

Model parameters

Symbol	Description	Value
$\mathbf{x}_b = [x_b, y_b, z_b]^T$	Coordinates of the ball	—
$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_b = [\dot{x}_b, \dot{y}_b, \dot{z}_b]^T$	Velocity of the ball	—
$\mathbf{x}_c = [x_c, y_c]^T$	Coordinates of the catcher	—
$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_c = [\dot{x}_c, \dot{y}_c]^T$	Velocity of the catcher	—
$\{\phi, \psi\}$	Spherical angles defining gaze	—
$\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{x}_b, \dot{\mathbf{x}}_b, \mathbf{x}_c, \dot{\mathbf{x}}_c, \phi, \psi]^T$	State of the system	—
$\mathbf{z} = [\mathbf{x}_b, \mathbf{x}_c, \phi, \psi]^T$	Observations	—
$\mathbf{u} = [F, \dot{\phi}, \dot{\psi}, \theta]^T$	Controls	$-2\pi \leq \dot{\phi}, \dot{\psi} \leq 2\pi, \theta < \pi$
$\{F_1, F_2\}$	Force parameters	$\{7.5, 2.5\}$
λ	Damping	$5/6$
\mathbf{Q}	System covariance	$\text{diag}\{\sigma_b^2 \mathbf{1}_6, \sigma_c^2 \mathbf{1}_6\}, \sigma_b^2 = 10^{-3}, \sigma_c^2 = 10^{-5}$
Σ_0	Initial covariance	$1/4 \cdot \text{diag}\{1/5, 1/5, 0.0, 1/2, 1/2, 0.0, 10^{-2} \mathbf{1}_6\}$
$\{\sigma_{min}, \sigma_{max}\}$	Observation noise parameters	$\{10^{-2}, 1.0\}$
\mathbf{R}	Observation covariance	$\text{diag}\{\sigma_o^2 \mathbf{1}_3, \mathbf{0}_4\}$
$\varepsilon_{\text{threshold}}$	Successful catch distance	0.5
τ	Discretization step	0.1
N	Planning horizon length	$N \leq 30$
$\{w_0, w_1, w_2, M\}$	Cost function weights	$\{10^3, 10^3, 10^2, \text{diag}\{10, 1, 1, 0.1\}\}$