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VISUAL SERVOING with applications in medical robotics

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- **+** Servoing architectures and classification
- Position-based visual servoing
- Image-based visual servoing
- **+ Visual servoing without feature extraction**

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Visual servoing principle



- Control the end-effector of a robot using a vision sensor (2D sensor).
- E.g : position the effector of a robot w.r.t. an object
- Similar to registration but the velocity of the robot is generally continuously updated
- Minimize a task function dependent of the error between the current pose of the robot and the reference pose

+Creates a virtual link between robot and object

Image processing, computer vision and control issues



A. Coordinates and pose

 \oplus Coordinates of point *P* with respect to coordinate frame *i* :

 ^{i}P

 \oplus Position and orientation of frame *i* with respect to frame *j*:

$$Pose = {}^{j}p_{i} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{x} \\ T_{y} \\ T_{z} \\ \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix} \right\} \text{ translation vector} = {}^{j}T_{i} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{origin of} \\ \text{frame } i \text{ w.r.} \\ \text{to frame } j \\ \text{to frame } j \\ \text{rotation angles} \Rightarrow {}^{j}R_{i} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{rotation} \\ \text{matrix} \\ \end{array} \right\}$$



B. Coordinate transformations

 \oplus Coordinates of point ^{*i*}*P* with respect to coordinate frame *j* :

$${}^{j}P = {}^{j}T_{i} + {}^{j}R_{i}{}^{i}P$$

 \oplus Coordinates of vector ^{*i*}V with respect to frame *j*:

$${}^{j}V = {}^{j}R_{i}{}^{i}V$$

Homogeneous transformation from frame *i* **to frame** *j* **:**

$${}^{j}H_{i} = \begin{bmatrix} {}^{j}R_{i} & {}^{j}T_{i} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{bmatrix} {}^{j}P \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = {}^{j}H_{i} \begin{bmatrix} {}^{i}P \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^{j}V \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = {}^{j}H_{i} \begin{bmatrix} {}^{i}V \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$${}^{j}H_{i} = {}^{j}H_{k} {}^{k}H_{i}$$



C. Velocity of a rigid object

 \oplus Velocity screw of frame *i* with respect to frame *j* in frame *j* coordinates:

 ${}^{j}({}^{j}\dot{r}_{i}) = \begin{bmatrix} v_{x} \\ v_{y} \\ v_{z} \\ \omega_{x} \\ \omega_{y} \\ \omega_{z} \end{bmatrix}$ translational velocity = ${}^{j}({}^{j}V_{i})$ rotational velocity = ${}^{j}({}^{j}\Omega_{i})$

 \oplus Velocity of point P rigidly attached to frame i with respect to frame *j* expressed in frame *j* coordinates :

$${}^{j}\dot{P} = {}^{j}\left({}^{j}\Omega_{i}\right) \times {}^{j}P + {}^{j}\left({}^{j}V_{i}\right) = {}^{j}\left({}^{j}\Omega_{i}\right) \times ({}^{j}R_{i}{}^{i}P + {}^{j}T_{i}) + {}^{j}\left({}^{j}V_{i}\right)$$



D. Camera projection model

$${}^{C}P = \begin{bmatrix} x_{c} \\ y_{c} \\ z_{c} \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x_{c}}{z_{c}} \\ \frac{y_{c}}{z_{c}} \end{bmatrix} \implies \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_{0} + \lambda & k_{u} & \frac{x_{c}}{z_{c}} \\ v_{0} + \lambda & k_{v} & \frac{y_{c}}{z_{c}} \end{bmatrix}$$

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D. Camera projection model

$$z_{c}\begin{bmatrix} u\\v\\1\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda k_{u} & 0 & u_{0}\\0 & \lambda k_{v} & v_{0}\\0 & 0 & 1\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{c}\\y_{c}\\z_{c}\end{bmatrix} = K\begin{bmatrix} x_{c}\\y_{c}\\z_{c}\end{bmatrix}$$

- Intrinsic camera parameters obtained by calibration
- Mathematical model of a perfect optical system / physical phenomenon (distorsions, etc.)
- Numerical sensor : aliasing, dynamical behaviour (limited bandwidth)
- Other models apply for other types of « visual » sensors, e.g., C-arm, CTscan, ultrasound probe, ...



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I.2 Classification I.21 Camera position

A. Eye-in-hand configuration



 ${}^{e}H_{c}$ must be known (calibration) or the reference position must be learned (showing)

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I.2 Classification I.21 Camera position

B. External camera configuration

 ${}^{c}H_{e}$ must be measured or ${}^{b}H_{c}$ must be known







A. Indirect visual servoing



•Suitable for slow visual servoing $(T^{-1} < 50 \text{ Hz})$

•Control law is easier to design





B. Direct visual servoing



Suitable for fast visual servoing (T⁻¹ >= 50 Hz)
Control law design is more complex (robot dynamics must be taken into account)



I.2 Classification I.23 Feedback variables

A. Position-based visual servoing (3D visual servoing)



- •A model of the object must be known or multiple images should be used
- •Calibration errors may induce large pose estimation errors
- •Control law design is easier
- •Possible loss of target for large errors



I.2 Classification I.23 Feedback variables

B. Image-based visual servoing (2D visual servoing)



•Smaller computational burden

- •Eliminates errors due to calibration
- •More complex control law
- •Workspace limits can be hit for large errors

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I.2 Classification I.23 Feedback variables

C. Hybrid visual servoing (e.g. 2D1/2 visual servoing)



- •Smaller errors due to calibration
- •Simplified model of the target
- •Better properties of motion (in the image and in 3D)





I.2 Classification

I.24 Bandwidth of the visual servo-loop

- **A. Slow visual servoing**
 - **+ Sampling frequency < 50Hz**
 - Indirect visual servoing
 - Bobot transfer function model without dynamics
 - Proportional control law (P)
- **B.** Fast visual servoing
 - **+ Sampling frequency >= 50 Hz**
 - **Direct visual servoing**
 - **Dynamical model of the robot must be taken into account**
 - Hore advanced control laws : PID, predictive, robust, non-linear, ...



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- e_p generally expressed as translation vector and θu
- Look-then-move strategy (T very large, asynchronous): $\Delta p^* = e_p$
- Pseudo-continuous strategy : $\dot{p} = J_p^T \dot{r} \square$ Control law : $\dot{r}^* = k J_p^{T^{-1}} e_p$

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B. Obtaining reference p_d

• Reference position of the end-effector is given w.r.t an object

Computation of the corresponding position of the camera w.r.t the object (eye-in-hand)

 \implies requires the knowledge of ${}^{e}H_{c}$

• Learning of the image in the final position and pose estimation of the camera



I.3 Position-based visual servoing I.31 Indirect visual servoing

C. Interaction matrix Jp

⊕ Case of a eye-in-hand system





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D. Pose estimation

- Camera calibration : Tsaï (IEEE Trans. Rob. Aut., 1987), Zhang (ICCV 99)
- \oplus Pose estimation :
 - + Analytical : 3 or 4 points : Tsaï (co-planar target)
 - Numerical Iterative :
 - DeMenthon (IEEE Trans. PAMI 1992, Int. J. Comp. Vision 1995),
 - VVS (Marchand, Eurographics 2002),
 - Minimization of reprojection error (gradient, Levenberg-Marquardt, etc.)



I.3 Position-based visual servoing I.31 Indirect visual servoing

E. Stability and robustness

Stability is not an issue : Look-then-move strategy is always stable and

low speed vision loop:

 J_p depends on camera position w.r. to end-effector (eye-in-hand configuration) Stability if $L = \hat{L}^{-1} > 0$

$$J_{P} \hat{J}_{P}^{-1} > 0$$

<u>Measurement error is an issue:</u> δp can be very large !

- - Camera intrinsic parameters

 \Rightarrow Improvement: use learning of p_c by showing when possible

- Camera position w.r. to end-effector if eye-in-hand configuration
- Camera position w.r. to the robot base and robot kinematic chain if external camera, except if end-effector pose is estimated by vision
- + Feature detection error : $\delta f = \hat{f} f$





I.3 Position-based visual servoing I.32 Direct visual servoing

A. Control law





I.3 Position-based visual servoing I.32 Direct visual servoing **B.** Stability and robustness (1) Stability may be an issue: \oplus High speed vision loop : $\dot{q}(s) \approx F(s,q) \dot{q}^*(s)$ $p \approx \frac{1}{s} J_p^T J_R(q) F(s,q) \dot{q}^*$

Joint-level velocity feedback loops have a linearizing and decoupling effect

Control law:
$$\dot{q}^* = J_R^{-1}(q) J_p^{T^{-1}} \dot{p}^*$$
 with \dot{p}^* computed using a LPV discrete-time model of the vision loop

This approach works in practice with 6DOF vision loop !

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B. Stability and robustness (2)

LPV discrete-time model



GPC of a 6DOF robot vision loop : J. Gangloff & M. de Mathelin (Advanced Robotics, vol 17, no 10, déc. 2003)

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B. Stability and robustness (3)

Non linear approach : rigid link robot manipulator model



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A. Control law



• Look-then-move strategy : select Δp^* or Δq^* to decrease a cost function of e_f

• Pseudo-continuous strategy : $\dot{f} = J_I \dot{r}$ \square Control law : $\dot{r}^* = k J_I^+ e_f$

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B. Obtaining reference f_d

• Computation of the perspective projection of the object in the reference position requires a model of the object $requires the knowledge of {}^{e}H_{c}$ requires an accurate model of camera

• Learning of the image in the final position



C. Image jacobian or interaction matrix

Image Jacobian J_I : p x n matrix (p feature vector dimension, n # dof of effector). Depends on kind of features used.

Exemple : case of a point P seen by a camera attached to the effector of a robot









 J_I depends on intrinsic parameters and on pose ! Also depends on pose of camera w.r.t effector

- J_{I} must be estimated $\square \hat{J}_{I}$
- J_I must be full rank for controlling all degrees of freedom (at least 3 points required)
- End-effector with n dofs _____only n features components can be controlled in the image.
- Expressions of image jacobian for classical geometrical objects : straight lines, spheres, cylinders etc. in *F. Chaumette, thesis 90* and *Espiau, TRA 92* ... and for any planar objects using moments in *Tahri O and Chaumette, F, IEEE TR 2005, 21(6)*



D. Stability and robustness (1)

Low speed :
$$\dot{r} \approx \dot{r}^*$$

 $\dot{f} = k J_I J_I^+ e_f$ Exponential convergence

• Behaves as a gradient descent optimization : may be stuck in local minima ! 2nd order optimization Malis, E., Improving visionbased control using efficient second-order minimization techniques, 2004

• The norm of e_f decreases, but some components may increase during motion (possible loss of features)

• If more features than dofs, least square of error minimization

• no control in the cartesian space better behaviour for small errors





D. Stability and robustness (2)

• Main source of uncertainty : $Ji \, \square \, \hat{f} = k J_I \, \hat{J}_I^+ e_f$

Easily guaranteed : coarse calibration and coarse pose estimation are generally sufficient.

- Description of the second stability in function of k
- \oplus Error in the final position
 - independent of errors on camera / effector position
 - independent of erros on intrinsic parameters of the camera if reference image has been learned
 - function of pixel noise
- \oplus Pixel noise attenuation : pick more features \longrightarrow smaller δf
- Problem of reaching the workspace limits _______ Hybrid visual servoing Malis, E., 21/2D visual servoing TRA 99


I.4 Image-based visual servoing I.42 Direct visual servoing

A. Control law







I.4 Image-based visual servoing I.42 Direct visual servoing

B. Stability and robustness (2)



J. Gangloff & M. de Mathelin (Advanced Robotics, vol 17, no 10, déc. 2003)



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B. Stability and robustness (3)

High speed vision loop :

Non linear approach : rigid link robot manipulator model

 $\tau = M(q) \ddot{q} + C(q, \dot{q}) \dot{q} + g(q) + f_r(q, \dot{q})$

PD control scheme : (R. Kelly, IEEE Trans. Rob. Aut., vol 12, 1996)

$$\tau^* = g(q) - K_v \dot{q} - J_R^T(q) K_p \hat{J}_I^+ e_f$$

Stability is proved only for a 2 DOF robot with no friction

=> Previous restrictions apply



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I.5 Visual servoing without feature extraction

Case of planar objects

$$p = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = Gp^* = G\begin{bmatrix} u^* \\ v^* \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad G = \begin{pmatrix} g_{11} & g_{12} & g_{13} \\ g_{21} & g_{22} & g_{23} \\ g_{31} & g_{32} & g_{33} \end{pmatrix}$$

with det(G) = 1

- Computation of G using SSD minimization
- Example : ESM (S. Benhimane and E. Malis 2004)
- ⊕ Computation of euclidean homography $m = K^{-1}GKm^* = Hm^*$









I.5 Visual servoing without feature extraction

Stability and robustness

- S. Benhimane and E. Malis, Homography-based 2D visual servoing, IEEE ICRA 2006
- \oplus No need of interaction matrix computation
- Proof of local stability
- Large domain of stability
- Recently extended to non-planar objects



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Visual servoing in medical robotics

Main applications

In laparoscopic surgery
In ophtalmology
For physiological motion compensation
In US imaging diagnosis and intervention
M.A.Vitrani and G.Morel, ICRA 2005 : guidance of surgical instruments
A. Krupa and F. Chaumette, IROS 2005 : control of US probe



Small incisions, long-shaft instruments Endoscopic vision system

- Advantages :
 - ✤ Shorter recovery time
 - Description Lower infection risk
 - Smaller costs



Difficulties :

- Tiring gestures
- Indirect visual feedback, lack of depth information
- Inverted motions limited to 4 DOF
- Poor haptic feedback



Classical robotic control of the endoscope

AESOP (Computer Motion/Intuitive Surgical)

Voice controlled



Controlled with head motions



EndoAssist (Armstrong-Healthcare)

"The surgeon's third hand"





Vision-based control of the endoscope

R. Taylor (95), A. Casals (95), G. Wei and G. Hirzinger (97), S. Voros and Ph. Cinquin (2006), etc.More vision guided systems than real visual servoing

Centering the image on marked instrumentsTracking of instruments

Centering the image on specific physiological markers

Visual servoing based control of the instrument (Krupa 2003)

- + Goal : surgical instrument guidance
 - Autonomous recovery of the instruments
 Bring the instrument in the field of view
 Centering of the instrument in the image

Automatic positionning

 \oplus Put the instrument at a desired location w.r.t to tissues \oplus Provide depth informations

- Motivations : increase safety
 - improve ergonomy
 - speed up surgical procedures







Experimental setup







Experimental setup



+ 4 laser spots

To be used with standard instruments (4 mm) and standard trocarts (10 mm)

#3 optical markers (detection of the instrument)



Kinematics in laparoscopic surgery

- constraints: 4 DOF $\dot{\mathbf{W}}_{op} = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_x & \omega_y & \omega_z & v_z \end{pmatrix}^{\mathrm{T}}$
- AESOP: 6 DOF (2 passive joints)





- kinematic model : $\dot{\mathbf{W}}_{op} = \mathbf{J}_{op}(\mathbf{q}, d_1)\dot{\mathbf{q}}_c$ $\dot{\mathbf{q}}_c^* = \mathbf{J}_{op}(\mathbf{q}, \hat{d}_1)^{-1}\dot{\mathbf{W}}_{op}^*$



Visual features detection

Goal: to obtain the image
 coordinates of the centers of
 laser spots and optical
 markers







Robust detection

Blinking laser spots and optical markers synchronized with

frame acquisition

- ⊕ Even frames : laser on markers off
- ⊕ Odd frames : markers on laser off
- Selection by high-passfiltering







Robust detection







Control of the position of the spot

2D direct visual servoing scheme (Image-based)





Estimation of interaction matrix

Open loop estimation of \mathbf{J}_{ω} Hypothesis : standstill camera $\hat{\mathbf{J}}_{\omega} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{J}_{\omega 11} & \hat{J}_{\omega 12} \\ \hat{J}_{\omega 21} & \hat{J}_{\omega 22} \end{bmatrix}$ $\Delta T \begin{cases} \omega_x^* = cst \\ & \Box \rangle \quad \hat{J}_{\omega 11} = \frac{\Delta u_p}{\omega_x^* \Delta T} \qquad \hat{J}_{\omega 21} = \frac{\Delta v_p}{\omega_x^* \Delta T} \\ \omega_y^* = 0 \\ \Delta T \quad \begin{cases} \omega_x^* = 0 \\ \omega_y^* = cst \Box \rangle \quad \hat{J}_{\omega 12} = \frac{\Delta u_p}{\omega_y^* \Delta T} \qquad \hat{J}_{\omega 22} = \frac{\Delta v_p}{\omega_y^* \Delta T} \end{cases}$ Stability if $\mathbf{J}_{\omega} \hat{\mathbf{J}}_{\omega}^{-1} > \mathbf{0}$



Autonomous retrieval and positioning of a surgical tool in robotized laparoscopic surgery using automatic visual servoing

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Autonomous complex gestures (F. Nageotte 2005)

- # Automatic stitching in laparoscopic surgery
- # Trajectory planning in the camera frame
- \oplus Trajectory following using the endoscopic camera
 - \square Avoid registration procedure between sensors



Autonomous complex gestures (F. Nageotte 2005)

\oplus 2D visual servoing :

- Harked instrument
- Reference images : projection of the needle-holder in the endoscopic image
 - fine camera calibration required
- Controlled variables : marker
 points + cylinder (10 to 16)
- Control input : 4 DOFs of end-effector





Autonomous complex gestures (F. Nageotte 2005)

- + Complex interaction matrix with varying size.
- Prediction of feature appearance and disappearance for update





Automatic suturing





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Objectives





Breathing motion compensation (R. Ginhoux 2003)

Predictive control law : take into account periodic disturbance GPC control law with periodic output perturbation model

- Dynamic model of the robot is required : linearized model obtained by pseudo-random excitation
- \oplus Controlled variable : distance to the organ
- \oplus Identification of the interaction gain



In vivo experiment







Beating heart motion compensation (R. Ginhoux 2003)







2 types of motion: - slow (~0.25 Hz) - fast (~1.5 Hz)

In vivo experiments



Beating heart motion compensation



• Adaptive filtering of 12 harmonics of the heart beat rate



Beating heart motion compensation

- \oplus Prediction of the perturbation \square reference correction
- ⊕ GPC control law
- \oplus 3 controlled variables : distance to the organ in the image z, spot position on the organ surface (x,y)
- \oplus Control input : 3 axes of the robot (q1, q2, q3)
- Linearized dynamic model of the axes of the robot considered as dynamically decoupled
- # Hypothesis : interaction matrix partly decoupled

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & L_{12} & L_{13} \\ 0 & L_{22} & L_{23} \\ L_{31} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{q}_1 \\ \dot{q}_2 \\ \dot{q}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Estimated around working position in open loop



In vivo experiment




Breathing motion compensation with a flexible endoscope

- Flexible endoscopes : gastroscopy, coloscopy, transluminal operations
- Hard to manually control, orientation and translation coordination very complex
- Backlashes, dead zones

 \Box > Autonomous following of the organs





Breathing motion compensation with a flexible endoscope







Breathing motion compensation with a flexible endoscope

- Controlled variables : position of an interest area in the image (u, v)
- Control input : \dot{q}_1 and \dot{q}_2
- Interaction matrix estimated beforehand

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} L_{11} & L_{12} \\ L_{21} & L_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{q}_1 \\ \dot{q}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

• Repetitive control law \square rejection of breathing disturbance and model errors after some disturbance periods



Breathing motion compensation with a flexible endoscope





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- Servoing without features extraction on deformable objects
- High speed visual servoing with high resolution

