Automatic Viewpoint Planning for Robot Vision

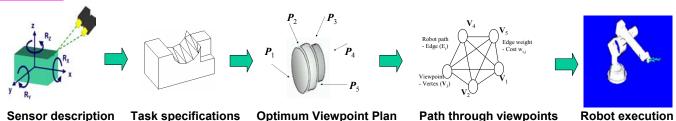


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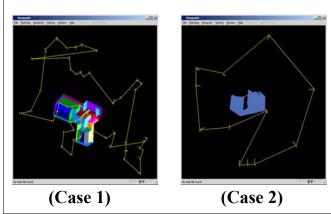
Objectives:

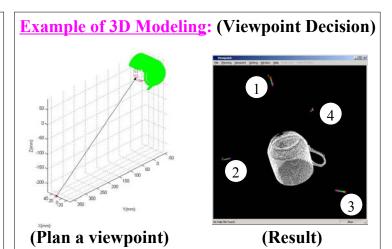
To develop strategies of automatic viewpoint planning for a robot in vision tasks, e.g. (1) model-based industrial inspection and (2) modeling of 3D unknown targets.

Procedure:



Example of Inspection Planning:





^{*} The perception planning for model-based robot inspection is to search an optimal sensing plan with a sequence of viewpoints. According to the sensor configuration and task specifications, it determines a least viewpoint number and best spatial distribution so that the inspection task can achieve highest efficiency. * The viewpoint decision for modeling of an unknown 3D target is to decide where to look at the target during the modeling process. This is beneficial to finish the task. * The incremental reconstruction of a complete object is a process which generates multiple viewpoints to obtain unknown area of the object. Surfaces are integrated together to form a complete model.

Example of 3D Modeling: (Incremental Reconstruction of a Complete Object)











Awards

- 1. The 1st Prize in 2003 IEEE Region 10 Student Paper Contest, Oct. 2003.
- 2. The 3rd Prize in IEEE Hong Kong Section 2002 Postgraduate Student Paper Contest, Sep. 2002.

Representative Publications:

- 1. "Automatic Recalibration of an Active Structured Light Vision System", IEEE Transactions on Robotics and Automation, Vol. 19, No. 2, April 2003. pp. 259-268.
- 2. "Automatic Sensor Placement for Model-Based Robot Vision", IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man and Cybernetics, Part B, Vol. 33, 2003. (in press).
- 3. "Self-recalibration of a colour-encoded light system for automated 3-D measurements", Measurement Science and Technology, vol. 14, no. 1, January 2003. pp. 33-40.