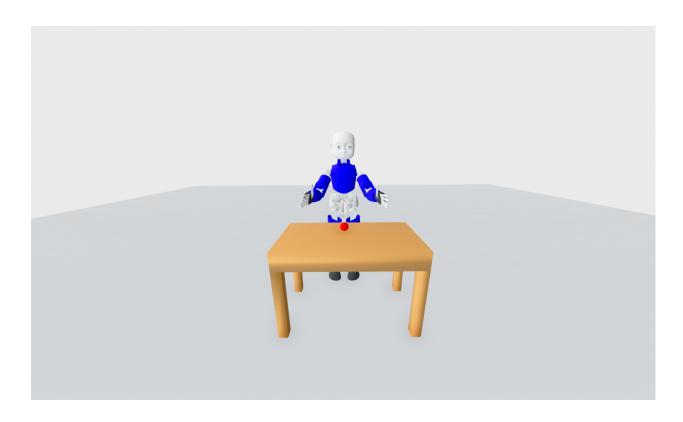
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CHAPTER

ONE

README

- this repo contains code for iCub simulation in PyBullet
- it provides also dockerfile for easy setup of the environment

1.1 Known bugs

- visualization with skin dies after ~65k steps
 - e.g., https://github.com/isl-org/Open3D/issues/4992

1.2 Installation

- 1. Install dependencies
 - use Docker
 - see *Docker* section
 - or install python3 and pip3 install pybullet numpy scipy open3d
- 2. Pull this repository
- 3. try run some example, e.g., python3 PATH_TO_THE_REPOSITORY/icub_pybullet/examples/push_the_ball_cartesian.py

1.3 Examples

- push_the_ball_pure_joints.py contains an example that shows how to control the robot in joint space
- push_the_ball_cartesian.py contains an example that shows how to control the robot in Cartesian space
- skin_test.py contains an example with balls falling the robot and skin should turn green on the places where contact occurs. You may want to slow the simulation a little bit to see that :)

1.4 Information

- documentation can be found at lukasrustler.cz/pycub or in pyCub.pdf
- simulator code is in pycub.py
 - it uses PyBullet for simulation and provides high-level interface
- · visualization code in visualizer.py
 - it uses Open3D for visualization as it is much more customizable than PyBullet default GUI
- movement is done using position control. You can either use position control directly (pycub.move_position()) or use cartesian control (pycub.move_cartesian())
 - Neither of these check for collision before movement!
 - Function pycub.motion_done() check whether all joints reached the target or whether collision ocurred.
 If collision, the variable pycub.collision_during_movement is set. You can also run pycub.motion_done() with check_collision=False to ignore collision checks, e.g., to get out of collision state
- until the repository is installed as a packages, examples contains line sys.path.insert(0, os.path.dirname(os.path.dirname(os.path.abspath(__file__)))) so that python can find the necessary modules. To avoid that, you can run all codes from icub_pybullet folder or use PyCharm (or other IDE)

1.5 Docker

https://github.com/rustlluk/easy-docker is utilized to use Docker

1.5.1 Installation

- install docker-engine (**DO NOT INSTALL DOCKER DESKTOP**), do post-installation steps and (optional) install nvidia-docker for GPU support
- For ubuntu (and Mint, but you have) users:
 - if you are a mint user, change VERSION_CODENAME to UBUNTU_CODENAME

- and post-installation to use docker without sudo:

```
sudo groupadd docker
sudo usermod -aG docker $USER
```

- and restart your computer
- clone this repository

```
cd SOME_PATH
git clone https://github.com/rustlluk/pyCub.git
```

• (optionally) rename it to be called the same as in docker

```
mv SOME_PATH/pycub SOME_PATH/pycub_ws
```

• run the docker (see *Parameters* for more parameters)

```
cd SOME_PATH/pycub_ws/Docker
```

- to build it on your computer:

```
./deploy.py -b -p SOME_PATH/pycub_ws -c pycub
```

1.5.2 Docker + PyCharm

- 1. Either run pycharm from docker
- 2. In your local docker:
 - · add ssh interpreter
 - user docker
 - ip can be localhost or ip where you run the docker
 - port 2222
 - · uncheck automatic upload to remote folder
 - change remote path to /home/docker/pycub_ws

Common steps:

- mark all folder icub_pybullet as Source Root
- for X11 forwarding:
 - Click on configurations drop menu -> Edit Configurations -> Edit configuration templates -> Python Edit environment variables -> add DISPLAY with the same value as in docker and uncheck 'Include system environment variables'. Every new configuration will have that settings from now
 - * if you already have configuration created before doing the above -> delete it and create again, or change it manually

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1.5.3 Deploy Parameters

- · cd to folder with Dockerfile
- ./deploy.py
 - -b or --build when building
 - * default: False
 - -nv or --nvidia when you want to use your Nvidia card
 - * you have to use it when creating a new container
 - * default: False
 - -e if you just want to run existing docker without building
 - * default: False
 - -p or --path with path to current folder
 - * default: ""
 - c or --container with desired name of the new, created container
 - * default: my_new_docker
 - t or --terminal to run new terminal in running docker session
 - * default: False
 - -pv or --python-version to specify addition python version to install
 - * default: 3.11
 - -pcv or --pycharm-version to specify version of pycharm to use
 - * default: 2023.2.3
 - -bi or --base-image to specify base image that will be used
 - * default: nvidia/cuda:11.0.3-devel-ubuntu20.04
 - * other can be found at hub.docker.com

Do this on computer where you will run the code. If you have a server you have to run it on the server over SSH to make things work properly.

1.5.4 FAQ

- applications do not run on your screen (or you have some strange screen related errors)
 - in another terminal run xhost local:docker
 - * if it does not work, try xhost +
 - · if this does not work, nothing can be done
- you get error of not being in sudo group when running image
 - check output of id -u command. If the output is not 1000 you have to build the image by yourself and can not pull it
 - * this happens when your account is not the first one created on your computer
- · "sudo apt install something" does not work

 ${\color{blue}\textbf{-}}$ you need to run sudo ${\color{blue}\textbf{apt}}$ update first after you run the container for the first time

st apt things are removed in Dockerfile, so it does not take unnecessary space in the image

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TWO

ICUB_PYBULLET

2.1 pyCub

class pycub.EndEffector(name, client)

Bases: object

Help function for end-effector encapsulaation

Parameters

- name (str) name of the end-effector
- client (pointer to pyCub instance) parent client

get_position()

Function to get current position of the end-effector

class pycub.Joint(name, robot_joint_id, joints_id, lower_limit, upper_limit, max_force, max_velocity)

Bases: object

Help class to encapsulate joint information

Parameters

- name (str) name of the joint
- robot_joint_id (int) id of the joint in pybullet
- **joints_id** (*int*) id of the joint in pycub.joints
- lower_limit (float) lower limit of the joint
- upper_limit (float) upper limit of the joint
- max_force (float) max force of the joint
- max_velocity (float) max velocity of the joint

class pycub.Link(name, robot_joint_id, urdf_link)

Bases: object

Help function to encapsulate link information

Parameters

- name (str) name of the link
- $robot_joint_id(int)$ id of the link in pybullet
- **urdf_link** (*int*) id of the link in pycub.urdfs["robot"].links

```
class pycub.pyCub(config='default.yaml')
     Bases: BulletClient
     Client class which inherits from BulletClient and contains the whole simulation functionality
          Parameters
              config (str, optional, default="default.yaml") - path to the config file
     static bbox_overlap(b1_min, b1_max, b2_min, b2_max)
     compute_skin()
          Function to emulate skin activations using ray casting.
     contactPoints = {'DISTANCE': 8, 'FLAG': 0, 'FORCE': 9, 'FRICTION1': 10,
     'FRICTION2': 12, 'FRICTIONDIR1': 11, 'FRICTIONDIR2': 13, 'IDA': 1, 'IDB': 2,
     'INDEXA': 3, 'INDEXB': 4, 'NORMAL': 7, 'POSITIONA': 5, 'POSITIONB': 6}
     create_urdf(object_path, fixed, color, suffix=")
          Creates a URDF for the given .obj file
              Parameters
                  • object_path (str) – path to the .obj
                  • fixed (bool) – whether the object is fixed in space
                  • color (list of 3 floats) – color of the object
     dynamicsInfo = {'BODYTYPE': 10, 'DAMPING': 8, 'FRICTION': 1, 'INERTIAOR': 4,
     'INERTIAPOS': 3, 'INTERTIADIAGONAL': 2, 'MARGIN': 11, 'MASS': 0, 'RESTITUTION': 5,
     'ROLLINGFRICTION': 6, 'SPINNINGFRICTION': 7, 'STIFFNESS': 9}
     find_joint_id(joint_name)
          Help function to get indexes from joint name of joint index in self.joints list
              Parameters
                  joint_name (str or int) – name or index of the link
              Returns
                  joint id in pybullet and pycub space
              Return type
                  int, int
     find_link_id(mesh_name, robot=None, urdf_name='robot')
          Help function to find link id from mesh name
              Parameters
                  • mesh_name (str) – name of the mesh (only basename with extension)
                  • robot (int, optional, default=None) - robot pybullet id
                  • urdf_name (str, optional, default="robot") - name of the object in pycub.urdfs
              Returns
                  id of the link in pybullet space
              Return type
                  int
```

```
get_camera_images()
    Gets the images from enabled eye cameras
        Returns
            list of numpy arrays
        Return type
            list
get_joint_state(joints=None)
    Get the state of the specified joints
        Parameters
            joints (int or list, optional, default=None) - joint or list of joints to get the state
            of
        Returns
            list of states of the joints
        Return type
            list
init_robot()
    Load the robot URDF and get its joints' information
        Returns
            robot and its joints
        Return type
            int or list
is_alive()
    Checks whether the engine is still running
        Returns
            True when running
        Return type
            bool
jointInfo = {'AXIS': 13, 'DAMPING': 6, 'FLAGS': 5, 'FRICTION': 7, 'INDEX': 0,
'LINKNAME': 12, 'LOWERLIMIT': 8, 'MAXFORCE': 10, 'MAXVELOCITY': 11, 'NAME': 1,
'PARENTINDEX': 16, 'PARENTORN': 15, 'PARENTPOS': 14, 'QINDEX': 3, 'TYPE': 2,
'UINDEX': 4, 'UPPERLIMIT': 9}
jointStates = {'FORCES': 2, 'POSITION': 0, 'TORQUE': 3, 'VELOCITY': 1}
kill_open3d()
linkInfo = {'ANGVEL': 7, 'INERTIAORI': 3, 'INERTIAPOS': 2, 'LINVEL': 6, 'URDFORI':
5, 'URDFPOS': 4, 'WORLDORI': 1, 'WORLDPOS': 0}
motion_done(joints=None, check_collision=True)
    Checks whether the motion is done.
        Parameters
            • joints (int or list, optional, default=None) - joint or list of joints to get the
            • check_collision (bool, optional, default=True) - whether to check for colli-
```

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sion during motion

Returns

True when motion is done, false otherwise

Return type

bool

move_cartesian(pose, wait=True, velocity=1, check_collision=True)

Move the robot in cartesian space by computing inverse kinematics and running position control

Parameters

- pose (utils.Pose) desired pose of the end effector
- wait (bool, optional, default=True) whether to wait for movement completion
- velocity (float, optional, default=1) joint velocity to move with
- **check_collision** (*bool*, *optional*, *default=True*) whether to check for collisions during motion

move_position(*joints*, *positions*, *wait=True*, *velocity=1*, *set_col_state=True*, *check_collision=True*)

Move the specified joints to the given positions

Parameters

- joints (int, list, str) joint or list of joints to move
- positions (float or list) position or list of positions to move the joints to
- wait (bool, optional, default=True) whether to wait until the motion is done
- **velocity** (*float*, *optional*, *default=1*) velocity to move the joints with
- set_col_state (bool, optional, default=True) whether to reset collision state
- **check_collision** (*bool*, *optional*, *default=True*) whether to check for collision during motion

move_velocity(joints, velocities)

Move the specified joints with the specified velocity IT IS HERE, BUT NOT IN WORKING STATE

Parameters

- joints (int or list) joint or list of joints to move
- **velocities** (*float or list*) velocity or list of velocities to move the joints to

prepare_log()

Prepares the log string

Returns

log string

Return type

str

print_collision_info(c=None)

Help function to print collision info

Parameters

c (list, optional, default=None) - one collision

run_vhacd()

Function to run VHACD on all objects in loaded URDFs, and to create new URDFs with changed collision meshes

```
static scale_bbox(bbox, scale)
     stop_robot()
          Stops the robot
     toggle_gravity()
          Toggles the gravity
     update_simulation(sleep_duration=0.01)
          Updates the simulation
              Parameters
                  sleep_duration(float, optional, default=0.01) – duration to sleep before the next
                  simulation step
     visualShapeData = {'COLOR': 7, 'DIMS': 3, 'FILE': 4, 'GEOMTYPE': 2, 'ID': 0, 'LINK':
     1, 'ORI': 6, 'POS': 5, 'TEXTURE': 8}
     wait_motion_done(sleep_duration=0.01, check_collision=True)
          Help function to wait for motion to be done. Can sleep for a specific duration
              Parameters
                   • sleep_duration(float, optional, default=0.01) - how long to sleep before run-
                    ning simulation step
                   • check_collision (bool, optional, default=True) - whether to check for colli-
                    sions during motion
2.2 utils
class utils.Config(config_path)
     Bases: object
     Class to parse and keep the config loaded from yaml file
          Parameters
              config_path (str) – path to the config file
     set_attribute(attr, value, reference)
          Function to recursively fill the instance variables from dictionary. When value is non-dict, it is directly
          assigned to a variable. Else, the dict is recursively parsed.
              Parameters
                   • attr (str) – name of the attribute

    value

                                  (str, float, int, dict, list, ... - and other that can be
                     loaded from yam1) - value of the attribute
                   • reference (pointer or whatever it is called in Python) - reference to the
                    parent class. "self" for the upper attributes, pointer to namedtuple for inner attributes
              Returns
```

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Return type int

```
class utils.CustomFormatter(fmt=None, datefmt=None, style='%', validate=True, *, defaults=None)
```

Bases: Formatter

Custom formatter that assigns colors to logs From https://stackoverflow.com/a/56944256

Initialize the formatter with specified format strings.

Initialize the formatter either with the specified format string, or a default as described above. Allow for specialized date formatting with the optional datefmt argument. If datefmt is omitted, you get an ISO8601-like (or RFC 3339-like) format.

Use a style parameter of '%', '{' or '\$' to specify that you want to use one of %-formatting, str.format() ({}) formatting or string. Template formatting in your format string.

Changed in version 3.2: Added the style parameter.

```
FORMATS = {10: '\x1b[38;20m%(module)s %(levelname)s: %(message)s\x1b[0m', 20:
'\x1b[38;20m%(module)s %(levelname)s: %(message)s\x1b[0m', 30:
'\x1b[33;20m%(module)s %(levelname)s: %(message)s\x1b[0m', 40:
'\x1b[31;20m%(module)s %(levelname)s: %(message)s\x1b[0m', 50:
'\x1b[31;1m%(module)s %(levelname)s: %(message)s\x1b[0m'}
bold_red = '\x1b[31;1m'
format(record)
```

Format the specified record as text.

The record's attribute dictionary is used as the operand to a string formatting operation which yields the returned string. Before formatting the dictionary, a couple of preparatory steps are carried out. The message attribute of the record is computed using LogRecord.getMessage(). If the formatting string uses the time (as determined by a call to usesTime(), formatTime() is called to format the event time. If there is exception information, it is formatted using formatException() and appended to the message.

```
grey = '\x1b[38;20m'

red = '\x1b[31;20m'

reset = '\x1b[0m'

yellow = '\x1b[33;20m'

class utils.Pose(pos, ori)

Bases: object
```

Mini help class for Pose representation

Init function that takes position and orientation and saves them as attributes

Parameters

```
• pos (list) - x,y,z position
• ori (list) - rpy orientation

class utils.URDF(path)

Bases: object

Class to parse URDF file
```

Parameters

path (*str*) – path to the URDF file

$ROOT_TAGS = []$

dereference()

Make parent/child again as names to allow urdf write

find_root_tags()

Finds tags that are 'root', i.e., they have child 'inside'

fix_urdf()

Fix the URDF file by converting non-mesh geometries to mesh and saving them as .obj files. If changes were made, write the new URDF to a file.

make_references()

Make parent/child in joint list as references to the given link

read(el, parent)

Recursive function to read the URDF file. When there are no children, it reads the attributes and saves them.

Parameters

- **el** (xml.etree.ElementTree.Element) The current element in the XML tree.
- parent (xml.etree.ElementTree.Element) The parent element in the XML tree.

write_attr(attr_name, attr, level=1, skip_header=False)

Write an attribute to the new URDF string.

Parameters

- attr_name (str) The name of the attribute.
- **attr** (*any*) The attribute value.
- **level** (*int*, *optional*, *default=1*) The indentation level for the attribute.
- **skip_header** (bool, optional, default=False) Whether to skip writing the attribute header.

write_urdf()

Write the URDF object to a string.

2.3 visualizer

class visualizer.Visualizer(client=None)

Bases: object

Class to help with custom rendering

Parameters

client (int, optional, default=None) - The client to be used for the visualizer.

class EyeWindow(eye, parent)

Bases: object

Class to handle windows for eye rendering

Parameters

• **eye** (str) – name of the eye

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```
• parent (int) – The parent class (Visualizer).
    MENU_IDS = \{'1_{eye}': [2, 3, 8], 'r_{eye}': [4, 5, 9]\}
     POSITIONS = {'l_eye': [320, 560], 'r_eye': [0, 560]}
     get_image()
     on_close()
         Small function to delete the window from the parent class
     on_mouse(event)
         Small function to ignore mouse events
            Parameters
               event (gui.MouseEvent) - Mouse event
     save_image(im)
         Callback to get images from open3d
             Parameters
               im (o3d.geometry.Image) – the image to be saves
     save_images()
         Function to save stream of images to file
class MenuCallback(menu_id, parent)
     Bases: object
     Class to handle menu callbacks.
     Initialize the MenuCallback class.
         Parameters
             • menu_id (int) - The id of the menu.
             • parent (pointer to the class of visualizer. Visualizer type) - The parent
               class (Visualizer).
     input_completed(text=None)
     save_image(im, mode)
         Save the image. It shows FileDialog to find path for image save. It saves it with the current resolution
         of the window.
             Parameters
               • im (open3d.geometry.Image) – The image to be saved.
               • mode (int) – The mode of the image. 0 for RGB, 1 for depth.
     wait_for_dialog_completion()
         Help function to keep the gui loop running
find_xyz_rpy(mesh_name, urdf_name='robot')
     Find the xyz, rpy and scales values.
         Parameters
             • mesh_name (str) – The name of the mesh.
             • urdf_name (str, optional, default="robot") - The name of the urdf.
         Returns
```

The xyz, rpy, and scales, link_name

```
read_info(obj_id)
      Read info from PyBullet
           Parameters
               obj_id (int) – id of the object; given by pybullet
           Returns
               0 for success
           Return type
               int
render()
      Render all the things
show_first(urdf_name='robot')
      Show the first batch of meshes in the visualizer. It loads the meshes and saves the to dict for quicker use
      later
           Parameters
               {\tt urdf\_name}\ ({\tt str},\ {\tt optional}\ ,\ {\tt default="robot"}) - {\tt The}\ {\tt name}\ {\tt of}\ {\tt the}\ {\tt urdf}\ {\tt to}\ {\tt be}\ {\tt used}.
show_mesh()
      Function to parse info about meshes from PyBullet
```

2.3. visualizer

CHAPTER

THREE

EXAMPLES

3.1 push_the_ball_cartesian

Example of moving the robot in cartesian space to push the ball. It is more robust than the pure joint control.

Author

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push_the_ball_cartesian.push_the_ball()

Function to move the ball with cartesian control. The robot is moved 15cm lower and 10cm closer and the moved left to push the ball.

3.2 push_the_ball_pure_joints

Example of how to push the ball from the table using only pure joint control. It works without planner of collisions detection/avoidance. It is not very robust, and it is laborious, but it is a good starting point for your own experiments.

Author

Lukas Rustler

push_the_ball_pure_joints.push_the_ball()

Function to push the ball from the table

3.3 skin_test

Script to the test the skin sensors.

Author

Lukas Rustler

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