Grasping – from Human to Robot

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Motivation

- Develop a tool to extract and represent both hand synergy and grasp motion dynamics features
- Compare different grasp motions
- Find nature clustering of similar grasp motions
- In terms of grasp motion trajectory
- Similar grasp motion may indicate similar control
- Motion features and clustering may provide insight on human grasping strategies and be useful for robotic grasping control

Grasp Motion Data Collection





5DT Dataglove

PIP Joints MP Joints MP Joints Sensor #

Initial Data

- Five participants
- Nine different objects with 15 Cutkosky types of grasp
- Five trials each type
- Measure 14 joints -- 14-DOF data
- 14 dimensional time series data -- 60 Hz sampling

Motion Alignment



Represent Motion Data with PCA+fPCA

- Two fPCA scores for each of the three PCA scores
- A continuous grasp motion is represented with six variables
- With two fPCs for each of the three PCs
- A motion curve is represented as a point in the six dimensional space

FPCA



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Clustering grasping motion in score space



+ Large Diameter 🔿 Small Diameter 🔆 Medium Wrap Adducted Thumb 🗙 Light Tool Thumb-4Finger Thumb-3Finger △Thumb-2Finger Thumb-Index Power Disk **Power Sphere** Precision Disk 🗘 Tripod 🗰 Platfrom 10 * Lateral Pinch

Data Driven Grasping Motion Taxonomy

• Stable across all subjects



Compare with Cutkosky Taxonomy



Evaluation



10-fold cross validation with all grasp types

Leave one of the 15 Cutkosky grasp types for testing Use three of the five trials each grasp type for training

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Measure Fingertip Force



Problems

- Artifacts
 - predefined grasping points
 - fake surfaces
 - simple geometry
- Expensive
- Ideal grasping studies
 - everyday objects
 - contact points vary
 - distance, slope, and curvature vary
 - material type, and friction

Related Work

- Mascaro & Asada at MIT
- Infrared LEDs & Photodetectors
- Detect blood amount in arterioles
- Mounted on fingernails with transparent glue
- Advantages:
 - located on the nail
 - everyday objects
 - Natural contact surface
- New problems:
 - one sensor fits one fingernail
 - need individual calibration
 - 6 photo-detectors --Limited sampling
 - sample areas are pre-defined and not adjustable
 - small measurement range



Computer Vision Approach



- Camera images the full back of the fingertip
- Natural lighting
- Computer vision techniques to interpret the color to force



Automatic Calibration



Force Trajectories





2D Elastic Registration

- Images taken from different subjects
- Segment the nails
 - Canny edge filter
 - Cubic B-spline
- Elastically deform them to the same shape
 - Boundary -> boundary
 - Elastic sheets
 - Keeps relative location of the color pattern





Standard shape

Deformation Mapping







Start map Green Channel

- [0, 1) Dark Red
- [1, 2) Red
- [2, 3) Yellow
- [3, 4) Green
- [4, 5) Cyan
- [5, 6) Blue
- [6, 10) Magenta

- Points in the middle start at 0–1 N, saturate at 2-3 N.
- Points in the front start at 2-3 N, saturate at 5-6 N.
- Points on the skin start at 4-5 N, saturate at 6-10N
- Surrounding skin transduces large force
- Combining all areas together gives big measurement range



The color intensity changes from bright to dark with an increasing force

Modeling – Bayesian Prediction

- Force -> Color
- Color -> Force -- Inverse problem -> Bayesian inference model
- Combine all linear segments of the points together
- Optimal Bayesian Estimation reduced to Weighted Least Squares

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}} = (\mathbf{B}' \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{B})^{-1} \mathbf{B}' \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{a})$$

- **h** measured colors
- $\pmb{\Sigma}$ covariance matrix of colors
- ${\bf B}$ and ${\bf a}$ regression parameters estimated with calibration

Individually trained

Verification Result

Subject	$+f_x$	$-f_x$	$+f_y$	$-f_y$	f_z
1	0.17	0.15	0.27	0.47	0.28
2	0.35	0.36	0.42	0.44	0.27
3	0.52	0.52	0.11	0.35	0.27
4	0.49	0.49	0.32	0.34	0.30
5	0.60	0.60	0.44	0.51	0.34
6	0.11	0.11	0.38	0.31	0.33
7	0.29	0.28	0.38	0.30	0.34

RMS errors (N) of estimation for force components for seven subjects



Learning and Execution Results of Motion and Force





Execution results by the robot³⁰

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Grasping

- Grasping force feature on fingertip changes with not only objects but also the interaction in tasks
- Feature task wrench (force and torque interaction on the tool) space

Use a Knife



Measure a TWS Considering Task Disturbance Distribution

- Human demonstration a manipulation using a haptic device in virtual reality
- The external task-related disturbance was captured during the task execution
- The task disturbance data was down-sampled to build a non-parametric statistical distribution



Grasp Planning

- Uses optimization mathematics to search for the optimal contact positions on an object

 Cost function: grasp quality measures
- A typical grasp quality measure
 - Considers the ability of a grasp to resist the disturbance in a task

Quality Measure Base on Task Disturbance Distribution

- The quality measure k_m is no longer a reasonable constraint to the noisy TWS
- A new measure Q: measures the proportion TWS covers the scaled GWS by a factor of k

$$W = \{w(t) \mid w(t) \in TWS \cap w(t) \in k \bullet uGWS\}$$
$$Q(G) = \frac{|W|}{|TWS|}$$





 $\varepsilon_1 = 0.11$

 $\varepsilon_2 = 0.13$

-Tx🛩

-Fz

-Ty

-Ťz

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Results

Example 2: kitchen knife.

• Task 1: cutting

K=8.04

• Task 2: butter spreading

K=3.25







(f)

Success Rate of Real Execution







Our approach

Force-closure approach

Table 1: Comparison of the success rate between the prosposed approach using task disturbance with non-task-oriented approach.

Task	Success Rate	Success Rate		
	of Task Dis-	of non-task		
	turbance	oriented Grasp		
	Based Grasp	Planning		
	Planning			
Task 1	60%	40%		
Task 2	80%	70%		
Task 3	70%	20%		
Overall	70%	43.3%		



2 X Speed.

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