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Simulating Man-Machine Symbiosis

IMPROVED DESIGN SOLUTIONS, FROM ERGONOMICS TO ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY



Outline

- Introduction by the Host
- Man-Machine simulations
 - Challenges and solutions
 - Live demo
- Final words from the host
- Questions and answers



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AnyBody Modeling System

• Musculoskeletal analysis

• AnyBody Managed Model Repository

- Wide range of simulation options
 - Motion capture
 - Ground reaction force prediction
 - Imaging \rightarrow Patient-specific anatomy
 - Man-machine simulations



Rasmussen et. al. (2011), ORS Annual Meeting







Load Cases for Finite Element Analysis

Surgical Planning and Outcome Evaluation





AnyBody Modelling System





Simulating Man-Machine Symbiosis

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Outline

- Introducing Man-Machine systems
 - Why would we want to simulate them?
- Simulation theory
 - What are the conceptual challenges?
- Overcoming challenges
 - Tools/algorithms in AnyBody
- Solving a Man-Machine problem
 - Live Demo!





Man-Machine systems

- Newton's second law:
 - Free movement requires human-environment interaction
- Environment
 - Including foreign objects mounted on human
 - E.g., Pavement, exoskeletons, car
 - Anything apart from biological human
- Let's use the term 'Machine'



www.wikipedia.org



Designing Machines



ReWalk Eksokeleton, Argo Medical Technologies



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How much external support?

Design load for daily activities?

Best design for performance?

What's Common? Effect of machine's design on human biomechanics



Man-Machine systems

- Machine's design also benefits from human biomechanics
 - Assistive power depends on baseline ability
 - Legs stronger in some phases of pedaling cycle
- 'Machine on human' & 'Human on machine'
 - A 'Symbiosis'
 - Best to study Man-Machine as a single system
- Mutual effects can be extremely unintuitive
 - Dynamic simulations of Man-Machine



ReWalk Eksokeleton, Argo Medical Technologies



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Why Man-Machine simulations?

- Study machine's effect on human biomechanics
 - Kinematics, muscle and joint reaction forces
- Evaluate machine performance
 - Optimize design of machine
- Estimate Man-Machine interaction forces
 - E.g., rubbing friction due to orthosis straps
- Save Time and Costs
 - Fewer resources on experiments, prototypes
 - Quicker route to market



Man-Machine Simulations

Forward Dynamics





Standard Inverse Dynamics





Standard Inverse Dynamics



Three link mechanism: Open-chain Revolute joints Torque/Moment driven



What if joint moment motors were replaced by muscles?



Standard Inverse Dynamics - Muscles



- Decompose joint moments into muscle force values
- No. of muscles > No. of mechanical DOFs
 - Infinite combinations of feasible muscle forces
- Choose optimal muscle recruitment
 - Cost function E.g., $F = min(\sum_i a_i^3)$





Standard Inverse Dynamics

- Open-chain Musculoskeletal models:
 - \circ Limbs \rightarrow Rigid links
 - Mechanical joints
 - Piecewise Linear muscle paths





Standard Inv. Dynamics - Closed Loops





Create a closed chain Three link \rightarrow Four link mechanism 3 DOFs \rightarrow 1 DOF



Standard Inv. Dynamics - Closed Loops





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WHY ARE CLOSED LOOPS RELEVANT?



Man-Machine Closed Loops





Man-Machine Closed Loops



- Measure kinematics of pose
- There are Infinite possibilities
 - Joint moments
 - Muscle forces
 - Man-Machine forces





Closed Loops Within Man









Man-Machine Inv Dynamics: Challenges









- Standard Inverse Dynamics
 - Fails with closed-loop kinematic chains
 - Cannot compute forces
- Creating Man-Machine models
 - Creating closed loops, challenge in itself
- Control of Man-Machine interaction forces
 - E.g., Pinch holding an egg vs metal ball
 - Standard Inv Dyn cannot modulate pinch force on egg



The Man-Machine in AnyBody

How does AnyBody overcome the challenges?





The Man-Machine in AnyBody

How Can Closed Loop Inverse Dynamics Succeed?

DIRECT MUSCLE RECRUITMENT



Standard Inverse Dynamics







- Directly compute forces producing measured motion
- No intermediate joint moments !!
- Direct Muscle Recruitment







- Need to resolve infinite possibilites
- Optimization
 - Motion produced by most optimal muscle recruitment





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- Optimization
 - Motion produced by most optimal muscle recruitment
 - All forces computed simultaneously
 - Exploit Man-Machine Boundary Conditions





- Example
- Optimization

Cost Fun = $min(\sum_i a_i^3)$







- AnyBody's default Inverse Dynamics algorithm
 - Solves open and closed loops





The Man-Machine in AnyBody

How Can Complex Closed loops be created ?

MEASURES AND DRIVERS



Connecting Man & Machine

- Creating closed loops
 - $\circ~$ Step 1: Measure $ec{r}$
 - Step 2: Constrain r_x , $r_y = 0$ Drivers



Kinematic Measures



Connecting Man & Machine

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- Kinematic Measures
 Point-point translation
 Seg-seg rotation
 CoM position
 - Abstract measures

- Drivers
- Joints
 Const pos/vel/acc
 Fourier/polynomial functions
- Data interpolation







Connecting Man & Machine

Hard and Soft Drivers

- Hard drivers' constraints always fulfilled
- Soft constraints only to best extent possible
- E.g., MoCap model



Kinematics Simulation:

- Compute joint angles
- Minimizes soft constraints




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- Machine Driven Motion
 - Complex motions without MoCap!
 - No need to measure human motion





The Man-Machine in AnyBody

How Can Man-Machine Reaction forces be controlled?

SPECIAL FORCE ELEMENTS



Man-Machine Reaction Forces

- Simulating double support stance
 - Create closed loop
 - Rigidly weld foot to ground
 - 6DOF 6 Measures and drivers
- Direct Muscle Recruitment
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 - CoP must like inside foot



Solution:

- Decouple constraint's kinematics from kinetics
- Switch off driver's default reaction forces
- Enforce constraint with Special Force Elements



Special Contact Elements

- Double support stance
 - Ground Foot constraints
 - Introduce any number of force elements
 - Each element has an optimal force
- Inv Dynamics, Direct muscle recruitment



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- Webcast by Dr. Michael Skipper Andersen from 6th Oct 2015





The Man-Machine in AnyBody

How Can Machine's design be optimized?

OPTIMIZATION STUDIES



- What is the best design for a cycle?
 - Best for minimizing quadriceps activation.
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- Run optimization studies within AnyBody





- Solidworks2AnyBody plugin
 - Import your machine's design from SolidWorks
 - Run Man-Machine simulations









Demo: AnyBody Modeling Systen

- Quick solution to ergonomics problem
 - Widgets for manually positioning feet, box
 - Automatic balance
 - Special force elements
 - Simple arm exoskeleton
 - Data visualization



Trial demo



Try out the model today!
Find it on the AnyBody WIKI page

URL: wiki.anyscript.org



Webcasts



- Next webcast 20th April 2016
 - "Personalize your musculoskeletal models using medical image data"
- Check our YouTube channel for previous webcast
 - Search channels for 'AnyBody Technology'

www.anybodytech.com

• Events, dates, publication list, ...

www.anyscript.org

• Wiki, Forum



Events



- ESB 2016, 22nd Congress of the European Society of Biomechanics, Lyon, France, 10-13 Jul.
 - Free Workshop Crowne Plaza Lyon-Cité Internationale. Location
 - 10th Jul 2016, 12:00 16:00 hours
 - Come visit us at our Booth

- ICRA 2016 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation, Stockholm, Sweden, 16-21 May.
- Musculoskeletal modeling course at Aalborg Uni, Denmark, 6-9 Sep, registrations open now.



Time for questions:

