CMP

Composition of Movement Primitives

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1.	1 Recap						
	• q_t : joint angle over time						
	• \dot{q}_t : joint velocity over time						
	• $\tau = \{q_t\}_{t=0T}$: trajectory						
	ullet w: weight vector of a single trajectory						
	• ϕ_t : basis function						
	• $\Phi_t = [\phi_t, \dot{\phi}_t]$: $n \times 2$ dimensional time-dependent basis matrix						
	• $z(t)$: monotonically increasing phase variable						
	• $\epsilon_y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{\Sigma}_y)$: zero-mean i.i.d. Gaussian noise						

$$\mathbf{y}_t = \begin{bmatrix} q_t \\ \dot{q}_t \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{\Phi}_t^{\top} \mathbf{w} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_y \tag{1}$$

$$p(\boldsymbol{\tau}|\boldsymbol{w}) = \prod_{t} \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{y}_{t}|\boldsymbol{\Phi}_{t}^{\top}\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{y})$$
 (2)

$$p(\tau; \theta) = \int p(\tau | \boldsymbol{w}) \cdot p(\boldsymbol{w}; \theta) d\boldsymbol{w}$$
(3)

Equation 3 is illustrated in Figure 1.

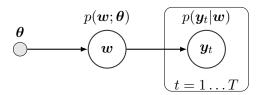


Figure 1: Hierarchical Bayesian model used in ProMPs.

1.2 Coupling between joints

$$p(\mathbf{y}_t|\mathbf{w}) = \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}_{1,t} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{y}_{d,t} \end{bmatrix} \middle| \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{\Phi}_t^{\top} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{\Phi}_t^{\top} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\Sigma}_y \right) = \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{y}_t | \mathbf{\Psi}_t \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{\Sigma}_y \right) \quad (4)$$

with:

- $\boldsymbol{w} = [\boldsymbol{w}_1^{\intercal}, \dots, \boldsymbol{w}_n^{\intercal}]^{\intercal}$: combined weight vector
- Φ_t : block-diagonal basis matrix containing the basis functions and their derivatives for each dimension
- $\boldsymbol{y}_{i,t} = [q_{i,t}, \dot{q}_{i,t}]^{\top}$: joint angle and velocity for the i^{th} joint

$$p(\boldsymbol{y}_t; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \int \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{y}_t | \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^{\top} \boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_y) \cdot p(\boldsymbol{w}; \boldsymbol{\theta})$$
 (5)

$$= \int \mathcal{N} \left(\boldsymbol{y}_t | \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^{\top} \boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_y \right) \cdot \mathcal{N} \left(\boldsymbol{w} | \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \right) d\boldsymbol{w}$$
 (6)

$$\dots$$
 ToDo expand \dots (7)

$$= \mathcal{N} \Big(\boldsymbol{y}_t | \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^{\top} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}}, \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^{\top} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_t + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_y \Big)$$
 (8)

1.3 Via-Points Modulation

- $\boldsymbol{x}_t^{\star} = [\boldsymbol{y}_t^{\star}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_t^{\star}]$: desired observation
- \boldsymbol{y}_t^{\star} : desired position and velocity vector at time t
- Σ_t^{\star} : accuracy of the desired observation

$$p(\boldsymbol{w}|\boldsymbol{x}_t^{\star}) \propto \mathcal{N}\left(\boldsymbol{y}_t^{\star}|\boldsymbol{\Psi}_t^{\top}\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_t^{\star}\right) \cdot p(\boldsymbol{w})$$
 (9)

$$\dots$$
 ToDo expand \dots (10)

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}}^{[new]} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t} \left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{y}^{\star} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{w}} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t} \right)^{-1} (\boldsymbol{y}_{t}^{\star} - \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{t}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\boldsymbol{w}})$$
(11)

$$\Sigma_{\boldsymbol{w}}^{[new]} = \Sigma_{\boldsymbol{w}} - \Sigma_{\boldsymbol{w}} \Psi_{t} \left(\Sigma_{\boldsymbol{y}}^{\star} \Psi_{t}^{\top} \Sigma_{\boldsymbol{w}} \Psi_{t} \right)^{-1} \Psi_{t}^{\top} \Sigma_{\boldsymbol{w}}$$
(12)

2 Gaussian Mixture Models recap

$$p(\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \pi_k p_k(\boldsymbol{x})$$
 (13)

- p_k : kth mixture component
- π_k : mixture weights with $0 \le \pi_k \le 1$ and $\sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k = 1$

$$p(\boldsymbol{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)$$
 (14)

3 Composition of MPs

From Figure 2, we can compose a set of MPs by "stitching" them using the following mechanisms:

- 1. choosing appropriate via-points between each MP. One strategy is to define the via-point as the average between the ending MP and the starting one.
- 2. generating the MP using Equations (9), (11) and (12), from $z(t_{ini}) = \frac{i}{k}$ to $z(t_{end}) = \frac{i+1}{k}$.

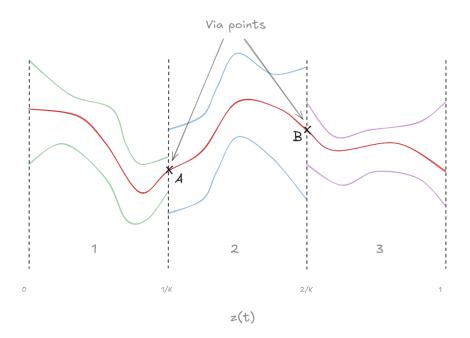


Figure 2: How to compose several ProMPs. Here K=3, and $y_A=\frac{\mu_{1,t_A}+\mu_{2,t_A}}{2}$; $y_B=\frac{\mu_{2,t_B}+\mu_{3,t_B}}{2}$.

Proposal on how to choose the via-points:

$$y_k = \frac{\mu_{k,t_{end}} + \mu_{k+1,t_{ini}}}{2}$$
$$\boldsymbol{y}_k = [\mu_{x_k}, \mu_{y_k}, \mu_{z_k}, \dots]^\top$$
$$\boldsymbol{Y}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_{x_1} & \mu_{y_1} & \mu_{z_1} & \dots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mu_{x_k} & \mu_{y_k} & \mu_{z_k} & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

A comparison of features available in MPs frameworks is available in Table 1.

	DMP	ProMP	GMM	KMP	CMP
Probabilistic	-	√	✓	✓	✓
Via-point	-	\checkmark	-	\checkmark	\checkmark
End-point	\checkmark	\checkmark	-	\checkmark	\checkmark
Extrapolation	\checkmark	-	-	\checkmark	Check KMP
High-dimensional inputs	-	-	\checkmark	\checkmark	Check KMP
Composition	-	-	-	-	\checkmark

Table 1: Comparison of features available for each Movements Primitives frameworks.