

Applications of Medical Robotics

There are 4 types of Robots

- Robots for **Navigation**
Surgical drill for Precise positioning, motion compensation..
- Robots for **Imaging**
Minimally-invasive surgery by Motion downscaling, reduce tremor...
- Robots for **Motion Replication**
Robotic ultrasound for Automation, speed...
- **Rehabilitation and Prosthetics**
Exoskeletons that Replace damaged structures, autonomous rehabilitation...

Application: Epiphyseolysis

Navigation

Problem: We have an image.

- Where is the **Robot** in the image coordinate system?
- Where is the **Target** in the image?

Ingridients for Radiologic Navigation:

- **C-Arm Robot:**
A mobile x-ray system, robot containing 2 prismatic and 3 revolute Joints
- **Infrared Tracking:**
Place Marker on Endeffector, on Target and on C-Arm. A Camera then calculates the positions:
 - Skin incision
 - Place marker on bone
 - Take 2 C-Arm images
 - Navigate

⇒ Navigation, Registration, Calibration!

Spatial position and orientation

Every Transformation is a multiplication, simply write down the vectors.

Rotatory Matrices:

$$R(x, \theta) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & C_\theta & -S_\theta & 0 \\ 0 & S_\theta & C_\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, R(y, \theta) = \begin{pmatrix} C_\theta & 0 & S_\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -S_\theta & 0 & C_\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, R(z, \theta) = \begin{pmatrix} C_\theta & -S_\theta & 0 & 0 \\ S_\theta & C_\theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Translatory Matrices:

$$T(x, a) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, T(y, a) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, T(z, a) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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TODO

In **Forward Kinematics**, we derive the Endeffector Position by multiplication of given Joint Matrices, e.g.

$${}^B M_G = {}^B M_1 \cdot {}^1 M_2 \cdot {}^2 M_3 \cdot {}^3 M_G$$

In **Reverse Kinematics**, we calculate the Joint angles from a given Endeffector Position, e.g. One Joint Robot:

$$P = (P_X, P_Y), \text{ Get Angle } \theta \text{ by: } \frac{P_Y}{P_X} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \tan \theta \implies \theta = \text{atan2}(P_Y, P_X)$$

Use atan2-Function, as it gives back the angles of full circle depending on signs

Navigation & Registration

Problem: We have >1 images.

- Rotate images in such way, that images align
- Output is $\theta, \Delta x, \Delta y$

There are various types of Registration:

- point-based
- landmark-based
- contour-based
- intensity-based
- elastic

Landmark based registration

Situation: We have an MR image of a head. We place 4 Landmarks (Nose and Mouth). The Target Point is given with respect to the four landmark points.

From this, two point clouds A, B are generated.

We assume: $\#A = \#B$, $2D$, $a_1 \rightarrow b_1$ etc.

If we move B , this leads to:

$$b_1 \rightsquigarrow R \cdot b_1 + t, R = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}, t = \begin{pmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$b_2 \rightsquigarrow R \cdot b_2 + t$$

\vdots

$$b_n \rightsquigarrow R \cdot b_n + t$$

We create a function f , which is the distance between the two point clouds A and B . We want to minimize this function:

$$f = ||R \cdot b_1 + t - a_1||^2 + \dots + ||R \cdot b_n + t - a_n||^2$$

Gaussian Least Square

If we assume that the angle θ is small, we can linearize the rotational matrix R such that:

$$\cos \theta \sim 1, \sin \theta \sim \theta \implies R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\theta \\ \theta & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

This matrix R is linear in θ .

We can also linearize the 3D rotation matrix as follows:

$$R(x, \alpha) \cdot R(y, \beta) \cdot R(z, \gamma) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \gamma & -\beta \\ -\gamma & 1 & \alpha \\ \beta & \alpha & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

As the multiplication of two small values leads to an even smaller value. This method works fine until angles of 10 degrees.

Iterative Closest Points (ICP)

Assume we have a point cloud A and a point cloud B . We want know the transformation needed to overlap B over A . We do **not** deform B , as all motion is rigid (rotation and translation).

1	1	3	3
1	1	3	3
2	2	3	3
2	2	3	3

Cloud A:

2	2	1	1
2	2	1	1
3	3	3	3
3	3	3	3

Cloud B

\implies Just rotate 90° to align

But sometimes, coloring differs in images depending on the imaging process. For Example, in CT the bone has a bright white color, while in MR the bone is more gray:

1	1	3	3
1	1	3	3
2	2	3	3
2	2	3	3

3	3	1	1
3	3	1	1
2	2	2	2
2	2	2	2

 \Rightarrow rotate 90° enough?

Mutual Information (MI)

For **Mutual Information** Registration, the color mapping does not have to be exactly 1x1. It can be different, as shown in the example above.

Basic Definition:

We generate Images A, B in a random process. For each pixel of the image, we throw a dice (random generation), so we map 6 colors $\{1, \dots, 6\}$ to each pixel. A, B are random variables with distributions P_A, P_B , namely:

- $P_A(a)$ = Probability of grey level value a in image A
- $P_B(b)$ = Probability of grey level value b in image B

$\Rightarrow P_{A,B}(a, b)$ = Probability of grey level value a in image A occuring at the same position in image B

Examples:

- $A \neq B$: A tells nothing about B , 2 different images
- $A = B$: A tells everything about B
- A tells something about B

Keep in mind the law of Independence of two random variables:

$$P_{A,B}(a, b) = P_A(a) \cdot P_B(b)$$

We want to know the maximum Mutual Information, calculated as follows:

$$I(A, B) = \sum_{a,b} P_{A,B}(a, b) \cdot \log_2 \left(\frac{P_{A,B}(a, b)}{P_A(a) \cdot P_B(b)} \right)$$

The Sum ranges over all greyscale pairs of diefferent colors. $I(A, B)$ measures the information dependencies. We maximize the Mutual Information to find exact position.

Example 1:

$$A = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 0 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array}, \quad B = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 0 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$P_A(0) = 0.5, P_B(0) = 0.5$$

$$P_A(1) = 0.5, P_B(1) = 0.5$$

$$P_{A,B}(0,0) = 0.5, P_{A,B}(0,1) = 0$$

$$P_{A,B}(1,1) = 0.5, P_{A,B}(1,0) = 0$$

$$\sum = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} I(A, B) &= \sum_{a,b} P_{A,B}(a,b) \cdot \log_2 \left(\frac{P_{A,B}(a,b)}{P_A(a) \cdot P_B(b)} \right) \\ &= 0.5 \cdot \log_2 \left(\frac{P_{A,B}(0,0)}{P_A(0) \cdot P_B(0)} \right) + 0.5 \cdot \log_2 \left(\frac{P_{A,B}(1,1)}{P_A(1) \cdot P_B(1)} \right) + 0 \cdot \log_2 \left(\frac{P_{A,B}(0,1)}{P_A(0) \cdot P_B(1)} \right) + 0 \cdot \log_2 \left(\frac{P_{A,B}(1,0)}{P_A(1) \cdot P_B(0)} \right) \\ &= 0.5 \cdot \log_2(2) + 0.5 \cdot \log_2(2) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Example 2:

$$A = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 0 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array}, \quad B = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$MI(A, B) = 1$, as we care for the structure of the image. The color values do not really matter. Example 3:

$$A = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 0 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array}, \quad B = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$MI(A, B) = 0$, as the structures are very different. Example 4:

$$A = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 0 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array}, \quad B = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 0 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$MI(A, B) = 0.32$$

Keep in mind that $MI \geq 0$, but can go up to 100 for large images!

Calculating P_A , P_B , $P_{A,B}$

Just create a table, then divide the right hand side by the amount of pixels/voxels:

0	number of Pixels in image A with greylevel 0
\vdots	\vdots
255	number of Pixels in image A with greylevel 255

Calculating $P_{A,B}$ is a little difficult:

	0 ... i	... 255
0		
\vdots	\vdots	
i	... # pixel pins with colors i, j	
\vdots		
255		

There are 3 algorithms/methods for calculation:

1. **Nearest Neighbour (NN)**
2. **Trilinear Interpolation (TI)**
3. **Trilinear Partial Volume (TPV)**

Imaging

Image Deformation

There are multiple applications:

- Elastic Registration
- Distortion Correction

Bilinear Onterpolation

Assume we have 2 adjacent grid points u, v . To get from G' to G we have to deform u in x-direction by du . We obtain information for w by **linear interpolation**. Same for the y-direction.

Advantage:

- Simplicity
- We will move all points to its goal \implies Accuracy!

Disadvantage:

- Not smooth

Cubic Spline Interpolation

We define a correction polynomial, two variables x, y

$$a_0 + a_1x + a_2y + a_3xy + a_4x^2 + a_5y^2 + a_6xy^2 + a_7x^2y + a_8x^3 + a_9y^3$$

$$b_0 + b_1x + b_2y + b_3xy + b_4x^2 + b_5y^2 + b_6xy^2 + b_7x^2y + b_8x^3 + b_9y^3$$

We have our model: (x_m, y_m) and our distorted points (x_d, y_d) .

We further assume, that a 's and b 's are variables, while x, y are constant.

We set up f as:

$$f = [(x_m, y_m) - (x_d, y_d)]^2$$

For N grid points, we adjust f to:

$$f = [(x_m^{(1)}, y_m^{(1)}) - (x_d^{(1)}, y_d^{(1)})]^2 + \dots + [(x_m^{(N)}, y_m^{(N)}) - (x_d^{(N)}, y_d^{(N)})]^2$$

With x_d being the a -Polynomial and x_m being the b -Polynomial, function f is quadratic in the a 's and b 's.

Motion Replication