



Towards real-world applications of humanoid robotics: the Robot-An Lab case

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- The iCub
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RobotCub Project (IST-2002-2.3.2.4)



(ROBotic Open-architecture Technology for Cognition, Understanding and <u>The robotic cub goals are:</u> Behaviour)

- <u>Create an open physical platform for embodied research</u> <u>that can be taken up and used by research community for</u> <u>development of cognitive system</u>
 <u>Create a</u>
- <u>Advance the understanding of several key</u> issues in cognition:
 - how interact with the environment
 - <u>how develop perceptual, motor and communication</u> <u>cognitive</u> <u>capabilities</u> research
 - <u>how intelligence becomes the capacity to enter into a</u> <u>shared world rather than solve problems</u>
 - how evolution replaces task-oriented design
 - how enaction subsumes emergence
 - <u>how actions are initiated and maintained by a</u> <u>motivation</u>



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physical

platform for

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The iCub



The iCub is a full humanoid sized and shaped as a child. The total height is estimated to be around 90 cm.

It has around 50(55) degrees of freedom (DOF), including articulated hands to be used for manipulation and gesturing. A study has been conducted for determining if and how many degrees of freedom are minimally required to produce/generate plausible facial expressions. The robot should be able to crawl and sit (to free the hands from supporting the body) and autonomously transition from crawling to sitting and vice-versa.











iCub SSSA Platform

Subsystem: Right upper limb	DoFs	DoMs
Shoulder (abduction/adduction, flexion on the sagittal plan and on the horizontal plan)	3	3
Elbow (flexion)	1	1
Forearm (abduction/adduction)	1	1
Wrist (flexion/extension and abduction/adduction)	2	2
Hand	20	9
Total	27	16











Bio-inspired Design Guidelines

- Integrated design of head/neck-trunk-arm-hand
- Actuators in the preceding link
- Mechanical stops in the joints (no hyper-extension allowed)
- Tendon transmission (and synovial sheats/bowden cable) in the hand and gears or belt in the arm
- N joints of a manipulator means at least N+1 actuator (and tendons): one acts as antagonistic tendon. <u>Elastic elements, where allowed, are suitable (passive</u> <u>action)</u>
- Under-actuation exploited in the hand design





Underactuation





Underactuated mechanisms allow to decrease the number of active degrees of freedom by means of connected differential mechanisms in the system; when the underactuation concept is applied to grasping cable-driven devices, they become self-adaptive to the shape of the grasped object using less motors than DoFs. This solution reduces both the complexity of control and the overall size.

However, it is not suitable for manipulation











The RobotCub Hand



•<u>N</u>° of DoFs: 20 (9 motors)

•Weight: 160 grams

•Dimensions and range of movements:

Finger	Length (mm)	Diameter (mm)	Range flection PIP,DIP, MP (°)	Range ab/adduction (°)
Index/Middle/Thu mb	68	12	95	30 (only index)
Ring	68	12	95	30
Little	57	11	95	45



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Control for Grasping







Object Softness and Friction Recognition: Sensor Fusion



Basement Frames

Pink Foam Layer

- Sensors involved:
- Motor Encoder
- Hall Effect Sensors (in all the joints)
- <u>Cable Tension Sensor</u>
- FingerTPS (only one tactile pad for the fingertip)







- Motor Encoder: reference parameter
- Hall Effect Sensors (in all the joints): excellent results in softness detection
- Cable Tension Sensor: good results in contact detection
- FingerTPS (tactile on the fingertip): fair results in friction detection



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Vision Module



• 3D reconstruction of the ball's position:

Triangulation --> geometrically detecting the ball's centroid into a 3D space (x,y,z) with the origin located within the robot's head.











Sensory-Motor Map Coordination for the Reaching

- It has been created a sensory-motor map of the robotic arm that lead us to create an internal model of the arm.
- The sensory motor map relates the joint position of the robotic manipulator with the information obtained from the vision system.
- The sensory motor map is constructed after a babbling phase (by means of a SANFIS - self-Adaptive Neuro-Fuzzy system) in which is stored information about the manipulator workspace.
- The data stored serves to generate the robotic arm forward model.









Babbling Motor Phase

- In this phase the robot will move its joints randomly through the manipulator workspace to make the robot discover and create its internal model about its own kinematics.
- It has been stored data that come from the angular joints position and the position of the end-effector in the image planes of the two cameras of the robot.
- The data stored serves to generate the robotic arm forward model.





Neuro-fuzzy Systems



• A Neurofuzzy system is a fuzzy system that uses a learning algorithm derived from a neural network theory to determine its parameters(fuzzy sets and fuzzy rules).

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 We use a Neuro-fuzzy system named) SANFIS(self-Adaptive Neuro-Fuzzy systems that clusterizes the input data to generate its structure and uses a backpropagation technique as learning algorithm, we are following the same structure described in (Lee et al, 2000).



<u>C.S.G. Lee and Jeen-Shing Wang, "Self-Adaptive Neuro-Fuzzy Systems: Structure and Learning", Proc. Of 2000 IEEE/RSJ Int. Conf. On Intelligent Robots and Systems, Takamatsu, Japan, pp. 52-57, Oct.31-Nov.3, 2000.</u>



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Reaching Controller

 It is used a local Jacobian that is updated in every iteration with an extended least square algorithm.

$$\hat{J}_{k} = \hat{J}_{k-1} + (\Delta f - \hat{J}_{k-1}h_{\theta})(\lambda + h_{\theta}^{T}P_{k-1}h_{\theta})^{-1}h_{\theta}^{T}P_{k-1}$$

$$P_{k} = \frac{1}{\lambda}(P_{k-1} - P_{k-1}h(\Delta f - \hat{J}_{k-1}h_{\theta})(\lambda + h_{\theta}^{T}P_{k-1}h_{\theta})^{-1}h_{\theta}^{T}P_{k-1}$$

• <u>The control signals are send to the joint in every iteration following the equation</u>

$$\theta_{k+1} = \theta_k - (\hat{J}_k^T \hat{J}_k)^{-1} \hat{J}_k^T (f_k + \frac{\partial f_k}{\partial t} h_t)$$

J. A. Piepmeier, G. V. McMurray and H. Lipkin, "A Dynamic Jacobian Estimation Method for Uncalibrated Visual Servoing", *IEEE/ASME International Conference on Advanced Intelligent Mechatronics*, September-1999, Atlanta, USA







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ExPer2





Background: Exper1









The Exper2 Hand

Hand mechanical specifications

- <u>16 d.o.f. total 6 d.o.m. total</u>
- <u>Underactuated fingers, each driven by a</u> single cable actuated by a motor
- <u>6 d.o.m. : one for each finger</u> (flexion/extension) + one for thumb positioning (adduction/abduction) 6 DC <u>6V motors</u>
- <u>trapezo-metacarpal thumb joint</u> abduction/adduction range: 0° -120°
- finger joints flexion range: 0-90°
- Weight: Palm+fingers about 400 gr., Socket interface (actuation and transmission system) about 1400 gr.
- Grasping force: 55 N (estimated).
- Tip to tip force: 22 N (estimated).
- Closing time: 0.8 sec
- Anthropomorphic size, and kinematics.



















Re-design of the System

- Objectives:
 - Design of the different modules composing the system:
 - Vision module,
 - Preshaping module,
 - EP Generator module,
 - Grasping module,
 - Grasp Classifier module









"Training of the system

Collection of the Data:

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- put the target object in 1. the operative space;
- give the operative space 2. position and teach the type of gra
- 3. teach a good preshaping;
- teach a good grasping; 4.
- 5. lift the object.
- 6. repeat from point 1 for each object and for each position and orientation in the operative space.











Experimental trials:

- The data has been splitting in three parts:
- training set (70%), validation set (20%), and testing set (10%).
- The training set has been used to teach the network and the validation set is used for defining a stop criteria.
- The testing set has been used to measure the obtained results.

The object considered for the experimental trials:

- cube (side dimension: 60 mm);
- sphere (radius: 40 mm);
- box (35 x 50 x 70 mm).









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The First Humanoid in the world





WABOT-1 (WAseda roBOT-1, 1972)







WABIAN Series



WABIAN; WAseda Blpedal humANoid

with two legs, a trunk, two arms, hands, a head, etc.







Previous Humanoid Robot with Legs





New Leg Mechanism









Specifications of Wabian-2







- Design and processing by students
- All commercial parts
- Simulator for the handicapped
- Knee-stretching walk like a human
- Proper link length and weight
- Large movable range
- Effective DOF configuration

Height : 1.53 [m] Weight (with Batt.) : 64.5 [kg]

Active DOF: 41 Legs: 7×2, Waist: 2(roll,yaw) Trunk: 2(pitch, roll), Arms: 7×2 Neck: 3, Hands: 3×2







Giovanni Stellin, Phil How to walk with balance

Stability criterion for biped robot based on ZMP (Zero Moment Point)

- ZMP: a point where the total forces and moments acting on the robot are zero
- ZMP trajectory: set arbitrarily within the support polygon





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Giovanni Stellin, PhD To Solve ZMP equation (1)



 $\mathbf{m}_{\mathrm{II}} \vec{\mathbf{r}}_{\mathrm{T}} \times \{ \vec{\mathbf{r}}_{\mathrm{T}}' + \vec{\omega} \times \vec{\mathbf{r}}_{\mathrm{T}}' + 2\vec{\omega} \times \vec{\mathbf{r}}_{\mathrm{T}}' + \vec{\omega} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{\mathbf{r}}_{\mathrm{T}}') \}$

 $+ m_{T}(\bar{r}_{T} - \bar{r}_{ZMP}) \times \{\ddot{\bar{r}}_{T} + \ddot{Q} - \bar{G}\}$

 $+ \frac{\dot{\omega} \times \bar{r}_{T}}{\omega} + 2\overline{\omega} \times \frac{\dot{\bar{r}}_{T}}{\omega} + \overline{\omega} \times (\overline{\omega} \times \bar{r}_{T}) \}$

Assumption 1: ignore external forces

$$\sum_{i}^{\text{All Particles}} m_{i}(\bar{r}_{i} - \bar{r}_{ZMP}) \times \{ \ddot{\bar{r}}_{i} + \ddot{\bar{Q}} - \bar{G} + \dot{\bar{\omega}} \times \bar{r}_{i} + 2\bar{\omega} \times \dot{\bar{r}}_{i} + \bar{\omega} \times (\bar{\omega} \times \bar{r}_{i}) \} =$$

Assumption 2: approximate the mass distribution





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Wabian 2 LL





For the latest videos of WABIAN 2R go to

http://www.takanishi.mech.waseda.ac.jp/research/index.htm



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Sabian's arm-hand purposes

- Simulating human arm movement connected with walking
- Simulating human arm and hand movement in grasping objects and interacting with the environment
- Evolute emotional characteristics of the hand
- Possibility of bi-manual cooperation









Sabian's arm joint properties















ARTS Lab Preliminar Arm Design













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Hand Concepts Requirements

	DOFs/DoMs	DOF1	DOF2	DOF3	DOF4
Thumb	4/3	palmar abduct- adduct (contact, 45°)	radial abduct- adduct (contact, 60°)	MCP flex-extend (0°, 90°)	IP flex-extend (0°, 90°)
Index	4/1+(1)	abduct-adduct (0°, 20°)	MCP flex-extend (0°, 90°)	PIP flex-extend (0°, 90°)	DIP flex-extend (0°, 90°)
Middle	3/1	MCP flex-extend (0°, 90°)	PIP flex-extend (0°, 90°)	DIP flex-extend $(0^{\circ}, 90^{\circ})$	
Ring	4/1+(1)	abduct-adduct (0°, 20°)	MCP flex-extend (0°, 90°)	PIP flex-extend (0°, 90°)	DIP flex-extend (0°, 90°)
Little	4/1+(1)	abduct-adduct (0°, 20°)	MCP flex-extend (0°, 90°)	PIP flex-extend (0°, 90°)	DIP flex-extend (0°, 90°)

19 DoFs Total Vs 8 DoMs



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1 DoMs

Common ab/abd: 1 DoMs





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Grasp force and velocity specs

• Tip Pinch Grasp: about 40N

• Cylindrical Grasp: about 250N

• Lateral Pinch: about 40N



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Closing time about 1 sec



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Optimization

• Improve under-actuated efficiency

Kinetostatic Analysis via Screw Theory

Lionel Birglen, Clément M. Gosselin Kinetostatic Analysis of Underactuated Fingers IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON ROBOTICS AND AUTOMATION, VOL. 20, NO. 2, APRIL 2004

• Dinamic optimization

Mimic human's finger dinamics

B. Massa, S. Roccella, M. C. Carrozza, and P. Dario, "Design and development of an underactuated prosthetic hand," in *Proc. IEEE Int. Conf. Robotics and Automation*, Washington, DC, May 2002, pp. 3374–3379.







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Cable Routing (1): Sensors integrate



Fully Underactuated (3 DoFs – 1 motor) MCP/PIP/DIP coupled, spring return on joint - Hall sensor on joint - separate actuation of all ab/ads Pros: Only one actuated tendon. Autoadaptive grasping to the object. Low control burden. Cons: Can't flex MCP and PIP/DIP independently. Hence it is not possible to control the finger configuration. Needs separate mechanism in the hand to do ab/ad.







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Cable Routing (2): Low inertia and adjustable joint preload



<u>Fully Underactuated (3 DoFs – 1 motor)</u> MCP/PIP/DIP coupled, spring return on palm drive by tendon - Joint sensor on palm separate actuation of all ab/ads **Pros**: Only one actuated tendon. Three extensor tendons. Auto-adaptive grasping to the object. Low control burden. Low inertia. Adjustable joint preload. Both PASSIVE and ACTIVE compliance (if the antagonist tendon system is actuated) Cons: Can't flex MCP and PIP/DIP independently. Hence it is not possible to control the finger configuration. Needs separate mechanism in the hand to do ab/ad.









Wireless solutions for Advanced Robotics

- Various kind of sensors (inertial, tactile, magnetic, etc...).
- Low cost and consumption.
- Small, miniature.
- Easy to use.

One problem to be solved:

Many wires







Wireless solutions for Advanced Robotics



Specific case: SABIAN Hand @ SSSA

- Hall effect sensors (15)
- Stress/tension (5)
- Tactile (10)
- Encoder (3)



This means too many wires and problems in designing the hand and in increasing the device reliability.









ZigBee solution (1)

- Questions: Can ZigBee solve the problem of reducing wires?

- Problems: ZigBee bandwidth is narrow (250kbps) Is it enough for the control of robot?.

- Developments: Find the right compromise in terms of bandwidth and wires to be cut. Each devices need a custom solution.







ZigBee solution



- Solutions:
 - Study performance of the network wireless sensor with network debugger.



ST microelectronics SNDEV250

- Use small ZigBee board

ST microelectronics SN250/SN260



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Now working on

at SSSA





ZigBee solution

- We have to define the number of sensors which can be made wireless, keeping save the control.

Case of SSSA (load including all sensors)

-Hall Sensors:	15 bytes	(120bits)	5 9
-Stress (tension):	5 bytes	(40bits)	T. 10
-Tactile:	10 bytes	<u>(80bits)</u>	
- <u>Encoder:</u>	3 bytes	<u>(24bits)</u>	5
	A	Tota	I: 264 bits
-ZigBee bandwidth	(theoretical):	250kbps	
-Dimensions:	16,4 x 26,5	mm	
<u>-Cost: 20-25 € (VA</u>	<u>Fincluded)</u>	3.5	\sim
<u>- In Japan 25\$ (pleased and the second seco</u>	se contact davide.bi	runo@st.com)	
			Please be careful:
-Max frequency:	~900Hz	\geq	<u>Theoretically</u>
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Learning BIPED LOCOMOTION



•The model maps from a state in the single support phase to a state in the next single support phase.

•The approach is to learn to walk as humans do.





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Learning a policy for biped locomotion (based on Poincare Map RL)

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Implementation on a physical robot











Thank you for your attention!!!





