

Trip Optimizer

Development of a Driver Assistance System for Locomotives Using MATLAB

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Trip Optimizer Overview

GE's Trip Optimizer "Fuel conscious cruise control for trains"

Train and driver variations result in:

- Less than optimal fuel use
- High emissions
- Trip variations
- Wear and tear

Trip Optimizer:

- Looks over the entire route for fuel savings opportunities
- Then controls the throttle to the plan
 - Saves fuel
 - Reduces emissions
 - Reduces equipment wear and tear
 - Consistent trips improve scheduling







Trip Optimizer Deployment/Operation



- 8,000 systems installed world wide
- 60,000 miles of mapped track
- 216M miles of auto operation
- 73M miles of auto in 2016
- 1.7M auto miles per week
- 142,000 gallons of diesel fuel saved per week



Trip Optimizer and MATLAB

Converging Technologies

- Research and development into Trip Optimizer began close to the time MathWorks began rolling out automatic code generation from Simulink
- Trip Optimizer team leveraged this technology to quickly produce proof of concept simulations
- Automatic code generation for embedded targets allowed accelerated transition from simulation environment to on locomotive demos
- Simulink and MATLAB now embedded in the core elements of the product





Trip Optimizer Block Diagram

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Trip Optimizer Planner



- Fuel optimal plan generated for entire route at time of trip initialization
- Trip plan adjusted to account for changes in conditions along the route
- Plan speed is reference for speed regulator
- Plan throttle is 100% feed forward term on speed regulator output



Why Integration?



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The Optimization Library C++ Interface



SmartPtr<ProblemDefinition> my_problem = new MyProblemDefinition();

SmartPtr<OptimizationApplication> app = ApplicationFactory();

app->Initialize();

app->Optimize(my_problem);



How We Did It – ceval + minGW + addLinkObjects

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function [ProfileOut, errCode, cpuTime, niters] = CallOpt_ceval(OptSpec, Mesh, espec, ProfileOut)
[OptData, Constants] = PopulateInitData_ceval(OptSpec, Mesh, espec, ProfileOut);
x = zeros(1, OptData.nvars);
niters = int32(0);
errCode = int32(0);
cpuTime = double(0);
coder.cinclude('ceval_optimizer.h');
coder.ceval('ceval_optimizer', coder.rref(OptData), coder.wref(x), coder.wref(errCode), coder.wref(niters), coder.wref(cpuTime));
ProfileOut = Post_Process_ceval(Mesh, Constants, x, ProfileOut);
end
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coder.updateBuildInfo('addLinkObjects','liboptimizer.a',ipoptLibPath,'',true,true); coder.updateBuildInfo('addLinkObjects','libgfortran.a',mingwLibPath,'',true,true); coder.updateBuildInfo('addLinkObjects','libquadmath.a',mingwLibPath,'',true,true); coder.updateBuildInfo('addLinkObjects','libstdc++.a',mingwLibPath,'',true,true);



Planner - Improved Development Lifecycle



- Each time the model is run on the target all inputs are written to a text file which can be read into MATLAB to recreate the scenario exactly
- Failures from field can be brought back to MATLAB environment for debugging/algorithm enhancement



Conclusions

- Integrating external code into code generation process can enable parity between MATLAB development environment and embedded execution target
- Increased productivity Development and debugging
- Defects found earlier in life cycle



