Summary of equations for mapping stretch sensor data to specific shoulder movements.

Sensor names

backSensor: Sensor at the back of the shoulder.

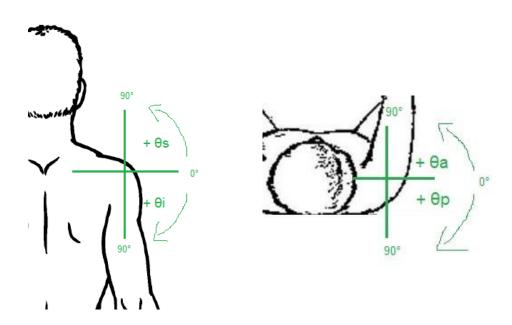
shoulderSensor: Sensor on top the shoulder, coming down the upper arm.

frontSensor: Sensor on the front of the shoulder. bodySensor: Sensor along the side of the body.

Target movements

Shoulder motion can be visualized in a 3D quadrant, where the arm moves in the frontal and axial planes¹. This means we have 4 quadrants: Inferior & Superior within the frontal plane; Posterior & Anterior within the axial plane.

All angles are considered 0° while in a "T" pose. Negative-to-positive directions are from Inferior to Superior in the frontal plane, and Posterior to Anterior in the axial plane, as shown in the diagram below:



¹ As defined here: http://training.seer.cancer.gov/anatomy/body/terminology.html

Frontal plane: Inferior movement (away from the head)

Assuming linear relationship (initial assumption):

$$\theta_i = -\frac{shoulderSensor*90^{\circ}}{shoulderSensorMAX} + a_i*\frac{backSensor}{backSensorMAX} + b_i*\frac{frontSensor}{frontSensorMAX}$$

Where \mathbf{a}_i is a factor correcting for anterior movements, and \mathbf{b}_i is a factor correcting for posterior movements.

Frontal plane: Superior movement (toward the head)

Assuming linear relationship (initial assumption):

$$\theta_{s} = \frac{bodySensor*90^{\circ}}{bodySensorMAX} - a_{s}*\frac{backSensor}{backSensorMAX} - b_{s}*\frac{frontSensor}{frontSensorMAX}$$

Where \mathbf{a}_s is a factor correcting for anterior movements, and \mathbf{b}_s is a factor correcting for posterior movements.

Axial plane: Posterior movement (toward the back)

Assuming linear relationship (initial assumption):

$$\theta_p = -\frac{frontSensor*90^{\circ}}{frontSensorMAX} + a_p*\frac{backSensor}{backSensorMAX} + b_p*\frac{frontSensor}{frontSensorMAX}$$

Where $\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{p}}$ is a factor correcting for anterior movements, and $\mathbf{b}_{\mathbf{p}}$ is a factor correcting for posterior movements.

Axial plane: Anterior movement (toward the stomach)

Assuming linear relationship (initial assumption):

$$\theta_a = \frac{backSensor*90^\circ}{backSensorMAX} - a_a*\frac{backSensor}{backSensorMAX} - b_a*\frac{frontSensor}{frontSensorMAX}$$

Where \mathbf{a}_a is a factor correcting for anterior movements, and \mathbf{b}_a is a factor correcting for posterior movements.