
ORCA Documentation

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ORCA is a c++ whole-body reactive controller meant to compute the desired actuation torque of a robot given some tasks to perform and some constraints.

1.1 Table of Contents

1.1.1 Installation and Configuration

This guide will take you through the steps to install ORCA on your machine. ORCA is cross platform so you should be able to install it on Linux, OSX, and Windows.

Dependencies

- A modern **c++11** compiler (gcc > 4.8 or clang > 3.8)
- **cmake** > 3.1
- **iDynTree** (optional, shipped)
- **qpOASES** 3 (optional, shipped)
- **Eigen** 3 (optional, shipped)
- **Gazebo** 8 (optional)

ORCA is self contained! That means that it ships with both **iDynTree** and **qpOASES** inside the project, allowing for fast installations and easy integration on other platforms. Therefore you can start by simply building ORCA from source and it will include the necessary dependencies so you can get up and running.

Always keep in mind that it's better to install the dependencies separately if you plan to use **iDynTree** or **qpOASES** in other projects. For now only **iDynTree** headers appear in public headers, but will be removed eventually to ease the distribution of this library.

If you want to install the dependencies separately please read the following section: [Installing the dependencies](#). Otherwise, if you just want to get coding, then jump ahead to [Installing ORCA](#).

Note: You can almost always avoid calling `sudo`, by calling `cmake .. -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=/some/dir` and exporting the `CMAKE_PREFIX_PATH` variable: `export CMAKE_PREFIX_PATH=$CMAKE_PREFIX_PATH:/some/dir`.

Installing the dependencies

This installation requires you to build the dependencies separately, but will give you better control over versioning and getting the latest features and bug fixes.

Eigen

```
wget http://bitbucket.org/eigen/eigen/get/3.3.4.tar.bz2
tar xjvf 3.3.4.tar.bz2
cd eigen-eigen-dc6cfd9bcec
mkdir build ; cd build
cmake --build .
sudo cmake --build . --target install
```

qpOASES

```
wget https://www.coin-or.org/download/source/qpOASES/qpOASES-3.2.1.zip
unzip qpOASES-3.2.1.zip
cd qpOASES-3.2.1
mkdir build ; cd build
cmake .. -DCMAKE_CXX_FLAGS="-fPIC" -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release
cmake --build .
sudo cmake --build . --target install
```

iDynTree

```
git clone https://github.com/robotology/idyntree
cd idyntree
mkdir build ; cd build
cmake .. -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release
cmake --build .
sudo cmake --build . --target install
```

Gazebo

Examples are built with Gazebo 8. They can be adapted of course to be backwards compatible.

```
curl -sSL http://get.gazebosim.org | sh
```

Installing ORCA

Whether or not you have installed the dependencies separately, you are now ready to clone, build and install ORCA. Hooray.

```
git clone https://github.com/syroco/orca
cd orca
mkdir build ; cd build
cmake .. -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release
cmake --build .
sudo cmake --build . --target install
```

Testing your installation

Assuming you followed the directions to the letter and encountered no compiler errors along the way, then you are ready to get started with ORCA. Before moving on to the *Examples*, check out the [Quick Start Guide](#) to test your install and awe in the epicness of ORCA!

1.1.2 Quick Start Guide

First off, make sure you have followed the [Installation and Configuration](#) guide step by step.

If you have successfully installed ORCA then we can go ahead and try out one of the examples to get things up and running. To do so we will launch the example: 06-trajectory_following (more info here: [Minimum jerk Cartesian trajectory following](#))

This example assumes you have Gazebo ≥ 8.0 installed on your machine. If not please follow the Gazebo tutorial for your system (<http://gazebo.org/tutorials?cat=install>) and rebuild the ORCA library.

Once you have Gazebo, to launch the example open a terminal and run:

```
06-trajectory_following [path_to_orca]/examples/resources/lwr.urdf
```

Important: Make sure to replace [path_to_orca] with the real path to the ORCA repo on your system.

Now, open a second terminal and run:

```
gzclient
```

If everything goes well then you should see the robot moving back and forth like this:

What's next?

Check out [Where to go from here?](#) for more info.

1.1.3 Where to go from here?

Check out the examples

A number of examples have been included in the source code to help you better understand how ORCA works and how you can use it. The examples are grouped based on the concepts they demonstrate. We also provide some examples for using 3rd party libraries together with ORCA.

Want to use ORCA in you project?

Check out the *Using ORCA in your projects* page for information on how to include the ORCA library into your next control project.

Check out the API Documentation

You can find the Doxygen generated API documentation at the following link: [API Documentation](#). This will help you navigate the ORCA API for your projects.

ROS or OROCOS user?

We have written ROS and OROCOS wrappers for the ORCA library and done most of the heavy lifting so you can get started using the controller right away. To learn more about these projects please check out their respective pages:

ORCA_ROS: https://github.com/syroco/orca_ros



RTT_ORCA: https://github.com/syroco/rtt_orca (Compatible with ORCA < version 2.0.0)

1.1.4 Building the documentation

The ORCA documentation is composed of two parts. The **user's manual** (what you are currently reading) and the **API Reference**. Since ORCA is written entirely in C++ the API documentation is generated with Doxygen. The manual, on the otherhand, is generated with python Sphinx... because frankly it is prettier.

Obviously, you can always visit the url: `insert_url_here`

to read the documentation online, but you can also generate it locally easily thanks to the magical powers of python.

How to build

First we need to install some dependencies for python and of course doxygen.

Python dependencies

```
pip3 install -U --user pip sphinx sphinx-autobuild recommonmark sphinx_rtd_theme
```

or if using Python 2.x

```
pip2 install -U --user pip sphinx sphinx-autobuild recommonmark sphinx_rtd_theme
```

Doxygen

You can always install Doxygen from source by following:

```
git clone https://github.com/doxygen/doxygen.git
cd doxygen
mkdir build
cd build
cmake -G "Unix Makefiles" ..
make
sudo make install
```

but we would recommend installing the binaries.

Linux:

```
sudo apt install doxygen
```

OSX:

```
brew install doxygen
```

Windows:

Download the executable file here: <http://www.stack.nl/~dimitri/doxygen/download.html> and follow the install wizard.

Building the docs with Sphinx

```
cd [orca_root]
cd docs/
make html
```

[orca_root] is the path to wherever you cloned the repo i.e. /home/\$USER/orca/.

How to browse

Since Sphinx builds static websites you can simply find the file docs/build/html/index.html and open it in a browser.

If you prefer to be a fancy-pants then you can launch a local web server by navigating to docs/ and running:

```
make livehtml
```

This method has the advantage of automatically refreshing when you make changes to the .rst files. You can browse the site at: <http://127.0.0.1:8000>.

1.1.5 Using ORCA in your projects

If you want to use ORCA in your project you can either use pure CMake or catkin.

CMake

```
# You need at least version 3.1 to use the modern CMake targets.
cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.1.0)

# Your project's name
project(my_super_orca_project)

# Tell CMake to find ORCA
find_package(orca REQUIRED)

# Add your executable(s) and/or library(ies) and their corresponding source files.
add_executable(${PROJECT_NAME} my_super_orca_project.cc)

# Point CMake to the ORCA targets.
target_link_libraries(${PROJECT_NAME} orca::orca)
```

catkin

Note: As of now, catkin does not support modern cmake targets and so you have some superfluous cmake steps to do when working with catkin workspaces.

```
# You need at least version 2.8.3 to use the modern CMake targets.
cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 2.8.3)

# Your project's name
project(my_super_orca_catkin_project)

# Tell CMake to find ORCA
find_package(orca REQUIRED)

# Tell catkin to find ORCA
find_package(catkin REQUIRED COMPONENTS orca)

# Include the catkin headers
include_directories(${catkin_INCLUDE_DIRS})

# Add your executable(s) and/or library(ies) and their corresponding source files.
add_executable(${PROJECT_NAME} my_super_orca_catkin_project.cc)

# Point CMake to the catkin and ORCA targets.
target_link_libraries(${PROJECT_NAME} ${catkin_LIBRARIES} orca::orca)
```

1.1.6 API Reference

All of the API documentation is autogenerated using Doxygen. Click the link below to be redirected.

API Documentation

1.1.7 Basic

Simple controller

Note: The source code for this example can be found in `[orca_root]/examples/basic/01-simple_controller.cc`, or alternatively on github at: https://github.com/syroco/orca/blob/dev/examples/basic/01-simple_controller.cc

Objective

In this example we want to show the basics of using ORCA. Here, we create a minimal controller with one task and some common constraints.

Introduction

First we need to include the appropriate headers and use the right namespaces. When you are getting started the easiest solution is to use the helper header `orca.h` and helper namespace `orca::all` which include all the necessary headers and opens up all their namespaces. This helps with reducing the verbosity of the examples here but is not recommended for production builds because it will cause code bloat.

```
#include <orca/orca.h>
using namespace orca::all;
```

We then create our `main()` function...

```
int main(int argc, char const *argv[])
```

and parse the command line arguments:

```
if(argc < 2)
{
    std::cerr << "Usage : " << argv[0] << " /path/to/robot-urdf.urdf (optionally -l_
↪debug/info/warning/error)" << "\n";
    return -1;
}
std::string urdf_url(argv[1]);

orca::utils::Logger::parseArgv(argc, argv);
```

ORCA provides a utility class called `Logger` which, as its name implies, helps log output. See the API documentation for more information on logging levels.

Setup

Now we get to the good stuff. We start by creating a robot model which gives us access to the robot's kinematics and dynamics.

```
auto robot_model = std::make_shared<RobotModel>();
robot->loadModelFromFile(urdf_url);
robot->setBaseFrame("base_link");
robot->setGravity(Eigen::Vector3d(0,0,-9.81));
```

We first instantiate a `shared_ptr` to the class `RobotModel`. We can pass a robot name, but if we don't, it is extracted from the urdf, which is loaded from a file in `robot->loadModelFromFile(urdf_url);`. If the URDF is parsed then we need to set the base frame in which all transformations (e.g. end effector pose) are expressed in `robot->setBaseFrame("base_link");`. Finally we manually set the gravity vector `robot->setGravity(Eigen::Vector3d(0,0,-9.81));` (this is optional).

The next step is to set the initial state of the robot. For your convenience, ORCA provides a helper class called `EigenRobotState` which stores the whole state of the robot as eigen vectors/matrices. This class is totally optional, it is just meant to keep consistency for the sizes of all the vectors/matrices. You can use it to fill data from either a real robot or simulated robot.

```
EigenRobotState eigState;
eigState.resize(robot->getNrOfDegreesOfFreedom());
eigState.jointPos.setZero();
eigState.jointVel.setZero();
robot->setRobotState(eigState.jointPos,eigState.jointVel);
```

First we resize all the vectors/matrices to match the robot configuration and set the joint positions and velocities to zero. Initial joint positions are often non-zero but we are lazy and `setZero()` is so easy to type. Finally, we set the robot state, `robot->setRobotState(eigState.jointPos,eigState.jointVel);`. Now the robot is considered 'initialized'.

Note: Here we only set $q, \dot{q}$ because in this example we are dealing with a fixed base robot.

Creating the Controller

With the robot created and initialized, we can construct a `Controller`:

```
// Instanciate an ORCA Controller
orca::optim::Controller controller(
    "controller"
    ,robot
    ,orca::optim::ResolutionStrategy::OneLevelWeighted
    ,QPSolver::qpOASES
);
```

To do so we pass a name, "controller", the robot model, `robot`, a `ResolutionStrategy`, `orca::optim::ResolutionStrategy::OneLevelWeighted`, and a solver, `QPSolver::qpOASES`.

Note: As of now, the only supported solver is `qpOASES`, however `OSQP` will be integrated in a future release.

Note: Other `ResolutionStrategy` options include: `MultiLevelWeighted`, and `Generalized`. Please be aware that these strategies are not yet officially supported.

If your robot's low level controller takes into account the gravity and coriolis torques already (Like with KUKA LWR) then you can tell the controller to remove these components from the torques computed by the solver. Setting them to

false keeps the components in the solution (this is the default behavior).

```
controller.removeGravityTorquesFromSolution(true);
controller.removeCoriolisTorquesFromSolution(true);
```

Adding Tasks

With the controller created we can now start adding tasks. In this introductory example, we add only a Cartesian acceleration task for the end-effector.

```
auto cart_task = std::make_shared<CartesianTask>("CartTask_EE");
controller.addTask(cart_task);
```

A shared_ptr to a CartesianTask is created with a unique name, CartTask_EE. The task is then added to the controller to initialize it.

For this task, we want to control link_7,

```
cart_task->setControlFrame("link_7");
```

And set its desired pose:

```
Eigen::Affine3d cart_pos_ref;
cart_pos_ref.translation() = Eigen::Vector3d(1.,0.75,0.5); // x,y,z in meters
cart_pos_ref.linear() = Eigen::Quaterniond::Identity().toRotationMatrix();
```

We also set the desired cartesian velocity and acceleration to zero.

```
Vector6d cart_vel_ref = Vector6d::Zero();
Vector6d cart_acc_ref = Vector6d::Zero();
```

Note: Rotation is done with a Matrix3x3 and it can be initialized in a few ways. Note that each of these methods produce equivalent Rotation matrices in this case.

Example 1: create a quaternion from Euler anglers ZYZ convention

```
Eigen::Quaterniond quat;
quat = Eigen::AngleAxisd(0, Eigen::Vector3d::UnitZ())
      * Eigen::AngleAxisd(0, Eigen::Vector3d::UnitY())
      * Eigen::AngleAxisd(0, Eigen::Vector3d::UnitZ());
cart_pos_ref.linear() = quat.toRotationMatrix();
```

Example 2: create a quaternion from RPY convention

```
cart_pos_ref.linear() = quatFromRPY(0,0,0).toRotationMatrix();
```

Example 3: create a quaternion from Kuka Convention

```
cart_pos_ref.linear() = quatFromKukaConvention(0,0,0).toRotationMatrix();
```

Example 4: use an Identity quaternion

```
cart_pos_ref.linear() = Eigen::Quaterniond::Identity().toRotationMatrix();
```

The desired values are set on the servo controller because CartesianTask expects a cartesian acceleration, which is computed automatically by the servo controller.

```
cart_task->servoController()->setDesired(cart_pos_ref.matrix(), cart_vel_ref, cart_acc_
↪ref);
```

Now set the servoing PID

```
Vector6d P;
P << 1000, 1000, 1000, 10, 10, 10;
cart_task->servoController()->pid()->setProportionalGain(P);
Vector6d D;
D << 100, 100, 100, 1, 1, 1;
cart_task->servoController()->pid()->setDerivativeGain(D);
```

Adding Constraints

Now we add some constraints. We start with a joint torque constraint for all the actuated DoF. To create it we first get the number of actuated joints from the model.

```
const int ndof = robot->getNrOfDegreesOfFreedom();
```

The joint torque limit is usually given by the robot manufacturer and included in most robot descriptions, but for now it is not parsed directly from the URDF - so we need to add it manually.

```
auto jnt_trq_cstr = std::make_shared<JointTorqueLimitConstraint>("JointTorqueLimit");
controller.addConstraint(jnt_trq_cstr);
Eigen::VectorXd jntTrqMax(ndof);
jntTrqMax.setConstant(200.0);
jnt_trq_cstr->setLimits(-jntTrqMax, jntTrqMax);
```

We first create a shared_ptr with a unique name, auto jnt_trq_cstr = std::make_shared<JointTorqueLimitConstraint>("JointTorqueLimit"); and add it to the controller controller.addConstraint(jnt_trq_cstr);. We then set the torque limits to $\pm 200Nm$.

Contrary to torque limits, joint position limits are automatically extracted from the URDF model. Note that you can set them if you want by simply doing jnt_pos_cstr->setLimits(jntPosMin, jntPosMax).

```
auto jnt_pos_cstr = std::make_shared<JointPositionLimitConstraint>("JointPositionLimit
↪");
controller.addConstraint(jnt_pos_cstr);
```

Joint velocity limits are usually given by the robot manufacturer but like the torque limits, must be added manually for now.

```
auto jnt_vel_cstr = std::make_shared<JointVelocityLimitConstraint>("JointVelocityLimit
↪");
controller.addConstraint(jnt_vel_cstr);
Eigen::VectorXd jntVelMax(ndof);
jntVelMax.setConstant(2.0);
jnt_vel_cstr->setLimits(-jntVelMax, jntVelMax);
```

With the tasks and constraints created and added to the controller, we can begin the control loop.

Control Loop

The control loop is where the robot model is updated using the current state information from the real or simulated robot, the control problem is formulated and solved, and the resultant joint torques are sent to the robot actuators. For this example, we simply calculate the joint torques τ at each control time step and do nothing with them. This is because we are not interacting with a real robot or a simulated robot.

```
double dt = 0.001;
double current_time = 0;

controller.activateTasksAndConstraints();

for (; current_time < 2.0; current_time +=dt)
{
    // Here you can get the data from your robot (API is robot-specific)
    // Something like :
    // eigState.jointPos = myRealRobot.getJointPositions();
    // eigState.jointVel = myRealRobot.getJointVelocities();

    robot->setRobotState(eigState.jointPos,eigState.jointVel);
    controller.update(current_time, dt);
    if(controller.solutionFound())
    {
        const Eigen::VectorXd& trq_cmd = controller.getJointTorqueCommand();

        // Send torques to the REAL robot (API is robot-specific)
        // myRealRobot.set_joint_torques(trq_cmd);
    }
    else
    {
        // WARNING : Optimal solution is NOT found
        // Perform some fallback strategy (see below)
    }
}
```

First, since we are manually stepping the time, we initialize the `current_time` to zero and the `dt=0.001`.

The next important step is to activate the tasks and constraints: `controller.activateTasksAndConstraints();`. This **must** be done before the controller update is called, or else no solution will be found.

Now that the tasks and constraints are activated, we step into the control loop, which increments `current_time` from 0.0 to 2.0 seconds by `dt`:

```
for (; current_time < 2.0; current_time +=dt)
```

At the beginning of each loop, we must first retrieve the robot's state information so that we can update our robot model being used in the controller. This step depends on the robot-specific API being used and is up to the user to implement.

Note: In future examples we demonstrate how to do this with the Gazebo simulator.

After we get the appropriate state information from our robot (in this case, the joint positions and velocities) we update the robot model: `robot->setRobotState(eigState.jointPos,eigState.jointVel);`. With the model updated we now update the controller, `controller.update(current_time, dt);`. The controller update first updates all of the tasks and constraints, then formulates the optimal control problem, then solves said problem. If the controller found a solution to the optimal control problem then `controller.`

`solutionFound()` will return true and this tells you that you can get that result and use it to control your robot. Here we extract the optimal control torques, `const Eigen::VectorXd& trq_cmd = controller.getJointTorqueCommand();` and then send them to our robot, using robot specific functions.

Note: In this example, we extract only the optimal torques, but you of course have access to the full solution:

```
// The whole optimal solution [AccFb, Acc, Tfb, T, eWrenches]
const Eigen::VectorXd& full_solution = controller.getSolution();
// The optimal joint torque command
const Eigen::VectorXd& trq_cmd = controller.getJointTorqueCommand();
// The optimal joint acceleration command
const Eigen::VectorXd& trq_acc = controller.getJointAccelerationCommand();
```

If the controller fails to find a solution to the problem then `controller.solutionFound()` returns false, and you must implement some **fallback** strategy. By fallback, we mean some strategy to be used when we have no idea what torques to send to the robot. A simple but effective strategy, is to simply brake the robot and stop its motion.

Important: If the optimal control problem has no solution it is generally because the tasks and constraints are ill-defined and not because no solution exists. For this reason, one can implement fallback strategies which are slightly more intelligent than simply stopping the robot. For example: - Compute KKT Solution and send to the robot (solutions without inequality constraints) - PID around the current position (to slow to a halt) - Switch controllers - etc.

Shutting Things Down

Once we are finished using the controller and want to bring everything to a stop, we need to gradually deactivate the tasks and constraints to avoid any erratic behaviors at the end of the motion. To do so, we start by deactivating the tasks and constraints:

```
controller.deactivateTasksAndConstraints();
```

We then need to update the controller so the tasks and constraints can slowly ramp down to total deactivation.

```
while(!controller.tasksAndConstraintsDeactivated())
{
    current_time += dt;
    controller.update(current_time, dt);
}
```

Our controller is now deactivated and can be deleted or destroyed without any issues.

Typically at the end of the execution you would either stop the robot or put it into some robot-specific control mode (position control, gravity compensation, etc.).

Conclusion

In this example you have seen all of the necessary steps to getting an ORCA controller up and running. In the next examples we will look at more realistic examples where the controller interacts with a robot/simulation.

Full Code Listing

```

1  // This file is a part of the ORCA framework.
2  // Copyright 2017, ISIR / Universite Pierre et Marie Curie (UPMC)
3  // Copyright 2018, Fuzzy Logic Robotics
4  // Main contributor(s): Antoine Hoarau, Ryan Lober, and
5  // Fuzzy Logic Robotics <info@fuzzylogicrobotics.com>
6  //
7  // ORCA is a whole-body reactive controller framework for robotics.
8  //
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10 // abiding by the rules of distribution of free software. You can use,
11 // modify and/ or redistribute the software under the terms of the CeCILL-C
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18 // economic rights, and the successive licensors have only limited
19 // liability.
20 //
21 // In this respect, the user's attention is drawn to the risks associated
22 // with loading, using, modifying and/or developing or reproducing the
23 // software by the user in light of its specific status of free software,
24 // that may mean that it is complicated to manipulate, and that also
25 // therefore means that it is reserved for developers and experienced
26 // professionals having in-depth computer knowledge. Users are therefore
27 // encouraged to load and test the software's suitability as regards their
28 // requirements in conditions enabling the security of their systems and/or
29 // data to be ensured and, more generally, to use and operate it in the
30 // same conditions as regards security.
31 //
32 // The fact that you are presently reading this means that you have had
33 // knowledge of the CeCILL-C license and that you accept its terms.
34
35 /** @file
36  * @copyright 2018 Fuzzy Logic Robotics <info@fuzzylogicrobotics.com>
37  * @author Antoine Hoarau
38  * @author Ryan Lober
39  */
40
41
42 #include <orca/orca.h>
43 using namespace orca::all;
44
45 int main(int argc, char const *argv[])
46 {
47     // Get the urdf file from the command line
48     if(argc < 2)
49     {
50         std::cerr << "Usage : " << argv[0] << " /path/to/robot-urdf.urdf (optionally -
51         ↪1 debug/info/warning/error)" << "\n";
52         return -1;
53     }
54     std::string urdf_url(argv[1]);

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55 // Parse logger level as --log_level (or -l) debug/warning etc
56 orca::utils::Logger::parseArgv(argc, argv);
57
58 // Create the kinematic model that is shared by everybody. Here you can pass a_
↪robot name
59 auto robot_model = std::make_shared<RobotModel>();
60
61 // If you don't pass a robot name, it is extracted from the urdf
62 robot_model->loadModelFromFile(urdf_url);
63
64 // All the transformations (end effector pose for example) will be expressed wrt_
↪this base frame
65 robot_model->setBaseFrame("base_link");
66
67 // Sets the world gravity (Optional)
68 robot_model->setGravity(Eigen::Vector3d(0,0,-9.81));
69
70 // This is an helper function to store the whole state of the robot as eigen_
↪vectors/matrices. This class is totally optional, it is just meant to keep_
↪consistency for the sizes of all the vectors/matrices. You can use it to fill data_
↪from either real robot and simulated robot.
71 RobotState eigState;
72
73 // resize all the vectors/matrices to match the robot configuration
74 eigState.resize(robot_model->getNrOfDegreesOfFreedom());
75
76 // Set the initial state to zero (arbitrary). @note: here we only set q,qot_
↪because this example asserts we have a fixed base robot
77 eigState.jointPos.setZero();
78 eigState.jointVel.setZero();
79
80 // Set the first state to the robot
81 robot_model->setRobotState(eigState.jointPos,eigState.jointVel);
82 // Now is the robot is considered 'initialized'
83
84
85 // Instanciate an ORCA Controller
86 orca::optim::Controller controller(
87     "controller"
88     ,robot_model
89     ,orca::optim::ResolutionStrategy::OneLevelWeighted
90     ,QPSolverImplType::qpOASES
91 );
92 // Other ResolutionStrategy options: MultiLevelWeighted, Generalized
93
94
95 // Create the servo controller that the cartesian task needs
96 auto cart_acc_pid = std::make_shared<CartesianAccelerationPID>("servo_controller
↪");
97
98 // Set the pose desired for the link_7
99 Eigen::Affine3d cart_pos_ref;
100
101 // Setting the translational components.
102 cart_pos_ref.translation() = Eigen::Vector3d(1.,0.75,0.5); // x,y,z in meters
103
104 // Rotation is done with a Matrix3x3 and it can be initialized in a few ways.
↪Note that each of these methods produce equivalent Rotation matrices in this case.

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105
106 // Example 1 : create a quaternion from Euler anglers ZYZ convention
107 Eigen::Quaterniond quat;
108 quat = Eigen::AngleAxisd(0, Eigen::Vector3d::UnitZ())
109       * Eigen::AngleAxisd(0, Eigen::Vector3d::UnitY())
110       * Eigen::AngleAxisd(0, Eigen::Vector3d::UnitZ());
111 cart_pos_ref.linear() = quat.toRotationMatrix();
112
113 // Example 2 : create a quaternion from RPY convention
114 cart_pos_ref.linear() = quatFromRPY(0,0,0).toRotationMatrix();
115
116 // Example 3 : create a quaternion from Kuka Convention
117 cart_pos_ref.linear() = quatFromKukaConvention(0,0,0).toRotationMatrix();
118
119 // Example 4 : use an Identity quaternion
120 cart_pos_ref.linear() = Eigen::Quaterniond::Identity().toRotationMatrix();
121
122 // Set the desired cartesian velocity and acceleration to zero
123 Vector6d cart_vel_ref = Vector6d::Zero();
124 Vector6d cart_acc_ref = Vector6d::Zero();
125
126 // Now set the servoing PID
127 Vector6d P;
128 P << 1000, 1000, 1000, 10, 10, 10;
129 cart_acc_pid->pid()->setProportionalGain(P);
130 Vector6d D;
131 D << 100, 100, 100, 1, 1, 1;
132 cart_acc_pid->pid()->setDerivativeGain(D);
133
134 cart_acc_pid->setControlFrame("link_7");
135 // The desired values are set on the servo controller. Because cart_task->
↳ setDesired expects a cartesian acceleration. Which is computed automatically by the
↳ servo controller
136 cart_acc_pid->setDesired(cart_pos_ref.matrix(), cart_vel_ref, cart_acc_ref);
137
138 // Cartesian Task
139 auto cart_task = controller.addTask<CartesianTask>("CartTask_EE");
140 // Set the servo controller to the cartesian task
141 cart_task->setServoController(cart_acc_pid);
142
143 // Get the number of actuated joints
144 const int ndof = robot_model->getNrOfDegreesOfFreedom();
145
146 // Joint torque limit is usually given by the robot manufacturer
147 auto jnt_trq_cstr = controller.addConstraint<JointTorqueLimitConstraint>(
↳ "JointTorqueLimit");
148 Eigen::VectorXd jntTrqMax(ndof);
149 jntTrqMax.setConstant(200.0);
150 jnt_trq_cstr->setLimits(-jntTrqMax, jntTrqMax);
151
152 // Joint position limits are automatically extracted from the URDF model.
153 // Note that you can set them if you want. by simply doing jnt_pos_cstr->
↳ setLimits(jntPosMin, jntPosMax).
154 auto jnt_pos_cstr = controller.addConstraint<JointPositionLimitConstraint>(
↳ "JointPositionLimit");
155
156 // Joint velocity limits are usually given by the robot manufacturer

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157     auto jnt_vel_cstr = controller.addConstraint<JointVelocityLimitConstraint>(
    ↪ "JointVelocityLimit");
158     Eigen::VectorXd jntVelMax(ndof);
159     jntVelMax.setConstant(2.0);
160     jnt_vel_cstr->setLimits(-jntVelMax, jntVelMax);
161
162
163     double dt = 0.5;
164     double current_time = 0;
165
166     controller.activateTasksAndConstraints();
167
168
169     // If your robot's low level controller takes into account the gravity and
    ↪ coriolis torques already (Like with KUKA LWR) then you can tell the controller to
    ↪ remove these components from the torques computed by the solver. Setting them to
    ↪ false keeps the components in the solution (this is the default behavior).
170     controller.removeGravityTorquesFromSolution(true);
171     controller.removeCoriolisTorquesFromSolution(true);
172
173     // Now you can run the control loop
174     for (; current_time < 2.0; current_time +=dt)
175     {
176         // Here you can get the data from you REAL robot (API is robot-specific)
177         // Something like :
178         // eigState.jointPos = myRealRobot.getJointPositions();
179         // eigState.jointVel = myRealRobot.getJointVelocities();
180
181         // Now update the internal kinematic model with data from the REAL robot
182         std::cout << "Setting robot state to : \n"
183             << "Joint Pos : " << eigState.jointPos.transpose() << '\n'
184             << "Joint Vel : " << eigState.jointVel.transpose() << '\n';
185
186         robot_model->setRobotState(eigState.jointPos, eigState.jointVel);
187
188         // Step the controller + solve the internal optimal problem
189         std::cout << "Updating controller..." ;
190         controller.update(current_time, dt);
191         std::cout << "OK" << '\n';
192
193         // Do what you want with the solution
194         if(controller.solutionFound())
195         {
196             // The whole optimal solution [AccFb, Acc, Tfb, T, eWrenches]
197             const Eigen::VectorXd& full_solution = controller.getSolution();
198             // The optimal joint torque command
199             const Eigen::VectorXd& trq_cmd = controller.getJointTorqueCommand();
200             // The optimal joint acceleration command
201             const Eigen::VectorXd& trq_acc = controller.getJointAccelerationCommand();
202
203             // Send torques to the REAL robot (API is robot-specific)
204             //real_tobot->set_joint_torques(trq_cmd);
205         }
206         else
207         {
208             // WARNING : Optimal solution is NOT found
209             // Switching to a fallback strategy

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210         // Typical are :
211         // - Stop the robot (robot-specific method)
212         // - Compute KKT Solution and send to the robot (dangerous)
213         // - PID around the current position (dangerous)
214
215         // trq = controller.computeKKTTorques();
216         // Send torques to the REAL robot (API is robot-specific)
217         // real_tobot->set_joint_torques(trq_cmd);
218     }
219 }
220
221 // Print the last computed solution (just for fun)
222 const Eigen::VectorXd& full_solution = controller.getSolution();
223 const Eigen::VectorXd& trq_cmd = controller.getJointTorqueCommand();
224 const Eigen::VectorXd& trq_acc = controller.getJointAccelerationCommand();
225 std::cout << "Full solution : " << full_solution.transpose() << '\n';
226 std::cout << "Joint Acceleration command : " << trq_acc.transpose() << '\n';
227 std::cout << "Joint Torque command : " << trq_cmd.transpose() << '\n';
228
229 // At some point you want to close the controller nicely
230 controller.deactivateTasksAndConstraints();
231
232
233 // Let all the tasks ramp down to zero
234 while(!controller.tasksAndConstraintsDeactivated())
235 {
236     current_time += dt;
237     controller.update(current_time,dt);
238 }
239
240 // All objets will be destroyed here
241 return 0;
242 }

```

Simulating the controller performance

Note: The source code for this example can be found in [orca_root]/examples/basic/02-simulating_results.cc, or alternatively on github at: https://github.com/syroco/orca/blob/dev/examples/basic/02-simulating_results.cc

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37  * @author Antoine Hoarau
38  * @author Ryan Lober
39  */
40
41 #include <orca/orca.h>
42 using namespace orca::all;
43
44
45
46 int main(int argc, char const *argv[])
47 {
48     if(argc < 2)
49     {
50         std::cerr << "Usage : " << argv[0] << " /path/to/robot-urdf.urdf (optionally -
→l debug/info/warning/error)" << "\n";
51         return -1;
52     }
53     std::string urdf_url(argv[1]);
54
55     orca::utils::Logger::parseArgv(argc, argv);
56
57     auto robot_model = std::make_shared<RobotModel>();
58     robot_model->loadModelFromFile(urdf_url);
59     robot_model->setBaseFrame("base_link");
60     robot_model->setGravity(Eigen::Vector3d(0,0,-9.81));
61     RobotState eigState;
62     eigState.resize(robot_model->getNrOfDegreesOfFreedom());
63     eigState.jointPos.setZero();
64     eigState.jointVel.setZero();
65     robot_model->setRobotState(eigState.jointPos,eigState.jointVel);

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66
67     orca::optim::Controller controller(
68         "controller"
69         , robot_model
70         , orca::optim::ResolutionStrategy::OneLevelWeighted
71         , QPSolverImplType::qpOASES
72     );
73
74     // Create the servo controller that the cartesian task needs
75     auto cart_acc_pid = std::make_shared<CartesianAccelerationPID>("servo_controller
↪");
76     // Now set the servoing PID
77     Vector6d P;
78     P << 1000, 1000, 1000, 10, 10, 10;
79     cart_acc_pid->pid()->setProportionalGain(P);
80     Vector6d D;
81     D << 100, 100, 100, 1, 1, 1;
82     cart_acc_pid->pid()->setDerivativeGain(D);
83
84     cart_acc_pid->setControlFrame("link_7");
85
86     Eigen::Affine3d cart_pos_ref;
87     cart_pos_ref.translation() = Eigen::Vector3d(1., 0.75, 0.5); // x,y,z in meters
88     cart_pos_ref.linear() = Eigen::Quaterniond::Identity().toRotationMatrix();
89
90     // Set the desired cartesian velocity and acceleration to zero
91     Vector6d cart_vel_ref = Vector6d::Zero();
92     Vector6d cart_acc_ref = Vector6d::Zero();
93
94     // The desired values are set on the servo controller. Because cart_task->
↪setDesired expects a cartesian acceleration. Which is computed automatically by the
↪servo controller
95     cart_acc_pid->setDesired(cart_pos_ref.matrix(), cart_vel_ref, cart_acc_ref);
96     // Set the servo controller to the cartesian task
97     auto cart_task = controller.addTask<CartesianTask>("CartTask_EE");
98     cart_task->setServoController(cart_acc_pid);
99
100     // ndof
101     const int ndof = robot_model->getNrOfDegreesOfFreedom();
102
103     auto jnt_trq_cstr = controller.addConstraint<JointTorqueLimitConstraint>(
↪"JointTorqueLimit");
104     Eigen::VectorXd jntTrqMax(ndof);
105     jntTrqMax.setConstant(200.0);
106     jnt_trq_cstr->setLimits(-jntTrqMax, jntTrqMax);
107
108     auto jnt_pos_cstr = controller.addConstraint<JointPositionLimitConstraint>(
↪"JointPositionLimit");
109
110     auto jnt_vel_cstr = controller.addConstraint<JointVelocityLimitConstraint>(
↪"JointVelocityLimit");
111     Eigen::VectorXd jntVelMax(ndof);
112     jntVelMax.setConstant(2.0);
113     jnt_vel_cstr->setLimits(-jntVelMax, jntVelMax);
114
115     controller.activateTasksAndConstraints();
116

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117 // for each task, it calls task->activate(), that can call onActivationCallback()
118 ↪if it is set.
119 // To set it :
120 // task->setOnActivationCallback([&]()
121 // {
122 //     // Do some initialisation here
123 // });
124 // Note : you need to set it BEFORE calling
125 // controller.activateTasksAndConstraints();
126
127
128
129
130 double dt = 0.001;
131 double current_time = 0.0;
132 Eigen::VectorXd trq_cmd(ndof);
133 Eigen::VectorXd acc_new(ndof);
134
135 controller.update(current_time, dt);
136 current_time += dt;
137
138
139 controller.print();
140
141 std::cout << "\n\n\n" << '\n';
142 std::cout << "=====" << '\n';
143 //std::cout << "Initial State:\n" << cart_task->servoController()->
144 ↪getCurrentCartesianPose() << '\n';
145 std::cout << "Desired State:\n" << cart_pos_ref.matrix() << '\n';
146 std::cout << "=====" << '\n';
147 std::cout << "\n\n\n" << '\n';
148 std::cout << "Begining Simulation..." << '\n';
149
150 int print_counter = 0;
151 for (; current_time < 10.0; current_time +=dt)
152 {
153
154     if(print_counter == 100)
155     {
156         std::cout << "Task position at t = " << current_time << "\t---\t" << cart_
157 ↪acc_pid->getCurrentCartesianPose().block(0,3,3,1).transpose() << '\n';
158         print_counter = 0;
159     }
160     ++print_counter;
161
162     controller.update(current_time, dt);
163
164     if(controller.solutionFound())
165     {
166         trq_cmd = controller.getJointTorqueCommand();
167     }
168     else
169     {
170         std::cout << "[warning] Didn't find a solution. Stopping simulation." <<
171 ↪'\n';

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170         break;
171     }
172
173     acc_new = robot_model->getMassMatrix().ldlt().solve(trq_cmd - robot_model->
174     ↪getJointGravityAndCoriolisTorques());
175
176     eigState.jointPos += eigState.jointVel * dt + ((acc_new*dt*dt)/2);
177     eigState.jointVel += acc_new * dt;
178
179     robot_model->setRobotState(eigState.jointPos,eigState.jointVel);
180
181     }
182     std::cout << "Simulation finished." << '\n';
183     std::cout << "\n\n\n" << '\n';
184     std::cout << "=====" << '\n';
185     //std::cout << "Final State:\n" << cart_task->servoController()->
186     ↪getCurrentCartesianPose() << '\n';
187     //std::cout << "Position error:\n" << cart_task->servoController()->
188     ↪getCurrentCartesianPose().block(0,3,3,1) - cart_pos_ref.translation() << '\n';
189
190     // All objets will be destroyed here
191     return 0;
192 }

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1.1.8 Intermediate

An introduction to the ORCA callback system

Note: The source code for this example can be found in [orca_root]/examples/intermediate/02-using_callbacks.cc, or alternatively on github at: https://github.com/syroco/orca/blob/dev/examples/intermediate/01-using_callbacks.cc

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37  * @author Antoine Hoarau
38  * @author Ryan Lober
39  */
40
41 #include <orca/orca.h>
42 #include <chrono>
43 using namespace orca::all;
44
45 class TaskMonitor {
46 private:
47     bool is_activated_ = false;
48     bool is_deactivated_ = false;
49
50 public:
51     TaskMonitor ()
52     {
53         std::cout << "TaskMonitor class constructed." << '\n';
54     }
55     bool isActivated(){return is_activated_;}
56     bool isDeactivated(){return is_deactivated_;}
57
58     void onActivation()
59     {
60         std::cout << "[TaskMonitor] Called 'onActivation' callback." << '\n';
61     }
62
63     void onActivated()
64     {
65         std::cout << "[TaskMonitor] Called 'onActivated' callback." << '\n';
66         is_activated_ = true;
67     }
68
69     void onUpdateEnd(double current_time, double dt)
70     {

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72     std::cout << "[TaskMonitor] Called 'onUpdateBegin' callback." << '\n';
73     std::cout << "    >> current time: " << current_time << '\n';
74     std::cout << "    >> dt: " << dt << '\n';
75 }
76
77 void onUpdateBegin(double current_time, double dt)
78 {
79     std::cout << "[TaskMonitor] Called 'onUpdateEnd' callback." << '\n';
80     std::cout << "    >> current time: " << current_time << '\n';
81     std::cout << "    >> dt: " << dt << '\n';
82 }
83 void onDeactivation()
84 {
85     std::cout << "[TaskMonitor] Called 'onDeactivation' callback." << '\n';
86 }
87
88 void onDeactivated()
89 {
90     std::cout << "[TaskMonitor] Called 'onDeactivated' callback." << '\n';
91     is_deactivated_ = true;
92 }
93 };
94
95
96
97
98 int main(int argc, char const *argv[])
99 {
100     if(argc < 2)
101     {
102         std::cerr << "Usage : " << argv[0] << " /path/to/robot-urdf.urdf (optionally -
→ 1 debug/info/warning/error)" << "\n";
103         return -1;
104     }
105     std::string urdf_url(argv[1]);
106
107     orca::utils::Logger::parseArgv(argc, argv);
108
109     auto robot_model = std::make_shared<RobotModel>();
110     robot_model->loadModelFromFile(urdf_url);
111     robot_model->setBaseFrame("base_link");
112     robot_model->setGravity(Eigen::Vector3d(0,0,-9.81));
113     RobotState eigState;
114     eigState.resize(robot_model->getNrOfDegreesOfFreedom());
115     eigState.jointPos.setZero();
116     eigState.jointVel.setZero();
117     robot_model->setRobotState(eigState.jointPos,eigState.jointVel);
118
119     orca::optim::Controller controller(
120         "controller"
121         ,robot_model
122         ,orca::optim::ResolutionStrategy::OneLevelWeighted
123         ,QPSolverImplType::qpOASES
124     );
125
126     auto cart_acc_pid = std::make_shared<CartesianAccelerationPID>("servo_controller
→ ");

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127 Vector6d P;
128 P << 1000, 1000, 1000, 10, 10, 10;
129 cart_acc_pid->pid()->setProportionalGain(P);
130 Vector6d D;
131 D << 100, 100, 100, 1, 1, 1;
132 cart_acc_pid->pid()->setDerivativeGain(D);
133 cart_acc_pid->setControlFrame("link_7");
134 Eigen::Affine3d cart_pos_ref;
135 cart_pos_ref.translation() = Eigen::Vector3d(0.3,-0.5,0.41); // x,y,z in meters
136 cart_pos_ref.linear() = orca::math::quatFromRPY(M_PI,0,0).toRotationMatrix();
137 Vector6d cart_vel_ref = Vector6d::Zero();
138 Vector6d cart_acc_ref = Vector6d::Zero();
139 cart_acc_pid->setDesired(cart_pos_ref.matrix(),cart_vel_ref,cart_acc_ref);
140
141 auto cart_task = controller.addTask<CartesianTask>("CartTask_EE");
142 cart_task->setServoController(cart_acc_pid);
143
144 const int ndof = robot_model->getNrOfDegreesOfFreedom();
145
146 auto jnt_trq_cstr = std::make_shared<JointTorqueLimitConstraint>("JointTorqueLimit
↪");
147 controller.addConstraint(jnt_trq_cstr);
148 Eigen::VectorXd jntTrqMax(ndof);
149 jntTrqMax.setConstant(200.0);
150 jnt_trq_cstr->setLimits(-jntTrqMax,jntTrqMax);
151
152 auto jnt_pos_cstr = std::make_shared<JointPositionLimitConstraint>(
↪"JointPositionLimit");
153 controller.addConstraint(jnt_pos_cstr);
154
155 auto jnt_vel_cstr = std::make_shared<JointVelocityLimitConstraint>(
↪"JointVelocityLimit");
156 controller.addConstraint(jnt_vel_cstr);
157 Eigen::VectorXd jntVelMax(ndof);
158 jntVelMax.setConstant(2.0);
159 jnt_vel_cstr->setLimits(-jntVelMax,jntVelMax);
160
161 double dt = 0.1;
162 double current_time = 0.0;
163 int delay_ms = 500;
164
165 // The good stuff...
166
167 auto task_monitor = std::make_shared<TaskMonitor>();
168
169 cart_task->onActivationCallback(std::bind(&TaskMonitor::onActivation, task_
↪monitor));
170 cart_task->onActivatedCallback(std::bind(&TaskMonitor::onActivated, task_
↪monitor));
171 cart_task->onComputeBeginCallback(std::bind(&TaskMonitor::onUpdateBegin, task_
↪monitor, std::placeholders::_1, std::placeholders::_2));
172 cart_task->onComputeEndCallback(std::bind(&TaskMonitor::onUpdateEnd, task_monitor,
↪ std::placeholders::_1, std::placeholders::_2));
173 cart_task->onDeactivationCallback(std::bind(&TaskMonitor::onDeactivation, task_
↪monitor));
174 cart_task->onDeactivatedCallback(std::bind(&TaskMonitor::onDeactivated, task_
↪monitor));

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175
176     std::cout << "[main] Activating tasks and constraints." << '\n';
177     controller.activateTasksAndConstraints();
178     std::this_thread::sleep_for(std::chrono::milliseconds(delay_ms));
179
180     std::cout << "[main] Starting 'RUN' while loop." << '\n';
181     while(!task_monitor->isActivated()) // Run 10 times.
182     {
183         std::cout << "[main] 'RUN' while loop. Current time: " << current_time << '\n
184         ↪';
185         controller.update(current_time, dt);
186         current_time +=dt;
187         std::this_thread::sleep_for(std::chrono::milliseconds(delay_ms));
188     }
189     std::cout << "[main] Exiting 'RUN' while loop." << '\n';
190
191     std::cout << "-----\n";
192
193     std::cout << "[main] Deactivating tasks and constraints." << '\n';
194     controller.deactivateTasksAndConstraints();
195     std::this_thread::sleep_for(std::chrono::milliseconds(delay_ms));
196
197     std::cout << "[main] Starting 'DEACTIVATION' while loop." << '\n';
198     while(!task_monitor->isDeactivated())
199     {
200         std::cout << "[main] 'DEACTIVATION' while loop. Current time: " << current_
201         ↪time << '\n';
202         controller.update(current_time, dt);
203         current_time += dt;
204         std::this_thread::sleep_for(std::chrono::milliseconds(delay_ms));
205     }
206     std::cout << "[main] Exiting 'DEACTIVATION' while loop." << '\n';
207
208     std::cout << "[main] Exiting main()." << '\n';
209     return 0;
210 }

```

Using lambda functions in the callbacks

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41 #include <orca/orca.h>
42 using namespace orca::all;
43
44 class MinJerkPositionTrajectory {
45 private:
46     Eigen::Vector3d alpha_, sp_, ep_;
47     double duration_ = 0.0;
48     double start_time_ = 0.0;
49     bool first_call_ = true;
50     bool traj_finished_ = false;
51
52
53
54 public:
55     MinJerkPositionTrajectory (double duration)
56         : duration_(duration)
57     {
58     }
59
60     bool isTrajectoryFinished() {return traj_finished_;}
61

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62     void resetTrajectory(const Eigen::Vector3d& start_position, const Eigen::Vector3d&
↪ end_position)
63     {
64         sp_ = start_position;
65         ep_ = end_position;
66         alpha_ = ep_ - sp_;
67         first_call_ = true;
68         traj_finished_ = false;
69     }
70
71     void getDesired(double current_time, Eigen::Vector3d& p, Eigen::Vector3d& v,
↪ Eigen::Vector3d& a)
72     {
73         if(first_call_)
74         {
75             start_time_ = current_time;
76             first_call_ = false;
77         }
78         double tau = (current_time - start_time_) / duration_;
79         if(tau >= 1.0)
80         {
81             p = ep_;
82             v = Eigen::Vector3d::Zero();
83             a = Eigen::Vector3d::Zero();
84
85             traj_finished_ = true;
86             return;
87         }
88         p = sp_ + alpha_ * ( 10*pow(tau,3.0) - 15*pow(tau,4.
↪ 0) + 6*pow(tau,5.0) );
89         v = Eigen::Vector3d::Zero() + alpha_ * ( 30*pow(tau,2.0) - 60*pow(tau,3.0) +
↪ 30*pow(tau,4.0) );
90         a = Eigen::Vector3d::Zero() + alpha_ * ( 60*pow(tau,1.0) - 180*pow(tau,2.0) +
↪ 120*pow(tau,3.0) );
91     }
92 };
93
94
95
96
97 int main(int argc, char const *argv[])
98 {
99     if(argc < 2)
100     {
101         std::cerr << "Usage : " << argv[0] << " /path/to/robot-urdf.urdf (optionally -
↪ 1 debug/info/warning/error)" << "\n";
102         return -1;
103     }
104     std::string urdf_url(argv[1]);
105
106     orca::utils::Logger::parseArgv(argc, argv);
107
108     auto robot_model = std::make_shared<RobotModel>();
109     robot_model->loadModelFromFile(urdf_url);
110     robot_model->setBaseFrame("base_link");
111     robot_model->setGravity(Eigen::Vector3d(0,0,-9.81));
112     RobotState eigState;

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113 eigState.resize(robot_model->getNrOfDegreesOfFreedom());
114 eigState.jointPos.setZero();
115 eigState.jointVel.setZero();
116 robot_model->setRobotState(eigState.jointPos,eigState.jointVel);
117
118 orca::optim::Controller controller(
119     "controller"
120     ,robot_model
121     ,orca::optim::ResolutionStrategy::OneLevelWeighted
122     ,QPSolverImplType::qpOASES
123 );
124
125 auto cart_acc_pid = std::make_shared<CartesianAccelerationPID>("servo_controller
↪");
126 Vector6d P;
127 P << 1000, 1000, 1000, 10, 10, 10;
128 cart_acc_pid->pid()->setProportionalGain(P);
129 Vector6d D;
130 D << 100, 100, 100, 1, 1, 1;
131 cart_acc_pid->pid()->setDerivativeGain(D);
132 cart_acc_pid->setControlFrame("link_7");
133 Eigen::Affine3d cart_pos_ref;
134 cart_pos_ref.translation() = Eigen::Vector3d(0.3,-0.5,0.41); // x,y,z in meters
135 cart_pos_ref.linear() = orca::math::quatFromRPY(M_PI,0,0).toRotationMatrix();
136 Vector6d cart_vel_ref = Vector6d::Zero();
137 Vector6d cart_acc_ref = Vector6d::Zero();
138 cart_acc_pid->setDesired(cart_pos_ref.matrix(),cart_vel_ref,cart_acc_ref);
139
140 auto cart_task = controller.addTask<CartesianTask>("CartTask_EE");
141 cart_task->setServoController(cart_acc_pid);
142
143 const int ndof = robot_model->getNrOfDegreesOfFreedom();
144
145 auto jnt_trq_cstr = std::make_shared<JointTorqueLimitConstraint>("JointTorqueLimit
↪");
146 controller.addConstraint(jnt_trq_cstr);
147 Eigen::VectorXd jntTrqMax(ndof);
148 jntTrqMax.setConstant(200.0);
149 jnt_trq_cstr->setLimits(-jntTrqMax,jntTrqMax);
150
151 auto jnt_pos_cstr = std::make_shared<JointPositionLimitConstraint>(
↪"JointPositionLimit");
152 controller.addConstraint(jnt_pos_cstr);
153
154 auto jnt_vel_cstr = std::make_shared<JointVelocityLimitConstraint>(
↪"JointVelocityLimit");
155 controller.addConstraint(jnt_vel_cstr);
156 Eigen::VectorXd jntVelMax(ndof);
157 jntVelMax.setConstant(2.0);
158 jnt_vel_cstr->setLimits(-jntVelMax,jntVelMax);
159
160 double dt = 0.001;
161 double current_time = 0.0;
162
163 // The good stuff...
164
165 MinJerkPositionTrajectory traj(5.0);

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166     int traj_loops = 0;
167     bool exit_control_loop = true;
168     Eigen::Vector3d start_position, end_position;
169
170
171     cart_task->onActivationCallback([]() {
172         std::cout << "Activating CartesianTask..." << '\n';
173     });
174
175     cart_task->onActivatedCallback([&]() {
176         //start_position = cart_task->servoController()->getCurrentCartesianPose().
↪block(0,3,3,1);
177         end_position = cart_pos_ref.translation();
178         traj.resetTrajectory(start_position, end_position);
179         std::cout << "CartesianTask activated. Begining trajectory." << '\n';
180     });
181
182     cart_task->onComputeBeginCallback([&](double current_time, double dt) {
183         Eigen::Vector3d p, v, a;
184         traj.getDesired(current_time, p, v, a);
185         cart_pos_ref.translation() = p;
186         cart_vel_ref.head(3) = v;
187         cart_acc_ref.head(3) = a;
188         //cart_task->servoController()->setDesired(cart_pos_ref.matrix(), cart_vel_ref,
↪cart_acc_ref);
189     });
190
191     cart_task->onComputeEndCallback([&](double current_time, double dt) {
192         if (traj.isTrajectoryFinished() )
193         {
194             if (traj_loops < 4)
195             {
196                 traj.resetTrajectory(end_position, start_position);
197                 std::cout << "Changing trajectory direction." << '\n';
198                 ++traj_loops;
199             }
200             else
201             {
202                 std::cout << "Trajectory looping finished." << '\n';
203                 exit_control_loop = true;
204             }
205         }
206     });
207
208     cart_task->onDeactivationCallback([]() {
209         std::cout << "Deactivating task." << '\n';
210     });
211
212     cart_task->onDeactivatedCallback([]() {
213         std::cout << "CartesianTask deactivated. Stopping controller" << '\n';
214     });
215
216     controller.activateTasksAndConstraints();
217
218     // Control loop
219     while(traj_loops < 4)
220     {

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221     controller.update(current_time, dt);
222     current_time +=dt;
223 }
224 std::cout << "Out of control loop." << '\n';
225
226 controller.deactivateTasksAndConstraints();
227
228
229 while(!controller.tasksAndConstraintsDeactivated())
230 {
231     controller.update(current_time, dt);
232     current_time += dt;
233 }
234 return 0;
235 }

```

1.1.9 Gazebo

Simulating a single robot

Note: The source code for this example can be found in [orca_root]/examples/gazebo/01-single_robot.cc, or alternatively on github at: https://github.com/syroco/orca/blob/dev/examples/gazebo/01-single_robot.cc

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41 #include <orca/gazebo/GazeboServer.h>
42 #include <orca/gazebo/GazeboModel.h>
43
44 using namespace orca::gazebo;
45
46 int main(int argc, char** argv)
47 {
48     // Get the urdf file from the command line
49     if(argc < 2)
50     {
51         std::cerr << "Usage : " << argv[0] << " /path/to/robot-urdf.urdf" << "\n";
52         return -1;
53     }
54     std::string urdf_url(argv[1]);
55
56     // Instanciate the gazebo server with the default empty world
57     // This is equivalent to GazeboServer gz("worlds/empty.world")
58     GazeboServer s;
59     // Insert a model onto the server and create the GazeboModel from the return value
60     // You can also set the initial pose, and override the name in the URDF
61     auto m = GazeboModel(s.insertModelFromURDFFile(urdf_url));
62
63     // This is how you can get the full state of the robot
64     std::cout << "Model '\" << m.getName() << "\" State :\n" << '\n';
65     std::cout << "- Gravity " << m.getGravity().transpose() << '\n';
66     std::cout << "- Base velocity\n" << m.getBaseVelocity().transpose() << '\n';
67     std::cout << "- Tworld->base\n" << m.getWorldToBaseTransform().
68     matrix() << '\n';
69     std::cout << "- Joint positions " << m.getJointPositions().transpose() << '\n';
70     std::cout << "- Joint velocities " << m.getJointVelocities().transpose() << '\n';
71     std::cout << "- Joint external torques " << m.getJointExternalTorques().
72     transpose() << '\n';
73     std::cout << "- Joint measured torques " << m.getJointMeasuredTorques().
74     transpose() << '\n';
75
76     // You can optionally register a callback that will be called
77     // after every WorldUpdateEnd, so the internal gazebo model is updated
78     // and you can get the full state (q,qdot,Tworld->base, etc)

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76     m.executeAfterWorldUpdate([&] (uint32_t n_iter, double current_time, double dt)
77     {
78         std::cout << "[" << m.getName() << "]" << '\n'
79         << "- iteration      " << n_iter << '\n'
80         << "- current time    " << current_time << '\n'
81         << "- dt              " << dt << '\n';
82         // Example : get the minimal state
83         const Eigen::VectorXd& q = m.getJointPositions();
84         const Eigen::VectorXd& qdot = m.getJointVelocities();
85
86         std::cout << "ExtTrq " << m.getJointExternalTorques().transpose() << '\n';
87         std::cout << "MeaTrq " << m.getJointMeasuredTorques().transpose() << '\n';
88     });
89
90     // Run the main simulation loop.
91     // This is a blocking call that runs the simulation steps
92     // It can be stopped by CTRL+C
93     // You can optionally add a callback that happens after WorldUpdateEnd
94     s.run();
95     return 0;
96 }

```

Simulating multiple robots

Note: The source code for this example can be found in [orca_root]/examples/gazebo/02-multi_robot.cc, or alternatively on github at: https://github.com/syroco/orca/blob/dev/examples/gazebo/02-multi_robot.cc

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42 #include <orca/gazebo/GazeboModel.h>
43
44 using namespace orca::gazebo;
45 using namespace Eigen;
46
47 int main(int argc, char** argv)
48 {
49     // Get the urdf file from the command line
50     if(argc < 2)
51     {
52         std::cerr << "Usage : " << argv[0] << " /path/to/robot-urdf.urdf" << "\n";
53         return -1;
54     }
55     std::string urdf_url(argv[1]);
56
57     // Instanciate the gazebo server with the default empty world
58     // This is equivalent to GazeboServer gz("worlds/empty.world")
59     GazeboServer gz_server;
60
61     // Insert a model onto the server and create the GazeboModel from the return value
62     // You can also set the initial pose, and override the name in the URDF
63     auto gz_model_one = GazeboModel(gz_server.insertModelFromURDFFile(urdf_url
64         , Vector3d(-2, 0, 0)
65         , quatFromRPY(0, 0, 0)
66         , "one"));
67
68     // Insert a second model with a different pose and a different name
69     auto gz_model_two = GazeboModel(gz_server.insertModelFromURDFFile(urdf_url
70         , Vector3d(2, 0, 0)
71         , quatFromRPY(0, 0, 0)
72         , "two"));
73
74     // You can optionally register a callback for each GazeboModel so you can do
75     ↪ individual updates on it
76     // The function is called after every WorldUpdateEnd, so the internal gazebo
77     ↪ model is updated
78     // and you can get the full state (q, qdot, Tworld->base, etc)

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77     gz_model_two.executeAfterWorldUpdate([&](uint32_t n_iter, double current_time,
↪double dt)
78     {
79         std::cout << "gz_model_two \" " << gz_model_two.getName() << "\" callback " <<
↪'\n'
80             << "- iteration      " << n_iter << '\n'
81             << "- current time " << current_time << '\n'
82             << "- dt          " << dt << '\n';
83         // Example : get the joint positions
84         // gz_model_two.getJointPositions()
85     });
86
87     // Run the main simulation loop.
88     // This is a blocking call that runs the simulation steps
89     // It can be stopped by CTRL+C
90     // You can optionally add a callback that happens after WorldUpdateEnd
91     gz_server.executeAfterWorldUpdate([&](uint32_t n_iter, double current_time, double_
↪dt)
92     {
93         std::cout << "GazeboServer callback " << '\n'
94             << "- iteration      " << n_iter << '\n'
95             << "- current time " << current_time << '\n'
96             << "- dt          " << dt << '\n';
97     });
98     gz_server.run();
99     return 0;
100 }

```

Set robot state

Note: The source code for this example can be found in [orca_root]/examples/gazebo/03-set_robot_state.cc, or alternatively on github at: https://github.com/syroco/orca/blob/dev/examples/gazebo/03-set_robot_state.cc

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43 #include <orca/gazebo/GazeboModel.h>
44
45 using namespace orca::all;
46 using namespace orca::gazebo;
47
48 int main(int argc, char** argv)
49 {
50     // Get the urdf file from the command line
51     if(argc < 2)
52     {
53         std::cerr << "Usage : " << argv[0] << " /path/to/robot-urdf.urdf" << "\n";
54         return -1;
55     }
56     std::string urdf_url(argv[1]);
57
58     // Instanciate the gazebo server with de dedfault empty world
59     GazeboServer gz_server(argc,argv);
60     // This is equivalent to GazeboServer gz("worlds/empty.world")
61     // Insert a model onto the server and create the GazeboModel from the return value
62     // You can also set the initial pose, and override the name in the URDF
63     auto gz_model = GazeboModel(gz_server.insertModelFromURDFFile(urdf_url));
64
65     // Create an ORCA robot
66     auto robot_model = std::make_shared<RobotModel>();
67     robot_model->loadModelFromFile(urdf_url);
68     robot_model->print();
69
70     // Update the robot on at every iteration
71     gz_model.executeAfterWorldUpdate([&](uint32_t n_iter, double current_time, double_
↵ dt)

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72 {
73     std::cout << "Gazebo iteration " << n_iter << " current time: " << current_
    ↪time << " dt: " << dt << '\n';
74
75     robot_model->setRobotState(gz_model.getWorldToBaseTransform().matrix()
76                               ,gz_model.getJointPositions()
77                               ,gz_model.getBaseVelocity()
78                               ,gz_model.getJointVelocities()
79                               ,gz_model.getGravity()
80                               );
81 };
82
83 // Run the main simulation loop.
84 // This is a blocking call that runs the simulation steps
85 // It can be stopped by CTRL+C
86 // You can optionally add a callback that happens after WorldUpdateEnd
87 gz_server.run();
88 return 0;
89 }

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Set robot state with gravity compensation

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42 #include <orca/gazebo/GazeboServer.h>
43 #include <orca/gazebo/GazeboModel.h>
44
45 using namespace orca::all;
46 using namespace orca::gazebo;
47
48 int main(int argc, char** argv)
49 {
50     // Get the urdf file from the command line
51     if(argc < 2)
52     {
53         std::cerr << "Usage : " << argv[0] << " /path/to/robot-urdf.urdf" << "\n";
54         return -1;
55     }
56     std::string urdf_url(argv[1]);
57
58     // Instanciate the gazebo server with de dedfault empty world
59     GazeboServer gz_server(argc,argv);
60     // This is equivalent to GazeboServer gz("worlds/empty.world")
61     // Insert a model onto the server and create the GazeboModel from the return value
62     // You can also set the initial pose, and override the name in the URDF
63     auto gz_model = GazeboModel(gz_server.insertModelFromURDFFile(urdf_url));
64
65     // Create an ORCA robot
66     auto robot_model = std::make_shared<RobotModel>();
67     robot_model->loadModelFromFile(urdf_url);
68     robot_model->print();
69
70     // Set the gazebo model init pose
71     // auto joint_names = robot_model->getJointNames();
72     // std::vector<double> init_joint_positions(robot_model->
73     ↪ getNrOfDegreesOfFreedom(), 0);
74
75     // gz_model.setModelConfiguration(joint_names,init_joint_positions);
76     // or like this
77     // gz_model.setModelConfiguration({"joint_2","joint_5"},{1.5,0.0});
78
79     // Update the robot on at every iteration
80     gz_model.executeAfterWorldUpdate([&](uint32_t n_iter,double current_time,double_
81     ↪ dt)

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80 {
81     robot_model->setRobotState(gz_model.getWorldToBaseTransform().matrix()
82                               ,gz_model.getJointPositions()
83                               ,gz_model.getBaseVelocity()
84                               ,gz_model.getJointVelocities()
85                               ,gz_model.getGravity()
86                               );
87     gz_model.setJointGravityTorques(robot_model->getJointGravityTorques());
88 }
89
90 // Run the main simulation loop.
91 // This is a blocking call that runs the simulation steps
92 // It can be stopped by CTRL+C
93 // You can optionally add a callback that happens after WorldUpdateEnd
94 std::cout << "Simulation running... (GUI with 'gzclient') " << "\n";
95 gz_server.run();
96 return 0;
97 }

```

Using Gazebo to simulate an ORCA controller

Note: The source code for this example can be found in [orca_root]/examples/gazebo/05-orca_gazebo.cc, or alternatively on github at: https://github.com/syroco/orca/blob/dev/examples/gazebo/05-orca_gazebo.cc

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45 using namespace orca::all;
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48
49
50 int main(int argc, char const *argv[])
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52     if(argc < 2)
53     {
54         std::cerr << "Usage : " << argv[0] << " /path/to/robot-urdf.urdf (optionally -
↳1 debug/info/warning/error)" << "\n";
55         return -1;
56     }
57     std::string urdf_url(argv[1]);
58
59     GazeboServer gz_server(argc,argv);
60     auto gz_model = GazeboModel(gz_server.insertModelFromURDFFile(urdf_url));
61     gz_model.setModelConfiguration( { "joint_0", "joint_3", "joint_5" } , {1.0, -M_PI/2.,
↳M_PI/2.});
62
63     orca::utils::Logger::parseArgv(argc, argv);
64
65     auto robot_model = std::make_shared<RobotModel>();
66     robot_model->loadModelFromFile(urdf_url);
67     robot_model->setBaseFrame("base_link");
68     robot_model->setGravity(Eigen::Vector3d(0,0,-9.81));
69
70
71     orca::optim::Controller controller(
72         "controller"
73         , robot_model
74         , orca::optim::ResolutionStrategy::OneLevelWeighted
75         , QPSolverImplType::qpOASES
76     );
77
78
79     auto cart_acc_pid = std::make_shared<CartesianAccelerationPID>("servo_controller
↳");

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80     cart_acc_pid->pid()->setProportionalGain({1000, 1000, 1000, 10, 10, 10});
81     cart_acc_pid->pid()->setDerivativeGain({100, 100, 100, 1, 1, 1});
82     cart_acc_pid->setControlFrame("link_7");
83
84     auto cart_task = controller.addTask<CartesianTask>("CartTask_EE");
85     cart_task->setServoController(cart_acc_pid);
86
87     const int ndof = robot_model->getNrOfDegreesOfFreedom();
88
89     auto jnt_trq_cstr = controller.addConstraint<JointTorqueLimitConstraint>(
90 ↪ "JointTorqueLimit");
91     Eigen::VectorXd jntTrqMax(ndof);
92     jntTrqMax.setConstant(200.0);
93     jnt_trq_cstr->setLimits(-jntTrqMax, jntTrqMax);
94
95     auto jnt_pos_cstr = controller.addConstraint<JointPositionLimitConstraint>(
96 ↪ "JointPositionLimit");
97
98     auto jnt_vel_cstr = controller.addConstraint<JointVelocityLimitConstraint>(
99 ↪ "JointVelocityLimit");
100     jnt_vel_cstr->setLimits(Eigen::VectorXd::Constant(ndof, -2.0),
101 ↪ Eigen::VectorXd::Constant(ndof, 2.0));
102
103     // Lets decide that the robot is gravity compensated
104     // So we need to remove G(q) from the solution
105     controller.removeGravityTorquesFromSolution(true);
106     gz_model.executeAfterWorldUpdate([&](uint32_t n_iter, double current_time, double_
107 ↪ dt)
108     {
109         robot_model->setRobotState(gz_model.getWorldToBaseTransform().matrix()
110             , gz_model.getJointPositions()
111             , gz_model.getBaseVelocity()
112             , gz_model.getJointVelocities()
113             , gz_model.getGravity()
114         );
115         // Compensate the gravity at least
116         gz_model.setJointGravityTorques(robot_model->getJointGravityTorques());
117         // All tasks need the robot to be initialized during the activation phase
118         if(n_iter == 1)
119             controller.activateTasksAndConstraints();
120
121         controller.update(current_time, dt);
122
123         if(controller.solutionFound())
124         {
125             gz_model.setJointTorqueCommand( controller.getJointTorqueCommand() );
126         }
127         else
128         {
129             gz_model.setBrakes(true);
130         }
131     });
132
133     std::cout << "Simulation running... (GUI with \'gzclient\')" << "\n";
134
135     // If you want to pause the simulation before starting it uncomment these lines

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132 // Note that to unlock it either open 'gzclient' and click on the play button
133 // Or open a terminal and type 'gz world -p false'
134 //
135 std::cout << "Gazebo is paused, open gzclient to unpause it or type 'gz world -p_
→false' in a new terminal" << '\n';
136 gazebo::event::Events::pause.Signal(true);
137
138 gz_server.run();
139 return 0;
140 }

```

Minimum jerk Cartesian trajectory following

Note: The source code for this example can be found in [orca_root]/examples/gazebo/06-trajectory_following.cc, or alternatively on github at: https://github.com/syroco/orca/blob/dev/examples/gazebo/06-trajectory_following.cc

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42 #include <orca/gazebo/GazeboServer.h>
43 #include <orca/gazebo/GazeboModel.h>
44
45 using namespace orca::all;
46 using namespace orca::gazebo;
47
48 class MinJerkPositionTrajectory {
49 private:
50     Eigen::Vector3d alpha_, sp_, ep_;
51     double duration_ = 0.0;
52     double start_time_ = 0.0;
53     bool first_call_ = true;
54     bool traj_finished_ = false;
55
56 public:
57     MinJerkPositionTrajectory (double duration)
58         : duration_(duration)
59     {
60     }
61
62     bool isTrajectoryFinished() {return traj_finished_;}
63
64     void resetTrajectory(const Eigen::Vector3d& start_position, const Eigen::Vector3d&
↪ end_position)
65     {
66         sp_ = start_position;
67         ep_ = end_position;
68         alpha_ = ep_ - sp_;
69         first_call_ = true;
70         traj_finished_ = false;
71     }
72
73     void getDesired(double current_time, Eigen::Vector3d& p, Eigen::Vector3d& v, ↪
↪ Eigen::Vector3d& a)
74     {
75         if(first_call_)
76         {
77             start_time_ = current_time;
78             first_call_ = false;
79         }
80         double tau = (current_time - start_time_) / duration_;
81         if(tau >= 1.0)
82         {
83             p = ep_;
84             v = Eigen::Vector3d::Zero();
85             a = Eigen::Vector3d::Zero();
86
87             traj_finished_ = true;

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88         return;
89     }
90     p = sp_ + alpha_ * ( 10*pow(tau,3.0) - 15*pow(tau,4.0) + 6*pow(tau,5.0) );
91     v = Eigen::Vector3d::Zero() + alpha_ * ( 30*pow(tau,2.0) - 60*pow(tau,3.0) +
↪ 30*pow(tau,4.0) );
92     a = Eigen::Vector3d::Zero() + alpha_ * ( 60*pow(tau,1.0) - 180*pow(tau,2.0) +
↪ 120*pow(tau,3.0) );
93     }
94 };
95
96
97 int main(int argc, char const *argv[])
98 {
99     if(argc < 2)
100     {
101         std::cerr << "Usage : " << argv[0] << " /path/to/robot-urdf.urdf (optionally -
↪ l debug/info/warning/error)" << "\n";
102         return -1;
103     }
104     std::string urdf_url(argv[1]);
105
106     orca::utils::Logger::parseArgv(argc, argv);
107
108     auto robot_model = std::make_shared<RobotModel>();
109     robot_model->loadModelFromFile(urdf_url);
110     robot_model->setBaseFrame("base_link");
111     robot_model->setGravity(Eigen::Vector3d(0,0,-9.81));
112
113     orca::optim::Controller controller(
114         "controller"
115         ,robot_model
116         ,orca::optim::ResolutionStrategy::OneLevelWeighted
117         ,QPSolverImplType::qpOASES
118     );
119
120     const int ndof = robot_model->getNrOfDegreesOfFreedom();
121
122
123     auto joint_pos_task = controller.addTask<JointAccelerationTask>("JointPosTask");
124
125     // Eigen::VectorXd P(ndof);
126     // P.setConstant(100);
127     joint_pos_task->pid()->setProportionalGain(Eigen::VectorXd::Constant(ndof, 100));
128
129     // Eigen::VectorXd I(ndof);
130     // I.setConstant(1);
131     joint_pos_task->pid()->setDerivativeGain(Eigen::VectorXd::Constant(ndof, 1));
132
133     // Eigen::VectorXd windupLimit(ndof);
134     // windupLimit.setConstant(10);
135     joint_pos_task->pid()->setWindupLimit(Eigen::VectorXd::Constant(ndof, 10));
136
137     // Eigen::VectorXd D(ndof);
138     // D.setConstant(10);
139     joint_pos_task->pid()->setDerivativeGain(Eigen::VectorXd::Constant(ndof, 10));
140
141     joint_pos_task->setWeight(1.e-6);

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142
143
144     auto cart_acc_pid = std::make_shared<CartesianAccelerationPID>("CartTask_EE-servo_
↳controller");
145     Vector6d P;
146     P << 1000, 1000, 1000, 10, 10, 10;
147     cart_acc_pid->pid()->setProportionalGain(P);
148     Vector6d D;
149     D << 100, 100, 100, 1, 1, 1;
150     cart_acc_pid->pid()->setDerivativeGain(D);
151     cart_acc_pid->setControlFrame("link_7");
152
153     auto cart_task = controller.addTask<CartesianTask>("CartTask_EE");
154     cart_task->setServoController(cart_acc_pid);
155
156
157
158     auto jnt_trq_cstr = controller.addConstraint<JointTorqueLimitConstraint>(
↳"JointTorqueLimit");
159     Eigen::VectorXd jntTrqMax(ndof);
160     jntTrqMax.setConstant(200.0);
161     jnt_trq_cstr->setLimits(-jntTrqMax, jntTrqMax);
162
163     auto jnt_pos_cstr = controller.addConstraint<JointPositionLimitConstraint>(
↳"JointPositionLimit");
164
165     auto jnt_vel_cstr = controller.addConstraint<JointVelocityLimitConstraint>(
↳"JointVelocityLimit");
166     Eigen::VectorXd jntVelMax(ndof);
167     jntVelMax.setConstant(2.0);
168     jnt_vel_cstr->setLimits(-jntVelMax, jntVelMax);
169
170     GazeboServer gzserver(argc, argv);
171     auto gz_model = GazeboModel(gzserver.insertModelFromURDFFile(urdf_url));
172     gz_model.setModelConfiguration( { "joint_0", "joint_3", "joint_5" } , {1.0, -M_PI/2.,
↳M_PI/2.});
173
174     //////////////////////////////////////////
175     //////////////////////////////////////////
176     //////////////////////////////////////////
177     //////////////////////////////////////////
178
179     MinJerkPositionTrajectory traj(5.0);
180     int traj_loops = 0;
181     Eigen::Vector3d start_position, end_position;
182     Eigen::VectorXd controller_torques(ndof);
183     Eigen::Affine3d desired_cartesian_pose;
184     Vector6d desired_cartesian_vel = Vector6d::Zero();
185     Vector6d desired_cartesian_acc = Vector6d::Zero();
186
187     cart_task->onActivationCallback([]() {
188         std::cout << "Activating CartesianTask..." << '\n';
189     });
190
191     cart_task->onActivatedCallback([&]() {
192         desired_cartesian_pose = cart_acc_pid->getCurrentCartesianPose();
193         Eigen::Quaterniond quat = orca::math::quatFromRPY(M_PI, 0, 0); // make it point_
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194     desired_cartesian_pose.linear() = quat.toRotationMatrix();
195
196     start_position = desired_cartesian_pose.translation();
197     end_position = start_position + Eigen::Vector3d(0,-0.35,-.3);
198     traj.resetTrajectory(start_position, end_position);
199 });
200
201 cart_task->onComputeBeginCallback([&](double current_time, double dt){
202     if (cart_task->getState() == TaskBase::State::Activated)
203     {
204         Eigen::Vector3d p, v, a;
205         traj.getDesired(current_time, p, v, a);
206
207         desired_cartesian_pose.translation() = p;
208         desired_cartesian_vel.head(3) = v;
209         desired_cartesian_acc.head(3) = a;
210
211         cart_acc_pid->setDesired(desired_cartesian_pose.matrix(),desired_
↪ cartesian_vel,desired_cartesian_acc);
212     }
213 });
214
215 cart_task->onComputeEndCallback([&](double current_time, double dt){
216     if (cart_task->getState() == TaskBase::State::Activated)
217     {
218         if (traj.isTrajectoryFinished() )
219         {
220             if (traj_loops < 10)
221             {
222                 // flip start and end positions.
223                 auto ep = end_position;
224                 end_position = start_position;
225                 start_position = ep;
226                 traj.resetTrajectory(start_position, end_position);
227                 std::cout << "Changing trajectory direction. [" << traj_loops <<
↪ " of 10]" << '\n';
228                 ++traj_loops;
229             }
230             else
231             {
232                 std::cout << "Trajectory looping finished. Deactivating task and_
↪ starting gravity compensation." << '\n';
233                 cart_task->deactivate();
234             }
235         }
236     }
237 });
238
239 cart_task->onDeactivationCallback([&]() {
240     std::cout << "Deactivating task." << '\n';
241     std::cout << "\n\n" << '\n';
242     std::cout << "Last controller_torques:\n" << controller_torques << '\n';
243 });
244
245 cart_task->onDeactivatedCallback([&]() {
246     std::cout << "CartesianTask deactivated." << '\n';
247 });

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248
249
250 // Lets decide that the robot is gravity compensated
251 // So we need to remove G(q) from the solution
252 controller.removeGravityTorquesFromSolution(true);
253 gz_model.executeAfterWorldUpdate([&](uint32_t n_iter, double current_time, double_
↳dt)
254 {
255     robot_model->setRobotState(gz_model.getWorldToBaseTransform().matrix()
256                               ,gz_model.getJointPositions()
257                               ,gz_model.getBaseVelocity()
258                               ,gz_model.getJointVelocities()
259                               ,gz_model.getGravity()
260                               );
261     gz_model.setJointGravityTorques(robot_model->getJointGravityTorques());
262     // All tasks need the robot to be initialized during the activation phase
263     if(n_iter == 1)
264         controller.activateTasksAndConstraints();
265
266     controller.update(current_time, dt);
267
268     if(controller.solutionFound())
269     {
270         controller_torques = controller.getJointTorqueCommand();
271         gz_model.setJointTorqueCommand( controller_torques );
272     }
273     else
274     {
275         gz_model.setBrakes(true);
276     }
277 });
278
279 std::cout << "Simulation running... (GUI with \'gzclient\')" << '\n';
280 // If you want to pause the simulation before starting it uncomment these lines
281 // Note that to unlock it either open 'gzclient' and click on the play button
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↳false' in a new terminal" << '\n';
285 gazebo::event::Events::pause.Signal(true);
286
287 gzserver.run();
288 return 0;
289 }

```

1.1.10 Plotting

Using the internal plotting tools

Note: The source code for this example can be found in [orca_root]/examples/plotting/01-plotting_torques.cc, or alternatively on github at: https://github.com/syroco/orca/blob/dev/examples/plotting/01-plotting_torques.cc

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33 // knowledge of the CeCILL-C license and that you accept its terms.
34
35 /** @file
36  * @copyright 2018 Fuzzy Logic Robotics <info@fuzzylogicrobotics.com>
37  * @author Antoine Hoarau
38  * @author Ryan Lober
39  */
40
41 #include <orca/orca.h>
42 #include <matplotlibcpp/matplotlibcpp.h>
43 using namespace orca::all;
44
45 namespace plt = matplotlibcpp;
46
47 int main(int argc, char const *argv[])
48 {
49     // Get the urdf file from the command line
50     if(argc < 2)
51     {
52         std::cerr << "Usage : " << argv[0] << " /path/to/robot-urdf.urdf (optionally -
53         ↪1 debug/info/warning/error)" << "\n";
54         return -1;
55     }
56 }

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55     std::string urdf_url(argv[1]);
56
57     // Parse logger level as --log_level (or -l) debug/warning etc
58     orca::utils::Logger::parseArgv(argc, argv);
59
60     // Create the kinematic model that is shared by everybody
61     auto robot_model = std::make_shared<RobotModel>(); // Here you can pass a robot_
↳name
62     robot_model->loadModelFromFile(urdf_url); // If you don't pass a robot name, it_
↳is extracted from the urdf
63     robot_model->setBaseFrame("base_link"); // All the transformations (end effector_
↳pose for example) will be expressed wrt this base frame
64     robot_model->setGravity(Eigen::Vector3d(0,0,-9.81)); // Sets the world gravity_
↳(Optional)
65
66     // This is an helper function to store the whole state of the robot as eigen_
↳vectors/matrices
67     // This class is totally optional, it is just meant to keep consistency for the_
↳sizes of all the vectors/matrices
68     // You can use it to fill data from either real robot and simulated robot
69     RobotState eigState;
70     eigState.resize(robot_model->getNrOfDegreesOfFreedom()); // resize all the_
↳vectors/matrices to match the robot configuration
71     // Set the initial state to zero (arbitrary)
72     // NOTE : here we only set q,qot because this example asserts we have a fixed_
↳base robot
73     eigState.jointPos.setZero();
74     eigState.jointVel.setZero();
75     // Set the first state to the robot
76     robot_model->setRobotState(eigState.jointPos,eigState.jointVel); // Now is the_
↳robot is considered 'initialized'
77
78     // Instanciate an ORCA Controller
79     orca::optim::Controller controller(
80         "controller"
81         ,robot_model
82         ,orca::optim::ResolutionStrategy::OneLevelWeighted // MultiLevelWeighted,
↳Generalized
83         ,QPSolverImplType::qpOASES
84     );
85
86     auto cart_acc_pid = std::make_shared<CartesianAccelerationPID>("servo_controller
↳");
87     Vector6d P;
88     P << 1000, 1000, 1000, 10, 10, 10;
89     cart_acc_pid->pid()->setProportionalGain(P);
90     Vector6d D;
91     D << 100, 100, 100, 1, 1, 1;
92     cart_acc_pid->pid()->setDerivativeGain(D);
93     cart_acc_pid->setControlFrame("link_7");
94     Eigen::Affine3d cart_pos_ref;
95     cart_pos_ref.translation() = Eigen::Vector3d(0.3,-0.5,0.41); // x,y,z in meters
96     cart_pos_ref.linear() = orca::math::quatFromRPY(M_PI,0,0).toRotationMatrix();
97     Vector6d cart_vel_ref = Vector6d::Zero();
98     Vector6d cart_acc_ref = Vector6d::Zero();
99     cart_acc_pid->setDesired(cart_pos_ref.matrix(),cart_vel_ref,cart_acc_ref);
100

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101  auto cart_task = controller.addTask<CartesianTask>("CartTask_EE");
102  cart_task->setServoController(cart_acc_pid);
103
104  // Get the number of actuated joints
105  const int ndof = robot_model->getNrOfDegreesOfFreedom();
106
107  // Joint torque limit is usually given by the robot manufacturer
108  auto jnt_trq_cstr = std::make_shared<JointTorqueLimitConstraint>("JointTorqueLimit
↳");
109  controller.addConstraint(jnt_trq_cstr); // Add the constraint to the controller_
↳to initialize it
110  Eigen::VectorXd jntTrqMax(ndof);
111  jntTrqMax.setConstant(200.0);
112  jnt_trq_cstr->setLimits(-jntTrqMax, jntTrqMax); // because not read in the URDF_
↳for now
113
114  // Joint position limits are automatically extracted from the URDF model
115  // Note that you can set them if you want
116  // by simply doing jnt_pos_cstr->setLimits(jntPosMin, jntPosMax);
117  auto jnt_pos_cstr = std::make_shared<JointPositionLimitConstraint>("
↳JointPositionLimit");
118  controller.addConstraint(jnt_pos_cstr); // Add the constraint to the controller_
↳to initialize it
119
120  // Joint velocity limits are usually given by the robot manufacturer
121  auto jnt_vel_cstr = std::make_shared<JointVelocityLimitConstraint>("
↳JointVelocityLimit");
122  controller.addConstraint(jnt_vel_cstr); // Add the constraint to the controller_
↳to initialize it
123  Eigen::VectorXd jntVelMax(ndof);
124  jntVelMax.setConstant(2.0);
125  jnt_vel_cstr->setLimits(-jntVelMax, jntVelMax); // because not read in the URDF_
↳for now
126
127  double dt = 0.001;
128  double total_time = 1.0;
129  double current_time = 0;
130
131  // Shortcut : activate all tasks
132  controller.activateTasksAndConstraints();
133
134  // Now you can run the control loop
135  std::vector<double> time_log;
136  int ncols = std::ceil(total_time/dt);
137  Eigen::MatrixXd torqueMat(ndof, ncols);
138  torqueMat.setZero();
139
140  for (int count = 0; current_time < total_time; current_time +=dt)
141  {
142      time_log.push_back(current_time);
143
144      // Here you can get the data from you REAL robot (API might vary)
145      // Some thing like :
146      //     eigState.jointPos = myRealRobot.getJointPositions();
147      //     eigState.jointVel = myRealRobot.getJointVelocities();
148
149      // Now update the internal kinematic model with data from REAL robot

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150     robot_model->setRobotState(eigState.jointPos,eigState.jointVel);
151
152     // Step the controller
153     if(controller.update(current_time,dt))
154     {
155
156         // Get the controller output
157         const Eigen::VectorXd& full_solution = controller.getSolution();
158
159         torqueMat.col(count) = controller.getJointTorqueCommand();
160
161         const Eigen::VectorXd& trq_acc = controller.getJointAccelerationCommand();
162
163         // Here you can send the commands to you REAL robot
164         // Something like :
165         // myRealRobot.setTorqueCommand(trq_cmd);
166     }
167     else
168     {
169         // Controller could not get the optimal torque
170         // Now you have to save your robot
171         // You can get the return code with controller.getReturnCode();
172     }
173
174     count++;
175
176     std::cout << "current_time " << current_time << '\n';
177     std::cout << "total_time " << total_time << '\n';
178     std::cout << "time log size " << time_log.size() << '\n';
179     std::cout << "torqueMat.cols " << torqueMat.cols() << '\n';
180 }
181
182 // Print the last computed solution (just for fun)
183 const Eigen::VectorXd& full_solution = controller.getSolution();
184 const Eigen::VectorXd& trq_cmd = controller.getJointTorqueCommand();
185 const Eigen::VectorXd& trq_acc = controller.getJointAccelerationCommand();
186 LOG_INFO << "Full solution : " << full_solution.transpose();
187 LOG_INFO << "Joint Acceleration command : " << trq_acc.transpose();
188 LOG_INFO << "Joint Torque command      : " << trq_cmd.transpose();
189
190 // At some point you want to close the controller nicely
191 controller.deactivateTasksAndConstraints();
192 // Let all the tasks ramp down to zero
193 while(!controller.tasksAndConstraintsDeactivated())
194 {
195     current_time += dt;
196     controller.print();
197     controller.update(current_time,dt);
198 }
199
200 // Plot data
201 for (size_t i = 0; i < torqueMat.rows(); i++)
202 {
203     std::vector<double> trq(time_log.size());
204     Eigen::VectorXd::Map(trq.data(),time_log.size()) = torqueMat.row(i);
205     plt::plot(time_log,trq);
206 }

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207 plt::show();
208 return 0;
209 }

```

1.1.11 Overview

The most generic representation of the whole-body controller used in ORCA can be summarized by the following optimization problem,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \arg \min_{\chi} \quad & f^{\text{task}}(\chi) \\
 \text{s.t.} \quad & G\chi \leq h \\
 & A\chi = b.
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

- s.t.: subject to

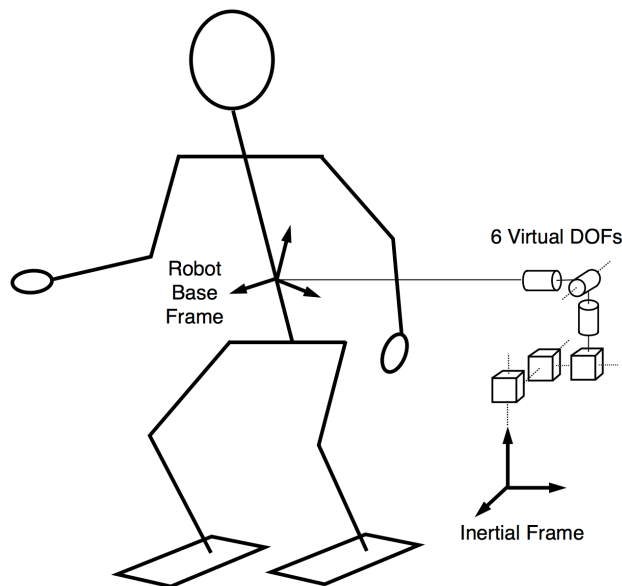
The objective, $f^{\text{task}}(\chi)$, is a function of the optimization variable, χ , and is determined by control objectives, or tasks. The resolution of the objective is subject to (s.t.) the affine inequality and equality constraints, which ensure that the control constraints are respected.

To understand how whole-body controllers are formulated in ORCA, we begin with a brief description of the free-floating rigid body dynamics. The parameterization of the dynamics forms the optimization variable. The control objectives, or tasks, and constraints are then detailed and written in terms of the optimization variable. Finally, task prioritization schemes are discussed.

1.1.12 Dynamics

Free-Floating Rigid Body Dynamics

For robots whose root link can float freely in Cartesian space, e.g. humanoids, it is necessary to consider the pose of the root link with respect to (wrt) the inertial reference frame. The primary method for doing so is to account for the root link pose directly in the generalized coordinates, q , of the robot as shown by:



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The generalized configuration parameterization for floating base robots,

$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{Bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\xi}_{fb} \\ \mathbf{q}_j \end{Bmatrix}, \quad (1.2)$$

therefore contains the pose of the base link wrt the inertial reference frame, $\boldsymbol{\xi}_{fb}$, and the joint space coordinates, $\mathbf{q}_j$. Set brackets are used in (1.2) because $\boldsymbol{\xi}_{fb}$ is a homogeneous transformation matrix in $\mathbb{R}^{4 \times 4}$ and $\mathbf{q}_j$ is a vector in $\mathbb{R}^n$, with n the number of doof of the robot, thus $\boldsymbol{\xi}_{fb}$ and $\mathbf{q}_j$ cannot be concatenated into a vector. However, the twist of the base, $\mathbf{v}_{fb}$, with the joint velocities, $\dot{\mathbf{q}}_j$, can be concatenated in vector notation, along with the base and joint accelerations to obtain,

$$\boldsymbol{\nu} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{fb} \\ \dot{\mathbf{q}}_j \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{\boldsymbol{\nu}} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{v}}_{fb} \\ \ddot{\mathbf{q}}_j \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1.3)$$

These representations provide a complete description of the robot's state and its rate of change, and allow the equations of motion to be written as,

$$M(\mathbf{q})\dot{\boldsymbol{\nu}} + \underbrace{C(\mathbf{q}, \boldsymbol{\nu})\boldsymbol{\nu} + \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{q})}_{\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{q}, \boldsymbol{\nu})} = S^\top \boldsymbol{\tau} + {}^e J^\top(\mathbf{q}) {}^e \boldsymbol{\omega}. \quad (1.4)$$

In (1.4), $M(\mathbf{q})$ is the generalized mass matrix, $C(\mathbf{q}, \boldsymbol{\nu})\boldsymbol{\nu}$ and $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{q})$ are the Coriolis-centrifugal and gravitational terms, S is a selection matrix indicating the actuated degrees of freedom, ${}^e \boldsymbol{\omega}$ is the concatenation of the external contact wrenches, and ${}^e J$ their concatenated Jacobians.

Grouping $C(\mathbf{q}, \boldsymbol{\nu})\boldsymbol{\nu}$ and $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{q})$ together into $\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{q}, \boldsymbol{\nu})$, the equations can be simplified to

$$M(\mathbf{q})\dot{\boldsymbol{\nu}} + \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{q}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) = S^\top \boldsymbol{\tau} + {}^e J^\top(\mathbf{q}) {}^e \boldsymbol{\omega}. \quad (1.5)$$

The joint torques induced by friction force could also be included in (1.5), but are left out for the sake of simplicity. Additionally, the variables $\dot{\boldsymbol{\nu}}$, $\boldsymbol{\tau}$, and ${}^e \boldsymbol{\omega}$, can be grouped into the same vector,

$$\boldsymbol{\chi} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\boldsymbol{\nu}} \\ \boldsymbol{\tau} \\ {}^e \boldsymbol{\omega} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (1.6)$$

forming the optimization variable from (1.1), and allowing (1.5) to be rewritten as,

$$\begin{bmatrix} -M(\mathbf{q}) & S^\top & {}^e J^\top(\mathbf{q}) \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\chi} = \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{q}, \boldsymbol{\nu}). \quad (1.7)$$

Equation (1.7) provides an equality constraint which can be used to ensure that the minimization of the control objectives respects the system dynamics.

1.1.13 Optimization

Optimization Vector

In *Free-Floating Rigid Body Dynamics* we expressed the equations of motion as an affine function of our optimization variable, $\boldsymbol{\chi}$. Here, we look at each component in $\boldsymbol{\chi}$ and detail its meaning, position in the overall vector, and dimensions.

$$\boldsymbol{\chi} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{v}}_{fb} \\ \dot{\mathbf{v}}_j \\ \boldsymbol{\tau}_{fb} \\ \boldsymbol{\tau}_j \\ {}^e \boldsymbol{\omega}_0 \\ \vdots \\ {}^e \boldsymbol{\omega}_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- $\dot{\nu}_{fb}$: Floating base joint acceleration (6×1)
- $\dot{\nu}_j$: Joint space acceleration ($n_{DoF} \times 1$)
- τ_{fb} : Floating base joint torque (6×1)
- τ_j : Joint space joint torque ($n_{DoF} \times 1$)
- ${}^e\omega_n$: External wrench (6×1)

Each of these variables are termed **Control Variables** in ORCA and are used to define every task and constraint.

These variables can of course be combined for convenience:

- $\dot{\nu}$: Generalised joint acceleration, concatenation of $\dot{\nu}_{fb}$ and $\dot{\nu}_j$ ($6 + n_{DoF} \times 1$)
- τ : Generalised joint torque, concatenation of τ_{fb} and τ_j ($6 + n_{DoF} \times 1$)
- ${}^e\omega$: External wrenches ($n_{wrenches} 6 \times 1$)
- χ : The whole optimization vector ($6 + n_{DoF} + 6 + n_{DoF} + n_{wrenches} 6 \times 1$)

With our optimization variable well defined, we can now formulate the optimization problem.

The Optimization Problem

Returning to our generic representation of a whole-body controller presented in [Overview](#),

$$\begin{aligned} \arg \min_{\chi} \quad & f^{\text{task}}(\chi) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & G\chi \leq h \\ & A\chi = b, \end{aligned} \tag{1.8}$$

we make some important assumptions about the structure of the problem. Firstly, we make the assumption that our control problem is continous and has size $= n$, i.e. $\chi \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Next we impose that $f^{\text{task}}(\chi)$ be quadratic in χ , leaving us with an unconstrained **Quadratic Program**, or QP:

$$\begin{aligned} \arg \min_{\chi} \quad f(\chi) &= \frac{1}{2} \chi^\top H \chi + g^\top \chi + r \\ &= \chi^\top (E^\top E) \chi - 2(E^\top f)^\top \chi + f^\top f \\ &= \|E\chi - f\|_2^2, \end{aligned} \tag{1.9}$$

In (1.9), the first line is the classical formulation of a QP:

- χ the optimization vector
- H the hessian matrix ($n \times n$)
- g the gradient vector ($n \times 1$)
- E the linear matrix of the affine function ($n \times n$)
- f the origin vector ($n \times 1$)

The last line of (1.9), $\|E\chi - f\|_2^2$, is the least-squares formulation. We will continue using the least squares version, which admits an analytical minimum-norm solution, χ^* , in the unconstrained case.

$$\chi^* = \arg \min_{\chi} \|E\chi - f\|_2^2 = E^\dagger f, \tag{1.10}$$

where $E^\dagger$ is the Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse of the E matrix. This solution will be found assuming the rank of the linear system is consistent.

Adding an affine equality constraint produces a constrained least squares problem,

$$\begin{aligned} \arg \min_{\chi} \quad & \|E\chi - \mathbf{f}\|_2^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & A\chi = \mathbf{b}, \end{aligned} \tag{1.11}$$

which can be solved analytically, assuming a solution exists, using the **Karush Kuhn Tucker (KKT) equations**,

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} E^\top E & A^\top \\ A & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{KKT Matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} \chi \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E^\top \mathbf{f} \\ \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix} \tag{1.12}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \chi \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E^\top E & A^\top \\ A & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} E^\top \mathbf{f} \\ \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix},$$

where z is the solution to the dual problem and contains the **Lagrange multipliers**.

Adding an affine inequality constraint to the problem produces the following QP,

$$\begin{aligned} \arg \min_{\chi} \quad & \|E\chi - \mathbf{f}\|_2^2 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & A\chi = \mathbf{b} \\ & G\chi \leq \mathbf{h}. \end{aligned} \tag{1.13}$$

Equation (1.13) can no longer be solved analytically and one must use numerical methods such as interior point, or active set methods.

Note: For more details on convex optimization, check out Boyd and Vandenberghe's book: <http://web.stanford.edu/~boyd/cvxbook/>

Resolution of (1.13) with a numerical solver, such as qpOASES, will provide a globally optimal solution for χ^* provided that the constraint equations are consistent, i.e. the set of possible solutions is not empty.

Objective Function Implementation

Within ORCA the QP objective function is formulated as a weighted Euclidean norm of an affine function,

$$\|E\chi - \mathbf{f}\|_W^2 \Leftrightarrow \left\| \sqrt{W} (E\chi - \mathbf{f}) \right\|^2 \tag{1.14}$$

In (1.14), W is the weight of the euclidean norm ($n \times n$) and must be a positive symmetric definite matrix.

In ORCA, W is actually composed of two components, the norm weighting W' and the selection matrix, S ,

$$W = SW' \tag{1.15}$$

S is a matrix with either 1's or 0's on the diagonal which allows us to ignore all or parts of the affine function we are computing. Concretely this means we can ignore components of the task error. More information on tasks is provided in the *Control Objectives (Tasks)* section.

For example...

For a Cartesian position task, setting the low 3 entries on the diagonal of S to 0 allows us to ignore orientation errors.

For practicality's sake we set S from a vector with the function `setSelectionVector(const Eigen::VectorXd& s)`, which creates a diagonal matrix from s .

Given W from (1.15), the hessian and gradient are calculated as,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \chi^\top H \chi + g^\top \chi \\ \Leftrightarrow & \chi^\top (E^\top W E) \chi - 2(W E^\top f)^\top \chi \end{aligned}$$

Note: $r = f^\top f$ is dropped from the objective function because it does not change the optimal solution of the QP.

In the code, these calculations can be found in `WeightedEuclidianNormFunction`:

```
void WeightedEuclidianNormFunction::QuadraticCost::computeHessian(const_
↳Eigen::VectorXd& SelectionVector
                                , const Eigen::MatrixXd& Weight
                                , const Eigen::MatrixXd& A)
{
    Hessian_.noalias() = SelectionVector.asDiagonal() * Weight * A.transpose() * A ;
}

void WeightedEuclidianNormFunction::QuadraticCost::computeGradient(const_
↳Eigen::VectorXd& SelectionVector
                                , const Eigen::MatrixXd& Weight
                                , const Eigen::MatrixXd& A
                                , const Eigen::VectorXd& b)
{
    Gradient_.noalias() = 2.0 * SelectionVector.asDiagonal() * Weight * A.
↳transpose() * b ;
}
```

Constraint Implementation

Constraints are written as double bounded linear functions,

$$lb \leq C\chi \leq ub.$$

- C the constraint matrix ($n \times n$)
- lb and ub the lower and upper bounds of $C\chi$ ($n \times 1$)

Thus to convert our standard affine constraint forms we have the following relationships:

$$\begin{aligned} A\chi = b & \Leftrightarrow b \leq A\chi \leq b \\ G\chi \leq h & \Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} G\chi \\ -G\chi \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} ub_n \\ -lb_n \end{bmatrix} \Leftrightarrow lb_n \leq G\chi \leq ub_n \end{aligned}$$

ORCA QP

In ORCA the full QP is expressed as,

$$\begin{aligned} \arg \min_{\chi} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \chi^\top H \chi + g^\top \chi \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & lb \leq \chi \leq ub \\ & lb \leq C\chi \leq ub, \end{aligned}$$

Note: For convenience an explicit constraint on the optimization variable χ is included in the problem because it is so common. This constraint is identical to the second line: $lb \leq C\chi \leq ub$ when C is the identity matrix.

In the next sections we show how to formulate the different task and constraint types one might need to control a robot. In section [Multi-Objective Optimization](#), we show how to combine multiple objective functions (tasks) in one controller allowing us to exploit the redundancy of the system.

Note: Multiple constraints can be combined through vertical concatenation of their matrices and vectors. I.e.

$$\begin{bmatrix} lb_1 \\ lb_2 \\ \vdots \\ lb_{n_C} \end{bmatrix} \leq \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \\ \vdots \\ C_{n_C} \end{bmatrix} \chi \leq \begin{bmatrix} ub_1 \\ ub_2 \\ \vdots \\ ub_{n_C} \end{bmatrix}$$

1.1.14 Tasks

Control Objectives (Tasks)

The basic problem of control is to drive a system from some initial state to some desired state. The control of robots is no different, but the term state takes on greater ambiguity. For simple systems, such as the double integrator, linearized inverted pendulum, etc., state-space control is sufficient for virtually any high-level objective one could envision for the system. However, for a robot, describing the control problem solely in terms of its state, i.e. q and ν , is limiting and one may also want to describe it in terms of the pose and twist of an end-effector, or possibly even a wrench on some link (although not technically a state in the classical control sense). Far from being a detriment, this variability is what makes robots so useful but requires a bit of abstraction from classical state-space control vocabulary. For this reason, the term **task** is commonly used to indicate a control objective for a robot. Tasks, in second-order controllers, can be driven by desired accelerations, wrenches, or torques, and in operational-space or joint-space. They are expressed in the whole-body controller as functions of the errors between the desired and current values of the task. In this work, the square of the l^2 -norm is used to create a quadratic objective function. Consequently, the task errors are expressed in the least-squares formulation.

Cartesian Acceleration Task

Probably the most important, if not most prevalent, task is to move a link on the robot from one pose to another. Typically it is the end-effector(s) which are of interest. These tasks, which are generally expressed as desired positions or orientations, are converted to **acceleration tasks**, through means of task servoing. More details on task servoing are provided in [Task Servoing](#). Once given a desired operational-space acceleration for a link, $\ddot{\xi}_i^{\text{des}}$, an acceleration task consists in finding the joint-space values which produce $\ddot{\xi}_i^{\text{des}}$,

$$\ddot{\xi}_i^{\text{des}} = J_i(q)\dot{\nu} + \dot{J}_i(q, \nu)\nu, \quad (1.16)$$

where $J_i(q)$ and $\dot{J}_i(q, \nu)$ are the link Jacobian and its derivative. For the control objective, one simply rewrites the task as an error which must be minimized,

$$f_i^{\ddot{\xi}} = \left\| J_i(q)\dot{\nu} + \dot{J}_i(q, \nu)\nu - \ddot{\xi}_i^{\text{des}} \right\|_2^2. \quad (1.17)$$

Using the squared l^2 -norm produces a quadratic error term, which defines the objective function $f_i^{\ddot{\xi}}$ to be minimized. The objective function $f_i^{\ddot{\xi}}$ is then rewritten in terms of the optimization variable, χ ,

$$f_i^{\ddot{\xi}} = \left\| \begin{bmatrix} J_i(q) & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \chi - \left(\ddot{\xi}_i^{\text{des}} - \dot{J}_i(q, \nu) \nu \right) \right\|_2^2. \quad (1.18)$$

In (1.18) the term $\mathbf{0}$ represents a matrix of zeros. Regrouping terms as,

$$E^{\ddot{\xi}} = \begin{bmatrix} J_i(q) & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.19)$$

$$\mathbf{f}^{\ddot{\xi}} = \ddot{\xi}_i^{\text{des}} - \dot{J}_i(q, \nu) \nu, \quad (1.20)$$

allows (1.18) to be written in the classical least-squares form as,

$$f_i^{\ddot{\xi}} = \left\| E^{\ddot{\xi}} \chi - \mathbf{f}^{\ddot{\xi}} \right\|_2^2. \quad (1.21)$$

The dependencies of $E^{\ddot{\xi}}$ and $\mathbf{f}^{\ddot{\xi}}$ have been removed for brevity.

$$w_{task} \cdot \| \mathbf{E}x + \mathbf{f} \|_{W_{norm}}$$

$$\underset{n \times 1}{Y} = \underset{n \times p}{X} \times \underset{p \times 1}{\theta} + \underset{n \times 1}{\varepsilon}$$

Joint Acceleration Task

Acceleration tasks can be expressed in either joint-space or in operational-space. Here, the operational-space form is presented but the joint-space form can easily be produced as,

$$f_i^{\dot{\nu}} = \left\| \dot{\nu} - \dot{\nu}_i^{\text{des}} \right\|_2^2, \quad (1.22)$$

with

$$E^{\dot{\nu}} = \begin{bmatrix} I & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1.23)$$

$$\mathbf{f}^{\dot{\nu}} = \dot{\nu}_i^{\text{des}}, \quad (1.24)$$

where I is the identity matrix. Substituting (1.23) and (1.24) into (1.22) gives,

$$f_i^{\dot{\nu}} = \left\| E^{\dot{\nu}} \chi - \mathbf{f}^{\dot{\nu}} \right\|_2^2. \quad (1.25)$$

Wrench Task

In order for robots to work properly in their environment, they must be able to interact with it. Not only does this allow the robot to manipulate and modify its environment, but it also allows the robot to exploit the environment to compensate for its underactuation and more generally to dynamically perform complex behaviors. Walking and balance are two pertinent examples of such behaviors because to achieve them, contact forces with the ground must be properly exploited. For details on this see...

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In order to interact with the environment, **wrench tasks** can be formulated to manage the interaction forces and torques,

$${}^e\omega_i = {}^e\omega_i^{\text{des}}. \quad (1.26)$$

where ${}^e\omega_i^{\text{des}}$ is the desired external wrench to affect, and ${}^e\omega_i$ is the wrench applied on the environment. Again, to formulate a control objective function, f_i^ω , the task is rewritten as the squared norm of a task error,

$$f_i^\omega = \|{}^e\omega_i - {}^e\omega_i^{\text{des}}\|_2^2. \quad (1.27)$$

Rewriting (1.27) in terms of χ gives,

$$f_i^\omega = \|[0 \quad S_i^\omega] \chi - {}^e\omega_i^{\text{des}}\|_2^2, \quad (1.28)$$

where S_i^ω is a wrench selection matrix which allows the i^{th} wrench to be controlled. Using,

$$E^\omega = [0 \quad S_i^\omega] \quad (1.29)$$

$$\mathbf{f}^\omega = {}^e\omega_i^{\text{des}}, \quad (1.30)$$

(1.28) can be written as,

$$f_i^\omega = \|E^\omega \chi - \mathbf{f}^\omega\|_2^2. \quad (1.31)$$

Torque Task

Finally, it may also be desirable to specify **torque tasks** for purposes of regularization, among other possibilities. As with wrench tasks, torque tasks, can be written simply as,

$$\tau = \tau^{\text{des}}. \quad (1.32)$$

To formulate the control objective function, f^τ , the square norm of the task error is written,

$$f^\tau = \|\tau - \tau^{\text{des}}\|_2^2, \quad (1.33)$$

which can be reformulated in terms of χ as,

$$f^\tau = \|[0 \quad S^\top \quad 0] \chi - \tau^{\text{des}}\|_2^2. \quad (1.34)$$

Once again regrouping terms,

$$E^\tau = [0 \quad S^\top \quad 0] \quad (1.35)$$

$$\mathbf{f}^\tau = \tau^{\text{des}}, \quad (1.36)$$

the least-squares form of the torque task is written,

$$f^\tau = \|E^\tau \chi - \mathbf{f}^\tau\|_2^2. \quad (1.37)$$

Task Servoing

The desired terms, $\ddot{\xi}_i^{\text{des}}$, $\dot{\nu}_i^{\text{des}}$, ${}^e\omega_i^{\text{des}}$, and τ^{des} , from (1.16), (1.22), (1.26), and (1.32), respectively are provided by higher-level task servoing. Commonly, the high-level reference of a task is simply to attain some pose, and in the case of a wrench task, some force and/or torque. For acceleration tasks, if the desired task value is expressed as a pose, position, or orientation, then it must be converted to an acceleration. This is done here using a feedforward (PD) controller,

$$\ddot{\xi}_i^{\text{des}}(t + \Delta t) = \ddot{\xi}_i^{\text{ref}}(t + \Delta t) + K_p \epsilon_i(t) + K_d \dot{\epsilon}_i(t), \quad (1.38)$$

noindent where $\ddot{\xi}_i^{\text{ref}}(t + \Delta t)$ is the feedforward frame acceleration term, $\epsilon_i(t)$ and $\dot{\epsilon}_i(t)$ are the current pose error and its derivative, with K_p and $K_d = 2\sqrt{K_p}$, their proportional and derivative gains respectively. This term also serves to remove drift at the controller level and stabilize the output of the task. The terms, $\epsilon_i(t)$ and $\dot{\epsilon}_i(t)$, are not explicitly defined here because they are representation dependent (see citep[Siciliano2008]). For wrench and torque tasks a similar servoing controller can be developed using a Proportional-Integral (PI) controller.

$$\omega^{\text{des}}(t + \Delta t) = \omega^{\text{ref}}(t + \Delta t) + K_p \epsilon_\omega(t) + K_i \int \epsilon_\omega(t) dt \quad (1.39)$$

This servoing helps stabilize the whole-body controller by driving the desired task values to some fixed state in asymptotically stable manner. Without the servoing the task error objective term, $f_i^{\text{task}}(\chi)$, could change discontinuously between time steps resulting in discontinuous jumps in the optimal joint torques determined between two time steps.

1.1.15 Constraints

Control Constraints

As with all real world control problems, there are limits to what the system being controlled can do. In this particular case, the main constraint is that of the system dynamics, i.e. the equations of motion. This means that any solution found must be dynamically feasible. Apart from this, the control input is typically bounded. For robots with revolute joints, this means that the torque which can be generated by the actuators is limited to plus or minus some value. Likewise, the joints themselves generally have limited operating ranges for various mechanical reasons. In addition to these common limiting factors, other phenomena such as unilateral and bilateral contacts can come into play.

Dynamics Constraints

The rigid body dynamics of the robot are governed by the equations of motion from equations_of_motion_in_optvar. This constraint ultimately dictates the achievable dynamics of the system, and is formulated as the following equality constraint,

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -M(q) & S^\top & e J^\top(q) \end{bmatrix}}_{A^d} \chi = \underbrace{n(q, \nu)}_{b^d}. \quad (1.40)$$

The terms A^d and b^d are used to distinguish the equality constraint matrix and vector, respectively, for the dynamic constraints.

Important: To put this into ORCA standard form we have,

$$b^d \leq A^d \chi \leq b^d$$

Actuator Limit Constraints

Here, we assume that all articulations are revolute and therefore all actuation limits are torque limits, however, expression of force limits for prismatic joints would be another possibility. Writing these limits as an inequality provides an upper and lower bound on the amount of torque which can be exerted to accomplish the tasks.

$$\tau_{\min} \leq \tau \leq \tau_{\max}. \quad (1.41)$$

Expressing torque_limits in terms of χ creates the following linear inequality,

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & S^\top & 0 \\ 0 & -S^\top & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{G^\tau} \chi \leq \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \tau_{\max} \\ -\tau_{\min} \end{bmatrix}}_{h^\tau}. \quad (1.42)$$

Important: To put this into ORCA standard form we have,

$$\tau_{\min} \leq \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & S^\top & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \chi \leq \tau_{\max}$$

Joint Limit Constraints

Probably the most common limitation of any robot is the range of motion which each joint can achieve. Whether linear or angular, most joints have a finite range through which they can move thus limiting $\mathbf{q}$. These joint limits can easily be expressed as a inequality on $\mathbf{q}$,

$$\mathbf{q}_{\min} \leq \mathbf{q} \leq \mathbf{q}_{\max}. \quad (1.43)$$

Similarly to these position limits, we can also define limits on the joint velocities and accelerations,

$$\boldsymbol{\nu}_{\min} \leq \boldsymbol{\nu} \leq \boldsymbol{\nu}_{\max} \quad (1.44)$$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_{\min} \leq \dot{\boldsymbol{\nu}} \leq \dot{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_{\max}. \quad (1.45)$$

The joint position limits, unlike the torque limits, must be manipulated somewhat in order to be properly expressed in χ . To formulate this constraint, $\mathbf{q}$ needs to be calculated while taking into account a second order prediction of the joint-space movement,

$$\mathbf{q}(t+h) = \mathbf{q}(t) + h\boldsymbol{\nu}(t) + \frac{h^2}{2}\dot{\boldsymbol{\nu}}(t), \quad (1.46)$$

where h is the prediction period, which is generally some multiple of the control period. Note that the floating base components of the configuration variable are not subject to articular limits, and their corresponding components in $\mathbf{q}$, $\boldsymbol{\nu}$, and $\dot{\boldsymbol{\nu}}$, are disregarded in (1.46). Dropping the time dependencies, the limits are written,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{q}_{\min} &\leq \mathbf{q} + h\boldsymbol{\nu} + \frac{h^2}{2}\dot{\boldsymbol{\nu}} \leq \mathbf{q}_{\max} \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{2}{h^2} [\mathbf{q}_{\min} - (\mathbf{q} + h\boldsymbol{\nu})] &\leq \dot{\boldsymbol{\nu}} \leq \frac{2}{h^2} [\mathbf{q}_{\max} - (\mathbf{q} + h\boldsymbol{\nu})]. \end{aligned}$$

Using χ , (1.47) can be rewritten as,

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} I & \mathbf{0} \\ -I & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}}_{G^q} \chi \leq \underbrace{\frac{2}{h^2} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_{\max} - (\mathbf{q} + h\boldsymbol{\nu}) \\ -[\mathbf{q}_{\min} - (\mathbf{q} + h\boldsymbol{\nu})] \end{bmatrix}}_{h^q}. \quad (1.47)$$

From (1.47), one can of course naturally derive joint velocity and acceleration limits,

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} I & \mathbf{0} \\ -I & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}}_{G^\nu} \chi \leq \underbrace{\frac{1}{h} \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\nu}_{\max} - \boldsymbol{\nu} \\ -(\boldsymbol{\nu}_{\min} - \boldsymbol{\nu}) \end{bmatrix}}_{h^\nu} \quad (1.48)$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} I & \mathbf{0} \\ -I & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}}_{G^{\dot{\nu}}} \chi \leq \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_{\max} \\ -\dot{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_{\min} \end{bmatrix}}_{h^{\dot{\nu}}}. \quad (1.49)$$

The choice of the prediction period, h , in the joint-space limits is crucial to the proper functioning of these constraints. Smaller values of h lead to more aggressive approaches to the joint limits, while larger values produce a more conservative treatment. This variability is due to the fact that the prediction does not take into account the deceleration capabilities of the joints.

Important: To put these constraints into ORCA standard form we have,

$$\frac{2}{h^2} [\mathbf{q}_{\min} - (\mathbf{q} + h\boldsymbol{\nu})] \leq \begin{bmatrix} I & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\chi} \leq \frac{2}{h^2} [\mathbf{q}_{\max} - (\mathbf{q} + h\boldsymbol{\nu})]$$

$$\frac{1}{h} [\boldsymbol{\nu}_{\max} - \boldsymbol{\nu}] \leq \begin{bmatrix} I & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\chi} \leq \frac{1}{h} [\boldsymbol{\nu}_{\max} - \boldsymbol{\nu}]$$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_{\max} \leq \begin{bmatrix} I & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\chi} \leq \dot{\boldsymbol{\nu}}_{\max}$$

Contact Constraints

When a robot interacts with its environment, it does so through contacts. These contacts can be **unilateral contacts**, or **bilateral contacts**. Simply put, unilateral contacts are those the robot can only push, e.g. foot contact with the floor, and bilateral contacts are those which allow the robot to push or pull, e.g. gripping the rung of a ladder.

Todo: add citations: Following the formulations in citep{Salini2011} and citep{Saab2013}

For unilateral contact constraints, a linearized approximation of the Coulomb friction cone is employed. A friction contact constraint in the controller must ensure that the linear velocity at the contact point is zero,

$${}^F J_i(\mathbf{q}) \dot{\boldsymbol{\nu}} + {}^F \dot{J}_i(\mathbf{q}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) \boldsymbol{\nu} = \mathbf{0}, \quad (1.50)$$

and that the wrench remains within a linearized approximation of a friction cone,

$${}^F C_i {}^F \boldsymbol{\omega}_i \leq \mathbf{0}. \quad (1.51)$$

In (1.50), ${}^F J$ and ${}^F \dot{J}$ contain the linear components of the i^{th} contact Jacobian. In (1.51), ${}^F C_i$ is a matrix which linearly approximates the second-order norm cone,

$$\| {}^F \boldsymbol{\omega}_i - ({}^F \boldsymbol{\omega}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i) \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i \|_2 \leq \mu_i ({}^F \boldsymbol{\omega}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}_i), \quad (1.52)$$

where ${}^F \boldsymbol{\omega}_i$ is the force components of the i^{th} contact wrench, $\hat{\mathbf{n}}_i$ is the normal vector of the contact, and μ_i is the friction coefficient. Finally, expressing these two constraints in terms of $\boldsymbol{\chi}$, and defining ${}^F \boldsymbol{\omega}_i = S_i^F \boldsymbol{\chi}$, gives the following coupled equality and inequality constraints,

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} {}^F J_i(\mathbf{q}) & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}}_{A^\omega} \boldsymbol{\chi} = \underbrace{-{}^F \dot{J}_i(\mathbf{q}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) \boldsymbol{\nu}}_{b^\omega} \quad (1.53)$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & {}^F C_i S_i^F \end{bmatrix}}_{G^\omega} \boldsymbol{\chi} \leq \underbrace{\mathbf{0}}_{h^\omega}, \quad (1.54)$$

where S_i^F selects the i^{th} contact force vector. Equations (1.53) and (1.54) are valid for a single contact point. For surface contacts, e.g. a foot sole, multiple points on the surface can be used for friction contact constraints — usually the four corners of the foot. Equation (1.53) introduces 3 equality constraints for the linear velocity of the contact point. The number of inequality constraints introduced by (1.54) depends on the number of polygon edges used to approximate the friction cone. Here, 6 edges are used, and because of symmetry, this introduces 3 inequality constraints per contact to the controller.

Important: To put these constraints into ORCA standard form we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b}^\omega &\leq A^\omega \leq \mathbf{b}^\omega \\ -\inf &\leq G^\omega \chi \leq \mathbf{h}^\omega \end{aligned}$$

For bilateral contacts, it is sufficient to ensure no relative motion between the two links, i and j in contact. It should be noted that here a link can be some part of the environment for which a kinematic model exists. To ensure no motion between the links, the following relationship must be true,

$$(J_i(\mathbf{q}) - J_j(\mathbf{q})) \dot{\boldsymbol{\nu}} + (\dot{J}_i(\mathbf{q}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) - \dot{J}_j(\mathbf{q}, \boldsymbol{\nu})) \boldsymbol{\nu} = \mathbf{0}, \quad (1.55)$$

where $J_i(\mathbf{q})$, $\dot{J}_i(\mathbf{q}, \boldsymbol{\nu})$, $J_j(\mathbf{q})$, and $\dot{J}_j(\mathbf{q}, \boldsymbol{\nu})$, are the Jacobians and their derivatives for the i and j links respectively. Putting (1.55) in terms of χ produces,

$$\underbrace{[(J_i(\mathbf{q}) - J_j(\mathbf{q})) \quad \mathbf{0}]}_{A^{bc}} \chi = - \underbrace{(\dot{J}_i(\mathbf{q}, \boldsymbol{\nu}) - \dot{J}_j(\mathbf{q}, \boldsymbol{\nu}))}_{\mathbf{b}^{bc}} \boldsymbol{\nu}. \quad (1.56)$$

Important: To put this constraint into ORCA standard form we have,

$$\mathbf{b}^{bc} \leq A^{bc} \leq \mathbf{b}^{bc}$$

1.1.16 Resolution Strategies

Multi-Objective Optimization

Objective functions represent the intentions of the problem designer: what meaningful quantity or measure is to be minimized to best solve some issue. As is often the case, there may be more than one quantity or measure which must be minimized and therefore multiple objective functions are combined together. When multiple objective functions, $f_i(\chi)$, are considered simultaneously, a **multi-objective optimization** problem (a.k.a. multicriteria, multicriterion, or Pareto optimization) is created. One common method of solving multi-objective optimization problems is through scalarization. Scalarization is the process of combining of multiple objective costs into one scalar cost. There are a multitude of scalarization techniques but weighted summation is of the most common,

$$\arg \min_{\chi} \sum_{i=1}^{n_o} w_i f_i(\chi) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \|E_i \chi - \mathbf{f}_i\|_2^2. \quad (1.57)$$

In (1.57), n_o is the total number of objective functions. This scalarization can be written compactly by concatenating the individual objectives as,

$$\arg \min_{\chi} \|E_w \chi - \mathbf{f}_w\|_2^2 \quad (1.58)$$

where

$$E_w = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{w_1} E_1 \\ \sqrt{w_2} E_2 \\ \vdots \\ \sqrt{w_n} E_{n_o} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{f}_w = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{w_1} \mathbf{f}_1 \\ \sqrt{w_2} \mathbf{f}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \sqrt{w_n} \mathbf{f}_{n_o} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1.59)$$

Each weight, $w_i \geq 0$, dictates the relative importance of its objective $f_i(\chi)$ and therefore its impact on the solution. In (1.58) the weights are assumed to be scalars, but it is also possible to use matrices of different weights as long as they remain positive semi-definite.

As an alternative to scalarization, the objective functions can be minimized hierarchically in order of importance to ensure that the most important objective(s) are minimized as much as possible without influence of the lower priority objectives. This is known as **lexicographic optimization** in multi-objective optimization. To achieve this, the objectives are treated individually as a cascade of QPs where the solutions are reused as equality constraints in the subsequent QP minimizations.

Resolution (Prioritization) Strategies for Whole-Body Control

If multiple task objective functions are combined (using operations that preserve convexity) in the resolution of the control problem, then they can be performed simultaneously. In these cases, it is important to select a strategy for the resolution of the optimization problem. In turn, the strategy determines how tasks interact/interfere with one another. The two prevailing methods for dealing with multiple tasks are hierarchical and weighted prioritization.

Hierarchical Prioritization

In **hierarchical prioritization**, the tasks are organized by order of importance in discrete levels. Each task error is minimized in descending order of its importance and the solution to the optimization problem is then used in the equality constraints for the proceeding optimizations.

Hierarchical Prioritization Algorithm

```

for   ( $i = 1 \dots n_{\text{task}}$ )

     $\chi_i^* = \arg \min_{\chi} \quad f_i^{\text{task}}(\chi) + w_0 f_0^{\text{task}}(\chi)$ 
    s.t.  $G\chi \leq h$ 
         $A_i \chi = b_i$ 
     $A_{i+1} \leftarrow \begin{bmatrix} A_i \\ E_i \end{bmatrix}$ 
     $b_{i+1} \leftarrow \begin{bmatrix} b_i \\ \chi_i^* \end{bmatrix}$ 
     $\chi^* \leftarrow \chi_i^*$ 

return  $\chi^*$ 

```

This algorithm is tantamount to null-space projection in the dynamic domain; however, inequality constraints can be accounted for. As a note, the regularization term, $w_0 f_0^{\text{task}}(x)$, in each optimization cascade serves to remove solution redundancy when the objective function has a null space, but this redundancy is necessary for executing the subsequent tasks. The operation, $A_{i+1} \leftarrow \begin{bmatrix} A_i \\ E_i \end{bmatrix}$, propagates the null space of the objective function, which has just been solved, to the proceeding objective functions through the equality constraint.

Resolving the whole-body control problem hierarchically has the benefit of strictly ensuring the optimization of one task error over another; however, it makes task transitioning and blending more difficult. Using continuous, or soft, priorities can alleviate some of these issues.

Weighted Prioritization

In multi-objective optimization, task weights dictate where, on the Pareto front of solutions, the QP calculates an optimum. Consequently, the optimum found favors the minimization of tasks with higher weights. This affords a method of prioritization, which ensures that critical tasks, such as those for balance, are preferentially accomplished, in situations where other less-critical tasks, such as a reach, have conflicting optima.

Weighted Prioritization Algorithm

$$\begin{aligned} \chi^* = \arg \min_{\chi} \quad & \sum_{i=1}^{n_{\text{task}}} w_i f_i^{\text{task}}(\chi) + w_0 f_0^{\text{task}}(\chi) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & G\chi \leq h \\ & A\chi = b. \\ \text{return} \quad & \chi^* \end{aligned}$$

However, using continuous priorities between tasks cannot guarantee that the tasks will not interfere with one another.

Important: In fact, each task will assuredly impact the ensemble but that impact can be rendered numerically negligible.

Hybrid Schemes

It can be seen that the weighted strategy is a subset of the hierarchical strategy, by observing that each level in a hierarchical scheme can be solved as a weighted problem. This **hybrid prioritization strategy** can provide the best of both hierarchical and weighted methods, but at the cost of increase implementation and computational complexity.

Generalized Hierarchical Prioritization

In addition to the simple mixing of weights and hierarchies, continuous generalized projection schemes are developed by citep{Liu2016}. These methods allow priorities to continuously vary from weighted to purely hierarchical through scalar values. Such approaches can provide smooth transitions between tasks, as is common in complex activities such as walking, but require substantially more computation time than purely weighted or hierarchical methods.

Resolution Strategies in ORCA

ORCA provides three strategies for resolving a multi-objective QP which contains multiple tasks and/or constraints.

1. `OneLevelWeighted` (weighted prioritization)
2. `MultiLevelWeighted` (hybrid prioritization)
3. `Generalized` (generalized hierarchical prioritization)

Note: these strategies are in the namespace `orca::optim::ResolutionStrategy`

The strategies are implemented in `Controller.cc` on the controller update:

```

bool Controller::update(double current_time, double dt)
{
    MutexLock lock(mutex);
    solution_found_ = false;

    switch (resolution_strategy_)
    {
        case ResolutionStrategy::OneLevelWeighted:
        {
            ...
        }
        case ResolutionStrategy::MultiLevelWeighted:
        {
            ...
        }
        case ResolutionStrategy::Generalized:
        {
            not implemented yet
        }
        default:
            orca_throw(Formatter() << "unsupported resolution strategy");
    }
}

```

Each of these strategies is detailed in the following sections.

One Level Weighted

```

case ResolutionStrategy::OneLevelWeighted:
{
    updateTasks(current_time, dt);
    updateConstraints(current_time, dt);
    auto problem = getProblemAtLevel(0);
    problem->build();
    solution_found_ = problem->solve();

    if(this->update_cb_)
        this->update_cb_(current_time, dt);

    static bool print_warning = true;
    if(solution_found_ && isProblemDry(problem) && print_warning)
    {
        print_warning = false;
        LOG_WARNING << "\n\n"
            << " Solution found but the problem is dry !\n"
            << "It means that an optimal solution is found but the problem \n"
            << "only has one task computing anything, ans it's the"
            << "GlobalRegularisation task (This will only be printed once)\n\n"
            << "!!\ Resulting torques will cause the robot to fall !\n";
    }

    return solution_found_;
}

```

Multi-Level Weighted

Todo: Not yet implemented...

```
case ResolutionStrategy::MultiLevelWeighted:
{
    updateTasks(current_time,dt);
    updateConstraints(current_time,dt);
    auto problem = getProblemAtLevel(0);
    problem->build();
    solution_found_ = problem->solve();

    if(this->update_cb_)
        this->update_cb_(current_time,dt);

    static bool print_warning = true;
    if(solution_found_ && isProblemDry(problem) && print_warning)
    {
        print_warning = false;
        LOG_WARNING << "\n\n"
            << " Solution found but the problem is dry !\n"
            << "It means that an optimal solution is found but the problem \n"
            << "only has one task computing anything, ans it's the"
            << "GlobalRegularisation task (This will only be printed once)\n\n"
            << "!!\ Resulting torques will cause the robot to fall !!\n";
    }

    return solution_found_;
}
```

Generalized

Todo: Not yet implemented as of ORCA v.2.0.0

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11.2 Any failure by either Party, on one or more occasions, to invoke one or more of the provisions hereof, shall under no circumstances be interpreted as being a waiver by the interested Party of its right to invoke said provision(s) subsequently.

11.3 The Agreement cancels and replaces any or all previous agreements, whether written or oral, between the Parties and having the same purpose, and constitutes the entirety of the agreement between said Parties concerning said purpose. No supplement or modification to the terms and conditions hereof shall be effective as between the Parties unless it is made in writing and signed by their duly authorized representatives.

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CHAPTER 2

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