Distance Metrics and Algorithms for Task Space Path Optimization

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Goal: Follow End-Effector Path in Task Space



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Goal: Follow a Reference Path

Goal: Follow a Reference Path *by leveraging motion planning*.







Key Insight Use trajectory optimization to optimize our path to be close to our reference path. Key Insight Use trajectory optimization to optimize our path to be close to our reference path.









Task Space



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Task Space **Configuration Space**





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How to compare the distance between task space paths?

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Borrow from computational geometry.









One-way Hausdorff Distance







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Two-way Hausdorff Distance



Follow Balls in order.















Fréchet Distance



Use the Fréchet Distance to capture the task space distance between paths.

Gradient of Distance Function

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$\xi^* = \arg\min_{\xi \in \Xi} ||\xi - \overline{\xi}||$ s.t. constraints

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How can we assist our optimizer?





Use our distance metrics to find the areas that need additional constraints.





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Use computational geometry techniques to measure task space distance between paths.



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