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New approaches for kinematics and dynamics of the biped robot

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Abstract

Analytical techniques are presented for the motion planning and control of a 10 degree-of-freedom biped walking robot. From the Denavit-Hartenberg method and Newton-Euler equations, joint torques are obtained in terms of joint trajectories and the inverse dynamics are developed for both the single-support and double-support cases. Physical admissibility of the biped trajectory is characterized in terms of the equivalent force-moment and zero-moment point. This methodology has been used to obtain stability of walking biped robot Archie developed in IHRT. A simulation example illustrates the application of the techniques to plan the forward-walking trajectory of the biped robot.

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Introduction

In recent years, many efforts have been taken from the robotics community on developing bio-inspired robots, particularly in humanoid biped robots. The goal is to approximate the trajectory of the humanoid foot of a robot which is produced by the torque generated by the actuators input variables. Such a model has to fulfill two conflicting objectives. It must include enough details to represent the real behavior of the robot with sufficient accuracy, and it should permit an efficient, stable evaluation not only of the model equations but also of their derivatives that are needed in optimization. Such a model for the dynamic behavior is necessary for the mechanical design of the structure, choice of actuators, development of control strategies, and simulation biped motion.

Kinematics

The forward kinematics problem deals with the relation between the individual joints of the humanoid robot and position and orientation of the tool or end-effector.

Forward Kinematics can be described as: (angular position)

- The length of each link, the angle of each joint,
- The position of each point of the robot (i.e. it's (x, y, z) coordinates.

In inverse kinematics the orientation of articulated parts is calculated from the desired position of the certain points on the model.

It is also distinguished from other animation systems by the fact that the motion of the model is defined directly by the animator, no account is taken of any physical

laws that might be in effect on the model, such as gravity or collision with other models;

- The length of each link, the position of some point on the robot.

- The angles of each joint needed to obtain that position
- Bipedal locomotion requires an accurate forward and an inverse kinematic model in order to specify desired joint angles related to the base and effectors trajectories.

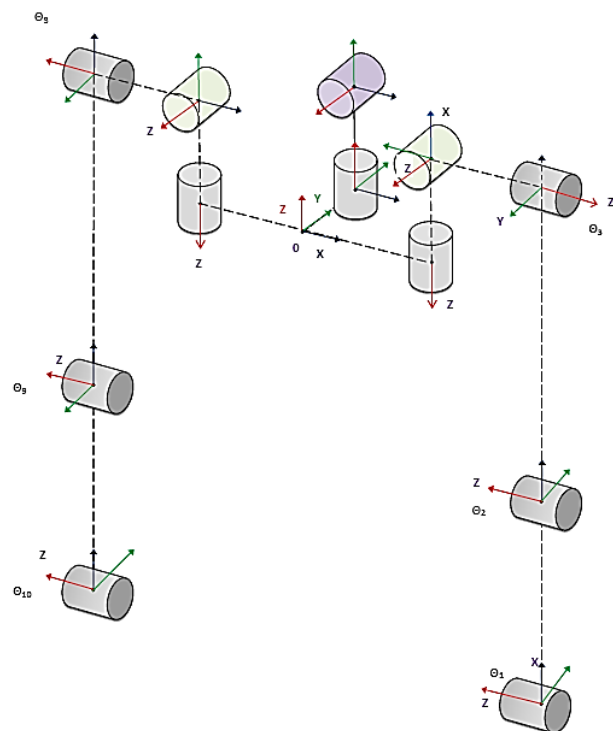


Fig. 1. Kinematic model – Denavit Hartenberg Parameters

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Table 1 D-H parameters for 10 DOF lower body

#Link	a_i [cm]	α_i [degree]	d_i [cm]	θ_i [degree]
1	a_1	0	0	$\theta_1^* + \pi/2$
2	a_2	0	0	θ_2^*
3	a_3	0	0	θ_3^*
4	0	$-\pi/2$	$-d_4$	$\theta_4^* + \pi/2$
5	0	$\pi/2$	0	$\theta_5^* + \pi/2$
6	a_6	0	0	θ_6^*
7	0	$\pi/2$	0	$\theta_7^* + \pi/2$
8	0	$-\pi/2$	0	$\theta_8^* + \pi/2$
9	$-a_9$	0	d_9	θ_9^*
10	$-a_{10}$	0	0	θ_{10}^*

* Joint variables

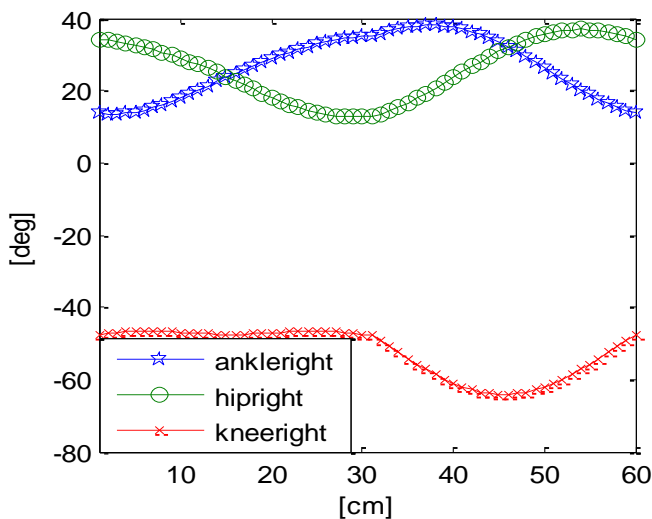


Fig. 2 Joint angle; hip-ankle-knee right for two steps

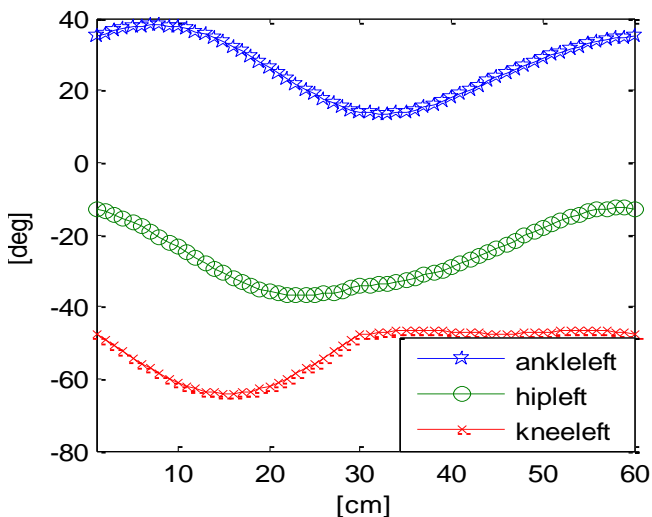


Fig. 3 Joint angle; hip-ankle-knee left for two steps

Denavit-Hartenberg transformation matrix for adjacent coordinate frames, i and $i-1$

$$A_i = \begin{bmatrix} c(\theta_i) & -s(\theta_i) \cdot c(\alpha_i) & s(\theta_i) \cdot s(\alpha_i) & a_i \cdot c(\theta_i) \\ s(\theta_i) & c(\theta_i) \cdot c(\alpha_i) & -c(\theta_i) \cdot s(\alpha_i) & a_i \cdot s(\theta_i) \\ 0 & s(\alpha_i) & c(\alpha_i) & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Left and right knee angles for two steps, first step length 0 to 30 cm and second 30 to 60 cm are represented in view.

Dynamics

Humanoid robot is basically a positioning device. To control the position we must know the dynamic properties of the Humanoid in order to know how much force to exert on it to cause it to move: too little force and the Humanoid is slow to react; too much force and the foot may crash into objects or oscillate about its desired position. A humanoid robot is a nonlinear, nonholonomic multivariable Systems because of the large number of DOF's. In the following the equations for the kinematics and dynamics behavior for the lower part of a humanoid robot with 10 DOF's will be derived. This part is concerned with the development of the dynamic model for 10-Dof robot and their kinematic and dynamic equations.

In the literature two methods are available; the Euler-Lagrange formulation and the Newton-Euler formulation. The Newton-Euler formulation is quite different because each link of the humanoid is treated in turn. First there is a forward recursion describing its linear and angular motion, then a backward recursion to calculate the forces and torques. Both of these formulations are derived from first principles in, and including examples of how the methods can be applied. The resulting dynamic model is the same for both methods and can be written in matrix form as Angular velocity of the i -th coordinate frame. Orthogonal rotation matrix R_i which transforms a vector in the i -th coordinate frame to a coordinate frame which is parallel to the $(i-1)$ -th coordinate frame is first 3x3 sub-matrices of R_i :

$$R_i = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta_i) & -\cos(\alpha_i) \cdot \sin(\theta_i) & \sin(\alpha_i) \cdot \sin(\theta_i) \\ \sin(\theta_i) & \cos(\alpha_i) \cdot \cos(\theta_i) & -\sin(\alpha_i) \cdot \cos(\theta_i) \\ 0 & \sin(\alpha_i) & \cos(\alpha_i) \end{bmatrix}$$

Forward Recursion

The forward recursion describes the linear and angular motion of the links, from link 1 to link 10. As a part of the forward recursion it is necessary to compute b_i , the axis of rotation for each joint i expressed in frame i . Prior to the recursions, these computations will be carried out right away for all joints to emphasize a great advantage of the Newton-Euler formulation. The rotation axis in frame 0 is given directly as.

$$z_0 = [0 \ 0 \ 1]^T \tag{1}$$

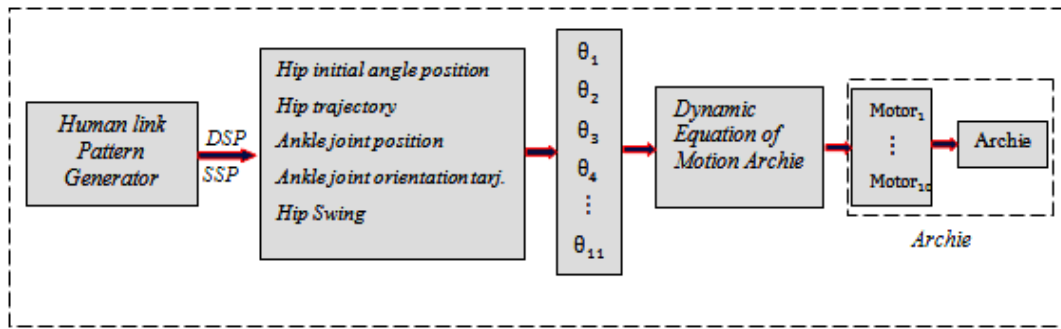


Fig. 4 Architecture for the dynamic model

Link 1 to Link 10

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \omega_0 \wedge v_0 = 0 \\ d\omega_0 \wedge dv_0 = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2)$$

Angular velocity and acceleration are calculated from Equation (3) and (4) respectively, and becomes.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \omega_1 &= R_1^T [\omega_0 + z_0 \cdot \dot{q}_1], \\ &\vdots \\ \omega_{10} &= R_{10}^T [\omega_9 + z_0 \cdot \dot{q}_{10}] \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} d\omega_1 &= R_1^T [d\omega_0 + z_0 \cdot \ddot{q}_1 + \omega_0 \times (z_0 \cdot \dot{q}_1)], \\ &\vdots \\ d\omega_{10} &= R_{10}^T [d\omega_{10} + z_0 \cdot \ddot{q}_{10} + \omega_{10} \times (z_0 \cdot \dot{q}_{10})] \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (4)$$

Acceleration of the end of the link and the centre of the link are calculated from Equation (3) and (4) respectively, and becomes.

$$\left. \begin{aligned} dv_1 &= R_1^T [dv_0 + d\omega_1 \times p_1 + z_0 \cdot \ddot{q}_1 + \omega_1 \times (\omega_1 \times p_1)], \\ &\vdots \\ dv_{10} &= R_{10}^T [dv_{10} + d\omega_{10} \times p_{10} + z_0 \cdot \ddot{q}_{10} + \omega_{10} \times (\omega_{10} \times p_{10})], \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (5)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} da_1 &= d\omega_1 \times s_{1x} + \omega_1 \times (\omega_1 \times s_{1x}) + dv_1, \\ &\vdots \\ da_{10} &= d\omega_{10} \times s_{10x} + \omega_{10} \times (\omega_{10} \times s_{10x}) + dv_{10} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (6)$$

Backward Recursion

The backward recursion calculates the forces and joint torques acting on the links, starting with link 10 and ending with link 1. Determining the joint torques is the ultimate goal of the Newton-Euler formulation, because the torques are the externally applied input to the model. Note that the force equation includes the gravity vector. This gravity vector differs for each link, but can easily be calculated with the use of rotation matrices as shown in the recursions below.

Forces at Joints are:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} F_1 &= m_1 \cdot da_1, \\ &\vdots \\ F_{10} &= m_{10} \cdot da_{10} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (7)$$

The net moments (Ni) exerted on link $i=1,2,3,\dots,10$ are:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} N_1 &= I_{1yy} \cdot d\omega_1 + \omega_1 \times (I_{1yy} \cdot d\omega_1), \\ &\vdots \\ N_{10} &= I_{10yy} \cdot d\omega_{10} + \omega_{10} \times (I_{10yy} \cdot d\omega_{10}) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (8)$$

Moment of inertia is the rotational analogue of the mass. According to the mechanical structure of a humanoid robot where all the movements are based on revolute joints.

Thus, finding the moment of inertia is necessary for modeling the joints. These coordinate's axes are called the principal axes. Information about the values of inertia for every link which are given in Table 2:

Table 2: Values of principal axes corresponding to every link of the robot

#Link	Inertia Matrix $I_{xx} [kgm^2]$	Inertia Matrix $I_{yy} [kgm^2]$	Inertia Matrix $I_{zz} [kgm^2]$
1	7.345×10^{-4}	6.4×10^{-4}	1.365×10^{-3}
2	1.765×10^{-4}	4.935×10^{-4}	4.12×10^{-3}
3	2.143×10^{-4}	6.375×10^{-3}	6.589×10^{-3}
4	9.333×10^{-4}	8.4×10^{-4}	9.333×10^{-4}
5	0.017	0.012	0.029
6	3.28×10^{-3}	1.313×10^{-4}	1.641×10^{-4}
7	9.333×10^{-3}	8.4×10^{-4}	9.333×10^{-4}
8	2.143×10^{-4}	6.375×10^{-3}	6.589×10^{-3}
9	1.765×10^{-4}	4.935×10^{-4}	4.12×10^{-3}
10	7.345×10^{-4}	6.4×10^{-4}	1.365×10^{-3}

Table 3 shows the weight and the position of the centre of mass for each link based on their coordinate system.

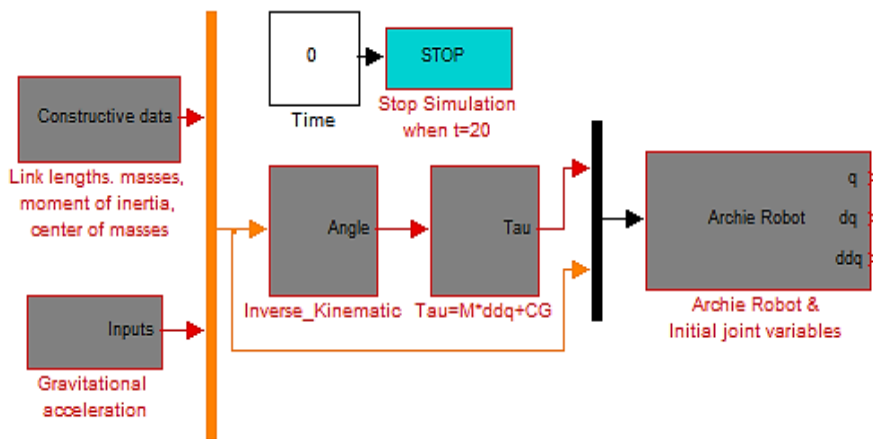


Fig. 5 Simulation scheme for lower body

Table 3: Link’s masses and position of center of mass for each joint based on its coordinate

Link	Mass	Cen. of mass X	Cen. of mass Y	Centre of mass Y
1	0.125 [kg]	0 [mm]	-53 [mm]	-4 [mm]
2	0.111 [kg]	0 [mm]	-4 [mm]	-26 [mm]
3	0.08 [kg]	0 [mm]	0 [mm]	-5 [mm]
4	0.075 [kg]	28 [mm]	0 [mm]	-130 [mm]
5	0.131 [kg]	98 [mm]	0 [mm]	-155 [mm]
6	0.048 [kg]	58 [mm]	23 [mm]	0 [mm]
7	0.049 [kg]	0 [mm]	0 [mm]	25 [mm]
8	0.346 [kg]	75 [mm]	70 [mm]	-15 [mm]
9	0.049 [kg]	0 [mm]	0 [mm]	22 [mm]
10	2.992 [kg]	0 [mm]	33 [mm]	249 [mm]

Simulation of the human a lower body

The simulator used for the robot is developed in the Matlab/Simulink. To develop the motions and to predict the real results, the simulator calculates ankle, velocity, acceleration and torque/force for 10 joints-Lower body.

The walking controller proposed above has been tested by simulation environment which makes use of two separated software packages. The mathematical model dynamic of the robot has been implemented in Maple.

This dynamical simulation environment takes care of all the dynamics, feet-ground interactions included. The control algorithm is then implemented in Matlab/Simulink package. In Figure 5 the Simulink model is shown, and the block Archie Robot is the communication interface with m-file. The biped robot parameters used for simulations

are those of the robot Archie. In Figure 6 and 7 joint torques are plotted in view.

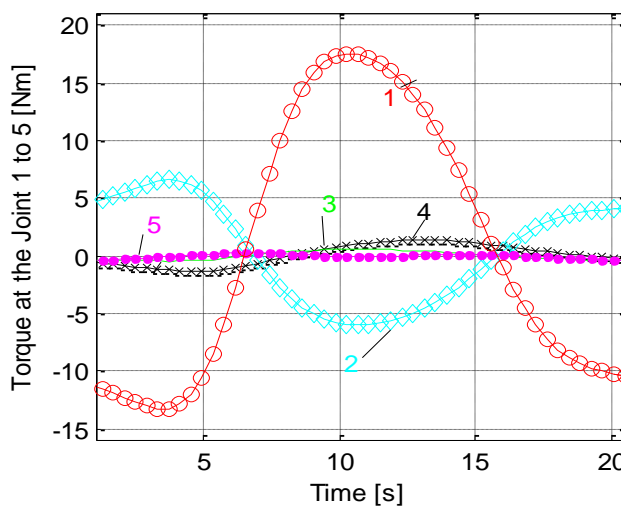


Fig. 6 Torques at Joint for left foot

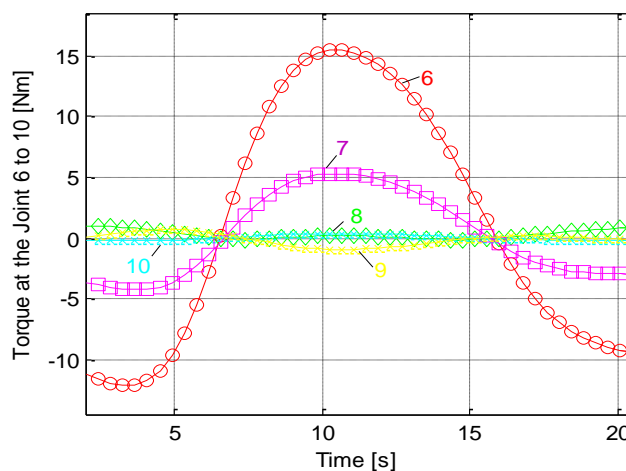


Fig. 7 Torques at Joint for left foot

Conclusions

Using Newton-Euler equations enable the computation of dynamic equations numerically, without going through analytical derivation procedure which is unpractical for a

complex system and to calculate reaction forces and moments between bodies which might be beneficial for the preliminary stage of mechanical design. Represented model of Archie (only lower body) in this paper has 10 DOF. Dynamical model of Archie with 10 DOF derived in Maple software, was not so complicated for formulation but for Maple when we request dynamic equations to be converted for Matlab use was to complex. Reach of maximum 10, characters for one expression was so far and not predicated.

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