Learning Periodic Human Motion through Imitation using Eigenposes

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The ultimate goal is to learn a complex task by imitation



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Q: Can we just replay the motion? A: Apparently not!



Problem No.1

The motion pattern needs to be optimized to match the dynamics of the robot.

But! Direct optimization of full-body "high-dimensional" joint angle data is "intractable".

Problem No.2

We bought a commercial robot, but the company just simply doesn't give us the dynamic model. What should we do?

The dynamic model "is not" available!

Research statement

The research goal is to "generate full-body humanoid motions" while the problem of "intractable of high dimensional data" is inherited and the problem of "absences of dynamic model" is presence.

Proposed framework



Presentation outline

Low-dimensional subspaces
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Lossless motion imitation

Dimension reduction algorithms

Linear Principal components analysis (PCA) [Karhunen and Loève 1940s']

None-Linear PCA [Kirby and Miranda, 1996]

Cocally Linear Embedding (LLE) [Roweis and Saul, 2000]

SOMAP [Tenenbaum et al., 2000]

Gaussian Process Latent Variable Models [Neil D. Lawrence 2003]

Low Dimensional posture space

[Gaussian Process Latent Variable Models]



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The "eigenpose" space

3-D low-dimensional subspaces by linear PCA



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Action subspace embedding



Map data to cylindrical coordinate system

 $\mathbf{z}_{\theta} = \frac{\Sigma_i(\hat{\mathbf{x}}^i \times \hat{\mathbf{x}}^{i+1})}{\|\Sigma_i(\hat{\mathbf{x}}^i \times \hat{\mathbf{x}}^{i+1})\|}$

Learn 1-D representation of motion in term of motion phase angle:

 $[r,h] = g(\varphi)$

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Optimization strategy

Gyroscope signals



Optimized motion





NARX model-predictor

Nonlinear autoregressive network with exogenous inputs



recurrent neural network

NARX model-predictor

Nonlinear autoregressive network with exogenous inputs





Gyroscope signals prediction



Predictive motion generator

 $a_t^* = \arg\min_{a_t} \Gamma(F(s_t, \dots, s_{t-n}, a_t, \dots, a_{t-n}))$



Maths details

$$a_t^* = \arg\min_{a_t} \Gamma(F(s_t, \dots, s_{t-n}, a_t, \dots, a_{t-n}))$$

$$\Gamma(\omega) = \lambda_x \omega_x^2 + \lambda_y \omega_y^2 + \lambda_z \omega_z^2$$

 $\chi_t^* = \arg\min_{\chi_t \in S} \Gamma(F(\omega_t, \omega_{t-1}, \chi_t, \chi_{t-1}))$



 $S = egin{bmatrix} arphi_s \ r_s \ h_s \end{bmatrix} egin{array}{ll} arphi_{t-1} < arphi_s \leq arphi_{t-1} + arepsilon_{arphi} \ r_a - arepsilon_s \leq r_s \leq r_a + arepsilon_r \ h_a - arepsilon_r \leq r_s \leq r_a + arepsilon_r \ h_a - arepsilon_h \leq h_s \leq h_a + arepsilon_h \ 0 < arepsilon_{arphi} < 2\pi \ [r_a, h_a] = g(arphi_s) \end{array}$

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$\begin{aligned} & \text{Motion-phase optimization} \\ & [r,h] = g(\varphi) \\ & \varphi_t^* = \arg\min_{\varphi_t} \Gamma(F(\omega_t,\omega_{t-1},\varphi_t,\varphi_{t-1})) \end{aligned}$





3-D Eigenposes optimization result



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Human motion capture mapping



Human skeleton

Robot skeleton

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Motion scaling



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Joint trajectories



Action subspace scaling



Normalized joint data mean = 0 standard deviation = 1

Action subspace scaling

Imitate a human walking gait



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Walking by imitation results



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Human sidestep motion



Accuracy of 3-D eigenposes





Sidestep 3-D eigenposes

Accuracy accumulation along the principal axes

Hyperdimensional cylindrical transformation

For $f \in \mathbb{R}^n$ when n > 3 $f(d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots, d_n)$ $f(x, y, z_1, \dots, z_{n-2})$

Suppose $f \in \mathbb{R}^5$ $f(x, y, z_1, z_2, z_3)$ $f(x, y, z_1) \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} f(\varphi, r, h_1) \\ f(x, y, z_2) \end{array} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} f(\varphi, r, h_2) \\ f(\varphi, r, h_2) \\ f(\varphi, r, h_3) \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{l} \begin{array}{l} 3\text{-D mapping} \\ f(x,y,z) \rightarrow f(\varphi,r,h) \\ \varphi = \arctan(\frac{y}{x}) \\ r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ h = z \end{array}$

Thus

 $f(x, y, z_1, \ldots, z_{n-2}) \rightarrow f(\varphi, r, h_1, \ldots, h_{n-2})$

Multiple cylindrical frames



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Hyperdimensional motion optimization

Hyperdimensional action subspace embedding

 $[r, h_1, h_2, \dots, h_{18}] = g(\varphi)$

Motion-phase optimization

 $\varphi_t^* = \arg\min_{\varphi_t} \Gamma(F(\omega_t, \omega_{t-1}, \varphi_t, \varphi_{t-1}))$

Hyperdimensional optimization result





Conclusion

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Note:

- Learn directly from the real robot
- Learn none-periodic motion
- Real-time feedback needs to be realized
- Multiple learning modules organization

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Thank