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% Motor Unit Based Muscle Fatigue Model by Jim Potvin & Andrew Fuglevand
% front end (rested size-principle) based on Fuglevand, Winter & Patla (1993)
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%clear all
clc
clf('reset')    %clears all graphics

%% Model input parameters
nu = 120;        % number of neurons (ie. motor units) in the modeled pool ("n")

samprate = 10;   % sample rate (10 Hz is suggested)
res = 100;       % resolution of activations (set = 10 for 0.1 activation resolution, 100 for 0.01)
hop = 20;        % allows for hopping through activations to more rapidly find that
                 % which meets the threshold (10 means every 1/10th of maxact)
r = 50;          % range of recruitment thresholds (30 or 50)

fat = 180;       % range of fatigue rates across the motor units (300 best)
FatFac = 0.0225; % fatigue factor (FF/S) percent of peak force of MU per second

tau = 22;        % 22 based on Revill & Fuglevand (2011)
adaptSF = 0.67;  % 0.67 from Revill & Fuglevand (2011)
ctSF = 0.379;    % 0.379 based on Shields et al (1997)

mthr = 1;        % minimum recruitment threshold
a = 1;           % recruitment gain paramter (1)
minfr = 8;       % minimum firing rate (8)
pfr1 = 35;       % peak firing rate of first recruited motor unit (35)
pfrL = 25;       % peak firing rate of last recruited motor unit (25)
mir = 1;         % slope of the firing rate increase vs excitation (1)
rp = 100;        % range of twitch tensions (100)
rt = 3;          % range of contraction times (3 fold)
tL = 90;         % longest contraction time (90)

%% Various methods to create, or read in, force (%MVC)time-histories

%      % Create isotonic data -----

fthscale = 0.50      % sets %MVC level for the trial duration (100% MVC is 1.00)
con = '0.50';        % for output file names
fthtime = 100;        % duration to run trial (seconds)

fthsamp = fthtime * samprate;
fth = zeros(1, fthsamp);
for z = 1:fthsamp
    fth(z) = fthscale;
end

%% Create Ramp Plateau data -----

%      con = 'Plateaus'
%      yMAXforce = 35
%      ondur = 32;
%      mag = 0.20
%      frame = 0;

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%         cyc = ondur * samprate           % duration of each plateau
%         transition = 5 * samprate        % duration of transition between plateaus
%         for n = 1:cyc
%             frame = frame + 1;
%             fth(frame) = mag * 1;
%         end
%         for n = 1:transition
%             frame = frame + 1;
%             fth(frame) = (mag * 1) + (mag * n / transition);
%         end
%         for n = 1:cyc
%             frame = frame + 1;
%             fth(frame) = mag * 2;
%         end
%         for n = 1:transition
%             frame = frame + 1;
%             fth(frame) = (mag * 2) + (mag * n / transition);
%         end
%         for n = 1:cyc
%             frame = frame + 1;
%             fth(frame) = mag * 3;
%         end
%         fthsamp = frame

%% Calculations from the Fuglevand, Winter & Patla (1993) Model

ns = 1:1:fthsamp;    % array of samples for fth
fth = fth(ns);

% Recruitment Threshold Excitation (thr)
thr = zeros(1, nu);
n = 1:1:nu;
b = log(r + (1-mthr)) / (nu-1);           % this was modified from Fuglevand et al (1993) RTE(i) equation (1)
for i = 1:nu                               % as that did not create the exact range of RTEs (ie. 'r') entered
    thr(i) = a * exp((i-1) * b) - (1 - mthr);
end

% Peak Firing Rate (frp)
% modified from Fuglevand et al (1993) PFR equation (5) to remove thr(1) before ratio
frdiff = pfrl-pfrL;
frp = pfrl - frdiff*((thr(n) - thr(1))/(r - thr(1)));
maxex = thr(nu) + (pfrL - minfr)/mir;      % maximum excitation
maxact = round(maxex * res);               % max excitation x resolution
ulr = 100 * thr(nu)/maxex;                 % recruitment threshold (%) of last motor unit

% Calculation of the rested motor unit twitch properties (these will change with fatigue)

% Firing Rates for each MU with increased excitation (act)
mufr = zeros(nu, maxact);
for mu = 1:nu
    for act = 1:maxact
        acti = act/res;
        if acti >= thr(mu)
            mufr(mu, act) = mir * (acti - thr(mu)) + minfr;
            if mufr(mu, act) > frp(mu)
                mufr(mu, act) = frp(mu);
            end
        end
    end
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        end
        elseif acti < thr(mu)
            mufr(mu, act) = 0;
        end
    end
end

k = 1:1:maxact; %range of excitation levels

% Twitch peak force (P)
b = log(rp)/(nu-1); % this was modified from Fuglevand et al (1993) P(i) equation (13)
P = exp(b * (n-1)); % as that didn't create the exact range of twitch tensions (ie. 'rp') entered

% Twitch contraction time (ct)
c = log(rp)/log(rt); % scale factor
ct = zeros(1,nu);
for mu = 1:nu % assigns contraction times to each motor unit (moved into loop)
    ct(mu) = tL * (1/P(mu))^(1/c);
end

% Normalized motor unit firing rates (nmufr) with increased excitation (act)
nmufr = zeros(nu, maxact);
for mu = 1:nu
    for act = 1:maxact
        nmufr(mu, act) = ct(mu) * (mufr(mu, act) / 1000); % same as CT / ISI
    end
end

% Motor unit force, relative to full fusion (Pr) with increasing excitation
% based on Figure 2 of Fuglevand et al (1993)
sPr = 1 - exp(-2 * (0.4^3));
Pr = zeros(nu, maxact);
for mu = 1:nu
    for act = 1:maxact
        if nmufr(mu,act) <= 0.4 %linear portion of curve
            Pr(mu,act) = nmufr(mu,act)/0.4 * sPr; %Pr = MU force relative to rest 100% max excitation of 67
        end
        if nmufr(mu,act) > 0.4
            Pr(mu,act) = 1 - exp(-2 * (nmufr(mu,act)^3));
        end
    end
end

% Motor unit force (muP) with increased excitation
muP = zeros(nu, maxact);
for mu = 1:nu
    for act = 1:maxact
        muP(mu,act) = Pr(mu,act) * P(mu);
    end
end
totalP = sum(muP,1); % sum of forces across MUs for each excitation (dim 1)
maxP = totalP(maxact);

% Total Force across all motor units when rested
Pnow = zeros(nu, fthsamp);
Pnow(:,1) = P(:);

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%% Calculation of Fatigue Parameters (recovery currently set to zero in this version)

% note, if rp = 100 & fat = 180, there will be a 100 x 180 = 1800-fold difference in
% the absolute fatigue of the highest threshold vs the lowest threshold.
% The highest threshold MU will only achieve ~57% of its maximum (at 25 Hz), so the actual range of fatigue
% rates is 1800 x 0.57 = 1026

% fatigue rate for each motor unit (note: "log" means "ln" in Matlab)
b2 = log(fat)/(nu-1);
mufatrate = exp(b2 * (n-1));

b3 = log(rec)/(nu-1);
murecrate = exp(b3 * (n-1));

fatigue = zeros(1,nu);
recovery = zeros(1,nu);
for mu = 1:nu
    fatigue(mu) = mufatrate(mu) * (FatFac / fat) * P(mu);
    % the full fatigue rate is mufatrate(mu) * [FatFac / fat] * Pr(mu,act) * P(mu)
    % the only variable is the relative force: Pr(mu,act), so this part is calculated once here
    recovery(mu) = 0; %set to zero for now
end

% Establishing the rested excitation required for each target load level (if 0.1% resolution, then 0.1% to 100%)
startact = zeros(1, 100);
for force = 1:100
    startact(force) = 0; % excitation will never be lower than that needed at rest for a given force
    for act = 1:maxact % so it speeds the search up by starting at this excitation
        if (totalP(act)/maxP * 100) < force
            startact(force) = act - 1;
        end
    end
end

Pchange curves = zeros(nu, maxact);
for act = 1:maxact
    for mu = 1:nu
        Pchange curves(mu,act) = fatigue(mu) * Pr(mu, act) * P(mu); % just used for graphical display
    end
end

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%% Moving through force time-history and determining the excitation required to meet the target force at each time

TmuPinstant = zeros(nu, fthsamp);
m = zeros(1, fthsamp);
mufrFAT = zeros(nu, fthsamp);
ctFAT = zeros(nu, fthsamp);
ctREL = zeros(nu, fthsamp);
nmufrFAT = zeros(nu, fthsamp);
PrFAT = zeros(nu, fthsamp);
muPt = zeros(nu, fthsamp);
TPt = zeros(nu, fthsamp);

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Ptarget = zeros(1, fthsamp);
Tact = zeros(1, fthsamp);
Pchange = zeros(nu, fthsamp);
TPtMAX = zeros(1, fthsamp);
muPtMAX = zeros(nu, fthsamp);
muON = zeros(nu);
adaptFR = zeros(nu, fthsamp);
Rdur = zeros(1, nu);
acttemp = zeros(fthsamp, maxact);
muPna = zeros(nu, fthsamp);
muForceCapacityRel = zeros(nu, fthsamp);
timer = 0;

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for i = 1:fthsamp
    if i == (timer + 1) * samprate * 60           % shows a timer value every 15 seconds
        timer = timer + 1;
        current = i / samprate
    end

    force = round(fth(i) * 100) + 1;              % used to start at the minimum possible excitation (lowest it can be is 1)
    if force > 100                                % so start with excitation needed for fth(i) when rested (won't be lower than this)
        force = 100;
    end
    s = startact(force) - (5 * res);              % starts a little below the minimum
    if s < 1
        s = 1;
    end

    acthop = round(maxact / hop);                % resets 'acthop' to larger value for new sample
    act = s;                                     % start at lowest value then start jumping by 'acthop'
    for a = 1:maxact                             % this starts at the minimum (s) then searches for excitation required to meet the target
        acttemp(i, a) = act;
        for mu = 1:nu

            % MU firing rate adaptation modified from Revill & Fuglevand (2011)
            % this was modified to directly calculate the firing rate adaption, as 1 unit change in excitation
            % causes 1 unit change in firing rate
            % scaled to the mu threshold (highest adaptation for highest threshold mu)

            if muON(mu) > 0
                Rdur(mu) = (i - muON(mu) + 1)/samprate;           % duration since mu was recruited at muON
            end
            if Rdur(mu) < 0
                Rdur(mu) = 0;
            end

            adaptFR(mu, i) = (thr(mu)-1)/(thr(nu)-1) * adaptSF * (mufr(mu, act) - minfr + 2) * (1 - exp(-1 * Rdur(mu) / tau ));
            if adaptFR(mu, i) < 0                                % firing rate adaptation
                adaptFR(mu, i) = 0;
            end

            mufrFAT(mu, i) = mufr(mu, act) - adaptFR(mu, i);      % adapted motor unit firing rate: based on time since recruitment
            mufrMAX = mufr(mu, maxact) - adaptFR(mu, i);         % adapted FR at max excitation

            ctFAT(mu, i) = ct(mu) * (1 + ctSF * (1 - Pnow(mu, i)/P(mu))); % corrected contraction time: based on MU fatigue
        end
    end
end

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        ctREL(mu,i) = ctFAT(mu,i)/ct(mu);

nmufrFAT(mu,i) = ctFAT(mu,i) * (mufrFAT(mu, i) / 1000);           % adapted normalized Stimulus Rate (CT * FR)
nmufrMAX = ctFAT(mu,i) * (mufrMAX / 1000);                       % normalized FR at max excitation

if nmufrFAT(mu,i) <=0.4                                           % fusion level at adapted firing rate
    PrFAT(mu,i) = nmufrFAT(mu,i) / 0.4 * sPr;                   % linear portion of curve
end
if nmufrFAT(mu,i) > 0.4                                           % non-linear portion of curve
    PrFAT(mu,i) = 1 - exp(-2 * (nmufrFAT(mu,i)^3));
end
muPt(mu, i) = PrFAT(mu, i) * Pnow(mu, i);                       % MU force at the current time (muPt):
                                                                % based on adapted postion on fusion curve

    if nmufrMAX <=0.4                                             % fusion force at 100% maximum excitation
        PrMAX = nmufrMAX / 0.4 * sPr;
    end
    if nmufrMAX > 0.4
        PrMAX = 1 - exp(-2 * (nmufrMAX^3));
    end
    muPtMAX(mu, i) = PrMAX * Pnow(mu, i);                       % Max MU force capacity at the current time

end % next motor unit (mu)

TPt(i) = sum(muPt(:,i))/maxP;                                     % total sum of MU forces at the current time (TPt)
TPtMAX(i) = sum(muPtMAX(:,i))/maxP;

% used to speed up the search for the right excitation to meet the current target
if TPt(i) < fth(i) && act == maxact
    break;
end
if TPt(i) < fth(i)
    act = act + acthop;
    if act > maxact
        act = maxact;
    end
end
if TPt(i) >= fth(i) && acthop == 1
    break; % stop searching as the correct excitation is found
end
if TPt(i) >= fth(i) && acthop > 1
    act = act - (acthop - 1); % if the last large jump was too much, it goes back and starts increasing by 1
    if act < 1
        act = 1;
    end
    acthop = 1;
end

end % next excitation (act)

for mu = 1:nu
    if muON(mu) == 0 && (act/res) >= thr(mu) % can be modified to reset if the MU turns off
        muON(mu) = i;                      % time of onset of mu recruitment (s)
    end
end
end

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Ptarget(i) = TPt(i);           % modeled force level ?? do I need to do this, or can I just use TPt(i)
Tact(i) = act;                 % descending (not adapted) excitation required to meet the target force at the current time

% Calculating the fatigue (force loss) for each motor unit

for mu = 1:nu
    if mufrFAT(mu, i) >= recminfr                                     % Force loss of each MU for each interval
        Pchange(mu,i) = -1 * (fatigue(mu) / samprate) * PrFAT(mu, i); % based on % of MU fusion force
    elseif mufrFAT(mu, i) < recminfr
        Pchange(mu,i) = recovery(mu) / samprate;
    end

    if i < 2
        Pnow(mu, i+1) = P(mu);
        % Pnow(mu, i+1) = 0; % Use this to start the muscle fully exhausted
    elseif i >= 2
        Pnow(mu, i+1) = Pnow(mu, i) + Pchange(mu,i);
        % instantaneous strength of MU
        % right now without adaptation
    end

    if Pnow(mu, i+1) >= P(mu)
        Pnow(mu, i+1) = P(mu);
        % does not let it increase past rested strength
    end

    if Pnow(mu, i+1) < 0
        Pnow(mu, i+1) = 0;
        % does not let it fatigue below zero
    end

    end % next motor unit

end % next fthsamp

Tstrength = zeros(1, fthsamp);
for i = 1:fthsamp
    for mu = 1:nu
        muPna(mu,i) = Pnow(mu,i) * muP(mu,maxact) / P(mu);
        % non-adapted MU max force at 100% excitation
    end
    (muPna)
    Tstrength(i) = sum(muPna(:,i)) / maxP;
    % Current total strength without adaptation relative to
max rested capacity
end
for i = 1:fthsamp
    endurtime = i / samprate;
    if TPtMAX(i) < fth(i)
        break;
    end
end

end

clf('reset') %clears all graphics

%% Output

EndStrength = (TPtMAX(fthsamp) * 100);

endurtime

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for mu = 0:mujump:nu
    if mu == 0
        mu = 1;
    end
    muForceCapacityRel(mu,ns) = Pnow(mu,ns)*100/P(mu); % for outputs below
end

hold off;
combo = [ns(:)/samprate, fth(:), Tact(:)/res/maxex * 100,Tstrength(:) * 100 ,Ptarget(:) * 100,TPtMAX(:)* 100];
dlmwrite(strcat(con,' A - Target - Act - Strength (no adapt) - Force - Strength (w adapt).csv'), combo)

dlmwrite(strcat(con,' B - Firing Rate.csv'),transpose(mufrFAT(:,:)))
dlmwrite(strcat(con,' C - Individual MU Force Time-History.csv'), transpose(muPt(:,:)))
dlmwrite(strcat(con,' D - MU Capacity - relative.csv'),transpose(muForceCapacityRel(:,:)))

beep;

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