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Dynamics based control strategy for constrained systems

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The paper topic relates to modeling for control applications and control of constrained mechanical systems. It presents a unified control architecture designed for motion planning, tracking, following or both tracking and following, for constrained systems, specifically nonholonomic. It provides a systematic and unified approach for planning desired motions, e.g. tasks referred to as programs required to be performed by systems, and their tracking provided they may be specified by equations of constraints and error functions, either algebraic or differential. The strategy developed based on this control architecture is referred to as a model reference tracking control strategy for programmed motion. It is based on reference dynamics and one dynamic control model for constrained systems, which is not sensitive to the task-based constraint kind and order. The reference dynamics is derived by the generalized programmed motion equations (GPME) method, which enables merging all tasks requested for the controlled system into one constrained dynamics. The preplanned motion, which is a reference motion in control, may be executed by control algorithms dedicated to nonlinear systems and even these dedicated to holonomic systems.

The theoretical framework is illustrated by the examples of motion tracking and both tracking and following for constraint systems, where the constraints are task-based and for which the classical control oriented dynamics modeling and control methods may not work.

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