Lecture 1:
Introduction to medical robotics

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About this class

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- Who are you?

- Review course logistics
To do

• Fill out the survey (handout)

• Sign up on piazza today:
  https://piazza.com/stanford/winter2018/me328

• Enter your availability on this when2meet poll by tomorrow at 3 pm:
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Robots are...

- Accurate and precise; Untiring
- Smaller or larger than people (as needed)
- Remotely operated (as needed)
- Connected to computers, which gives them access to information
- Not always able to operate autonomously in highly complex, uncertain environments

→ Need for human interaction
Potential Impact of Medical Robotics

**TODAY:**
Treatments are both qualitatively and quantitatively limited by human abilities

**WITH ROBOTICS:**
More clinicians can perform more difficult (and even new) procedures; more patients can be rehabilitated
Preoperative

Intraoperative

Postoperative

computer-assisted planning
patient-specific modeling

update model
update plan
real-time computer assistance

CAD

CAM

TQM

patient

atlas

database

computer-assisted assessment
Surgical robotics:

Giving the surgeon superhuman capabilities
Level of Human Input Varies

Oral

Manual

Cooperative manipulation

Teleoperation

Autonomous

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CyberKnife
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Open Surgery

Surgeon

Patient

Image source: www.physicianphotos.com
Minimally Invasive Surgery

Surgeon → Instrument/Camera → Patient

Image source: www.womenssurgerygroup.com
Teleoperated Robot-Assisted Minimally Invasive Surgery

Surgeon — Master Console — Information-Enhanced RMIS — Patient-Side Robot — Instrument/Camera — Patient
Integrating Images

Laparoscopic ultrasound integrated with the da Vinci surgical system

Russell Taylor and Gregory Hager (JHU)
Force Feedback for Manipulation

Graphical force feedback results in lower peak forces, lower variability of forces, and fewer broken sutures for untrained robot-assisted surgeons.

In collaboration with D. D. Yuh of JHMI Cardiac Surgery.
Force Feedback for Exploration

In collaboration with D. D. Yuh of JHMI Cardiac Surgery and Li-Ming Su of JHMI Urology
The Sensing Challenge

In collaboration with D. Yuh (JHMI Cardiac Surgery) and Li-Ming Su (JHMI Urology)

stiffness differences are difficult to feel through a rigid contact

stiffness graphical overlay
Preoperative computer-assisted planning
...also for training

Intraoperative
update model
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real-time computer assistance

Postoperative
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Modeling: Improving training and planning (and paving the way for autonomous robotic procedures)
From Modeling to Simulation

S. DiMaio and S. E. Salcudean (University of British Columbia)
Example Commercial Simulators

Laparoscopy

Endovascular

Endoscopy

Immersion Corp.
Modeling Factors

Developing mechanical models from images

Effects of material properties, boundary constraints, and geometry

In collaboration with K. Macura
(JHMI Radiology and Radiological Sciences)
Modeling enables needle steering

- Insertion
- Rotation
- Use tip asymmetry
  - Symmetric
  - Bevel
  - Pre-bent
Steering Performance

deformation

teleoperation

In collaboration with N. Cowan and G. Chirikjian (JHU ME), D. Song (JHMI Radiation Oncology), M. Choti (JHMI Surgery), and K. Goldberg (UC Berkeley)
Rehabilitation Robotics:

Replacing, training, or assisting to improve quality of life
Growing Healthcare Challenges

Regaining function & retaining independence

Caretaking for staying at home/aging-in-place

Individualized learning and training for special needs

1 in 5 children is overweight

1M Parkinson's patients, 50,000 new/year, 750,000 strokes/year

1M special ed students

3.5M children with ADHD

6.2 to 7.5M people with mental retardation

Vets with PTSD, TBI, amputations, etc.

A surging need for caregivers in-home and in-institution

Maja Mataric (USC)
Socially Assistive Robotics

**Problem:** cost/population size and growth trends

**Need:** personalized medium to long-term care

**Part of the solution:** human-centered robotics to improve health outcomes

- Monitoring
- Coaching/training
- Motivation
- Companionship/socialization

Robots can be a “force multiplier” for caregivers, reducing health care costs and improving quality of life

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Movement Therapy and Assistance

• Over 25% of U.S. population has some functional physical limitation that affects normal living

• 6.5M people in the US have had a stroke (by 2050, cost projected to be $2.2 Trillion)
Optimizing Movement Therapy

In collaboration with A. Bastian (KKI and JHU Neuroscience)
Neurally Controlled Prostheses

JHU Applied Physics Laboratory
Safety

Safety of **industrial robots** is ensured by keeping humans out of the workspace.

**Medical robots** come in contact with both patients and clinicians/caregivers.

Approaches include:
- Low force and speed
- Risk analysis (eliminate single points of failure)
- Fault tolerance (hardware and software)
- Fail safe design (system fails to a safe state)
- Redundant sensing
In an ideal world, medical robotics includes:

• Quantitive descriptions of patient state
• Use of models to plan intervention
• Design of devices, systems, and processes to connect information to action ( = robotics )
• Incorporating human input in a natural way
• Goal: improve health and quality of life

But these are only the technical challenges...