

# Composition of Movement Primitives

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## 1 ProMPs

### 1.1 Recap

From [1, 2]:

- $q_t$ : joint angle over time
- $\dot{q}_t$ : joint velocity over time
- $\tau = \{q_t\}_{t=0\dots T}$ : trajectory
- $\mathbf{w}$ : weight vector of a single trajectory
- $\phi_t$ : basis function
- $\Phi_t = [\phi_t, \dot{\phi}_t]$ :  $n \times 2$  dimensional time-dependent basis matrix
- $z(t)$ : monotonically increasing phase variable
- $\epsilon_y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma_y)$ : zero-mean i.i.d. Gaussian noise
- $p(\mathbf{w}; \theta)$ : prior over the weight vector  $\mathbf{w}$ , with parameters  $\theta$ , assumed to be Gaussian

$$\mathbf{y}_t = \begin{bmatrix} q_t \\ \dot{q}_t \end{bmatrix} = \Phi_t^\top \mathbf{w} + \epsilon_y \quad (1)$$

$$p(\tau|\mathbf{w}) = \prod_t \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}_t | \Phi_t^\top \mathbf{w}, \Sigma_y) \quad (2)$$

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

Eq. (3) is illustrated in Fig. 1.

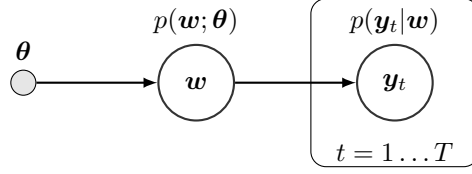


Figure 1: Hierarchical Bayesian model used in ProMPs.

## 1.2 Coupling between joints

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

with:

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

## 1.3 Via-Points Modulation

- $\mathbf{x}_t^* = [\mathbf{y}_t^*, \Sigma_t^*]$ : desired observation
- $\mathbf{y}_t^*$ : desired position and velocity vector at time  $t$
- $\Sigma_t^*$ : accuracy of the desired observation

Using Bayes rule:  $P(A|B) = \frac{p(B|A) \cdot P(A)}{P(B)}$

$$p(\mathbf{w} | \mathbf{x}_t^*) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}_t^* | \mathbf{w}) \cdot p(\mathbf{w})}{p(\mathbf{x}_t^*)} \quad (5)$$

$$p(\mathbf{w} | \mathbf{x}_t^*) \propto \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}_t^* | \Psi_t^\top \mathbf{w}, \Sigma_t^*) \cdot p(\mathbf{w}) \quad (6)$$

$$\dots \text{ToDo expand} \dots \quad (7)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_w^{[new]} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_w + \Sigma_w \Psi_t \left( \Sigma_y^* \Psi_t^\top \Sigma_w \Psi_t \right)^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_t^* - \Psi_t^\top \boldsymbol{\mu}_w) \quad (8)$$

$$\Sigma_w^{[new]} = \Sigma_w - \Sigma_w \Psi_t \left( \Sigma_y^* \Psi_t^\top \Sigma_w \Psi_t \right)^{-1} \Psi_t^\top \Sigma_w \quad (9)$$

## 2 Composition of MPs

ToDo

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