Project 16: Da Vinci Intelligent Surgical Assistance

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Goals

- Learning from demonstration how to perform tasks (IOC)
- Collaborative execution of a simple pick and place task
- Collaborative execution of a robotic suturing task

Example task

Inverse Optimal Control



Reward Function relates observed change in state to observed features of the environment.



Amir M. Ghalamzan E., Chris Paxton, Gregory Hager, and Luca Bascetta. Robot learning from demonstration: from imitation to emulation. Submitted to IROS, 2014.

Specific Aims

- Formalize methods for modeling tasks and predicting user intentions
- Extract scene information from Da Vinci data
- Develop software to model portions of tasks
- Apply methods to simple test example
- Apply methods to Da Vinci example



Application: Grabbing a needle after suture throw

Deliverables

• Minimum

- Simple stereo registration and reconstruction for collected Da Vinci video data (done)
- **Planned approach** for modeling components of a procedure *(done)*
- **IOC software** for computing task models (*in progress*)
- Simulation peg transfer task set up, performed by human users (in progress)

Expected

- Partial automation of peg transfer task, running in the simulation environment (in progress)
- **Tooltip-based stereo registration** to automatically register and extract visual features from collected Da Vinci data

• Maximum

- Partial automation of suturing task
- Semi-automation toolkit for use on other problems and on different robots (in progress)

Da Vinci Components

• Complete:

- Loading kinematics data
- Processing kinematics data and extracting specific gestures
- Simple stereo calibration based on chessboard

• Planned:

- Robust stereo registration
- Implement IOC for suturing task

Stereo Video Processing



Goal: develop method to extract objects and useful image features from a scene like this.

Extracting image key points for stereo registration



Plan for Learning from Demonstration

Modeling task components:

- Labels from user demonstrations
- Gaussian Mixture Regression to determine when algorithm needs to take over, as per previous work

• Task learning based on:

- S. Levine and V. Koltun. Continuous inverse optimal control with locally optimal examples.
- Focus here instead of Da Vinci data!

Reward Function from Continuous Locally Optimal Demonstrations



S. Levine and V. Koltun. Continuous inverse optimal control with locally optimal examples. In Proceedings of the 29th International Conference on Machine Learning, ICML 2012, volume 1, pages 41 – 48, 2012.

Simulation Component

- Two Barrett WAM arms using ROS/Orocos integration software
- Gazebo simulation
 environment
- Simulation provides ground truth on object positions, depth cloud from RGBD sensors







Controlling the Robot

- Settled on 3DConnexion Space Navigator mouse for robot control
 - X, Y, Z
 - roll, pitch, and yaw
- Buttons close the gripper in a preset way, switch current arm being controlled



Simulating a WAM arm: early test



wam/fc rm_link stage_ink wam//write vithon_link/ar//cmd

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Simulating a WAM arm: TF frames

Controlling multiple arms

Arms showing planned positions

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Simulated object manipulation

Steps: 1 🗸 Real Time Factor: 0.92

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Sim Time: 00 00:04:31.178 Real Time: 00

Timeline

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Suturing Task											
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Final Report											
Poster Session											

Timeline: Revision 1

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Timeline: Revision 2

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Questions?