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# **spot\_mini\_mini Documentation**

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Here is the documentation for the Spot Mini Mini Environment! Navigate to [SpotMicro](#) for an overview of all my classes and methods, or visit [The Spot Micro AI Website](#) for a quick tutorial!



# CHAPTER 1

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main

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## 1.1 spotmicro package

### 1.1.1 Subpackages

**spotmicro.GaitGenerator package**

**Submodules**

**spotmicro.GaitGenerator.Bezier module**

**class** spotmicro.GaitGenerator.Bezier.**BezierGait** (*dSref*=[0.0, 0.0, 0.5, 0.5], *dt*=0.01,  
*Tswing*=0.2)

Bases: object

**BernsteinPoly** (*t*, *k*, *point*)

Calculate the point on the Bernstein Polynomial based on phase (0->1), point number (0-11), and the value of the control point itself

**Parameters**

- **t** – phase
- **k** – point number
- **point** – point value

**Returns** Value through Bezier Curve

**BezierSwing** (*phase*, *L*, *LateralFraction*, *clearance\_height*=0.04)

Calculates the step coordinates for the Bezier (swing) period

**Parameters**

- **phase** – current trajectory phase

- **L** – step length
- **LateralFraction** – determines how lateral the movement is
- **clearance\_height** – foot clearance height during swing phase

**Returns** X,Y,Z Foot Coordinates relative to unmodified body

**Binomial (k)**

Solves the binomial theorem given a Bezier point number relative to the total number of Bezier points.

**Parameters** **k** – Bezier point number

**Returns** Binomial solution

**CheckTouchDown ()**

Checks whether a reference leg touchdown has occurred, and whether this warrants resetting the touchdown time

**GenerateTrajectory (L, LateralFraction, YawRate, vel, T\_bf\_, T\_bf\_curr, clearance\_height=0.06, penetration\_depth=0.01, contacts=[0, 0, 0, 0], dt=None)**

Calculates the step coordinates for each foot

**Parameters**

- **L** – step length
- **LateralFraction** – determines how lateral the movement is
- **YawRate** – the desired body yaw rate
- **vel** – the desired step velocity
- **clearance\_height** – foot clearance height during swing phase
- **penetration\_depth** – foot penetration depth during stance phase
- **contacts** – array containing 1 for contact and 0 otherwise
- **dt** – the time step

**Returns** Foot Coordinates relative to unmodified body

**GetFootStep (L, LateralFraction, YawRate, clearance\_height, penetration\_depth, Tstance, T\_bf, index, key)**

Calculates the step coordinates in either the Bezier or Sine portion of the trajectory depending on the retrieved phase

**Parameters**

- **phase** – current trajectory phase
- **L** – step length
- **LateralFraction** – determines how lateral the movement is
- **YawRate** – the desired body yaw rate
- **clearance\_height** – foot clearance height during swing phase
- **penetration\_depth** – foot penetration depth during stance phase
- **Tstance** – the current user-specified stance period
- **T\_bf** – default body-to-foot Vector
- **index** – the foot index in the container
- **key** – indicates which foot is being processed

**Returns** Foot Coordinates relative to unmodified body

**GetPhase** (*index, Tstance, Tswing*)

Retrieves the phase of an individual leg.

NOTE modification from original paper:

**if** *ti* < -*Tswing*: *ti* += *Tstride*

This is to avoid a phase discontinuity if the user selects a Step Length and Velocity combination that causes *Tstance* > *Tswing*.

**Parameters**

- **index** – the leg's index, used to identify the required phase lag
- **Tstance** – the current user-specified stance period
- **Tswing** – the swing period (constant, class member)

**Returns** Leg Phase, and StanceSwing (bool) to indicate whether leg is in stance or swing mode

**Get\_t<sub>i</sub>** (*index, Tstride*)

Retrieves the time index for the individual leg

**Parameters**

- **index** – the leg's index, used to identify the required phase lag
- **Tstride** – the total leg movement period (*Tstance* + *Tswing*)

**Returns** the leg's time index

**Increment** (*dt, Tstride*)

Increments the Bezier gait generator's internal clock (self.time)

**Parameters**

- **dt** – the time step phase lag
- **Tstride** – the total leg movement period (*Tstance* + *Tswing*)

**Returns** the leg's time index

**SineStance** (*phase, L, LateralFraction, penetration\_depth=0.0*)

Calculates the step coordinates for the Sinusoidal stance period

**Parameters**

- **phase** – current trajectory phase
- **L** – step length
- **LateralFraction** – determines how lateral the movement is
- **penetration\_depth** – foot penetration depth during stance phase

**Returns** X,Y,Z Foot Coordinates relative to unmodified body

**StanceStep** (*phase, L, LateralFraction, YawRate, penetration\_depth, T\_bf, key, index*)

Calculates the step coordinates for the Sine (stance) period using a combination of forward and rotational step coordinates initially decomposed from user input of L, LateralFraction and YawRate

**Parameters**

- **phase** – current trajectory phase
- **L** – step length

- **LateralFraction** – determines how lateral the movement is
- **YawRate** – the desired body yaw rate
- **penetration\_depth** – foot penetration depth during stance phase
- **T\_bf** – default body-to-foot Vector
- **key** – indicates which foot is being processed
- **index** – the foot index in the container

**Returns** Foot Coordinates relative to unmodified body

**SwingStep** (*phase, L, LateralFraction, YawRate, clearance\_height, T\_bf, key, index*)

Calculates the step coordinates for the Bezier (swing) period using a combination of forward and rotational step coordinates initially decomposed from user input of L, LateralFraction and YawRate

#### Parameters

- **phase** – current trajectory phase
- **L** – step length
- **LateralFraction** – determines how lateral the movement is
- **YawRate** – the desired body yaw rate
- **clearance\_height** – foot clearance height during swing phase
- **T\_bf** – default body-to-foot Vector
- **key** – indicates which foot is being processed
- **index** – the foot index in the container

**Returns** Foot Coordinates relative to unmodified body

**YawCircle** (*T\_bf, index*)

**Calculates the required rotation of the trajectory plane** for yaw motion

#### Parameters

- **T\_bf** – default body-to-foot Vector
- **index** – the foot index in the container

**Returns** phi\_arc, the plane rotation angle required for yaw motion

**reset()**

Resets the parameters of the Bezier Gait Generator

## spotmicro.GaitGenerator.Raibert module

### Module contents

#### spotmicro.GymEnvs package

##### Submodules

## spotmicro.GymEnvs.spot\_bezier\_env module

This file implements the gym environment of SpotMicro with Bezier Curve.

```
class spotmicro.GymEnvs.spot_bezier_env.spotBezierEnv(distance_weight=1.0,
                                                       rotation_weight=0.0,
                                                       energy_weight=0.0,
                                                       shake_weight=0.0,
                                                       drift_weight=0.0,
                                                       rp_weight=10.0,
                                                       rate_weight=0.03,
                                                       urdf_root='/home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user-
                                                       mini-
                                                       mini/envs/latest/lib/python3.7/site-
                                                       packages/pybullet_data',
                                                       urdf_version=None,      dis-
                                                       tance_limit=inf,      obser-
                                                       vation_noise_stdev=(0.0,
                                                       0.0,      0.0,      0.0),
                                                       self_collision_enabled=True,
                                                       motor_velocity_limit=inf,
                                                       pd_control_enabled=False,
                                                       leg_model_enabled=False,
                                                       accu-
                                                       rate_motor_model_enabled=False,
                                                       re-
                                                       move_default_joint_damping=False,
                                                       motor_kp=2.0,          mo-
                                                       tor_kd=0.03,          con-
                                                       trol_latency=0.0,
                                                       pd_latency=0.0,
                                                       torque_control_enabled=False,
                                                       mo-
                                                       tor_overheat_protection=False,
                                                       hard_reset=False,
                                                       on_rack=False, render=True,
                                                       num_steps_to_log=1000,
                                                       action_repeat=1,        con-
                                                       trol_time_step=None,
                                                       env_randomizer=<spotmicro.spot_env_randomizer.Sp
                                                       object>,            for-
                                                       ward_reward_cap=inf, reflection=True, log_path=None,
                                                       desired_velocity=0.5,
                                                       desired_rate=0.0,
                                                       lateral=False,
                                                       draw_foot_path=False,
                                                       height_field=False, AutoStep-
                                                       per=True,    action_dim=14,
                                                       contacts=True)
```

Bases: *spotmicro.spot\_gym\_env.spotGymEnv*

The gym environment for spot.

It simulates the locomotion of spot, a quadruped robot. The state space include the angles, velocities and torques

for all the motors and the action space is the desired motor angle for each motor. The reward function is based on how far spot walks in 1000 steps and penalizes the energy expenditure.

```
metadata = {'render.modes': ['human', 'rgb_array'], 'video.frames_per_second': 50}

pass_joint_angles(ja)
    For executing joint angles

return_state()

return_yaw()

step(action)
    Step forward the simulation, given the action.

Args: action: A list of desired motor angles for eight motors. smach: the bezier state machine containing simulated random controll inputs

Returns: observations: The angles, velocities and torques of all motors. reward: The reward for the current state-action pair. done: Whether the episode has ended. info: A dictionary that stores diagnostic information.

Raises: ValueError: The action dimension is not the same as the number of motors. ValueError: The magnitude of actions is out of bounds.
```

## Module contents

### spotmicro.Kinematics package

#### Submodules

##### spotmicro.Kinematics.LegKinematics module

```
class spotmicro.Kinematics.LegKinematics.LegIK(legtype='RIGHT',
                                                shoulder_length=0.04, elbow_length=0.1,
                                                wrist_length=0.125, hip_lim=[-0.548,
                                                0.548], shoulder_lim=[-2.17, 0.97],
                                                leg_lim=[-0.1, 2.59])
```

Bases: object

**LeftIK**(*x*, *y*, *z*, *D*)

Left Leg Inverse Kinematics Solver

#### Parameters

- **x**, **y**, **z** – hip-to-foot distances in each dimension
- **D** – leg domain

**Returns** Joint Angles required for desired position

**RightIK**(*x*, *y*, *z*, *D*)

Right Leg Inverse Kinematics Solver

#### Parameters

- **x**, **y**, **z** – hip-to-foot distances in each dimension
- **D** – leg domain

**Returns** Joint Angles required for desired position

**get\_domain**(*x, y, z*)

Calculates the leg's Domain and caps it in case of a breach

**Parameters** **x, y, z** – hip-to-foot distances in each dimension

**Returns** Leg Domain D

**solve**(*xyz\_coord*)

Generic Leg Inverse Kinematics Solver

**Parameters** **xyz\_coord** – hip-to-foot distances in each dimension

**Returns** Joint Angles required for desired position

## spotmicro.Kinematics.LieAlgebra module

spotmicro.Kinematics.LieAlgebra.**Adjoint**(*T*)

Computes the adjoint representation of a homogeneous transformation matrix

**Parameters** **T** – A homogeneous transformation matrix

**Returns** The 6x6 adjoint representation [AdT] of T

### Example Input:

**T** = np.array([[1, 0, 0, 0], [0, 0, -1, 0], [0, 1, 0, 3], [0, 0, 0, 1]])

### Output:

np.array([[1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0], [0, 0, -1, 0, 0, 0], [0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0], [0, 0, 3, 1, 0, 0], [3, 0, 0, 0, 0, -1], [0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0]])

spotmicro.Kinematics.LieAlgebra.**RPY**(*roll, pitch, yaw*)

Creates a Roll, Pitch, Yaw Transformation Matrix

### Parameters

- **roll** – roll component of matrix
- **pitch** – pitch component of matrix
- **yaw** – yaw component of matrix

**Returns** The transformation matrix

### Example Input:

roll = 0.0 pitch = 0.0 yaw = 0.0

### Output:

np.array([[1, 0, 0, 0], [0, 1, 0, 0], [0, 0, 1, 0], [0, 0, 0, 1]])

spotmicro.Kinematics.LieAlgebra.**RotateTranslate**(*rotation, position*)

Creates a Transformation Matrix from a Rotation, THEN, a Translation

### Parameters

- **rotation** – pure rotation matrix
- **translation** – pure translation matrix

**Returns** The transformation matrix

`spotmicro.Kinematics.LieAlgebra.RpToTrans (R, p)`

Converts a rotation matrix and a position vector into homogeneous transformation matrix

**Parameters**

- **R** – A 3x3 rotation matrix
- **p** – A 3-vector

**Returns** A homogeneous transformation matrix corresponding to the inputs

**Example Input:**

`R = np.array([[1, 0, 0], [0, 0, -1], [0, 1, 0]])`

`p = np.array([1, 2, 5])`

**Output:**

`np.array([[1, 0, 0, 1], [0, 0, -1, 2], [0, 1, 0, 5], [0, 0, 0, 1]])`

`spotmicro.Kinematics.LieAlgebra.TransInv (T)`

Inverts a homogeneous transformation matrix

**Parameters** **T** – A homogeneous transformation matrix

**Returns** The inverse of T

Uses the structure of transformation matrices to avoid taking a matrix inverse, for efficiency.

**Example input:**

`T = np.array([[1, 0, 0, 0], [0, 0, -1, 0], [0, 1, 0, 3], [0, 0, 0, 1]])`

**Output:**

`np.array([[1, 0, 0, 0], [0, 0, 1, -3], [0, -1, 0, 0], [0, 0, 0, 1]])`

`spotmicro.Kinematics.LieAlgebra.TransToRp (T)`

Converts a homogeneous transformation matrix into a rotation matrix and position vector

**Parameters** **T** – A homogeneous transformation matrix

**Return R** The corresponding rotation matrix,

**Return p** The corresponding position vector.

**Example Input:**

`T = np.array([[1, 0, 0, 0], [0, 0, -1, 0], [0, 1, 0, 3], [0, 0, 0, 1]])`

**Output:**

```
(np.array([[1, 0, 0],
          [0, 0, -1], [0, 1, 0]]),
 np.array([0, 0, 3]))
```

`spotmicro.Kinematics.LieAlgebra.TransformVector (xyz_coord, rotation, translation)`

Transforms a vector by a specified Rotation THEN Translation Matrix

**Parameters**

- **xyz\_coord** – the vector to transform
- **rotation** – pure rotation matrix

- **translation** – pure translation matrix

**Returns** The transformed vector

`spotmicro.Kinematics.LieAlgebra.VecToSo3(omg)`  
Converts a 3-vector to an so(3) representation

**Parameters** `omg` – A 3-vector

**Returns** The skew symmetric representation of omg

**Example Input:** `omg = np.array([1, 2, 3])`

**Output:**

`np.array([[ 0, -3, 2], [ 3, 0, -1], [-2, 1, 0]])`

## spotmicro.Kinematics.SpotKinematics module

```
class spotmicro.Kinematics.SpotKinematics.SpotModel(shoulder_length=0.055,
                                                     elbow_length=0.10652,
                                                     wrist_length=0.145,
                                                     hip_x=0.23,          hip_y=0.075,
                                                     foot_x=0.23,         foot_y=0.185,
                                                     height=0.2,          com_offset=0.016,
                                                     shoulder_lim=[-0.548, 0.548],
                                                     elbow_lim=[-2.17,      0.97],
                                                     wrist_lim=[-0.1,       2.59])
```

Bases: object

**HipToFoot** (`orn, pos, T_bf`)

Converts a desired position and orientation wrt Spot's home position, with a desired body-to-foot Transform into a body-to-hip Transform, which is used to extract and return the Hip To Foot Vector.

**Parameters**

- **orn** – A 3x1 `np.array()` with Spot's Roll, Pitch, Yaw angles
- **pos** – A 3x1 `np.array()` with Spot's X, Y, Z coordinates
- **T\_bf** – Dictionary of desired body-to-foot Transforms.

**Returns** Hip To Foot Vector for each of Spot's Legs.

**IK** (`orn, pos, T_bf`)

Uses `HipToFoot()` to convert a desired position and orientation wrt Spot's home position into a Hip To Foot Vector, which is fed into the LegIK solver.

Finally, the resultant joint angles are returned from the LegIK solver for each leg.

**Parameters**

- **orn** – A 3x1 `np.array()` with Spot's Roll, Pitch, Yaw angles
- **pos** – A 3x1 `np.array()` with Spot's X, Y, Z coordinates
- **T\_bf** – Dictionary of desired body-to-foot Transforms.

**Returns** Joint angles for each of Spot's joints.

## Module contents

### spotmicro.OpenLoopSM package

#### Submodules

##### spotmicro.OpenLoopSM.SpotOL module

Open Loop Controller for Spot Micro. Takes GUI params or uses default

```
class spotmicro.OpenLoopSM.SpotOL.BezierStepper(pos=array([0., 0., 0.]), orn=array([0., 0., 0.]), StepLength=0.04, LateralFraction=0.0, YawRate=0.0, StepVelocity=0.001, ClearanceHeight=0.045, PenetrationDepth=0.003, episode_length=5000, dt=0.01, num_shuffles=2, mode=0)
```

Bases: object

###### **COMBI ()**

Here, we can modify all the parameters

###### **FB ()**

Here, we can modulate StepLength and StepVelocity

###### **LAT ()**

Here, we can modulate StepLength and LateralFraction

###### **ROT ()**

Here, we can modulate StepLength and YawRate

###### **StateMachine ()**

State Machine used for training robust RL on top of OL gait.

###### **STATES:**

**Forward/Backward: All Default Values.** Can have slow changes to StepLength(+-) and Velocity

**Lateral: As above (fwd or bwd random) with added random** slow changing LateralFraction param

Rotating: As above except with YawRate

**Combined: ALL changeable values may change!** StepLength StepVelocity LateralFraction YawRate

**NOTE: the RL is solely responsible for modulating Clearance Height and Penetration Depth**

###### **max\_time = None**

States 1: FWD/BWD 2: Lat 3: Rot 4: Combined

###### **ramp\_up ()**

###### **reshuffle ()**

###### **return\_bezier\_params ()**

###### **which\_state ()**

## Module contents

**spotmicro.util package**

### Subpackages

**spotmicro.util.pybullet\_data package**

## Module contents

`spotmicro.util.pybullet_data.getDataPath()`

### Submodules

**spotmicro.util.action\_mapper module**

**spotmicro.util.bullet\_client module**

A wrapper for pybullet to manage different clients.

**class** `spotmicro.util.bullet_client.BulletClient` (`connection_mode=None`)  
Bases: `object`

A wrapper for pybullet to manage different clients.

**spotmicro.util.gui module**

**class** `spotmicro.util.gui.GUI` (`quadruped`)  
Bases: `object`  
`UserInput()`

## Module contents

### 1.1.2 Submodules

**1.1.3 spotmicro.env\_randomizer\_base module**

Abstract base class for environment randomizer. Source: [https://github.com/bulletphysics/bullet3/blob/master/examples/pybullet/gym/pybullet\\_envs/minitaur/envs/env\\_randomizer\\_base.py](https://github.com/bulletphysics/bullet3/blob/master/examples/pybullet/gym/pybullet_envs/minitaur/envs/env_randomizer_base.py)

**class** `spotmicro.env_randomizer_base.EnvRandomizerBase`  
Bases: `object`

Abstract base class for environment randomizer.

An EnvRandomizer is called in environment.reset(). It will randomize physical parameters of the objects in the simulation. The physical parameters will be fixed for that episode and be randomized again in the next environment.reset().

**randomize\_env** (`env`)  
Randomize the simulated\_objects in the environment.

**Args:** env: The environment to be randomized.

### 1.1.4 spotmicro.heightfield module

CODE BASED ON EXAMPLE FROM: @misc{coumans2017pybullet,

```
title={Pybullet, a python module for physics simulation in robotics, games and machine learning}, au-  
thor={Coumans, Erwin and Bai, Yunfei}, url={www.pybullet.org}, year={2017},  
}
```

Example: heightfield.py <https://github.com/bulletphysics/bullet3/blob/master/examples/pybullet/examples/heightfield.py>

```
class spotmicro.heightfield.HeightField  
Bases: object  
UpdateHeightField(heightPerturbationRange=0.08)
```

### 1.1.5 spotmicro.motor module

This file implements an accurate motor model. Source: [https://github.com/bulletphysics/bullet3/blob/master/examples/pybullet/gym/pybullet\\_envs/minitaur/envs/motor.py](https://github.com/bulletphysics/bullet3/blob/master/examples/pybullet/gym/pybullet_envs/minitaur/envs/motor.py)

```
class spotmicro.motor.MotorModel(torque_control_enabled=False, kp=1.2, kd=0)  
Bases: object
```

The accurate motor model, which is based on the physics of DC motors.

The motor model support two types of control: position control and torque control. In position control mode, a desired motor angle is specified, and a torque is computed based on the internal motor model. When the torque control is specified, a pwm signal in the range of [-1.0, 1.0] is converted to the torque.

The internal motor model takes the following factors into consideration: pd gains, viscous friction, back-EMF voltage and current-torque profile.

```
convert_to_torque(motor_commands, current_motor_angle, current_motor_velocity)  
Convert the commands (position control or torque control) to torque.
```

**Args:**

**motor\_commands:** The desired motor angle if the motor is in position control mode. The pwm signal if the motor is in torque control mode.

**current\_motor\_angle:** The motor angle at the current time step. **current\_motor\_velocity:** The motor velocity at the current time step.

**Returns:** **actual\_torque:** The torque that needs to be applied to the motor. **observed\_torque:** The torque observed by the sensor.

```
get_viscous_dampling()  
get_voltage()  
set_viscous_damping(viscous_damping)  
set_voltage(voltage)
```

## 1.1.6 spotmicro.spot module

CODE BASED ON EXAMPLE FROM: @misc{coumans2017pybullet,

```
title={Pybullet, a python module for physics simulation in robotics, games and machine learning}, au-
thor={Coumans, Erwin and Bai, Yunfei}, url={www.pybullet.org}, year={2017},
}
```

Example: minitaur.py [https://github.com/bulletphysics/bullet3/blob/master/examples/pybullet/gym/pybullet\\_envs/bullet/minitaur.py](https://github.com/bulletphysics/bullet3/blob/master/examples/pybullet/gym/pybullet_envs/bullet/minitaur.py)

`spotmicro.spot.MapToMinusPiToPi(angles)`

Maps a list of angles to [-pi, pi].

**Args:** angles: A list of angles in rad.

**Returns:** A list of angle mapped to [-pi, pi].

```
class spotmicro.spot.Spot(pybullet_client, urdf_root='/home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user_builds/spot-
mini-mini/checkouts/latest/spotmicro/util/pybullet_data',
                           time_step=0.01, action_repeat=1, self_collision_enabled=False,
                           motor_velocity_limit=9.7, pd_control_enabled=False,
                           accurate_motor_model_enabled=False, re-
                           move_default_joint_damping=False, max_force=100.0,
                           motor_kp=1.0, motor_kd=0.02, pd_latency=0.0, con-
                           trol_latency=0.0, observation_noise_stdev=(0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0),
                           torque_control_enabled=False, motor_overheat_protection=False,
                           on_rack=False, kd_for_pd_controllers=0.3, pose_id='stand',
                           np_random=<module 'numpy.random' from
                           '/home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user_builds/spot-
                           mini-mini/envs/latest/lib/python3.7/site-
                           packages/numpy/random/_init__.py'>, contacts=True)
```

Bases: object

The spot class that simulates a quadruped robot.

**ApplyAction(motor\_commands)**

Set the desired motor angles to the motors of the minitaur. The desired motor angles are clipped based on the maximum allowed velocity. If the pd\_control\_enabled is True, a torque is calculated according to the difference between current and desired joint angle, as well as the joint velocity. This torque is exerted to the motor. For more information about PD control, please refer to: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PID\\_controller](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PID_controller). Args:

motor\_commands: The eight desired motor angles.

**ApplyMotorLimits(joint\_angles)**

**ConvertFromLegModel(action)**

**GetActionDimension()**

Get the length of the action list.

**Returns:** The length of the action list.

**GetBaseInertiasFromURDF()**

Get the inertia of the base from the URDF file.

**GetBaseMassFromURDF()**

Get the mass of the base from the URDF file.

**GetBaseMassesFromURDF()**

Get the mass of the base from the URDF file.

**GetBaseOrientation()**  
Get the orientation of spot's base, represented as quaternion.

**Returns:** The orientation of spot's base.

**GetBasePosition()**  
Get the position of spot's base.

**Returns:** The position of spot's base.

**GetBaseRollPitchYaw()**  
Get the rate of orientation change of the spot's base in euler angle.

**Returns:** rate of (roll, pitch, yaw) change of the spot's base.

**GetBaseRollPitchYawRate()**  
Get the rate of orientation change of the spot's base in euler angle.

This function mimicks the noisy sensor reading and adds latency. Returns:  
rate of (roll, pitch, yaw) change of the spot's base polluted by noise and latency.

**GetBaseTwist()**  
Get the Twist of minitaur's base. Returns:  
The Twist of the minitaur's base.

**GetControlInput(controller)**  
Store Control Input as Observation

**GetControlLatency()**  
Get the control latency.

**Returns:**  
**The latency (in seconds) between when the motor command is sent and when the sensor measurements are reported back to the controller.**

**GetExternalObservations(TrajectoryGenerator, controller)**  
Augment State Space

**GetLegInertiasFromURDF()**  
Get the inertia of the legs from the URDF file.

**GetLegMassesFromURDF()**  
Get the mass of the legs from the URDF file.

**GetLegPhases(TrajectoryGenerator)**  
Leg phases according to TG from 0->2 0->1: Stance 1->2 Swing

**GetMotorAngles()**  
Gets the eight motor angles at the current moment, mapped to [-pi, pi].

**Returns:** Motor angles, mapped to [-pi, pi].

**GetMotorGains()**  
Get the gains of the motor.

**Returns:** The proportional gain. The derivative gain.

**GetMotorTorques()**  
Get the amount of torque the motors are exerting.

**Returns:** Motor torques of all eight motors.

**GetMotorVelocities ()**

Get the velocity of all eight motors.

**Returns:** Velocities of all eight motors.

**GetNumKneeJoints ()****GetObservation ()**

Get the observations of minitaur. It includes the angles, velocities, torques and the orientation of the base.

Returns:

The observation list. observation[0:8] are motor angles. observation[8:16] are motor velocities, observation[16:24] are motor torques. observation[24:28] is the orientation of the base, in quaternion form. NOTE: DIVERGES FROM STOCK MINITAUR ENV. WILL LEAVE ORIGINAL COMMENTED For my purpose, the observation space includes Roll and Pitch, as well as acceleration and gyroscopic rate along the x,y,z axes. All of this information can be collected from an onboard IMU. The reward function will contain a hidden velocity reward (fwd, bwd) which cannot be measured and so is not included. For spinning, the gyroscopic z rate will be used as the (explicit) velocity reward. This version operates without motor torques, angles and velocities. Erwin Coumans' paper suggests a sparse observation space leads to higher reward

# NOTE: use True version for perfect data, or other for realistic data

**GetObservationDimension ()**

Get the length of the observation list. Returns:

The length of the observation list.

**GetObservationLowerBound ()**

Get the lower bound of the observation.

**GetObservationUpperBound ()**

Get the upper bound of the observation. Returns:

**The upper bound of an observation. See GetObservation() for the details** of each element of an observation.

NOTE: Changed just like GetObservation()

**GetTimeSinceReset ()**

INIT\_POSES = {'liedown': array([-0.4, -1.5, 6., 0.4, -1.5, 6., -0.4, -1.5, 6., 0.4])}

**RealisticObservation ()**

Receive the observation from sensors.

This function is called once per step. The observations are only updated when this function is called.

**Reset (reload\_urdf=True, default\_motor\_angles=None, reset\_time=3.0)**

Reset the spot to its initial states.

**Args:**

**reload\_urdf:** Whether to reload the urdf file. If not, Reset() just place the spot back to its starting position.

**default\_motor\_angles:** The default motor angles. If it is None, spot will hold a default pose for 100 steps. In torque control mode, the phase of holding the default pose is skipped.

**reset\_time:** The duration (in seconds) to hold the default motor angles. If reset\_time <= 0 or in torque control mode, the phase of holding the default pose is skipped.

**ResetPose (add\_constraint)**

Reset the pose of the spot.

**Args:** add\_constraint: Whether to add a constraint at the joints of two feet.

**SetBaseInertias (base\_inertias)**

Set the inertias of spot's base. Args:

**base\_inertias: A list of inertias of each body link in CHASIS\_LINK\_IDS.** The length of this list should be the same as the length of CHASIS\_LINK\_IDS.

**Raises:**

**ValueError: It is raised when the length of base\_inertias is not the same as the length of self.\_chassis\_link\_ids and base\_inertias contains negative values.**

**SetBaseMass (base\_mass)**

**SetBaseMasses (base\_mass)**

Set the mass of spot's base.

**Args:**

**base\_mass: A list of masses of each body link in CHASIS\_LINK\_IDS. The length of this list should be the same as the length of CHASIS\_LINK\_IDS.**

**Raises:**

**ValueError: It is raised when the length of base\_mass is not the same as the length of self.\_chassis\_link\_ids.**

**SetBatteryVoltage (voltage)**

**SetControlLatency (latency)**

Set the latency of the control loop.

It measures the duration between sending an action from Nvidia TX2 and receiving the observation from microcontroller.

**Args:** latency: The latency (in seconds) of the control loop.

**SetFootFriction (foot\_friction=100.0)**

Set the lateral friction of the feet.

**Args:**

**foot\_friction: The lateral friction coefficient of the foot. This value is shared by all four feet.**

**SetFootRestitution (link\_id, foot\_restitution=1.0)**

Set the coefficient of restitution at the feet.

**Args:**

**foot\_restitution: The coefficient of restitution (bounciness) of the feet. This value is shared by all four feet.**

**SetJointFriction (joint\_frictions)**

**SetLegInertias (leg\_inertias)**

Set the inertias of the legs.

**Args:** leg\_inertias: The leg and motor inertias for all the leg links and motors.

**Raises:** ValueError: It is raised when the length of inertias is not equal to the number of links + motors or leg\_inertias contains negative values.

**SetLegMasses (leg\_masses)**

Set the mass of the legs. Args:

leg\_masses: The leg and motor masses for all the leg links and motors.

**Raises:**

**ValueError: It is raised when the length of masses is not equal to number** of links + motors.

**SetMotorGains** (*kp, kd*)

Set the gains of all motors.

These gains are PD gains for motor positional control. kp is the proportional gain and kd is the derivative gain.

**Args:** kp: proportional gain of the motors. kd: derivative gain of the motors.

**SetMotorStrengthRatio** (*ratio*)

Set the strength of all motors relative to the default value.

**Args:** ratio: The relative strength. A scalar range from 0.0 to 1.0.

**SetMotorStrengthRatios** (*ratios*)

Set the strength of each motor relative to the default value.

**Args:** ratios: The relative strength. A numpy array ranging from 0.0 to 1.0.

**SetMotorViscousDamping** (*viscous\_damping*)

**SetTimeSteps** (*action\_repeat, simulation\_step*)

Set the time steps of the control and simulation.

**Args:**

**action\_repeat: The number of simulation steps that the same action is** repeated.

simulation\_step: The simulation time step.

**Step** (*action*)

**chassis\_link\_ids**

## 1.1.7 spotmicro.spot\_env\_randomizer module

CODE BASED ON EXAMPLE FROM: @misc{coumans2017pybullet,

```
title={Pybullet, a python module for physics simulation in robotics, games and machine learning}, au-  
thor={Coumans, Erwin and Bai, Yunfei}, url={www.pybullet.org}, year={2017},
```

}

Example: minitaur\_env\_randomizer.py [https://github.com/bulletphysics/bullet3/blob/master/examples/pybullet/gym/pybullet\\_envs/minitaur/envs/env\\_randomizers/minitaur\\_env\\_randomizer.py](https://github.com/bulletphysics/bullet3/blob/master/examples/pybullet/gym/pybullet_envs/minitaur/envs/env_randomizers/minitaur_env_randomizer.py)

```
class spotmicro.spot_env_randomizer.SpotEnvRandomizer(spot_base_mass_err_range=(-  
0.2, 0.2),  
spot_leg_mass_err_range=(-  
0.2, 0.2), bat-  
tery_voltage_range=(7.0,  
8.4), mo-  
tor_viscous_damping_range=(0,  
0.01))
```

Bases: *spotmicro.env\_randomizer\_base.EnvRandomizerBase*

A randomizer that change the spot\_gym\_env during every reset.

```
randomize_env(env)
    Randomize the simulated_objects in the environment.

    Args: env: The environment to be randomized.
```

## 1.1.8 spotmicro.spot\_gym\_env module

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```
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thor={Coumans, Erwin and Bai, Yunfei}, url={www.pybullet.org}, year={2017},
}
```

Example: minitaur\_gym\_env.py [https://github.com/bulletphysics/bullet3/blob/master/examples/pybullet/gym/pybullet\\_envs/minitaur/envs/minitaur\\_gym\\_env.py](https://github.com/bulletphysics/bullet3/blob/master/examples/pybullet/gym/pybullet_envs/minitaur/envs/minitaur_gym_env.py)

```
spotmicro.spot_gym_env.convert_to_list(obj)

class spotmicro.spot_gym_env.spotGymEnv(distance_weight=1.0,           rotation_weight=1.0,           energy_weight=0.0005,
                                             shake_weight=0.005,          drift_weight=2.0,
                                             rp_weight=0.1,             rate_weight=0.1,
                                             urdf_root='/home/docs/checkouts/readthedocs.org/user_builds/spot-
mini-mini/envs/latest/lib/python3.7/site-
packages/pybullet_data',      urdf_version=None,
                                             distance_limit=inf,         observation_noise_stdev=(0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0,
                                             0.0),      self_collision_enabled=True,      mo-
tor_velocity_limit=inf, pd_control_enabled=False,
leg_model_enabled=False,           accu-
rate_motor_model_enabled=False,      re-
move_default_joint_damping=False,      mo-
tor_kp=2.0, motor_kd=0.03, control_latency=0.0,
pd_latency=0.0, torque_control_enabled=False,
motor_overheat_protection=False,
hard_reset=False, on_rack=False, ren-
der=True, num_steps_to_log=1000, ac-
tion_repeat=1, control_time_step=None,
env_randomizer=<spotmicro.spot_env_randomizer.SpotEnvRandomizer
object>, forward_reward_cap=inf, re-
flection=True, log_path=None, de-
sired_velocity=0.5, desired_rate=0.0,
lateral=False, draw_foot_path=False,
height_field=False, height_field_iters=2, Au-
toStepper=False, contacts=True)
```

Bases: gym.core.Env

The gym environment for spot.

It simulates the locomotion of spot, a quadruped robot. The state space include the angles, velocities and torques for all the motors and the action space is the desired motor angle for each motor. The reward function is based on how far spot walks in 1000 steps and penalizes the energy expenditure.

```
DrawFootPath()
configure(args)
env_step_counter
```

```
get_objectives()
get_spot_base_orientation()
    Get the spot's base orientation, represented by a quaternion.

    Returns: A numpy array of spot's orientation.

get_spot_motor_angles()
    Get the spot's motor angles.

    Returns: A numpy array of motor angles.

get_spot_motor_torques()
    Get the spot's motor torques.

    Returns: A numpy array of motor torques.

get_spot_motor_velocities()
    Get the spot's motor velocities.

    Returns: A numpy array of motor velocities.

ground_id
is_fallen()
    Decide whether spot has fallen.

    If the up directions between the base and the world is larger (the dot product is smaller than 0.85) or the
    base is very low on the ground (the height is smaller than 0.13 meter), spot is considered fallen.

    Returns: Boolean value that indicates whether spot has fallen.

metadata = {'render.modes': ['human', 'rgb_array'], 'video.frames_per_second': 50}
objective_weights
    Accessor for the weights for all the objectives.

    Returns: List of floating points that corresponds to weights for the objectives in the order that objectives
    are stored.

pybullet_client
render(mode='rgb_array', close=False)
    Renders the environment.

    The set of supported modes varies per environment. (And some environments do not support rendering at
    all.) By convention, if mode is:
        • human: render to the current display or terminal and return nothing. Usually for human consumption.
        • rgb_array: Return an numpy.ndarray with shape (x, y, 3), representing RGB values for an x-by-y pixel
            image, suitable for turning into a video.
        • ansi: Return a string (str) or StringIO.StringIO containing a terminal-style text representation. The
            text can include newlines and ANSI escape sequences (e.g. for colors).
```

**Note:**

**Make sure that your class's metadata 'render.modes' key includes** the list of supported modes.  
It's recommended to call super() in implementations to use the functionality of this method.

**Args:** mode (str): the mode to render with

Example:

```
class MyEnv(Env):
    metadata = {'render.modes': ['human', 'rgb_array']}
```

```
def render(self, mode='human'):
    if mode == 'rgb_array': return np.array(...) # return RGB frame suitable for video
    elif mode == 'human': ... # pop up a window and render
    else: super(MyEnv, self).render(mode=mode) # just raise an exception

reset (initial_motor_angles=None, reset_duration=1.0, desired_velocity=None, desired_rate=None)
    Resets the state of the environment and returns an initial observation.

Returns: observation (object): the initial observation.

seed (seed=None)
    Sets the seed for this env's random number generator(s).

Note: Some environments use multiple pseudorandom number generators. We want to capture all such seeds used in order to ensure that there aren't accidental correlations between multiple generators.

Returns:

list<bigint>: Returns the list of seeds used in this env's random number generators. The first value in the list should be the "main" seed, or the value which a reproducer should pass to 'seed'. Often, the main seed equals the provided 'seed', but this won't be true if seed=None, for example.

set_env_randomizer (env_randomizer)
set_time_step (control_step, simulation_step=0.001)
    Sets the time step of the environment.

Args:

control_step: The time period (in seconds) between two adjacent control actions are applied.
simulation_step: The simulation time step in PyBullet. By default, the simulation step is 0.001s, which is a good trade-off between simulation speed and accuracy.

Raises: ValueError: If the control step is smaller than the simulation step.

step (action)
    Step forward the simulation, given the action.

Args: action: A list of desired motor angles for eight motors.

Returns: observations: The angles, velocities and torques of all motors. reward: The reward for the current state-action pair. done: Whether the episode has ended. info: A dictionary that stores diagnostic information.

Raises: ValueError: The action dimension is not the same as the number of motors. ValueError: The magnitude of actions is out of bounds.
```

## 1.1.9 Module contents

# CHAPTER 2

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## Simulation

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This section contains information on the most up-to-date simulation solutions.

### 2.1 Quickstart PyBullet

I have deployed a 12-point Bezier Curve gait to make Spot walk:

PyBullet

This example can be found in this [repository](#). You can optionally use a Game Pad:

```
pip3 install numpy  
pip3 install pybullet  
pip3 install gym  
  
cd spot_bullet/src  
  
.env_tester.py
```

#### Optional Arguments

```
-h, --help      show this help message and exit  
-hf, --HeightField  Use HeightField  
-r, --DebugRack    Put Spot on an Elevated Rack  
-p, --DebugPath     Draw Spot's Foot Path  
-ay, --AutoYaw      Automatically Adjust Spot's Yaw
```

If you decide to use a controller, you can achieve some fairly fluid motions!

Changing Step Length:

PyBullet

Yaw in Place:

PyBullet

## 2.2 Kinematics

In this [repository](#), there is a working IK solver for both Spot's legs and its body:

IK

# CHAPTER 3

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## Reinforcement Learning Environment

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We now have a [Reinforcement Learning Environment](#) which uses Pybullet and OpenAI Gym! It contains a variety of optional terrains, which can be activated using **heightfield=True** in the environment class constructor.

If you try to launch the vanilla gait on fairly difficult terrain, Spot will fall very quickly:

PyBullet

By training an Augmented Random Search agent, this can be overcome:

PyBullet

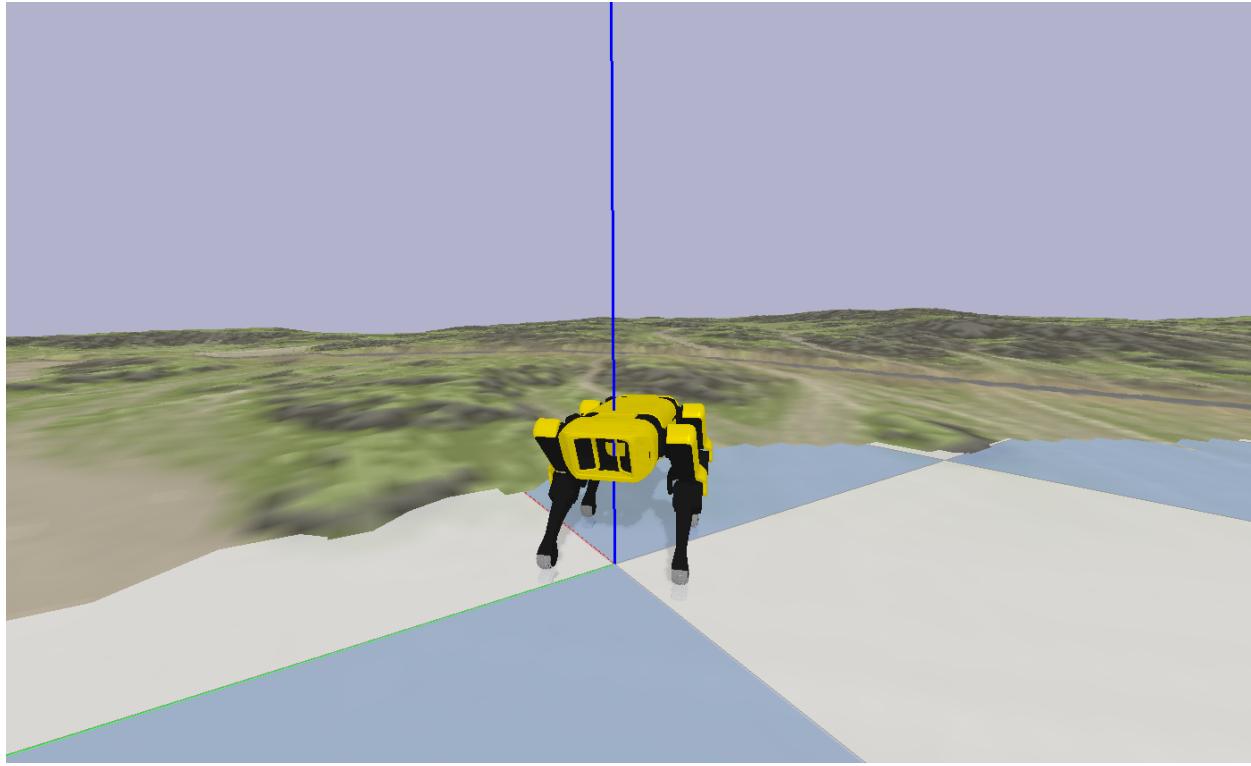
If you are new to RL, I recommend you try a simpler example. Notice that if we choose non-ideal parameters for the generated gait, the robot drifts over time with a forward command:

PyBullet

You should try to train a policy which outputs a yaw command to eliminate the robot's drift, like this:

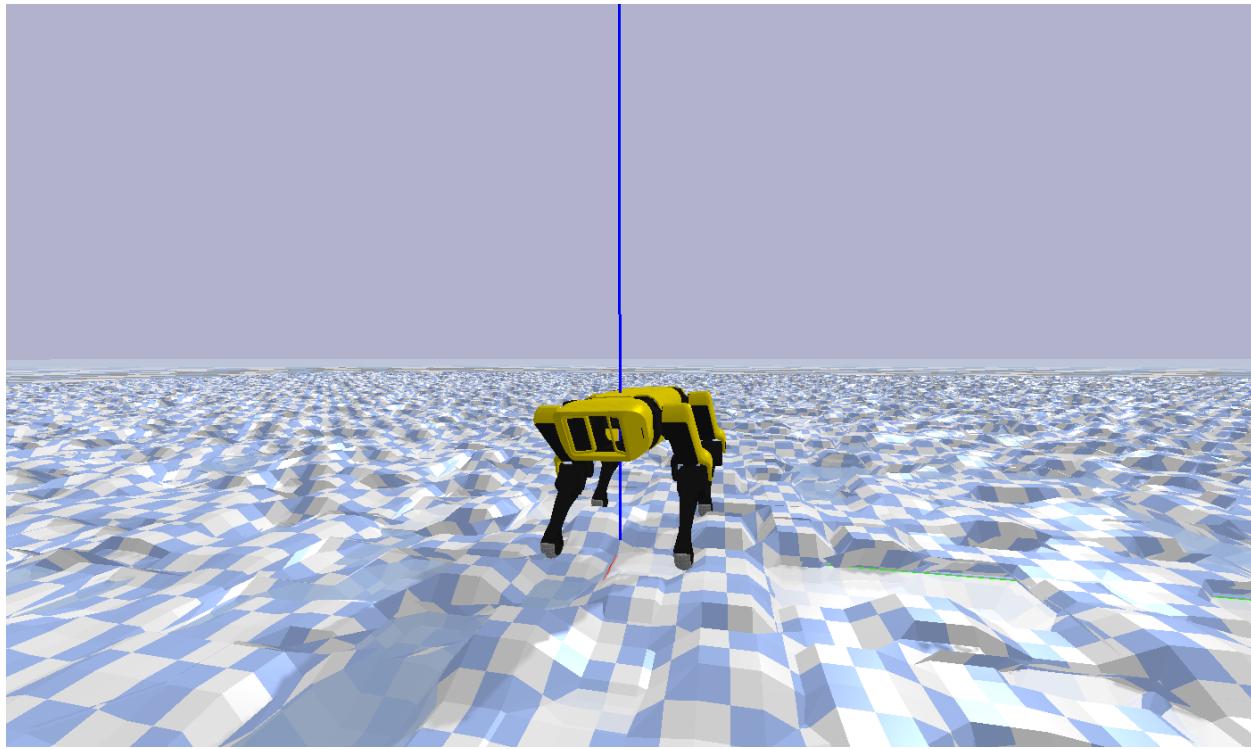
PyBullet

You can choose a PNG-generated terrain:



PyBullet

Or, for more control, you can choose a programmatically generated heightfield:



PyBullet

Notice that when the simulation resets, the terrain changes. What you cannot see is that the robot's link masses and frictions also change under the hood for added training robustness:

PyBullet

## 3.1 Quickstart Reinforcement Learning

```
pip3 install numpy
pip3 install pybullet
pip3 install gym

cd spot_bullet/src

./spot_ars_eval.py
```

### Optional Arguments

```
-h, --help      show this help message and exit
-hf, --HeightField  Use HeightField
-r, --DebugRack    Put Spot on an Elevated Rack
-p, --DebugPath     Draw Spot's Foot Path
-a, --AgentNum      Agent Number To Load
```



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