

Supplemental Material

Gain-field encoding of the kinematics of both arms in the internal model enables flexible bimanual action

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Theoretical relationship between the generalization function and the primitives

State-space model and trial-dependent adaptation to a constant force field

We assumed that the output force is constructed by a linear summation of the output of primitives as:

$$\hat{f}^{(i)} = [\mathbf{w}^{(i)}]^t \mathbf{g}(\theta_r^{(i)}, \theta_l^{(i)}) \quad (\text{S1})$$

where i is the trial number, and $\mathbf{g}(\theta_r, \theta_l) = [g_1(\theta_r, \theta_l), g_2(\theta_r, \theta_l), \dots, g_N(\theta_r, \theta_l)]^t$ and $\mathbf{w} = [w_1, w_2, \dots, w_N]^t$ are column vectors whose elements represent the output and weight of each primitive, respectively.

A state space model of the motor adaptation to the force field f can be represented as:

$$\mathbf{e}^{(i)} = d(\theta_l^{(i)})(f^{(i)} - \hat{f}^{(i)}) \quad (\text{S2})$$

$$\mathbf{w}^{(i+1)} = \alpha \mathbf{w}^{(i)} + e^{(i)} K \mathbf{g}(\theta_r^{(i)}, \theta_l^{(i)}) \quad (\text{S3})$$

where e is the movement error, $d(\theta_l)$ is the compliance that depends on the movement direction of the trained arm (here, we assume that the left arm is trained), and α and K are constants representing, respectively, the spontaneous loss of memory and the update rate to the error.

From these equations, we can obtain the trial-dependent changes in the movement error when a constant force f is imposed for only a particular movement combination (θ_r, θ_l) as:

$$e^{(n)} = \frac{K[d(\theta_l)]^2 f \mathbf{g}^t \mathbf{g}}{1 - \alpha + K d(\theta_l) \mathbf{g}^t \mathbf{g}} [\alpha - K d(\theta_l) \mathbf{g}^t \mathbf{g}]^{(n-1)} + \frac{(1-\alpha)d(\theta_l)f}{1 - \alpha + K d(\theta_l) \mathbf{g}^t \mathbf{g}} \quad (\text{S4})$$

where \mathbf{g} is the abbreviation of $\mathbf{g}(\theta_r, \theta_l)$.

From Eqs. (S1)-(S3), the weight vector after sufficient training of a constant force field f is obtained as:

$$\mathbf{w}^t = \frac{K d(\theta_l) f \mathbf{g}(\theta_r, \theta_l)^t}{1 - \alpha + K d(\theta_l) \mathbf{g}(\theta_r, \theta_l)^t \mathbf{g}(\theta_r, \theta_l)}. \quad (\text{S5})$$

Therefore, the output force can be represented as:

$$\hat{f}(\theta_r, \theta_l) = \frac{K d(\theta_l) \mathbf{g}(\theta_r, \theta_l)^t \mathbf{g}(\theta_r, \theta_l)}{1 - \alpha + K d(\theta_l) \mathbf{g}(\theta_r, \theta_l)^t \mathbf{g}(\theta_r, \theta_l)} f. \quad (\text{S6})$$

When movement directions of both arms are changed by $\Delta\theta_r$ and $\Delta\theta_l$, the force output (i.e., aftereffect) is represented as:

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{f}(\theta_r + \Delta\theta_r, \theta_l + \Delta\theta_l) &= \mathbf{w}^t \mathbf{g}(\theta_r + \Delta\theta_r, \theta_l + \Delta\theta_l) \\
&= \frac{Kd(\theta_l) \mathbf{g}(\theta_r, \theta_l)^t \mathbf{g}(\theta_r + \Delta\theta_r, \theta_l + \Delta\theta_l)}{1 - \alpha + Kd(\theta_l) \mathbf{g}(\theta_r, \theta_l)^t \mathbf{g}(\theta_r, \theta_l)} f. \tag{S7}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the function of how the training effect is transferred from (θ_r, θ_l) to $(\theta_r + \Delta\theta_r, \theta_l + \Delta\theta_l)$ is represented by:

$$\Phi(\Delta\theta_r, \Delta\theta_l) = \frac{\hat{f}(\theta_r + \Delta\theta_r, \theta_l + \Delta\theta_l)}{\hat{f}(\theta_r, \theta_l)} = \frac{\mathbf{g}(\theta_r, \theta_l)^t \mathbf{g}(\theta_r + \Delta\theta_r, \theta_l + \Delta\theta_l)}{\mathbf{g}(\theta_r, \theta_l)^t \mathbf{g}(\theta_r, \theta_l)}. \tag{S8}$$

Decomposition of the generalization function: Multiplicative encoding

If the primitives encode the movement directions of both hands multiplicatively as:

$g_j(\theta_r, \theta_l) = r_j(\theta_r) l_j(\theta_l)$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{j=1}^N g_j(\theta_r, \theta_l) g_j(\theta_r + \Delta\theta_r, \theta_l + \Delta\theta_l) &= \sum_{j=1}^N r_j(\theta_r) l_j(\theta_l) r_j(\theta_r + \Delta\theta_r) l_j(\theta_r + \Delta\theta_l) \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^N r_j(\theta_r) r_j(\theta_r + \Delta\theta_r) l_j(\theta_l) l_j(\theta_l + \Delta\theta_l). \tag{S9}
\end{aligned}$$

When N is sufficiently large (N is assumed to be a square number), and $l_j(\theta_l)$ and $r_j(\theta_r)$ have translational symmetry with respect to j and are distributed uniformly on the (θ_r, θ_l) plane, then

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{j=1}^N g_j(\theta_r, \theta_l) g_j(\theta_r + \Delta\theta_r, \theta_l + \Delta\theta_l) \\
&\approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{\sqrt{N}} r_j(\theta_r) r_j(\theta_r + \Delta\theta_r) \sum_{j=1}^{\sqrt{N}} l_j(\theta_l) l_j(\theta_l + \Delta\theta_l). \tag{S10}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the transfer function is:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi(\Delta\theta_r, \Delta\theta_l) &= \frac{\sum_{j=1}^N g_j(\theta_r, \theta_l) g_j(\theta_r + \Delta\theta_r, \theta_l + \Delta\theta_l)}{\sum_{i=1}^N g_j(\theta_r, \theta_l) g_j(\theta_r, \theta_l)} \\
&= \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{\sqrt{N}} r_j(\theta_r) r_j(\theta_r + \Delta\theta_r) \sum_{j=1}^{\sqrt{N}} l_j(\theta_l) l_j(\theta_l + \Delta\theta_l)}{\sum_{j=1}^{\sqrt{N}} r_j(\theta_r) r_j(\theta_r) \sum_{j=1}^{\sqrt{N}} l_j(\theta_l) l_j(\theta_l)} \\
&= \Phi(\Delta\theta_r, 0) \Phi(0, \Delta\theta_l). \tag{S11}
\end{aligned}$$

Decomposition of the generalization function: Additive encoding

If the primitives encode the movement directions of both hands additively as:

$g_j(\theta_r, \theta_l) = r_j(\theta_r) + l_j(\theta_l)$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{j=1}^N g_j(\theta_r, \theta_l) g_j(\theta_r + \Delta\theta_r, \theta_l + \Delta\theta_l) \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^N [r_j(\theta_r) + l_j(\theta_l)] [r_j(\theta_r + \Delta\theta_r) + l_j(\theta_l + \Delta\theta_l)] \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^N [r_j(\theta_r) + l_j(\theta_l)] \{ [r_j(\theta_r + \Delta\theta_r) + l_j(\theta_l)] \\
&\quad + [r_j(\theta_r) + l_j(\theta_l + \Delta\theta_l)] - [r_j(\theta_r) + l_j(\theta_l)] \}. \tag{S12}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the transfer function is:

$$\Phi(\Delta\theta_r, \Delta\theta_l) = \Phi(\Delta\theta_r, 0) + \Phi(0, \Delta\theta_l) - 1. \tag{S13}$$

It should be noted that a previous work (Wainscott et al., 2005) has obtained theoretically similar relationships (Eqs.(S11) and (S13)) in the generalization function calculated from the trial-by-trial changes in the aftereffects.

Special case: Gaussian encoding

Here, we assume that the encoding function can be represented by a Gaussian function. In the case of multiplicative and additive encoding, the primitive can be represented, respectively, as:

$$g_j(\theta_r, \theta_l) = \left\{ a_r \exp \left[\frac{-(\varphi_{rj} - \theta_r)^2}{2\sigma_r^2} \right] + b_r \right\} \left\{ a_l \exp \left[\frac{-(\varphi_{lj} - \theta_l)^2}{2\sigma_l^2} \right] + b_l \right\} \quad (\text{S14})$$

and

$$g_j(\theta_r, \theta_l) = a_r \exp \left[\frac{-(\varphi_{rj} - \theta_r)^2}{2\sigma_r^2} \right] + a_l \exp \left[\frac{-(\varphi_{lj} - \theta_l)^2}{2\sigma_l^2} \right] + b \quad (\text{S15})$$

where a and b are constants, and φ indicates the preferred direction.

Multiplicative case:

The numerator of Eq. (S8) can be represented as:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=1}^N g_j(\theta_r, \theta_l) g_j(\theta_r + \Delta\theta_r, \theta_l + \Delta\theta_l) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^N \left\{ a_r \exp \left[\frac{-(\varphi_{rj} - \theta_r)^2}{2\sigma_r^2} \right] + b_r \right\} \left\{ a_l \exp \left[\frac{-(\varphi_{lj} - \theta_l)^2}{2\sigma_l^2} \right] + b_l \right\} \\ & \left\{ a_r \exp \left[\frac{-(\varphi_{rj} - \theta_r - \Delta\theta_r)^2}{2\sigma_r^2} \right] + b_r \right\} \left\{ a_l \exp \left[\frac{-(\varphi_{lj} - \theta_l - \Delta\theta_l)^2}{2\sigma_l^2} \right] + b_l \right\}. \quad (\text{S16}) \end{aligned}$$

If N is sufficiently large and the preferred directions are uniformly distributed,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\approx \sum_{j=1}^{\sqrt{N}} \left\{ a_r \exp \left[\frac{-(\varphi_{rj} - \theta_r)^2}{2\sigma_r^2} \right] + b_r \right\} \left\{ a_r \exp \left[\frac{-(\varphi_{rj} - \theta_r - \Delta\theta_r)^2}{2\sigma_r^2} \right] + b_r \right\} \\
&\times \sum_{j=1}^{\sqrt{N}} \left\{ a_l \exp \left[\frac{-(\varphi_{lj} - \theta_l)^2}{2\sigma_l^2} \right] + b_l \right\} \left\{ a_l \exp \left[\frac{-(\varphi_{lj} - \theta_l - \Delta\theta_l)^2}{2\sigma_l^2} \right] + b_l \right\}, \quad (\text{S17})
\end{aligned}$$

then each summation in Eq. (S17) can be expanded as:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{j=1}^{\sqrt{N}} \left\{ a \exp \left[\frac{-(\varphi_j - \theta)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right] + b \right\} \left\{ a \exp \left[\frac{-(\varphi_j - \theta - \Delta\theta)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right] + b \right\} \\
&= a^2 \sum_{j=1}^{\sqrt{N}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(\varphi_j - \theta)^2 + (\varphi_j - \theta - \Delta\theta)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\} \\
&+ ab \sum_{j=1}^{\sqrt{N}} \left[\exp \left\{ \frac{-(\varphi_j - \theta)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\} + \exp \left\{ \frac{-(\varphi_j - \theta - \Delta\theta)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\} \right] + \sqrt{N} b^2. \quad (\text{S18})
\end{aligned}$$

The first term of the right side of Eq. (S18) can be rewritten as:

$$\exp \left\{ -\frac{(\varphi_j - \theta)^2 + (\varphi_j - \theta - \Delta\theta)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\} = \exp \left\{ -\frac{(\varphi_j - \frac{2\theta + \Delta\theta}{2})^2}{\sigma^2} \right\} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(\Delta\theta)^2}{4\sigma^2} \right\}. \quad (\text{S19})$$

If N is sufficiently large, the summation of Eq. (S19) can be approximated by the integral of the Gaussian function,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\sqrt{N}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(\varphi_j - \frac{2\theta + \Delta\theta}{2})^2}{\sigma^2} \right\} = \frac{\sqrt{N}}{2\pi} \int \exp \left\{ -\frac{(\varphi - \frac{2\theta + \Delta\theta}{2})^2}{\sigma^2} \right\} d\varphi = \frac{\sqrt{N}\sigma}{2\sqrt{\pi}}. \quad (\text{S20})$$

Similarly, the summations in the second term on the right-hand side of Eq. (S18) can be obtained from the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{j=1}^{\sqrt{N}} \exp \left\{ \frac{-(\varphi_j - \theta)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\} = \sum_{j=1}^{\sqrt{N}} \exp \left\{ \frac{-(\varphi_j - \theta - \Delta\theta)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\} \\
&= \frac{\sqrt{N}}{2\pi} \int \exp \left\{ -\frac{(\varphi - \theta)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\} d\varphi = \frac{\sqrt{N}\sigma}{\sqrt{2\pi}}. \quad (\text{S21})
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{j=1}^N g_j(\theta_r, \theta_l) g_j(\theta_r + \Delta\theta_r, \theta_l + \Delta\theta_l) \\
&= \left\{ a_r^2 \frac{\sigma_r}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{(\Delta\theta_r)^2}{4\sigma_r^2}\right] + 2a_r b_r \frac{\sigma_r}{\sqrt{2\pi}} + b_r^2 \right\} \left\{ a_l^2 \frac{\sigma_l}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{(\Delta\theta_l)^2}{4\sigma_l^2}\right] + 2a_l b_l \frac{\sigma_l}{\sqrt{2\pi}} + b_l^2 \right\},
\end{aligned} \tag{S22}$$

And, consequently,

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi(\Delta\theta_r, \Delta\theta_l) &= \frac{\sum_{j=1}^N g_j(\theta_r, \theta_l) g_j(\theta_r + \Delta\theta_r, \theta_l + \Delta\theta_l)}{\sum_{j=1}^N g_j(\theta_r, \theta_l) g_j(\theta_r, \theta_l)} \\
&= \frac{\left\{ a_r^2 \sigma_r \exp\left[-\frac{(\Delta\theta_r)^2}{4\sigma_r^2}\right] + 2\sqrt{2} a_r b_r \sigma_r + 2\sqrt{\pi} b_r^2 \right\} \left\{ a_l^2 \sigma_l \exp\left[-\frac{(\Delta\theta_l)^2}{4\sigma_l^2}\right] + 2\sqrt{2} a_l b_l \sigma_l + 2\sqrt{\pi} b_l^2 \right\}}{\left\{ a_r^2 \sigma_r + 2\sqrt{2} a_r b_r \sigma_r + 2\sqrt{\pi} b_r^2 \right\} \left\{ a_l^2 \sigma_l + 2\sqrt{2} a_l b_l \sigma_l + 2\sqrt{\pi} b_l^2 \right\}}.
\end{aligned} \tag{S23}$$

Additive model case:

Similar to the case of the multiplicative encoding model under the assumption that N is sufficiently large and the preferred directions are uniformly distributed, additive encoding (Eq.(S15)) predicts $\Phi(\Delta\theta_r, \Delta\theta_l)$ as:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi(\Delta\theta_r, \Delta\theta_l) &= \\
&= \frac{\sqrt{\pi} a_r^2 \sigma_r \exp\left[-\frac{(\Delta\theta_r)^2}{4\sigma_r^2}\right] + \sqrt{\pi} a_l^2 \sigma_l \exp\left[-\frac{(\Delta\theta_l)^2}{4\sigma_l^2}\right] + 2a_r a_l \sigma_r \sigma_l + 2\sqrt{2\pi} a_r b \sigma_r + 2\sqrt{2\pi} a_l b \sigma_l + 2\pi b^2}{\sqrt{\pi} a_r^2 \sigma_r + \sqrt{\pi} a_l^2 \sigma_l + 2a_r a_l \sigma_r \sigma_l + 2\sqrt{2\pi} a_r b \sigma_r + 2\sqrt{2\pi} a_l b \sigma_l + 2\pi b^2}.
\end{aligned} \tag{S24}$$