

Limit Cycle Walking and Running of Biped Robots

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Introduction of Yamakita Lab.



Other Research Topics

• State estimation of stochastic nonlinear systems



- Application of nonlinear model predictive control(NMPC)(Robot, Engine)
- Parallel computation algorithm of NMPC
- Identification of nonlinear/hybrid systems
- Optimal adaptive control



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Biped walking robots



ASIMO(Honda)

HRP4 (AIST)



Cornel robot (Collins et al.) 2015/9/12

Biped robots have been studied as a mobile robot that can walk on various environments.

They can walk on paved road, uneven surface, stairs and so on.

In the resent years, **limit cycle** walkers have also been studied as an energy-efficient biped robot.

Limit cycle walking robots

Many limit cycle walkers have been developed. They achieve energy-efficient and stable walking by simple control methods.



Delft robot ``Denise" (Wisse et al.)



Cornel robot (Collins et al.)



Our robot ``DASU-walker" (Hanazawa et al.)

ASIMO vs Limit cycle walkers

Limit cycle walking is generally slow.



Limit cycle walkers are more efficient than ASIMO. However, many limit cycle walkers are slower than ASIMO.

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Good

Desired limit cycle walker



Our Proposed Solutions

 Introduction of inerters in addition to conventional impedance at ankles

• Introduction of wobbling mass in a body

Limit Cycle Walking of Arc-Shaped Biped Robots



Flat-Footed Robots with Mechanical Impedance



Mechanism to Easily Design Inertia



Inerter (Cambridge Univ.) From point of view of mechanical impedance, we consider that the biped robots achieve more high-speed and high-efficient walking by optimization of ankle <u>elasticity</u>, <u>viscosity</u> and <u>inertia</u> for biped walking.

We cannot easily design ankle inertia

since the ankle inertia of the robots have <u>design restriction</u> such as foot size and weight.

As mechanism of designing inertia, <u>Inerter</u> is proposed by Smith. We can easily design inertia of the Inerter by changing <u>gear ratio</u> and <u>flywheel</u>,

Mechanism of Rotary Inerter for Biped Robots



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Derivation of Dynamic Equation of the Rotary Inerter



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Movie of Ankle Inerter



Without Inerter



With Inerter

We can see that effect of the Inerter.

Ankle Inerter

To easily design mechanical impedance at ankle for high-speed and high-efficient biped walking, we proposed a new flat-footed biped robot with an ankle spring, damping, and <u>inerter</u>.



To show effectiveness of the proposed method, we present simulation and experiment results of passive dynamic walking of the robot.

Walking Model



Effect of Ankle Viscosity in Biped Walking



Trade-off of Walking Performance



We cannot improve both walking speed and energy-efficiency by design of ankle viscosity.

Achieving Excellent Walking by Ankle Inerter



We can improve both walking speed and energy-efficiency by design of <u>ankle viscosity and Inertia</u>.

Passive Dynamic Walker with Ankle Inerter



Walking Experiment



Our biped robot achieves stable 1-period passive walking

Experiment and Simulation Result

Phase plane trajectory of the hip joint



Walking speed and period

	Simulation	Experiment
Speed[m/s]	0.54	0.53
Period[s]	0.76	0.77

Biped walker achieves walking which is equal to the simulation result

Our biped walker model and the simulation results are valid.

Passive to Active Control



Height = 0.6 mWeight = 6.7 kg

Modification of the robot

- 4 actuators are added
- Foot shape is flat, and inerters and springs are installed at ankles
- gyro meter and encoders are added

Side view of the foot



Front view of the foot



Control Algorithm

To mimic the passive dynamic walking, Potential energy shaping(PES) method is extended. →Virtual gravity is generated by the actuators



Experimental Result

Periodic walking was realized (with some modification of control gains)



Obtained Result 1

We showed following contents

- Biped robot with the ankle inerter achieves excellent walking by design of ankle viscosity and inertia.
- Mechanism of our biped robot with an ankle inerter.
 - By walking experiment, our simulation results are valid.

By <u>ankle inerter</u>, flat-footed biped robots with mechanical impedance at ankles can achieve <u>more high-speed and high-efficient walking</u>.

Fast and efficient human walking



Active up-and-down motion of the wobbling mass



We show the effectiveness of the proposed method by numerical and mathematical results.

Model of robot with wobbling mass



Control method for fast limit cycle walking 1



Control method for fast limit cycle walking2



Dynamic walking with swing arms



Dynamic walking with wobbling mass 2015/9/12 zJU 2 We consider a control method of a wobbling mass

The up-and-down of arm mass is antiphase with respect to up-and-down of the torso mass.

We design the control method achieving antiphase up-and down mass motion with respect to up-and-down the torso.

Control method for fast limit cycle walking ③



Height of the torso mass $u_3 = -K_{P_3}(l_b - l_{bd}) - K_{D_3}(\dot{l}_b - \dot{l}_{bd})$ where $l_{bd} = k(p_{tz} - p_0)$ is the desire trajectory for wobbling mass

This desire trajectory is the antiphase trajectory with respect to up-and-down motion of the torso mass.

Numerical results (1)

This video shows 3 types biped walking

Walking without mass, 2. Walking with locked mass,
Walking with active controlled mass

High-Speed Limit Cycle Walking for Biped Robots using Active Up-and-Down Motion Control of Wobbling Mass

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Numerical result⁽²⁾



desired up-and-down motion of the wobbling mass

Numerical results (3)

Speed in each walking type


Mathematical analysis(1)

To more clearly show the effectiveness of the proposed method, we have mathematically analyzed the limit cycle walking.

When the stance leg angle is negative, the wobbling mass goes down by the proposed control.

When the stance leg angle is positive, the wobbling mass goes up by the proposed control.



Mathematical analysis⁽²⁾



Proposed method generates <u>driving torque</u> like ankle torque.

Obtained Result 2

We have proposed the novel speeding-up method for limit cycle walking using an actively controlled wobbling mass.



We have shown that the biped robot achieves fast limit cycle walking by active up-and-down motion of the wobbling mass.



Running Robots



Human also use Swinging Arms when Running



Model of Robot



1.2 SLIP Model(Spring loaded invert pendulum)

Running based on SLIP model is lasting ballistic jumping using spring energy



Control in Stance Phase (1)



Control in Stance Phase (2)



Control in Flight Phase (1)



Control in Flight Phase (2)



Control of Wobbling Mass (1)



Control of Wobbling Mass (2)



Simulation Result (1)

Faster running speed



Simulation Result (2)



Mechanism of Faster Running (1)



Mechanism of Faster Running (2)



Mechanism of Faster Running (3)



Effect of Inerter for Running without Wolbbing Mass

- Addition of inertia without heavy mass in addition to spring and damping, whose reaction torque is proportional to angular acceleration
- 2 links, 2 gears, 2 pinions, and 1 flywheel
- 2 links are rotated around a joint
- Link 2 and gear 1, pinion 1 and gear 2, pinion 2 and flywheel are attached on a common shaft, respectively
- Dynamics of inerter

$$\tau_I = \beta(\sigma \ddot{\psi}) = \beta(\ddot{\psi}_2 - \ddot{\psi}_1)$$
$$\beta = J_f \alpha_1^2 \alpha_2^2 [\text{Nm}/(\text{rad/s}^2)]$$





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Performance Indexes

Specific resistance: index to evaluate energy efficiency of movement

$$SR := \frac{p}{mgv}$$

$$p = \frac{1}{T} \int_{0}^{T} \left(|u_1(\dot{\theta}_2 - \dot{\theta}_1)| + |u_2(\dot{\theta}_3 - \dot{\theta}_1)| + |u_3(\dot{\theta}_7 - \dot{\theta}_3)| + |u_4(\dot{\theta}_4 - \dot{\theta}_7)| + |u_5(\dot{\theta}_5 - \dot{\theta}_5)| + |u_6(\dot{\theta}_6 - \dot{\theta}_5)| \right) dt$$

where p (taverage energy, m is a total mass, v is a moving velocity

Smaller is S R, better is energy efficiency

• Froude number: normalized index to evaluate moving velocity independent of size

$$F := \frac{v}{\sqrt{gl}}$$

where g is the gravity constant, 1 is a leg length

Bigger is F, faster is moving velocity

Simulation Result without Wobbling mass (1)



Running data



A biped robot based on SLIP model realized more energy efficient and faster running than ASIMO based on ZMP

Simulation Result without Wobbling mass (2)



Simulation Result without Wobbling mass (3)



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Simulation Result without Wobbling mass (4)

β	Speed[m/s]	Converge Steps	SR
0.000	2.3108	88	1.2768
0.001	2.3184	_{گا} 88	1.2809
0.002	2.3192	71	1.2974
0.003	2.3395	73	1.2869
0.0035	2.3507	75	1.2673
0.004	2.5257	68	1.2134
0.0045	3.0464	18	1.1879
0.005	fail	fail	fail

Qualitative Properties



Inerter can increase running performances of biped robots based on SLIP model

Effect of Inerter for Running with Wobbling Mass

Wobbling mass	β	Speed	Converge nce	SR
off	0	2.31	88	1.28
off	0.0045	3.05	18	1.19

Obtained Result 3

Wobbling mass and Inerter individually can improve performances of biped running robot based on SLIP model.

Future work

- Verification of the effect of both wobbling mass and ineters for running control of biped robots
- Verification by experimental robots
- Optimization of physical parameters

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Appendix

- Inerter detail and movie.
- Detail of walking experiment.
- All experiment result.
- Virtual ankle torque.

Derivation of Dynamic Equation of the Rotary Inerter



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Movie of Ankle Inerter



Without Inerter



With Inerter

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Virtual Ankle Torque (VAT)

Arc-footed biped robots achieve high-speed and high-efficient walking by virtual ankle torque.(F.Asano 2006)



Experiment & Simulation result



Experimental Condition of Passive Walking

To confirm validity of walking simulation, we carry out walking experiment.

Experimental parameters Walker height = 0.59 mWalker weight = 7.0 kgAnkle elasticity = 20 Nm/radAnkle viscosity = 0.05 Nm/(rad/s)Ankle Inertia = $0.003 \text{ Nm/(rad/s^2)}$ Slope angle = 0.028 radFoothold distance = 0.4 m

Experimental environment

Walker

Foothold

Slope

28 rad

Effect of Ankle Viscosity and Inertia

 $\ddot{l}_{V} = \frac{M l_{V} \theta_{V}^{2} - K_{V} (l_{V} - l_{V0}) + D_{V} l_{V} + Mg \cos(\theta_{V} + \phi)}{Mg + \beta_{V}}$ Inertia by Ankle Inerter

Model of Heel Contact Phase



 $\ddot{l}_{v} > 0$ cause floating (slipping) biped robot

To achieve high-speed walking on steep slope, increasing \vec{l}_V is restricted.

By ankle viscosity and inertia,

We can achieve high-speed walking of the robots.

Energy-loss of ankle viscosity is not equal to that of ankle inertia.

Difference is Effect of restrictioning acceleration

with respect to Energy-loss in viscosity and inertia.

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Trade-off of Walking Performance



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Achieving efficient walking by the ankle Inerter



The biped robot with ankle inerter achieve more energy-efficient walking, almost without decreasing max walking speed.