint Trajectory Generation for Redundant Robot Manipulators

The trend in the evolution of robotic systems is that the number of degrees of freedom increases. This is visible both in robot manipulator design and in the shift of focus from single to multi-robot systems. Following the principles of evolution in nature, one may infer that adding degrees of freedom to robot systems design is beneficial. However, since nature did not select snake-like bodies for all creatures, it is reasonable to expect the presence of a certain selection pressure on the number of degrees of freedom. Thus, understanding costs and benefits of multiple degrees of freedom, especially those that create redundancy, is a fundamental problem in the field of robotics. This volume is mostly based on the works presented at the workshop on Redundancy in Robot Manipulators and Multi-Robot Systems at the IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems - IROS 2011. The workshop was envisioned as a dialog between researchers from two separate, but obviously related fields of robotics: one that deals with systems having multiple degrees of freedom, including redundant robot manipulators, and the other that deals with multirobot systems. The volume consists of twelve chapters, each representing one of the two fields.

Advanced Robotics

The interest in using legged robots for a variety of terrestrial and space applications has grown steadily since the 1960s. At the present time, a large fraction of these robots relies on electric motors at the joints to achieve mobility. The load distributions inherent to walking, coupled with design constraints, can cause the motors to operate near their maximum torque capabilities or even reach saturation. This is especially true in applications like space exploration, where critical mass and power constraints limit the size of the actuators. Consequently, these robots can benefit greatly from motion optimization algorithms that guarantee successful

walking with maximum margin to saturation. Previous gait optimization techniques have emphasized minimization of power requirements, but have not addressed the problem of saturation directly. This dissertation describes gait optimization techniques specifically designed to enable operation as far as possible from saturation during walking. The benefits include increasing the payload mass, preserving actuation capabilities to react to unforeseen events, preventing damage to hardware due to excessive loading, and reducing the size of the motors. The techniques developed in this work follow the approach of optimizing a reference gait one move at a time. As a result, they are applicable to a large variety of purpose-specific gaits, as well as to the more general problem of single pose optimization for multi-limbed walking and climbing robots. The first part of this work explores a zero-interaction technique that was formulated to increase the margin to saturation through optimal displacements of the robot's body in 3D space. Zero-interaction occurs when the robot applies forces only to sustain its weight, without squeezing the ground. The optimization presented here produces a swaying motion of the body while preserving the original footfall locations. Optimal displacements are found by solving a nonlinear optimization problem using sequential quadratic programming (SQP). Improvements of over 20% in the margin to saturation throughout the gait were achieved with this approach in simulation and experiments. The zero-interaction technique is the safest in the absence of precise knowledge of the contact mechanical properties and friction coefficients. The second part of the dissertation presents a technique that uses the null space of contact forces to achieve greater saturation margins. Interaction forces can significantly contribute to saturation prevention by redirecting the net contact force relative to critical joints. A method to obtain the optimal distribution of forces for a given pose via linear programming (LP) is presented. This can be applied directly to the reference gait, or combined with swaying motion. Improvements of up to 60% were observed in simulation by combining the null space with sway. The zero-interaction technique was implemented and validated on the All Terrain Hex-Limbed Extra-Terrestrial Explorer (ATHLETE), a hexapod robot developed by NASA for the transport of heavy cargo on the surface of the moon. Experiments with ATHLETE were conducted at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, confirming the benefits predicted in simulation. The results of these experiments are also presented and discussed in this dissertation.

Redundancy in Robot Manipulators and Multi-Robot Systems

Human-robot interactions (HRI) have been recognized to be a key element of future robots in many application domains such as manufacturing, transportation, service and entertainment. These applications entail huge social and economical impacts. Future robots are envisioned to function as human's counterparts, which are independent entities that make decisions for themselves; intelligent actuators that interact with the physical world; and involved observers that have rich senses and critical judgements. Most importantly, they are entitled social attributions to build relationships with humans. We call these robots co-robots. Technically, it is challenging to design the behavior of co-robots. Unlike traditional robots that work in structured and deterministic environments, co-robots need to operate in highly unstructured and stochastic environments. The fundamental research question to address in this dissertation is how to ensure that co-robots operate efficiently and safely in dynamic uncertain environments. The focus of this dissertation is 1) to set up a unified analytical framework for various human-robot systems; 2) to establish a methodology to design the robot behavior to address the fundamental problem. A multi-agent framework to model human-robot systems is introduced in Chapter 2. In order to address the uncertainties during human-robot interactions, a unique parallel planning and control architecture is introduced in Chapter 2, which has a cognition module for human behavior estimation and human motion prediction, a long term global planner to ensure efficiency of robot behavior, and a short term local planner to ensure real time safety under uncertainties. The functionalities of these components are discussed in Chapter 3 to Chapter 5. Chapter 3 discusses the cognition module, which includes offline classification and online adaptation of various human behaviors. Chapter 4 and Chapter 5 discuss the optimal control or optimization problems for short term and long term robot motion planning. In a cluttered environment, the optimization problems are highly nonlinear and non-convex, hence hard to solve in real time, which may delay the robot's response in emergency situations. Fast online algorithms are developed to handle the issue: the convex feasible set algorithm (CFS) for the long term optimization, and the safe set algorithm (SSA) for the short term optimization. In particular,

the CFS algorithm transforms the non-convex optimization problem into a sequence of convex optimization problems that can be solved efficiently online, which converges in fewer iterations and runs faster than conventional non-convex optimization solvers as shown in Chapter 6. A method for theoretical evaluation of the designed behaviors is discussed in Chapter 7. The experimental platforms to evaluate the design are discussed in Appendix A. Applications of the proposed method on different co-robots are discussed in Chapter 8 and Chapter 9. Chapter 8 illustrates the application on automated vehicles in the framework of the robustly safe automated driving (ROAD) system. Chapter 9 discusses the application on industrial collaborative robots in the framework of the robot safe interaction system (RSIS).

Trajectory Planning for Redundant Manipulators

The optimization of motion and trajectory planning is an effective and usually costless approach to improving the performance of robots, mechatronic systems, automatic machines and multibody systems. Indeed, wise planning increases precision and machine productivity, while reducing vibrations, motion time, actuation effort and energy consumption. On the other hand, the availability of optimized methods for motion planning allows for a cheaper and lighter system construction. The issue of motion planning is also tightly linked with the synthesis of high-performance feedback and feedforward control schemes, which can either enhance the effectiveness of motion planning or compensate for its gaps. To collect and disseminate a meaningful collection of these applications, this book proposes 15 novel research studies that cover different sub-areas, in the framework of motion planning and control.

Robot Path Planning by Decomposition

The problem of position control of non-redundant manipulators was addressed during the initial stages of development of robotics in the 70's. In the 80's, extension of robotic applications to new non-conventional areas, such as space, underwater, hazardous environments, and microrobotics, brought new challenges for robotic researchers. Position control strategies failed in performing tasks that needed interaction with a robot's environment. On the other hand, non-redundant manipulators were unable to perform tasks that required dexterity comparable to that provided by the human arm. Also, imprecise dynamic modeling put severe restrictions on performance of control algorithms which were based on exact knowledge of dynamic parameters. These issues have therefore attracted a lot of attention in following three areas: force and compliant motion control, redundancy resolution, and adaptive control strategies. These areas have been addressed separately. However, there exists no unique frame work for an adaptive compliant motion control scheme for redundant manipulators which enjoys all the desirable characteristics of the methods that have been proposed for each individual area, e.g., the existing compliant motion control schemes are either not applicable to redundant manipulators or cannot take full advantage of the redundant degrees of freedom. In this thesis, the existing schemes in each of these three areas are reviewed. Based on the results of this review, a new redundancy resolution scheme at the acceleration level is proposed. The feasibility of this scheme is studied using simulations on a 3-DOF planar arm. This scheme is then extended to the 3-D workspace of a 7-DOF redundant manipulator. The performance of the extended scheme with respect to static and moving object collision avoidance and also joint limit avoidance is studied using both simulations and hardware experiments on REDUESTRO (a REDundant, Dextrous, Isotropically Enhanced, Seven Turning-pair RObot constructed in the Center for Intelligent Machines at McGill University). Based on this redundancy resolution scheme, an Augmented Hybrid Impedance Control (AHIC) scheme is proposed. The AHIC scheme provides a unified frame work for combining compliant motion control, redundancy resolution, and adaptive control in a single methodology. The feasibility of the proposed AHIC scheme is studied by computer simulations and experiments on REDUESTRO.

Gait Optimization for Multi-legged Walking Robots, with Application to a Lunar Hexapod

This book, first published in 1996, introduces students to optimization theory and its use in economics and

allied disciplines. The first of its three parts examines the existence of solutions to optimization problems in R^n , and how these solutions may be identified. The second part explores how solutions to optimization problems change with changes in the underlying parameters, and the last part provides an extensive description of the fundamental principles of finite- and infinite-horizon dynamic programming. Each chapter contains a number of detailed examples explaining both the theory and its applications for first-year master's and graduate students. 'Cookbook' procedures are accompanied by a discussion of when such methods are guaranteed to be successful, and, equally importantly, when they could fail. Each result in the main body of the text is also accompanied by a complete proof. A preliminary chapter and three appendices are designed to keep the book mathematically self-contained.

Dynamic Robot Motions and Dynamic Load Carrying Capacity Computation

This accessible textbook demonstrates how to recognize, simplify, model and solve optimization problems - and apply these principles to new projects.

Trajectory Planning and Optimal Control for Formations of Autonomous Robots

Optimization is the process by which the optimal solution to a problem, or optimum, is produced. The word optimum has come from the Latin word *optimus*, meaning best. And since the beginning of his existence Man has strived for that which is best. There has been a host of contributions, from Archimedes to the present day, scattered across many disciplines. Many of the earlier ideas, although interesting from a theoretical point of view, were originally of little practical use, as they involved a daunting amount of computational effort. Now modern computers perform calculations, whose time was once estimated in man-years, in the figurative blink of an eye. Thus it has been worthwhile to resurrect many of these earlier methods. The advent of the computer has helped bring about the unification of optimization theory into a rapidly growing branch of applied mathematics. The major objective of this book is to provide an introduction to the main optimization techniques which are at present in use. It has been written for final year undergraduates or first year graduates studying mathematics, engineering, business, or the physical or social sciences. The book does not assume much mathematical knowledge. It has an appendix containing the necessary linear algebra and basic calculus, making it virtually self-contained. This text evolved out of the experience of teaching the material to finishing undergraduates and beginning graduates.

Designing Robot Behavior in Human-Robot Interactions

Assuming only basic linear algebra, this textbook is the perfect starting point for undergraduate students from across the mathematical sciences.

Optimization of Motion Planning and Control for Automatic Machines, Robots and Multibody Systems

New insights from the science of science Facts change all the time. Smoking has gone from doctor recommended to deadly. We used to think the Earth was the center of the universe and that the brontosaurus was a real dinosaur. In short, what we know about the world is constantly changing. Samuel Arbesman shows us how knowledge in most fields evolves systematically and predictably, and how this evolution unfolds in a fascinating way that can have a powerful impact on our lives. He takes us through a wide variety of fields, including those that change quickly, over the course of a few years, or over the span of centuries.

Force Control and Collision Avoidance Strategies for Kinematically Redundant Manipulators

This book is a collection of reflections by thought leaders at first-mover organizations in the exploding field

of \"Data Science for Social Good\"

A First Course in Optimization Theory

Choose the Correct Solution Method for Your Optimization Problem
Optimization: Algorithms and Applications presents a variety of solution techniques for optimization problems, emphasizing concepts rather than rigorous mathematical details and proofs. The book covers both gradient and stochastic methods as solution techniques for unconstrained and co

Optimization Models

The prominent cultural critic Mieke Bal defines the new discipline of 'art writing' as a fresh mode of criticism, which aims to 'put the art first'. Following this definition, \"Site-Writing: The Architecture of Art Criticism\" puts the sites of the critic's engagement with art first. The book puts into shape what happens when discussions concerning situatedness and site-specificity enter the writing of art criticism. The sites explored are the material, emotional, political and conceptual settings of the artwork's construction, exhibition and documentation, as well as those remembered, dreamed and imagined. Through five different spatial configurations - both psychic and architectural - \"Site-Writing\" explores artworks by artists as diverse as Jananne Al-Ani, Elina Brotherus, Nathan Coley, Tracey Emin, Christina Iglesias and Do-Ho Suh, aiming to adapt such psychoanalytic ways of working as free association and conjectural interpretation to art criticism.

Optimization Techniques

This series is devoted to supplying comprehensive coverage of several topics: directors, individual films, national film traditions, film genres, and other categories that scholars have devised for organizing the rich history of film as expressive form, cultural force, and industrial and technological enterprise. It offers perspectives on every significant aspect of its subject within the context of an innovative and exemplary organization of its contributions.

The Bartlett

Human beings show a greater inclination to assist (and avoid harming) persons and groups identified as those at high risk of great harm than to assist (and avoid harming) persons and groups who will suffer (or already suffer) similar harm but are not identified (as yet). The problem touches almost every aspect of human life and politics: health, the environment, the law. This volume is the first book to tackle the effect from all necessary perspectives.

A Gentle Introduction to Optimization

Part prophecy and part erotic fantasy, this classic tale of otherworldly depravity features New York itself—or a foreigner's nightmare of New York—as its true protagonist. Set in the towers and tunnels of the quintessential American city, Alain Robbe-Grillet's novel turns this urban space into a maze where politics bleeds into perversion, revolution into sadism, activist into criminal, vice into art—and back again. Following the logic of a movie half-glimpsed through a haze of drugs and alcohol, Project for a Revolution in New York is a Sadean reverie that bears an alarming resemblance to the New York, and the United States, that have actually come into being.

The Half-Life of Facts

Some mathematical preliminaries; Criterion function representation; Location problems; Minimization of

unconstrained functions; Minimization of constrained functions; Duality in optimization problems; Comparisons of optimization methods and test problems.

Data Science for Social Good

In his master thesis, Vladimir Herdt presents a novel approach, called complete symbolic simulation, for a more efficient verification of much larger (non-terminating) SystemC programs. The approach combines symbolic simulation with stateful model checking and allows to verify safety properties in (cyclic) finite state spaces, by exhaustive exploration of all possible inputs and process schedulings. The state explosion problem is alleviated by integrating two complementary reduction techniques. Compared to existing approaches, the complete symbolic simulation works more efficiently, and therefore can provide correctness proofs for larger systems, which is one of the most challenging tasks, due to the ever increasing complexity.

Optimization

The doctoral thesis of Tatiana Gossen formulates criteria and guidelines on how to design the user interfaces of search engines for children. In her work, the author identifies the conceptual challenges based on own and previous user studies and addresses the changing characteristics of the users by providing a means of adaptation. Additionally, a novel type of search result visualisation for children with cartoon style characters is developed taking children's preference for visual information into account.

Site-writing

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Perspectives on German Cinema

The truth of the Christian message must be interpreted in such a way that Christ as the Incarnate Word - 'truly God and truly Man' - could become part of the people's way of life. It is in such interpretation that African Christians in their faith encounter and life experiences might be able to perceive the reality of Christ-events and find a true home with themselves and with their God. Chidubem Nwaogaidu is a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Nsukka, Nigeria. He holds Doctorate Degrees both in Sociology (Muenster) and in Dogmatic Theology (Eichstaett). (Series: African Theology / Afrikanische Theologie, Vol. 3) [Subject: Christianity, Religious Studies, African Studies]

Identified Versus Statistical Lives

Since the attacks of September 11, 2001 a complex web of international structures and rules for the fight against transnational terrorism has emerged. However, previous research disregarded the organizational basis of counterterrorism cooperation. Using the example of bureaucratic actors in the United Nations and the

European Union, this study examines how and to what degree international counterterrorism bureaucracies exercise autonomy and perform distinct functions. The book reveals the special ambivalence of counterterrorism cooperation for international bureaucracies, which need to reconcile calls for effective counterterrorism with the need to maintain an impression of technical impartiality in a particularly contested policy-field. They respond to this challenge with different strategies of politicization and depoliticization.

Project for a Revolution in New York

This Essential Oils Gift makes a funny Donald Trump Gag Gift for birthday or Christmas, is better than a card and is sure to be a hit with Pro Trump supporters and rightwing conservatives who support the Republican party and plan to vote for Trump in the next presidential election 2020. This useful 6x9" lined journal notebook features 120 pages with date at the top and blank lined pages to use as a diary, daily journal, schedule, to-do list, school notebook, grocery lists, meeting notebook or doodle pad.

Introduction to Optimization Techniques

South African theologians have long been powerful voices in the hard-fought political transition from a repressive apartheid regime to a young democracy. A key question is: What should the public role of churches be in this democracy? The simultaneously emerging global discussion on public theology has been one important point of reference, offering a number of frameworks for thinking about the churches' public role. This book considers answers given by South African theologians, beginning with an historical review of approaches taken during apartheid and tracing their development in the two decades following. (Series: Theology in the Public Square / Theologie in der Öffentlichkeit, Vol. 8) [Subject: Religious Studies, African Studies]

Complete Symbolic Simulation of SystemC Models

In his master thesis, Sven Painer develops, implements, and evaluates a method to reconstruct the liver surface from monocular mini-laparoscopic sequences. The principal focus of his research is to create a basis for helping clinicians to write reports with quantitative descriptions of the liver surface. A Structure from Motion approach is performed to do a sparse reconstruction of the liver surface and subsequently this information is used in a variation based dense 3D reconstruction. The algorithms are formulated in a causal way, enabling the implementation to be run in real-time on an adequate hardware platform. The results show a significant performance increase and pave the way to give clinicians a feedback during video capturing to improve the quality of the reconstruction in the near future.

Search Engines for Children

This Hip-hop sloth notebook / Journal makes an excellent gift for any occasion . Lined - Size: 6 x 9" - Notebook - Journal - Planner - Dairy - 110 Pages - Classic White Lined Paper - For Writing, Sketching, Journals and Hand Lettering

Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing

This Iron Workers Get The Big Bucks My Hunting Adventures Diary and Journal is a handy 6x9 size that is easy to carry in your hunting backpack. With 101 pages you'll be able to log hunting trip info like location, season, companions, activities, sightings, notes, and more. A great gift for any hunter

Jesus Christ - Truly God and Truly Man

This funny 49th Birthday Gift Journal / Diary / Notebook makes a great birthday card / greeting card present

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International Counterterrorism Bureaucracies in the United Nations and the European Union

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