Dongho Kang

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research aims to create legged robots that exhibit natural and animal-like behaviors. Thus, my research interests are broad ranging to legged locomotion control, character animation, and design optimization for robotics applications.

EDUCATION

ETH Zürich, Zurich, Switzerland

Doctoral Student in Computer Science
 Main advisor: Prof. Dr. Stelian Coros

Apr 2020 – Present

Second advisor: Prof. Dr. Marco Hutter

■ M.Sc. ETH in Mechanical Engineering Sep 2016 – Aug 2019

• Advisor: Prof. Dr. Marco Hutter

· Graduated with distiction

Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea

■ B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering and B.Sc. in Computer Science Mar 2009 – Aug 2016

• Advisor: Prof. Dr. Dongjun Lee

• Graduated with honor (Cum Laude)

• Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Stelian Coros

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Computational Robotics Lab, ETH Zürich

Scientific Assistant

Dec 2019 – Present

• Control methods for animal-like motions of bio-inspired quadrupedal robots.

Robotic Systems Lab, ETH Zürich

■ Master's Student Sep 2017 – Nov 2019

• Supervisors: David Höller, Dr. Jemin Hwangbo and Prof. Dr. Marco Hutter

• Learning-based collision avoidance for a legged robot.

• Participated in the development of RaiSim: a physics engine for robotics and AI research.

Interactive & Networked Robotics Lab, Seoul National University

■ Undergraduate Research Assistant Sep 2014 – Jan 2016

• Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Dongjun Lee

• State estimation and control strategies for multi-robot cooperative systems

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & ACTIVITIES

NVIDIA, Zurich, Switzerland

■ Deep Learning Intern Jun 2018 – Dec 2018

• Projects: Deep learning-based super-resolution and anti-aliasing.

LeisureQ Inc., Seoul, South Korea

■ Software Engineer Intern Jan 2016 – Sep 2016

• Projects: Backend web application for E-commerce website Gajago.

CNP Technology Inc., Seoul, South Korea

■ Hardware and CAD Engineer Jan 2016 – Sep 2016

PUBLICATIONS CONFERENCES

- [1] Dongho Kang, Flavio De Vincenti, Naomi C. Adam, and Stelian Coros, "Animal Motions on Legged Robots Using Nonlinear Model Predictive Control," in *International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, Oct 2022.
- [2] Dongho Kang, Simon Zimmermann, and Stelian Coros, "Animal Gaits on Quadrupedal Robots using Motion Matching and Model-Based Control," in *International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, Sep 2021.
- [3] Flavio De Vincenti, <u>Dongho Kang</u>, and Stelian Coros, "Control-Aware Design Optimization for Bio-Inspired Quadruped Robots," in *International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, Sep 2021.

[4] Changu Kim, Hyunsoo Yang, Dongho Kang and Dongjun Lee, "2-D Cooperative Localization with Omni-Directional Mobile Robots," in *International Conference on Ubiquitous Robots and Ambient Intelligence*, Goyang, South Korea, Oct 2015.

WORKSHOP

[1] Dongho Kang, Flavio De Vincenti, and Stelian Coros, "Nonlinear Model Predictive Control for Quadrupedal Locomotion Using Second-Order Sensitivity Analysis," in *ICRA 2022: 6th Full-Day Workshop on Legged Robots*, May 2022.

THESIS

[1] Dongho Kang, "End-to-End Collision Avoidance from Depth Input with Memory-based Deep RL," Master's thesis, the Department of Mechanical and Process Engineering, ETH Zürich, Aug 2019.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

INVITED TALK

• Robot Intelligence Lab, Korea University, Seoul, South Korea Apr 2021

■ NAVER LABS Corp., Seoul, South Korea Dec 2019

Max Planck ETH Center for Learning Systems Symposium, Tübingen, Germany

Birkigt Scholarship, ETH Zürich Stipendiary scholarship for international master student.

Feb 2018 Aug 2014

Eminence Scholarship, Seoul National University
 Full-tuition scholarship for one academic semester for outstanding academic performance.

Development Fund Scholarship, Seoul National University
 Feb 2010

Full-tuition scholarship for one academic year for outstanding academic performance.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ETH Zürich, Zurich, Switzerland

Teaching Assistant, Digital Humans (S. Coros, Siyu Tang)
 Spring 2023
 Teaching Assistant, Linear Algebra (Ö. Imamoglu, O. Sorkine-Hornung)
 Autumn 2022

Teaching Assistant, Computational Models of Motion (S. Coros, B. Thomaszewski)
 Teaching Assistant, Visual Computing (S. Coros, M. Pollefeys)
 2021 – 2022
 2020 – 2022

Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea

Mentor, SNU Samsung Convergence Software Course Program

2015

■ Teaching Assistant, MAE 446.204A: Dynamics 2014

■ Teaching Assistant, PA 034.013: Basic Physics 2 Autumn 2011

LANGUAGES

• Korean: Native language.

• English: Fluent.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming and Software

C/C++, C#, Python, Matlab/Octave, Unix/Linux, Tensorflow, Pytorch, ROS, Open Dynamics Engine, Unity

Experience with Robots

UnitreeRobotics Aliengo, A1, Go1, ANYbotics ANYmal

REFERENCES

■ Prof. Dr. Stelian Coros

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