The Art of Robotics: Toward A Holistic Approach

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Talk Agenda

- 1. Background How I ended up here.
- 2. Other Things Warm up the crowd with a quick review of some other things I've done.
- 3. The Big Picture Cover the central themes of this talk.
- 4. A Unifying Framework An old framework, revived.
- 5. Brushless PMSM Motors Operating limits, thermal management, liquid cooling.
- 6. Touching Robots Tactile sensing, contact modeling, whiskers, robot pain.
- 7. Conclusions Review key points and propose some future work.
- 8. Questions "Please clap..."

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Background 1/23

How I Ended Up Here

Background 2/23

Other Things

Other Things

Teaching with CMU's Gelfand Outreach Center

Carnegie Mellon University



- Introduction to Robotics with the Finch Platform
 - Each session is 5 days, 3 hrs/day
 - 4th and 5th graders
 - 1 session Summer 2017 + 2 sessions Summer 2018

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Teaching with CMU's Gelfand Outreach Center

- Saturday Series LEGO WeDo Robotics
 - 3 hour course
 - 2nd and 3rd graders
 - 1 session Spring 2018

Carnegie Mellon University



Other Things 5/23

Robotics Institute Meme Facebook Page



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Robotics Institute Meme Facebook Page

- Some statistics:
 - The RI's first and only meme page
 - Formed in March 2018
 - 170 members
 - 30 memes, 23 original contributions!

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The Big Picture

The Big Picture 8/23

Breadth First

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The Big Picture 9/23

Tangential Projects

Kruskal count + quadruped gaits

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A Unifying Framework

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The Port-Hamiltonian Framework

- Port-based Analysis
- Hamiltonian Dynamics

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A Unifying Framework 12/23

Bond Graphs

A Unifying Framework 13/23

Hamiltonian Dynamics

A Unifying Framework 14/23

Putting it All Together

A Unifying Framework 15/23

Brushless PMSM Motors

Brushless PMSM Motors 16/23

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Brushless PMSM Motors 17/23

Touching Robots

Touching Robots 18/23

The Most Important Sensory Modality

Touching Robots 19/2:

Contact Models

Touching Robots 20/23

Terminator 2 Got It Right

Touching Robots 21/2

Closing Thoughts

Closing Thoughts 22/23

Closing Thoughts

▶ Woo, Beamer!

Closing Thoughts 23/23



Questions? 24/23

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