



Advanced Techniques Enhancing Future Human Computer Interaction

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Abstract— Human Computer Interaction in the field of input and output techniques has developed a lot of new techniques over the last few years. With the recently released full multitouch tablets and notebooks the way how people interact with the computer is coming to a new dimension. As humans are used to handle things with their hands the technology of multi-touch displays or touchpad's brought much more convenience for use in daily life. But for sure the usage of human speech recognition will also play an important part in the future of human computer interaction. In this paper we are introducing several promising directions toward achieving multimodal HCI by integrating Hand gestures, Voice recognition and In-Air Signatures. Thereby the gesture and speech recognition take an important role as these are the main communication methods between humans and how they could disrupt the keyboard or mouse as we know it today. This research can benefit for many disparate fields of study that increases our understanding of different human communication modalities and their potential role in HCI.

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I. INTRODUCTION

With the ever increasing role of computers in society, HCI has become an increasingly important part of our daily lives. It is widely believed that as the computing, communication, and display technologies progress even further, the existing HCI techniques may become a bottleneck in the effective utilization of the available information flow. For example, the most popular mode of HCI still relies on the keyboard and mouse. These devices have grown to be familiar but tend to restrict the information and command flow between the user and the computer system. This limitation has become even more apparent with the emergence of novel display technology such as virtual reality [1],[3],[5] and wearable computers [7], [9]. Thus, in recent years, there has been a tremendous interest in introducing new modalities into HCI that will potentially resolve this interaction bottleneck.

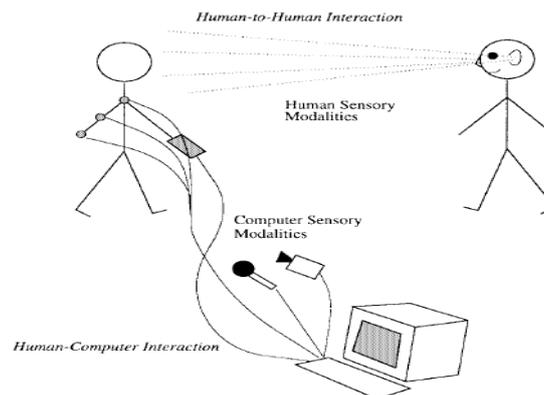


Fig. 1. Human-to-human interaction and Human-to-computer interaction

One long-term goal in HCI has been to migrate the “natural” means that humans employ to communicate with each other into HCI (Fig. 1). With this motivation, ASR has been a topic of research for decades [10]. Some other techniques like automatic gesture recognition, analysis of facial expressions, eye tracking, force sensing, or EEG have only recently gained more interest as potential modalities for HCI. Though studies have been conducted to establish the feasibility of these novel modalities using appropriate sensing and interpretation techniques, their role in HCI is still being explored. A limiting feature of modern interfaces that has also become increasingly evident is their reliance on a single mode of interaction—a mouse movement, key press, speech input, or hand motion. Even though it may be adequate in many cases, the use of a single interaction mode proves to be inept in HCI. For example, in manipulating a [three-dimensional (3-D)] virtual object, a user may employ [two-dimensional (2-D)] mouse motion to select the object, then point with the mouse at a control panel to change the object’s color. On the other hand, in a more natural setup, the same user would point at the object with his hand and say: “Make it green.” Almost any natural communication among humans involves

multiple, concurrent modes of communication. Surely, any HCI system that aspires to have the same naturalness should be multimodal. Indeed, studies have shown that people prefer to interact multimodally with computers, since among other things, such interaction eases the need for specialized training [5], [11]. The integration of multimodal input for HCI can also be seen from the perspective of *multisensor data fusion* [12]. Different sensors can, in that case, be related to different communication modalities. It is well known that multiple types of sensors may increase the accuracy with which a quantity can be measured by reducing the uncertainty in decision making [12], [13].

Why Multi Modalities in HCI?

The interaction of humans with their environment (including other humans) is naturally multimodal. We speak about, point at, and look at objects all at the same time. We also listen to the tone of a person's voice and look at a person's face and arm movements to find clues about his feelings. To get a better idea about what is going on around us, we look, listen, touch, and smell. When it comes to HCI, however, we usually use only one interface device at a time—typing, clicking the mouse button, speaking, or pointing with a magnetic wand. The “ease” with which this unimodal interaction allows us to convey our intent to the computer is far from satisfactory. An example of a situation when these limitations become evident is when we press the wrong key or when we have to navigate through a series of menus just to change an object's color. We next discuss the practical, biological, and mathematical rationales that may lead one to consider the use of *multimodal interaction* in HCI

II. RELATED WORK

Most of the previous work consisted of one or two integrated system i.e. either Multi touch and gesture, gesture and voice, only gesture etc. The Systems such as Microsoft Surface, iPad, 10/GUI, Display Multi touch Technology and Skinput had one or two integrated systems. We present in this paper a multi model system integrated with Hand Gesture, Voice recognition and In-Air Signature, a step forward in the way of current existing systems.

A. Drawbacks of Existing System-

1. Existing systems had only one or two integrated features.
2. The In-Air signature was used for Authentication purpose which was not safe.
3. Mobile was not used as a interface for mouse navigation.
4. External hardwares are required.

III. PROPOSED WORK

In this article we are focusing on integrating In-Air Signatures, Voice Recognition and Hand Gestures into a single system, which will give us a multi model system. The system is based on dynamic programming, as a method to find the distance between two points and give us a proper result. In this system we are using our mobile phone as a medium of interaction with the system. We connect our mobile phone to the laptop by using WI-FI and within the WI-FI range we can control the mouse operation and game operations using air signature and media Operations using voice input. We are using EUCLIDEAN ALGORITHM to calculate the distance between the samples.

A. Advantages of proposed system-

1. This paper will tell you about how to integrate different modalities together and make our model efficient to work.
2. We are using WI-FI as the medium of connectivity as the range of WI-FI is more than bluetooth, which is being used as a way of connecting two different devices together from a long time.
3. We are using mobile phone as the medium for gestures because it is readily available with every human being today.
4. No other external hardware is required except a smartphone with our designed application.

B. Algorihm

EUCLIDEAN ALGORITHM

The immediate consequence of this is that the squared length of a vector $x = [x_1 \ x_2]$ is the sum of the squares of its coordinates (see triangle OPA in Figure 2, or triangle OPB – $|OP|^2$ denotes the squared length of x , that is the distance between point O and P); and the

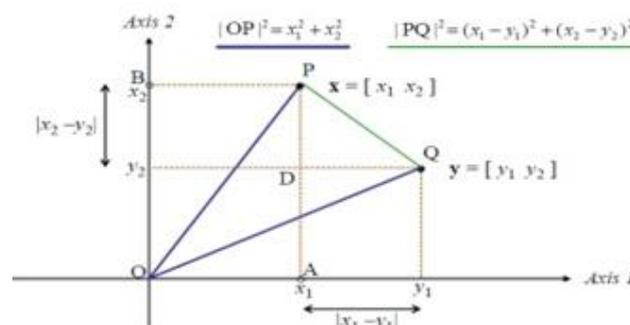


Fig. 2. Pythagoras theorem applied to distances in two dimension space

squared distance between two vectors $\mathbf{x} = [x_1 \ x_2]$ and $\mathbf{y} = [y_1 \ y_2]$ is the sum of squared differences in their coordinates (see triangle PQD in Exhibit 4.2; $|PQ|^2$ denotes the squared distance between points P and Q). To denote the distance between vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} we can use the notation $d_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}}$ so that this last result can be written as:

$$d_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}}^2 = (x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 \quad (1)$$

that is, the distance itself is the square root

$$d_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}} = \sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2} \quad (2)$$

What we called the squared length of \mathbf{x} , the distance between points P and O in Figure 2, is the distance between the vector $\mathbf{x} = [x_1 \ x_2]$ and the zero vector $\mathbf{0} = [0 \ 0]$ with coordinates all zero:

$$d_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{0}} = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2} \quad (3)$$

which we could just denote by $d_{\mathbf{x}}$. The zero vector is called the *origin* of the space.

We move immediately to a three-dimensional point $\mathbf{x} = [x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3]$, shown in Figure 3. This figure has to be imagined in a room where the origin O is at the corner – to reinforce this idea ‘floor tiles’ have been drawn on the plane of axes 1 and 2, which is the ‘floor’ of the room. The three coordinates are at points A, B and C along the axes, and the angles AOB, AOC and COB are all 90° as well as the angle OSP at S, where the point P (depicting vector \mathbf{x}) is projected onto the ‘floor’.

Using Pythagoras’ theorem twice we have:

$$|OP|^2 = |OS|^2 + |PS|^2 \text{ (because of right-angle at S)}$$

$$|OS|^2 = |OA|^2 + |AS|^2 \text{ (because of right-angle at A)}$$

and so

$$|OP|^2 = |OA|^2 + |AS|^2 + |PS|^2$$

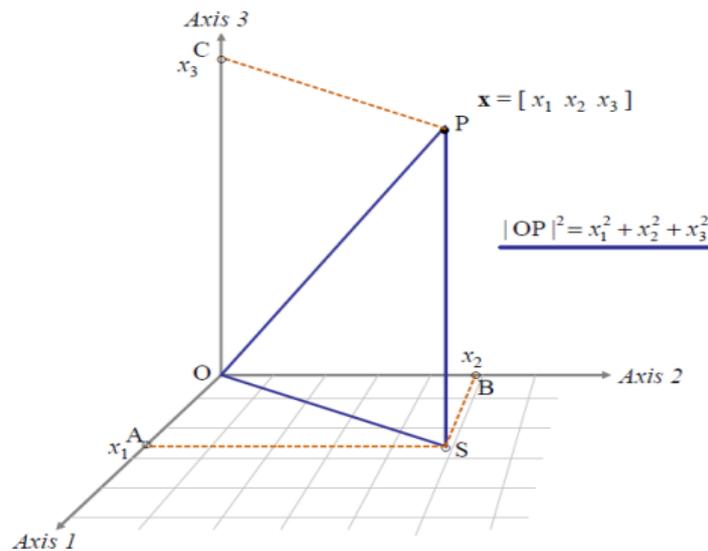


Fig. 3. Pythagoras theorem extended in three dimensional space

that is, the squared length of \mathbf{x} is the sum of its three squared coordinates and so

$$d_{\mathbf{x}} = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2} \quad (4)$$

It is also clear that placing a point Q in Figure 3 to depict another vector \mathbf{y} and going through the motions to calculate the distance between \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} will lead to

$$d_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}} = \sqrt{(x_1 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - y_2)^2 + (x_3 - y_3)^2} \quad (5)$$

Furthermore, we can carry on like this into 4 or more dimensions, in general J dimensions, where J is the number of variables. Although we cannot draw the geometry any more, we can express the distance between two J -dimensional vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} as:

$$d_{x,y} = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^J (x_j - y_j)^2} \quad (6)$$

This well-known distance measure, which generalizes our notion of physical distance in two- or three-dimensional space to multidimensional space, is called the *Euclidean distance* (but often referred to as the ‘Pythagorean distance’ as well).

C. System Architecture

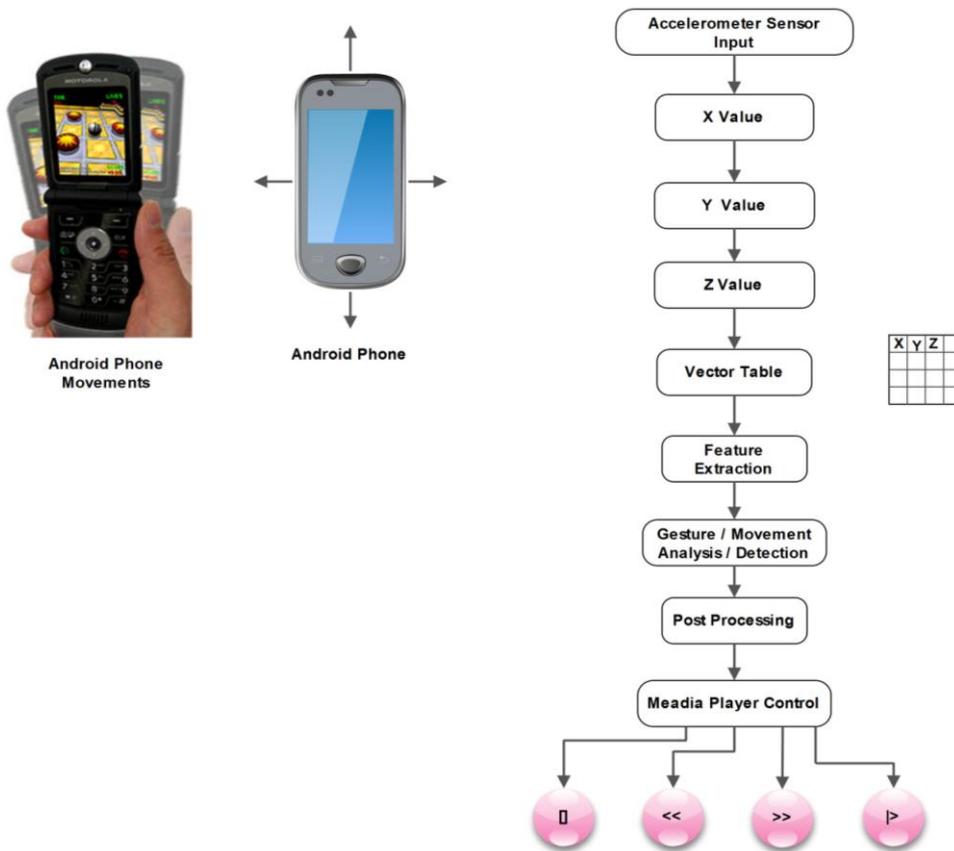


Fig. 4. Architecture of Android Application

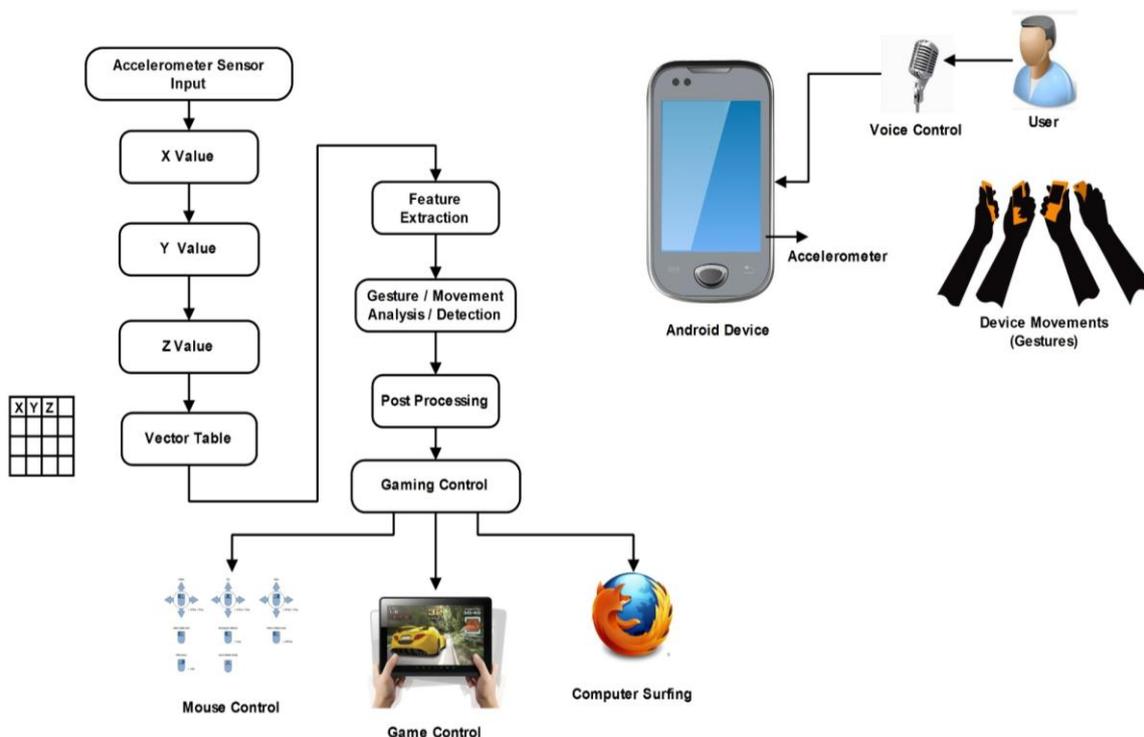


Fig. 5. System Architecture

IV. MODULES

A. Testing

Here we are testing our devices i.e. smartphone and the implemented system for errors pertaining in them. We first test our mobile phone for the left, right, up and down values and see whether our system detects the correct values and changes according to it. If any other action is given by the system other than the expected ones signifies the presence of error.

B. Calibration

Here we calibrate our system for proper values of each direction i.e. left, right, up and down. We will take the values of each axis i.e. X, Y and Z and match those values with the calibrated values in the system and according to those given values the system will decide on which side the gesture is and which side to move.

C. Mouse Control

Here we will check the working of our phone for proper mouse gestures. Here we are trying to control mouse movements and its operations like single click and double click using voice commands and the actions are generated by movement of phone in air with proper hand gestures.

D. Game Control

Here we are trying to generate key strokes like forward, backward, and left, right using our mobile phone.

E. Media Control

Here we are controlling media player options like play, pause, next track, previous track etc. by using hand gestures and voice commands. We can also perform volume up and down function using the hand gestures.

F. PPT Control

Here we have added a very useful feature i.e. PPT Control which can be useful in our professional activities. The action which we can perform in this module are go to next slide, previous slide, zoom in a picture and zoom out a picture.

V. FUNCTIONS

Grab (): This function is used to grab the accelerometer values of x, y, and z from three dimensional plane using the Euclidean equation and store the values in a variable (val).

Broadcast (x, y, z, ip): This function is used to broadcast the values which we get with the help of grab function and that are stored in a variable named val. We are storing the values of x, y and z in the vector table for the comparison of other x, y and z values with the average values which are already stored in the vector table which is made on the system.

Recval (x, y, z): This function is used to receive the values on the system which are being broadcasted on every hand movement made by the user in air.

Checkval (): This function is used for making the comparison between the average values of x, y and z and the values of x, y and z in the vector table which we get on the movement of hand after holding the phone.

FeatureExtract (): This function will finally take the final value(FV) from the checkval function and it will extract the feature associated with those values.

getGesture (FV): After getting the final value(FV) and feature, the appropriate gesture is recognized by the system and the associated action with the gesture will be performed on the system.

Mapper (Gi): This motive of this function is to map each and every action with a gesture made by the user.

And $(a_1 <- g_1, a_2 <- g_2, a_3 <- g_3, \dots, a_n <- g_n) \in \{A, G\}$.

VI. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

We have successfully implemented all the modules and the modules are working as expected. The functions used are giving appropriate values as expected.

The designed android application is user friendly and graphically well designed. The database takes appropriate values as we needed.

The wifi connectivity used has increased the range of connectivity and is working very efficiently. The admin application is responding properly by giving proper response to every action performed.

There is no lag between the actions done by the user and the response given by the server.

Voice commands are detected and executed properly.

We also found that when number of gestures increases the time taken to detect which gesture has been performed also increases which is depicted by the following graph

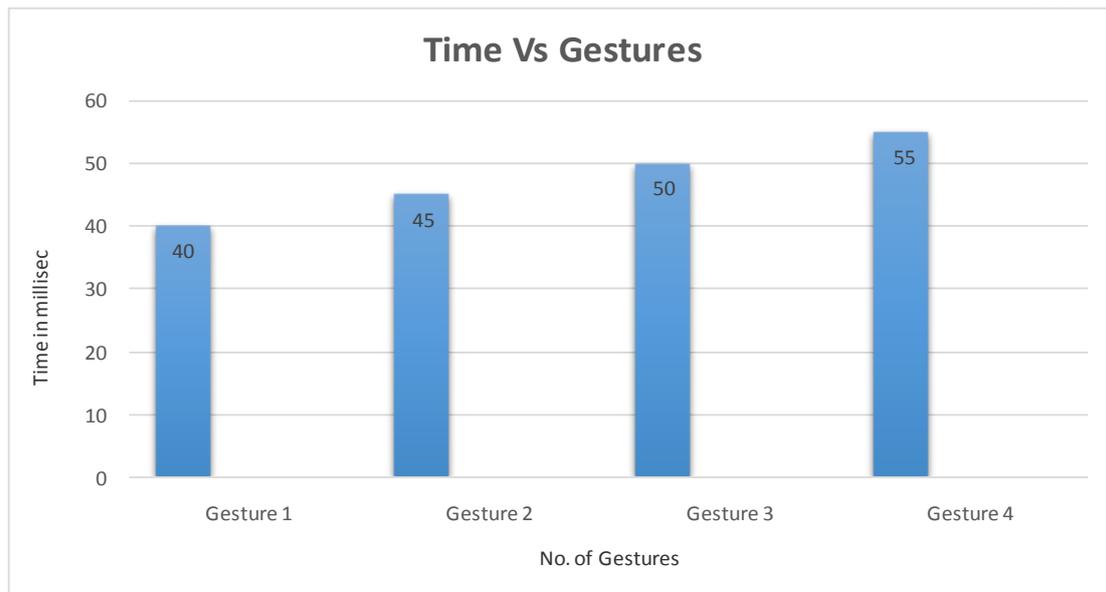


Fig. 6. Time Vs No. of Gestures Graph

VII. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

Our system introduces a lot of approaches of new future Human Computer Interaction methods and also devices or prototypes in which these techniques are already in use. We have made an effort to disrupt the conventional input devices like Mouse and Keyboard. Many new methods are going into the sector of using human hand gestures and even multi modal methods to interact with computer. Many devices in market are using these techniques and many sophisticated methods will push in the market soon. As we are used to act with our hand movements and communicate with our voice, these parts will play a major role in our interaction with computer.

A lot of other interfacing techniques like voice search, advance gaming controls can be added with the system to make it more complex.

External hardware can be added for the enhancement of the system so that we can use the system for security purpose as well.

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