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A NEW GAIT GENERATION METHOD ON SLOPES FOR THE COMPASS-TYPE BIPED ROBOT

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Abstract

This paper develops a discrete mechanics approach to gait generation on slopes for the compass-type biped robot. We first formulate an optimal gait generation problem for the discrete compass-type robot and show a method that solves the optimization problem from the standpoint of the sequential quadratic programming for computation of a discrete control input. Then, we introduce a transformation method from a discrete control input into a continuous zero-order hold input based on the discrete Lagrange-d'Alembert principle. As a result of some numerical simulations, it is confirmed that stable gaits on a flat, a downward slope, and an upward slope can be generated for the continuous compass-type robot by our new method.

Key Words: Compass-type biped robot, Gait generation on slopes, Discrete mechanics, Finite dimensional constrained nonlinear optimization problem, Sequential quadratic programming.

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