

# Imposing a Weight Norm Constraint for NeuroAdaptive Control

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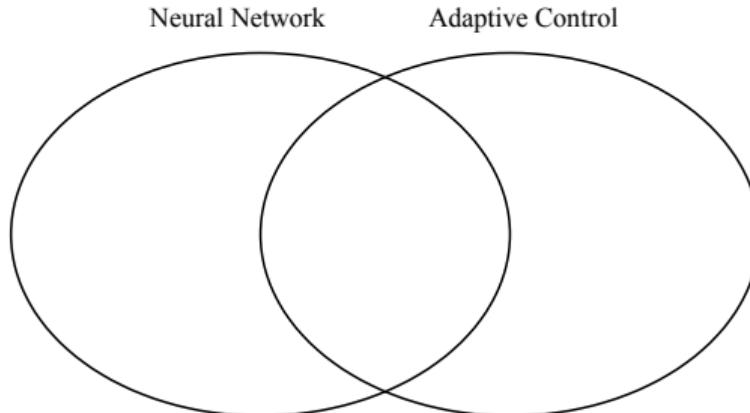
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### NeuroAdaptive Control

- Neuroadaptive control (NAC) is a control strategy that combines **neural networks (NNs)** with **adaptive control techniques** [1].
- It is used to handle **uncertainties** and **nonlinearity** in dynamic systems.

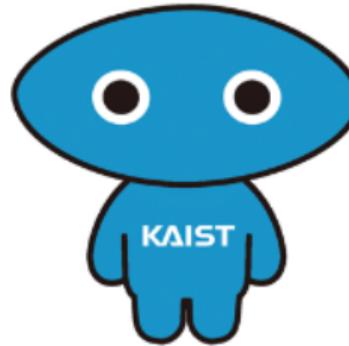


### Advantages of Neuro-Adaptive Control

- **Adaptability:** NAC adapts to changing environments and system dynamics.
- **Stability Guarantee:** The closed-loop stability is ensured using **Lyapunov stability theory**.
- **Online Learning Capability:** NAC adapts in **real-time** to new data with stability guarantees.
- **Robustness:** NAC handles **uncertainties and disturbances** effectively with adaptive control techniques.

## Challenges

- **Optimality:** In general, the adaptation laws are derived with respect to the tracking error, which may not guarantee optimal performance.
- **Unpredictable Amplitude of NN Weights:**
  - NN weights may diverge, leading to instability.
  - This can result in unpredictable behavior of the controller.
- **Parameter Dependency:**



In general, the NN outputs are bounded by limiting the maximum amplitude of the NN weights.

## 1. Projection Operator

- Cats
- Dogs
- Birds



## 2. $\epsilon$ -modification, and $\sigma$ -modification

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## Objective 1: Optimality

- Formulate a constrained optimization problem to minimize the tracking error.
- Guarantee the stability of the system and the NN weights.

## Objective 2: Stability

- Derive an adaptation law that guarantees the stability of the system.
- Ensure that the NN weights remain bounded during operation.

## Objective 3: Boundedness of

- Ensure the controller is robust to uncertainties and disturbances.
- Validate the proposed method through numerical simulations.

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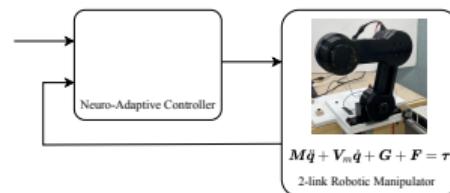
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## Objectives:

- Minimize the tracking error by adapting the NN weights  $\hat{\theta}$ .
- Guarantee the stability of the system and the NN weights  $\hat{\theta}$ .



**Figure:** Architecture of the constrained optimization-based neuro-adaptive controller (CONAC).

Notations:  $M$ : Inertia matrix,  $C$ : Coriolis matrix,  $G$ : Gravity vector,  $\tau$ : Control input,  $q$ : Joint position,  $\hat{\theta}$ : Estimated NN weights.









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# Representative Simulation Results

# Box-and-Whisker Plots

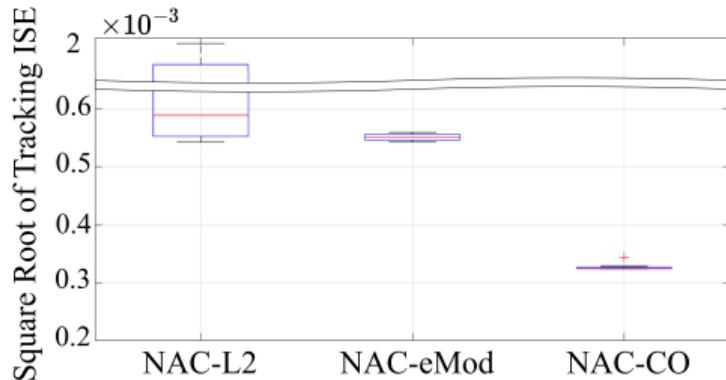


Figure: Parameter dependencies of the proposed method.

Table: Largest cities in the world (source: Wikipedia)

City	Population
Mexico City	20,116,842
Shanghai	19,210,000
Peking	15,796,450
Istanbul	14,160,467

# Parameter Dependencies

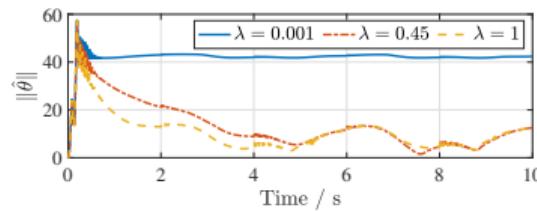


Figure: Weight norms of NAC-L2

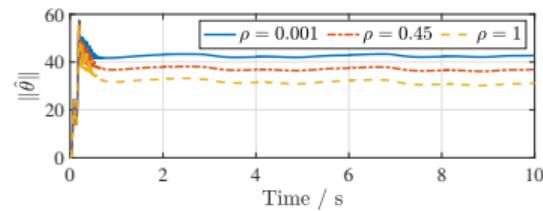


Figure: Weight norms of NAC-eMod

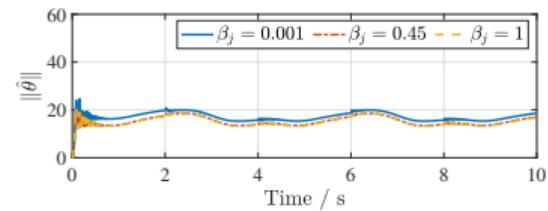


Figure: Weight norms of NAC-CO

The weight norms of the proposed method (NAC-CO) are bounded, while ...

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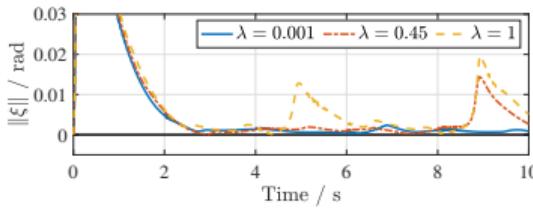


Figure: Tracking error of NAC-L2

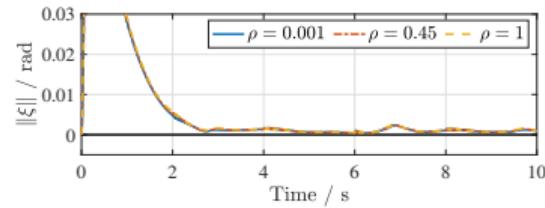


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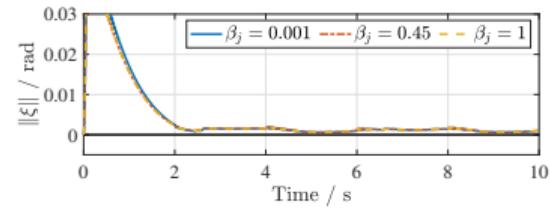


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