Junhyeok Ahn

20 Cooper St Unit 339, Waltham, MA 02453

**Tel**: (512) 902-0530 / **Email**: [junhyeokahn91@gmail.com](mailto:junhyeokahn91@gmail.com) / **Homepage**: <https://junhyeokahn.github.io/>

**EDUCATION**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Aug. 2016 – Jul.2022 | **The University of Texas at Austin**, *Austin, TX*  Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering  Advisor: Luis Sentis |
| Mar. 2010 – Feb. 2016 | **Hanyang University**, *Seoul*, *Korea*  Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering |

**WORK AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Aug.2022 – Present | **Senior Software Engineer**  Boston Dynamics,*Waltham, MA* |
| Aug. 2017 – Jul.2022 | **Graduate Research Assistant**  The University of Texas at Austin, *Austin, TX*  • Planning, control, optimization, and machine learning algorithms for legged robots |
| Jun. 2017 – Aug. 2017 | **Research Intern**  Apptronik Inc.,*Austin, TX*  • Low-level actuator controller and a high-level whole-body control for humanoids. |

**PUBLICATIONS**

|  |
| --- |
| 1. J. Lee, **J. Ahn**, D. Kim, S. H. Bang, and L. Sentis, “Online gain adaptation of whole-body control for legged robots with unknown disturbances,” *Frontiers in Robotics and AI*, vol. 8, 2022. 2. **J. Ahn**, S. J. Jorgensen, S. H. Bang, and L. Sentis, “Versatile locomotion planning and control for humanoid robots,” *Frontiers in Robotics and AI*, vol. 8, 2021. 3. **J. Ahn** and L. Sentis, “Nested mixture of experts: Cooperative and competitive learning of hybrid dynamical system,” in *Proceedings of the 3rd Conference on Learning for Dynamics and Control*, vol. 144. PMLR, 07 – 08 June 2021, pp. 779–790. 4. J. Lee, **J. Ahn**, E. Bakolas, and L. Sentis, “Reachability-based trajectory optimization for robotic systems given sequences of rigid contacts,” in *2020 American Control Conference (ACC)*, 2020, pp. 2158–2165. 5. D. Kim, S. J. Jorgensen, J. Lee, **J. Ahn**, J. Luo, and L. Sentis, “Dynamic locomotion for passive-ankle biped robots and humanoids using whole-body locomotion control,” *The International Journal of Robotics Research*, vol. 39, no. 8, pp. 936–956, 2020. 6. **J. Ahn**, J. Lee, and L. Sentis, “Data-efficient and safe learning for humanoid locomotion aided by a dynamic balancing model,” *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters*, vol. 5, no. 3, pp. 4376–4383, 2020. 7. **J. Ahn**, D. Kim, S. Bang, N. Paine, and L. Sentis, “Control of a high performance bipedal robot using viscoelastic liquid cooled actuators,” in *2019 IEEE-RAS 19th International Conference on Humanoid Robots (Humanoids)*, 2019, pp. 146–153. 8. D. Kim, J. Lee, **J. Ahn**, O. Campbell, H. Hwang, and L. Sentis, “Computationally-robust and efficient prioritized whole-body controller with contact constraints,” in *2018 IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, 2018, pp. 1–8. 9. **J. Ahn**, O. Campbell, D. Kim, and L. Sentis, “Fast kinodynamic bipedal locomotion planning with moving obstacles,” in *2018 IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, 2018, pp. 177–184. 10. D. Kim, **J. Ahn**, O. Campbell, N. Paine, and L. Sentis, “Investigations of a robotic test bed with viscoelastic liquid cooled actuators,” *IEEE/ASME Transactions on Mechatronics*, vol. 23, no. 6, pp. 2704–2714, 2018. (**Best Paper Award**) 11. D. Kim, O. Campbell, **J. Ahn**, L. Sentis, and N. Paine, “Investigations of viscoelastic liquid cooled actuators applied for dynamic motion control of legged systems,” in *2017 IEEE-RAS 17th International Conference on Humanoid Robotics (Humanoids)*, 2017, pp. 710–717. |

**PREPRINTS**

|  |
| --- |
| 1. **J. Ahn**, S. H. Bang, C. Gonzalez, Y. Yuan, and L. Sentis, “Data-driven safety verification for legged robots,” 2022. 2. S. J. Jorgensen, O. Campbell, T. Llado, D. Kim, **J. Ahn**, and L. Sentis, “Exploring model predictive control to generate optimal control policies for hri dynamical systems,” 2017. |

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Jan. 2021 – May. 2021 | **Graduate Teaching Assistant**  The University of Texas at Austin, Aerospace Engineering & Engineering Mechanics, *Austin, TX*  • Decision and Control of Human-Centered Robots (ASE389) |
| Jan. 2017 – May. 2017 | **Graduate Teaching Assistant**  The University of Texas at Austin, McCombs School of Business, *Austin, TX*  •Data Mining (MIS373) |

**SKILLS**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Program Language | Python, C++, Matlab |
| Library | Dart, Pybullet, Mujoco, Tensorflow, ZeroMQ |

**SOFTWARES**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| PnC | C++ library designed for generating trajectories for a robot system and stabilizing the system over the trajectories. (https://github.com/junhyeokahn/PnC) |
| PyPnC | Python implementation of PnC. (https://github.com/junhyeokahn/PyPnC) |
| tf\_rbdl | Tensorflow-based rigid body dynamics algorithms. (https://github.com/junhyeokahn/tf\_rbdl) |