Abstract

Demo - Motion Imitation for Robot HOAP3

Motion imitation is suggested to be a promising way to attend the problem of movement generation for robots. That attends two aspects. On the one hand, to reduce the immense search space. On the other hand, movements should become more human like.
However, this talk summarizes the steps to transfer a captured movement of a human to the robot HOAP3.
The movement is a "reaching out for grasping at" movement which is parameterized by the position grasped at. This exemplar movement is used to get a nice online demo, and is used in this manner to allow the robot to relocate objects on a table. The demo includes some rule learning, and takes place as follows: an advisor shows the robot, how to displace some objects for cleaning up the table. Afterwards, the robot has to clean up the objects as told by advisor.
Motion Imitation and Recognition using Parametric Hidden Markov Models

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Motivation

- Important role: recognition and synthesis of human motions for interaction between human and humanoid
  - Humanoid needs to recognize human movement
    - to understand what human is doing
  - Humanoid can learn from people how to move
    - and this in a humanlike way
  - Parametric Hidden Markov Model is a comprising way for at least some parametric movements
  - HMM framework includes: training, synthesis, and recognition
Imitation of Moves

Teacher

Robot

person

HOAP-3

grasp!
Outline

1. Capturing of Movements
2. Towards Parametric HMMs
   - Motion Synthesis
   - HMM, Parametric HMM
   - Training, Synthesis & Recognition
3. Robot Demo
   - Motion Transfer to Robot HOAP3
   - Relocating Objects on a Table
   - Rule-learning Robot Demo / Video
4. Recognition Demo / Video
Capturing Movements
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Vicon System

1. 8 cameras @120Hz+, sync
   - infrared sensitive
   - infrared emitter

2. high reflective markers

3. Capturing
   - generate 3d markers
   - estimate model pose
Capturing Movements

Vicon Model of Left Arm
Capturing Movements

Movements for certain Positions

1. at least for 4 corners
2. with few repetitions each
   - for averaging
Motion Synthesis
Motion Synthesis

Motion Synthesis by Interpolation

table plane
4 arm states
mean
Motion Synthesis

Interpolation requires Warping wrt. Dynamics
Hidden Markov Model
• Hidden Markov Model (HMM) is a State Machine, extended in probabilistic way
  – Continuous left-right HMM: model time series

2D series “warped”
HMM

• HMM $\lambda$ – Basic Problems
  - Training of Model Parameters
    • Baum/Welch EM Algorithm (ML estimate)
  - Evaluation Problem (Recognition)
    • Forward/Backward Algorithm

"P(X | \lambda) \rightarrow \max, \lambda"
"eval P(x | \lambda)"

(Synthesis, here, straight forward for a left/right model)
Parametric HMM

Parametric HMM: a movements with single parameter

\[
\begin{align*}
\lambda^{\phi=0} &= (\lambda^{\phi=0} + \lambda^{\phi=1})/2 \\
\lambda^{\phi=1/2} &= \lambda^{\phi=1}
\end{align*}
\]
HMM – Alignment

Aligned HMM States  (Interpolated Synthesis)
HMM - Recognition

Recognition

Given: movement $x$, models $\lambda_k^{uv}$ for each types $k$ of move

- Estimate most likely parameters $u,v$ for each $k$

$$(u, v)_k = \arg \max_{u, v} P(x / \lambda_k^{uv})$$

- Recognition:
  - classify as class $k$ of highest likelihood
  » or thresholding, in case of one motion class
  - movement parameters are given by $(u, v)_k$
Robot Demo
Motion Transfer to Robot

Entities used of the Humans Motions

1. Position of Elbow
   - rescaled to robot's dims
   - relative to shoulder

2. Position of End-Effector
   - mean of: index-finger, thumb, knuckle

3. Orientation of Gripper
   - vector: finger --> thumb
Motion Transfer to Robot

calculate robots elbow position on plane!!!!
1. Law of Cosines

- **Elbow**
  \[ \gamma = \arccos \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab} \]

- **Upper Arm**
  \[ \beta = \arccos \frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2}{2ab} \]

\[ u_1 = \cos \beta \, w_1 + \sin \beta \, w_2 \]

(direction of upper arm)
Motion Transfer to Robot

2. Cardan Angles of Shoulder (Euler formula)

\[ \phi = \text{arctan2} \left( r_{32}, r_{33} \right) \]
\[ \theta = -\arcsin \left( r_{31} \right) \]
\[ \psi = \text{arctan2} \left( r_{21}, r_{11} \right) \]

where

\[ \left( r_{ij} \right) = \left[ u_1 \, u_2 \, u_3 \right]^T \left[ v_1 \, v_2 \, v_3 \right] \]
3. Orientation of Gripper

\[ \alpha \] given by projection \( o' \) of the vector \( o \): finger-->thumb

twist plane of the robot's wrist
1. use 4 additional movements $s_{i}^{j2}$ with grasped at positions $t_{ij2}$ in upper plane --> each point $t$ space reachable

2. - we can generate movements to arbitrary points
   - if we freeze the time during playback while changing interpolation parameters we can move e.g. the gripper at table-top
Relocating Movement

Placing Gripper before Object
Relocating Movement

Relocating an Object

1. playback first part of movement reaching at a position before the object
2. align gripper to table-top & open gripper
3. move gripper to object (by changing u,v,w)
4. close gripper
5. lift object up (by changing w)
6. move to new position (by changing u,v)
7. .....
The Robot Demo
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A Rule Learning Demo

1. Calibration
   - Placing object at four corners
   - learn homography between table-top and image plane

2. Learning of where to place the three objects
   - by demonstration

3. Cleaning up the table
   - order given by pointing at the objects
A Recognition Demo
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1. **3D body tracker**
   - for determining shoulder, elbow, and wrist positions

2. **Pointing movements are demonstrated (not shown!)**
   - for training of the PHMM

3. **Pointing movements, and pointed at positions are recognized**
   - ...in order to advise a virtual robot arm
Concluding Remarks
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- We introduced an Parametric HMM Framework
  - Suitable to represent parametric movements of specific type
  - Training, recognition, and synthesis in one Framework

- A robot demo has shown
  - the synthesis/robot control works in a humanlike way

- A recognition demo has shown
  - movement type and parameters recognizable seems to be robust