Learning to Control with Focus on Robot Control

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Motivation



Source: Movie iRobot

Future of Robotics from Hollywood's Perspective





Can we create humanoid robots like this?



Humanoid Robots: Are they becoming reality?



- 1921 Karel Capek's play "Rossums Universial Robots"
- 1927 Years after Fritz Langs movie "Metropolis"
- 1961 Joseph Engelberger's first industrial robot arm
- 1977 C3PO and R2D2 win our hearts...
- 1996 Honda represents the first full humanoid robot



Engelberger's

Unimate

Honda's P3 Robot



R2D2 & C3PO



More Humanoid Robots...!



Amar-FZI, Karlsruhe

Centaur-KIST, Korea

More Humanoid Robots...!

Hoap-Fujitsu, Japan

Asimo-Honda, Japan

More Humanoid Robots...!

Isamu-Kawada, Japan

HRP-2P-Kawada, Japan

More Sophisticated Humanoids...

Jack-ETL, Japan

Cog-MIT

Human-Like Humanoid Robots...

Ishiguro Androids, ATR + University of Osaka

Humanoid Robots: Design is feasible!

Justin, DLR,Germany

ICub

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Sarcos Humanoid Robots

State of the art in robotics: Wildcat

State of the art in robotics: Petman

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Humanoid Robotics: How can we make them do something?

- Several hundred different humanoid robots have been designed!
 - Why don't we see them outside research labs?
 - Programming robots is a LOT of work
 - There is no general concept of how we can automatically create motor skills to date!

Learning is needed to incorporate autonomous robots in our every-day's life

Robots needs Machine Learning!

• "I have always said that the time for robot learning would come later. [...] Analytical robotics has barely moved for ten years. The time for learning is now."

Oussama Khatib, Stanford University, 10/17/2006

• "Robot learning is the single most important problem in robotics."

John Hollerbach, University of Utah, 12/7/2007

What can robots learn?

Acrobatik in der Luft kann mit Apprenticeship Learning gelernt werden wie hier von Pieter Abeel [University of California in Berkeley] sowie Adam Coates, Morgan [Quigley und Andrew Ng [Stanford University].

What can robots learn? Motor Skills!

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What can robots learn? Games

What can robots learn? Locomotion

Learning Locomotion with LittleDog

http://www-clmc.usc.edu

Mrinal Kalakrishnan, Jonas Buchli, Peter Pastor, Michael Mistry, and Stefan Schaal

Topics of the Lectures

- ➡Introduction
- Foundations: Robotics in a Nutshell
- Foundations: Machine Learning in just a few minutes...?
- Model Learning in Control & Robotics
- Representations of Control Policies for Machine Learning
- Imitation by Behavioral Cloning
- Reinforcement Learning I: Optimal Control with Approximate Learned Models
- Reinforcement Learning II: Value Function Methods
- Reinforcement Learning III: Policy Search Methods
- Imitation by Inverse Reinforcement Learning
- Outlook and Challenges