

Learning Robot Activities for mimicking human motion remotely from third-Person Videos ~ Toward Robot Avatar ~

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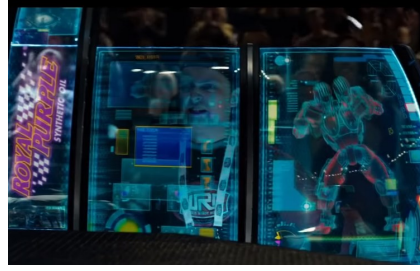
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Motivation



Robot intuitively controlled by visual input

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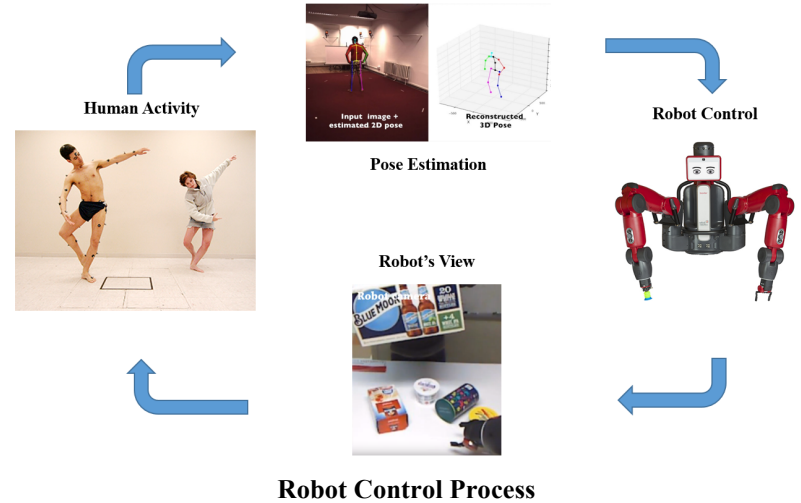


Robot controlled by complicated input interface

- [Real Steel], Shawn Levy, 2011
- Human can follow one's motion by watching it.
- (Goal) Make robot to follow person's motion only with camera!
- (Value) Reduce cost of robot control system with tradeoff of accuracy. Make robot control easy and intuitive.

System

- Robot Control System
 - Control is implemented with 2D Pose Estimation.
 - Calibration process is needed to get robot arm angle state from 2D Pose.



Background

Existing System

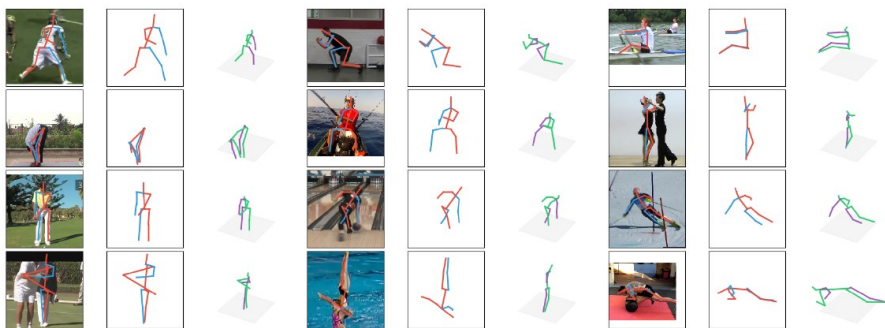
- Toyota's T-HR3
- Needs complicated, expensive, heavy sensor system
- Uses torque sensors
- Accurate



Toyota's T-HR3

Human Pose Estimation

- 2D Pose Estimation is pretty much solved problem.
- 3D Pose Estimation is still struggling for performance.



Human 2D & 3D Pose Estimation

From [A simple yet effective baseline for 3d human pose estimation] by J. Martinez et al.(2017)

Baxter Research Robot

- Two 7-DOF arms
- First-person view camera
- Provide high level API for position control



Baxter Research Robot

Evaluation

Quantitative evaluation

- Position Error of End Effector

Statistic	Axis	X axis	Y axis	Z axis
Mean of Error		7.00	5.60	6.00
Standard deviation of Error		4.42	3.53	4.02

Qualitative evaluation

- Following various poses



- Lifting up objects



Conclusion & Future Works

- Built a low-cost and intuitive humanoid robot control system with a camera, in which a tradeoff is between accuracy and complexity of sensor system.
- Control performance can be improved by using decent 3D Pose Estimation and sophisticated Inverse Kinematics or Reinforcement Learning.