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Abstract

Motion tracking and object recognition often use cameras that are mounted in motion platforms like pan-tilt units, linear tables and even robots. Tracking can be automated by visually servoing the platform's degrees-of-freedom (DOF) thus keeping the camera's point-of-view directed at the target. Tracking quick moving targets often demands faster bandwidth platforms. However biology suggests a redundant approach where DOF, like the eye and head, cooperate to direct vision systems and overcome joint limits. This paper illustrates the effectiveness of this concept using a robot-mounted camera.

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1 Introduction

Visual coverage of large areas often demands mounting cameras on motion platforms like booms, gantries, planetary rovers, industrial robots, aircraft and submersibles. Previous work in visually servoing a 5-DOF hybrid gantry robot demonstrated that a coupled coordination of redundant DOF, called *partitioning*, can track faster moving subjects [4].

Section 2 describes our tracking interests with a camera-carrying gantry along with brief highlights of previous gain-tuning results. Section 2.1 defines the tracking task and DOF coordination using a cost function to optimally tune gains and develops the necessary controller.

2 System Description

Our particular tracking interests are in visually monitoring tools, workpieces or people moving in a large ($3.6 \times 6.4 \times 1.0\ m^3$) manufacturing workcell, Figure **??**. We thus built a ceiling-mounted Cartesian gantry and attached a 2-DOF pan-tilt unit (PTU) to its end-effector. The gantry's large inertias limit camera translational velocities but allow the camera to be positioned anywhere in the workcell. By comparison, the PTU only servos a light-weight camera and thus camera orientations are quick but its joint limits constrain what fields-of-view can be obtained. The net effect is a hybrid robot characterized by DOF dynamics, kinematics and redundancy. The PTU can point the camera at the subject and the gantry can maneuver the camera to maintain a desired camera-to-subject depth or achieve line-of-sight if subject occlusion occurs.

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2.1 Cost Function

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3 Conclusions and Future Work

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described the general problems motivating the research.

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