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## ZMP

### Zero Moment Point

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Consider the ZMP equation, which describes the center of mass dynamics of a walking robot.

$$\mathbf{x}_{cm} - \mathbf{x}_{zmp} = \frac{z_{cm}}{g} \ddot{\mathbf{x}}_{cm}$$

where  $\mathbf{x}_{cm}$  is the center of mass position,  $z_{cm}$  is the center of mass height, and  $\mathbf{x}_{zmp}$  is the ZMP position.

To achieve this linear model, which assumptions/simplifications have been made? Select all that apply.

☐ The robot legs are massless

☒  $\dot{z}_{cm}$  is held constant. ✓

☐ The robot dynamics are linear

☒ Angular momentum is held constant. ✓

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## ZMP Planning: Part A

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For this problem, we will use a simple ZMP plan to construct a nominal trajectory for the center of mass that tracks the ZMP plan. Construct a linear system where the state  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_{cm} \\ \dot{\mathbf{x}}_{cm} \end{bmatrix}$  is the position of the center of mass  $\mathbf{x}_{cm} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  (for 3-D walking) and the velocity  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}_{cm}$ . Take the output of to be the position of the ZMP,  $\mathbf{x}_{zmp} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Let the input  $\mathbf{u} = \ddot{\mathbf{x}}_{cm}$ . Write your system in the form:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}, \quad \mathbf{x}_{zmp} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}.$$

```

1 g = 9.81; %gravity
2 z_cm = 1.1; %height of the center of mass
3 A =
4 B =
5 C =
6 D =
7

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Unanswered

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g = 9.81; %gravity
z_cm = 1.1; %height of the center of mass

A = [zeros(2) eye(2); zeros(2,4)];
B = [zeros(2);eye(2)];
C = [eye(2) zeros(2)];
D = -eye(2)*z_cm/g;

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## ZMP Planning: Part B

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With the system above, construct a linear quadratic optimal control problem to stabilize the ZMP to the origin. Write the cost as  $\int \mathbf{x}_{zmp}^T \mathbf{Q}_{zmp} \mathbf{x}_{zmp}$

Convert this problem into standard LQR format, and call MATLAB's built in **lqr** function. See **help lqr** for an explanation of the term  $\mathbf{N}$ . For  $\mathbf{Q}_{zmp} = \mathbf{I}^{2 \times 2}$ , find the optimal cost-to-go  $\mathbf{S}$ .

Rewrite this tracking problem in terms of the state and input, in the form

$$\int_0^\infty \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{q}^T \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{N} \mathbf{u} dt$$

where we have discarded any constant terms in the cost. Note the "2", this is to fit your solution into MATLAB's **lqr** format.

```

1 g = 9.81; %gravity
2 z_cm = 1.1; %height of the center of mass
3 A =
4 B =
5 Q =
6 R =
7 N =
8
9 [K,S] = lqr(A,B,Q,R,N);
10

```

Unanswered

```

g = 9.81; %gravity
z_cm = 1.1; %height of the center of mass

% an example of Q_zmp
Q_zmp = eye(2);

% A, B, C, and D from last question:
A = [zeros(2) eye(2); zeros(2,4)];
B = [zeros(2);eye(2)];
C = [eye(2) zeros(2)];
D = -eye(2)*z_cm/g;

Q = C'*Q_zmp*C;
R = D'*Q_zmp*D;
N = C'*Q_zmp*D;

[K,S] = lqr(A,B,Q,R,N);

```

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## ZMP Planning: Part C

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Repeat Part B, but instead track a desired reference trajectory  $\mathbf{x}_{zmp}^d(t)$ , where the cost is

$$\int (\mathbf{x}_{zmp} - \mathbf{x}_{zmp}^d)^T \mathbf{Q}_{zmp} (\mathbf{x}_{zmp} - \mathbf{x}_{zmp}^d) dt$$

Rewrite this tracking problem in terms of the state and input, in the form

$$\mathbf{x}(T)^T \mathbf{Q}_f \mathbf{x}(T) + \mathbf{q}_f^T \mathbf{x}(T) + \int_0^T \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Q}(t) \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{q}(t)^T \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{R}(t) \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{r}(t)^T \mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{N}(t) \mathbf{u} dt$$

where we have discarded any constant terms in the cost.

Download the stub code [here](#), and implement the ZMP planner. For the final cost of the time-varying LQR problem, use the infinite horizon cost from Part B, but centered around the stationary end-point of the walking trajectory  $(\mathbf{x}_{cm} - \mathbf{x}_{final})^T \mathbf{S} (\mathbf{x}_{cm} - \mathbf{x}_{final})$ .

A correct LQR controller should track the ZMP trajectory closely, and illustrate a smooth center of mass trajectory. For your working controller, what is  $\ddot{y}_{cm}$  for  $t = 1$  in the simulation? This should be the second element of  $\mathbf{u}$  printed by the stub code.

Answer: .0376

### Explanation

The time varying LQR costs are given by:

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% The time varying costs for Q, R, N as in Part B.
% Now, however, the desired zmp position is zmp_traj, not a constant value (0),
% so we have linear terms as a result.
Q{1} = C'*Q_zmp*C;
Q{2} = -2*C'*Q_zmp*zmp_traj;
Q{3} = 0;

R{1} = D'*Q_zmp*D;
R{2} = -2*D'*Q_zmp*zmp_traj;
R{3} = 0;

options.Ny = C'*Q_zmp*D;

% Solve LQR at the final state to get infinite horizon cost
[~,S] = lqr(A,B,Q{1},R{1},options.Ny)
Qf{1} = S;
Qf{2} = -2*S*[zmp_traj.eval(T);0;0];
Qf{3} = 0;
```

Experiment by changing the walking speed and the amount of time at the beginning and end of the trajectory where the ZMP is motionless ( $t_{\text{beginning}}$  and  $t_{\text{end}}$ ) in the code.

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