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[10-C-01] Data-driven optimal control of self-propelled undulatory swimmers

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Data-driven trajectory optimization of self-propelled undulatory swimming

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Outline

- Context & Objectives
- Numerical modelling
- Optimal control
- System identification
- Velocity tracking
- Cost of transport minimization
- Future work & challenges

Self-propelled undulatory swimmers

- Aquatic animals that propel themselves through the water by deforming their spines and propagating deformation waves through the body
- 3D simulation of snake swimming



Undulatory swimming modes

Anguilliform:

- Entire body participates in the waveform
- Amplitude relatively large along the entire length
- e.g: Eels, snakes, tadpoles



Connaboy, Chris, Simon Coleman, and Ross H. Sanders. 2009.

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Objectives

- Present the numerical methods used to simulate undulatory swimmers
- Present a simple framework to solve trajectory optimization problems applied to undulatory swimming
- Trajectory optimization: process of designing a trajectory that minimizes (or maximizes) some measure of performance while satisfying a set of constraints.
- E.g: find the swimming kinematics that minimizes the energy spent moving from point A to point B

Undulatory swimming kinematics

• For all swimming modes the 2D kinematics of the backbone can be approximated by a backward travelling wave:

$$y(x,t) = a(x)\sin(kx - \omega t)$$

Kinematic parameters:

• Wavenumber: $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$ (wavelength λ)

- Angular frequency: $\omega = 2\pi f$ (frequency f)
- Curve envelope : $a(x) = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2$ (depends on the swimming mode)

Carangiform

f = 2 Hz

 $a(x) = 0.02 - 0.12x + 0.2x^2$

Anguilliform

f = 2 Hz

a(x) = x + 0.1



Swimming kinematics for control

• 2 control parameters added to swimming law:

$$y(x,t) = \frac{b(t)a(x)\sin[kx - \phi(t)]}{b(t)a(x)\sin[kx - \phi(t)]}$$

- Amplitude gain, b(t): to allow the swimmer to modify its amplitude
- Instantaneous phase, $\phi(t)=2\pi\int_{t_0}^t f(t)\,dt$: to allow frequency modulation

2D swimmer shape



Karman trefftz transform

$$z = nb\frac{(\zeta+m)^n + (\zeta-m)^n}{(\zeta+m)^n - (\zeta-m)^n}$$

z = xi + y $\zeta = \eta i + \theta$

Shape defined by the following parameters:

 $\eta_c, \theta_c, n, b, m, l$



2D deformation



 α : Local deformation angle

$$\vec{x}_d(t) = R(\alpha(t))(\vec{x}_s - \vec{x}_{bs}) + \vec{x}_b(t)$$

$$R(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

High-fidelity numerical simulation

- Computational fluid dynamics
- Incompressible flow
- Volume penalization method to account for body
- Uniform Cartesian grid / Finite difference / Chorin projection method

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial t} + (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla)\vec{u} = -\frac{1}{\rho}\nabla p + \nu\Delta \vec{u} + \frac{\chi(\vec{x}, t)}{k}(\vec{u} - \vec{u}_{body})\\ \nabla \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \end{cases}$$



Optimal control problem



Direct multiple shooting

NLP:

$$\min_{s_i,q_i} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} l_i(s_i,q_i) + \psi(s_N)$$

$$s.t: s_0 = x_0$$

$$s_N = x_F$$

$$s_{i+1} = F(s_i,q_i)$$

$$\underbrace{x_i^{lb} \leq s_i \leq x_i^{ub}}_{RK 4/5}$$

$$x_i^{lb} \leq q_i \leq u_i^{ub}$$

$$h(s_i,q_i) \leq 0$$

$$g(s_i,q_i) = 0$$



Optimization problem solved with an interior point method (ipopt library)

Model predictive control



$$\xrightarrow{\text{yields}}$$
 $u^*(\vec{x})$: Closed loop solution

Sparse identification of nonlinear dynamics



Brunton, Steven L., Joshua L. Proctor, and J. Nathan Kutz. 2016.

Velocity tracking

OCP solved with MPC:

$$\min_{u_{G}^{0:N_{h},\vec{c}_{0:N_{h}-1}}} \left(u_{G}^{N_{h}} - u_{ref}^{N_{h}} \right)^{2} + \sum_{i=0}^{N_{h}-1} \left(u_{G}^{i} - u_{ref}^{i} \right)^{2} + \Delta \vec{c}_{i}^{T} R \Delta \vec{c}_{i}$$

s.t:

$$u_{G}^{i+1} = F(u_{G}^{i}, \vec{c}_{i})$$
$$u_{G}^{0} = (u_{G})_{high\ fidelity}$$
$$\vec{c}_{min} \leq \vec{c}_{i} \leq \vec{c}_{max}$$

 Data generated by 5 high fidelity simulations of constant frequency

$$f = \{1.0 \quad 1.5 \quad 2.0 \quad 2.5 \quad 3.0\}$$

• SINDy model:

$$\frac{du_G}{dt} = 0.403u_G^2 - 0.095f^2$$

• $u_{ref}(t) = 1.0 \ m/s$



• Same sindy model

$$v_{ref}(t) = \begin{cases} 0.5, & t < 3.0\\ 1.0, & t \ge 3.0 \end{cases}$$

 Model predictive control anticipates the change in reference



 Data generated by 15 high fidelity simulations of constant frequency

 $b = \{0.5 \quad 1.0 \quad 1.5\}$

• SINDy model:

 $\begin{aligned} \frac{du_g}{dt} \\ &= -0.209u_g - 0.276u_G^2 - 0.436u_G^3 \\ &- 0.067fb - 0.109f^2b^2 + 0.148u_Gfb \\ &- 0.261u_G^2fb - 0.071u_Gf^2b \\ &- 0.344u_Gfb^2 \end{aligned}$

$$u_{ref}(t) = \begin{cases} 0.5, & t < 3.0\\ 1.0, & t \ge 3.0 \end{cases}$$



Proportional control

$$f(t_k) = f(t_{k-1}) + K_p e(t_k)$$

$$b(t_k) = b(t_{k-1}) + K_p e(t_k)$$

$$e(t_k) = \left| u_{ref}(t_k) \right| - \left| u_G(t_k) \right|$$



Cost of transport

$$P_{def} = \max\left(-\iint \vec{u}_{def} \cdot d\vec{F}, 0\right)$$
$$CoT(t) = \frac{\int_{t_0}^t P_{def}dt}{\left|\int_{t_0}^t u_G dt\right|} = \frac{e(t)}{|x(t) - x(t_0)|}$$
$$d\vec{F} = (-pI + \tau) \cdot \hat{n}dS$$



Cost of transport minimization

OCP:

$$\min_{\vec{s}_{0:N_{f'}}\vec{c}_{0:N_{f^{-1}}}} w_1 e(t_f) + \sum_{i=0}^{N_f - 1} \Delta \vec{c}_i^T R \Delta \vec{c}_i$$

s.t:

$$\begin{split} \vec{s}_{i+1} &= F(\vec{s}_i, \vec{c}_i) \\ \vec{c}_{min} \leq \vec{c}_i \leq \vec{c}_{max} \\ \vec{s}_0 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ x_{target} - \epsilon \leq x_{N_f} \leq x_{target} + \epsilon \end{split}$$

Open loop solution

- Same data as previous test case
- SINDy model:

 $\frac{de}{dt} = 0.073fb - 0.068f^2b - 0.050f^2b^2 + 0.017f^3b + 0.031efb + 0.013e^2fb - 0.018ef^2b - 0.018efb^2$

- $T_f = 12 s$ $x_{target} = 4$
- Solution like burst and coast swimming



Model mismatch – Open loop control



Comparison with continuous swimming

Cases	Total energy $e(t_f)(J)$	Terminal position $x(t_f)(m)$
Burst-and-coast	0.164	3.96
f = 1.55, b = 0.5	0.19	3.98
f = 1, b = 0.85	0.162	3.96

- Second continuous swimming case slightly lower cost of transport
- Burst and coast solution is an optimum for the optimal control problem with the SINDy model.
- Different than that of the high-fidelity simulation due to model errors





Questions ?