ROCR Model



 $\begin{array}{ll} m_1 & 0.335 \ kg \\ Izz_1 & 0.0032 \ kg \text{-}m^2 \\ m_2 & 0.3 \ kg \\ Izz_2 & 0.0 \ kg \text{-}m^2 \\ L_b & 0.305 \ m \\ L_{me} & 0.07 \ m \\ L_t & 0.457 \ m \end{array}$

Desired path to improving ROCR climbing

- 1. Use optimization routines to find minimum time steady-state trajectory for a given initial condition.
- 2. Investigate performance over a range of initial conditions.
 - Power required, robustness, reaction forces required, etc.
- 3. Repeat optimizations with added contact constraints and/or actuator limitations.

Trajectory-based control – High contact damping (30%)



Trajectory-based control – High contact damping (30%) Decent settling to steady state after crazy initial start



ROCR-1.00Hz-75deg-0.050b-50deg_sw-fix_init_ss.mp4



Trajectory-based control – Low contact damping (3%) No settling to steady state after crazy initial start



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Chaotic hoppers provide some thoughts on further analysis





Figure 3-4. Steady-state solutions as a function of stride period for the 'Long Thrust" case. The arrows indicate how the continuum of solutions folds unto itself. The arrows also show how the continuum of the magnitude of the eigenvalues splits from two complex eigenvalues with the same magnitude to an unstable and a stable real eigenvalue.

Hoppers may show chaotic behavior due to nonlinear dynamics and/or actuator timing



Koditscheck and Bühler, 1991 Vakakis, Burdick, and Caughey, 1991

Where next?

- Continue investigation into minimizing chaos
 Switching State based vs timed? Energy effects?
- Get back to optimization to find feasible trajectories

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