

motor

The <sup>only</sup> goal of all organisms: <sup>learn to</sup> turn intention into action  
 ↑ including reflexes

1. how do you learn to turn intention into action  
at the algorithmic level?
2. how do you implement that in neural circuitry?
3. what's the role of feedback?

Is this a hard problem? What's the complexity of the input-output transformation?

- we have ~650 muscles
- we have to generate 650 time-dependent signals



- this has to be done with a network of spiking neurons!
- a "complexity" = "number of parameters" (lots)

A dumb solution

$$f(t) = \sum_n a_n \cos(\omega_n t + \theta_n)$$

forward model



Intention  $\rightarrow a_n(I), \theta_n(I)$

inverse model

- just need a network to generate sines and cosines
- small assembly of neurons oscillating at different frequencies



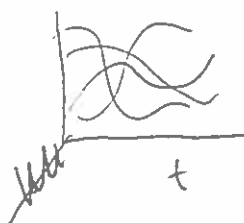
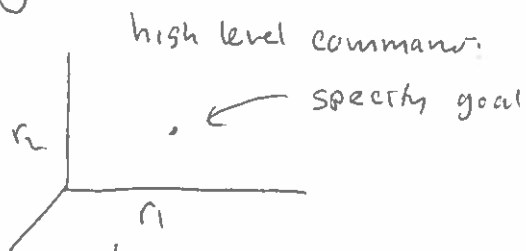
- If the intention is a trajectory, the inverse model is an inverse Fourier transform.

$$\min \left[ f(t) - \sum_n a_n \cos(\omega_n t + \phi) \right]^2$$

- ~~but usually (of intent)~~  
but intention is usually an endpoint goal
- mapping endpoint goal to trajectory is nontrivial.  
muscles and limbs ~~have~~ have mass and nontrivial properties, and everything changes depending on level of fatigue
- rest of this talk: approaches to solving this problem

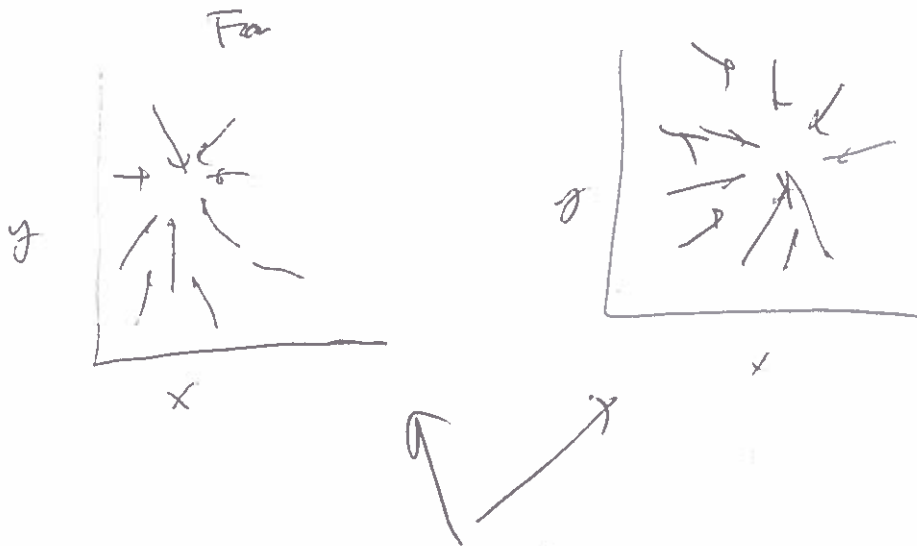


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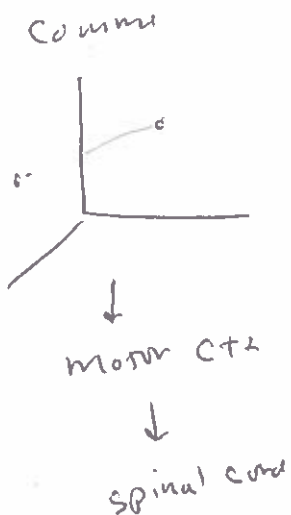


# End-point approach (Emilio Bizzi)

Specify goal ~~current~~ in physical space



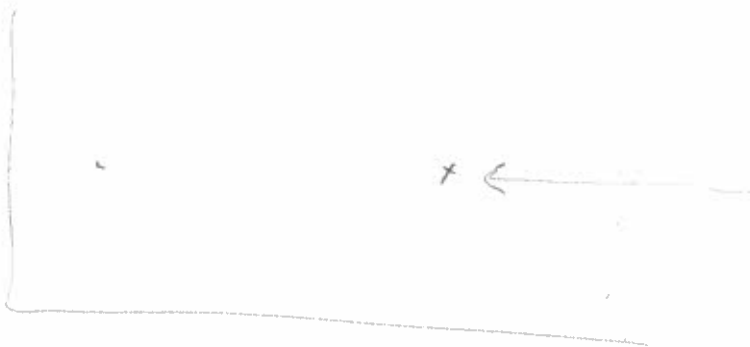
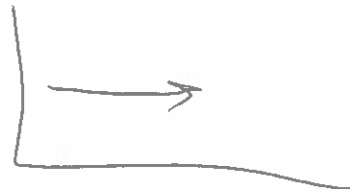
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Still have a complicated transformation, but at least you don't have to worry about dynamics.

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- endpoint ~~is~~ approach is more complicated than advertised. in particular, moving the endpoint faster doesn't give you a simple transformation. imagine instantaneous ma



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Optimal Control

$$\dot{X}_i = f\left(\sum_{j=1}^N w_{ij} X_j\right) + u_i(t)$$

$$y_\mu = \sum_{j=1}^N D_{\mu j} X_j$$

$\mu = 1, \dots, 3$  point in 3-D space

Choose  $u_i(t)$  such that:  $y_\mu(T) = y_\mu^*$

$\int dt u_i(t)^2$  as small as possible

- doesn't quite make sense, but it's ~~clear~~ not so how
- what we really want to do is minimize some function of  $y_\mu$

~~Speed~~  $| \dot{y}_\mu |$

speed  $| \dot{y}_\mu |^2$  bad idea

acceleration  $| \ddot{y}_\mu |^2$  better

jerk  $| \dddot{y}_\mu |^2$  good description of simple trajectories

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Infinite time problem. min

$$\left| \underline{D} \cdot \underline{x}_\infty(\underline{u}) - \underline{y}^* \right|^2 + \frac{\lambda \underline{u} \cdot \underline{u}}{2}$$

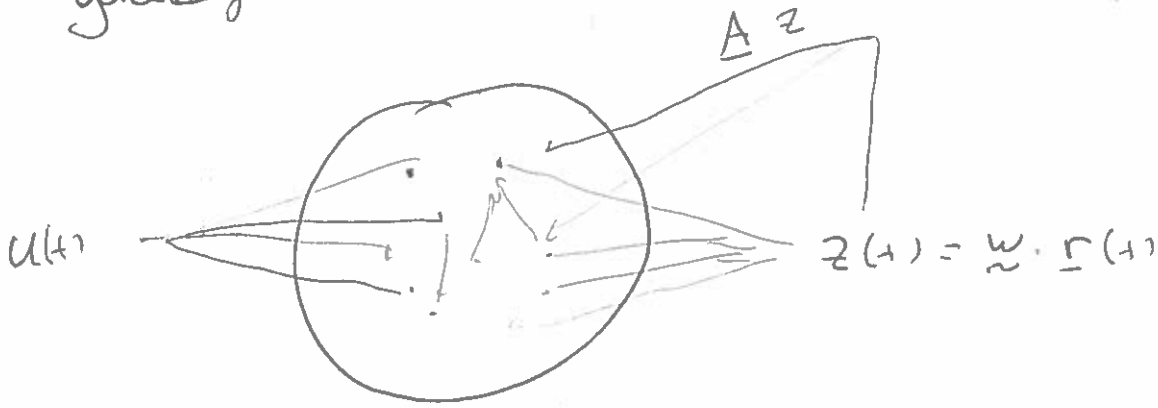
- looks like endpoint approach of BPTT!!!

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- these are principles for constructing optimal circuit.
- but ultimately everything has to be learned
- revisit sine and cosine idea, but in a more incomprehensible way

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greedy



$$\tau \dot{V}_i = -V_i + \sum_j J_{ij} r_j + A_i z + B_i u$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\tanh(V_j)$

$$z_i(t) = \sum_j w_{ij} r_j$$

$$\tau \dot{\underline{z}} = -\underline{z} + \underline{J} \cdot \underline{r} + \underline{A} z + \underline{B} u$$

$$z = \underline{w} \cdot \underline{r}$$

$$\underline{r} = \tanh(\underline{v}) \quad (r_i = \tanh(v_i))$$

Goal: Train  $\underline{w}$  so that  $\underline{w} \cdot \underline{r} \cong z^*(t)$

easy approach:

seed in  $z^*$ ; train weights

greedy algorithm. ~~(w, r, z^\*)~~

$$J = z^* - \underline{w} \cdot r$$

minimum  $\frac{dJ}{dw} = \frac{1}{2} (z^* - \underline{w} \cdot r)^2$

$$\frac{dJ}{dw} = -(z^* - \underline{w} \cdot r) r = -dr$$

$$\underline{\dot{w}} = -\gamma \frac{dJ}{dw} = \gamma dr$$

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- conditions for it to work

$r_i$ : complex & differ

$$T\underline{V} = -\underline{V} + \underline{J} \cdot \tan(\underline{V}) + \underline{A} z^* + \underline{B}$$

$\underline{A}, \underline{J}$  small  $\underline{V} \rightarrow 0$

$\underline{A}$  huge:  $V_i = A_i z$   $r_i = \pm 1$  all do the same thing.

$\underline{A}$  small,  $\underline{J}$  just right: chaotic

$\underline{A}$  must be big enough to control chaos



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even if you can train, no guarantee of stability!

example: 1-D, ignore tank

$$\tau \dot{V} = -V + a z^* \quad z^* = z_0$$

$$V^* = a z_0$$

$$z = \frac{V}{a} = z_0 \quad w = \frac{1}{a}$$

$$\tau \dot{V} = -V + a \frac{V}{a} = -V + V = 0 \quad \text{neutral stability!}$$

$$\tau \dot{V} = -V + \epsilon(V - V_0) + a z^* \quad z^* = z_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{V} = -(1-\epsilon)V + a z^* - \epsilon V_0$$

$$V^* = \frac{a z_0 - \epsilon V_0}{1 - \epsilon}$$

$$z_0 = w V^* \Rightarrow w = \frac{(1-\epsilon) z_0}{a z_0 - \epsilon V_0}$$

$$\tau \dot{V} = -(1-\epsilon)V + \frac{a(1-\epsilon)z_0}{a z_0 - \epsilon V_0} V$$

$$= -(1-\epsilon) \left[ 1 - \frac{a z_0}{a z_0 - \epsilon V_0} \right] V$$

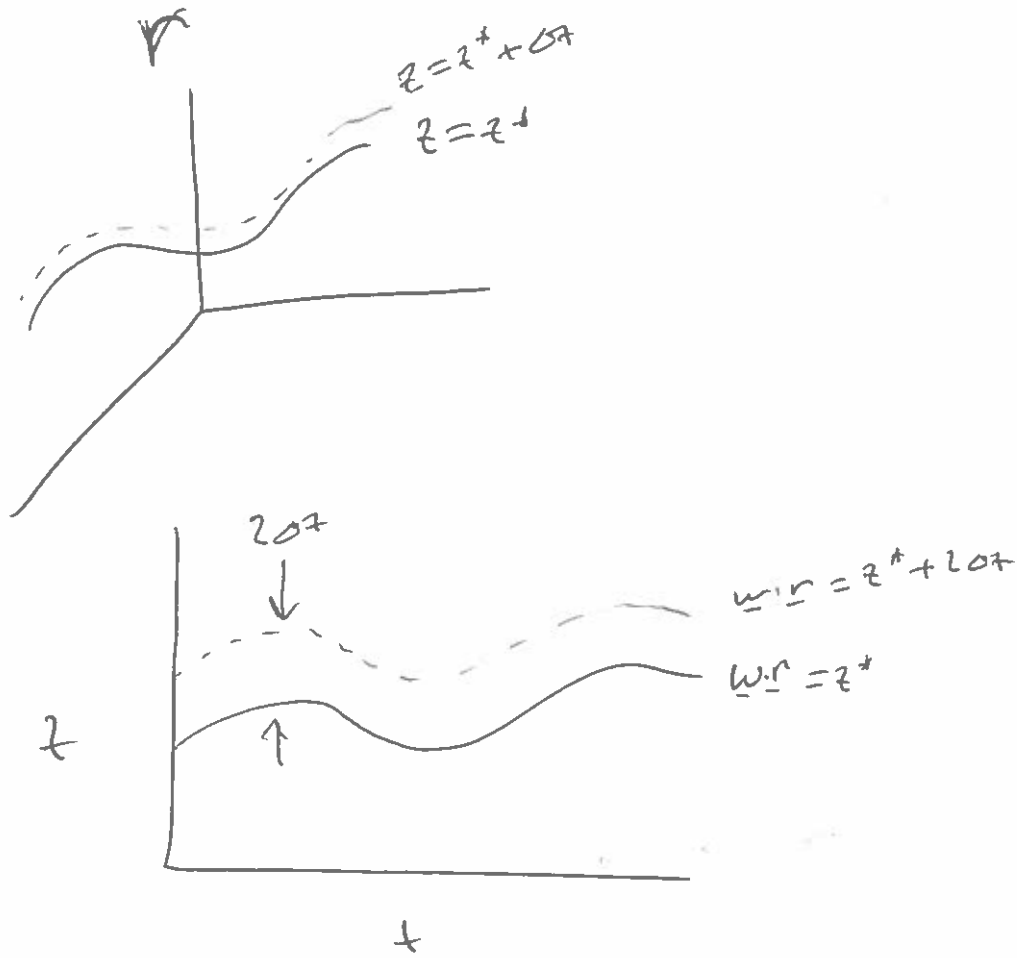
$$= \epsilon V_0 \frac{\epsilon(1-\epsilon)V_0}{a z_0 - \epsilon V_0} V$$

can be ~~post~~ positive

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more generally

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in addition, learning is slow & brittle

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- brittleness can be fixed by feeding back the true signal
- can also use RLS (recursive least squares) aka FORGE learning

$$\text{minimize} \sum_{t=1}^T (z^t(h) - \underline{w}^{(t)} \cdot \underline{r}^t)^2$$

$$\underline{w}(h) = \underbrace{\left( \sum_{t=1}^T \underline{r}^t(h) \underline{r}^t(h) \right)^{-1}}_{\underline{P}} \cdot \underbrace{\sum_{t=1}^T \underline{r}^t(h) d^t(h)}_{\underline{q}}$$

$$\underline{w}(T+1) = \left( \sum_{t=1}^{T+1} \underline{r}^t(h) \underline{r}^t(h) \right)^{-1} \cdot \sum_{t=1}^{T+1} \underline{r}^t(h) d^t(h)$$

$$\left( \sum_{t=1}^T \underline{r}^t(h) \underline{r}^t(h) + \underline{r}^{(T+1)} \underline{r}^{(T+1)} \right)^{-1}$$

$$= \left( \underline{P}^{-1} + \underline{r}^{(T+1)} \underline{r}^{(T+1)} \right)^{-1}$$

$$= \underline{P}^{(T)} - \frac{\underline{P}^{(T)} \underline{r}^{(T+1)} \underline{r}^{(T+1)} \underline{P}^{(T)}}{\underline{r}^{(T+1)} \underline{P}^{(T)} \underline{r}^{(T+1)}}$$

$$\underline{P}^{(T+1)}$$

$$\underline{q}^{(T)} - d^{(T+1)} \underline{r}^{(T+1)}$$

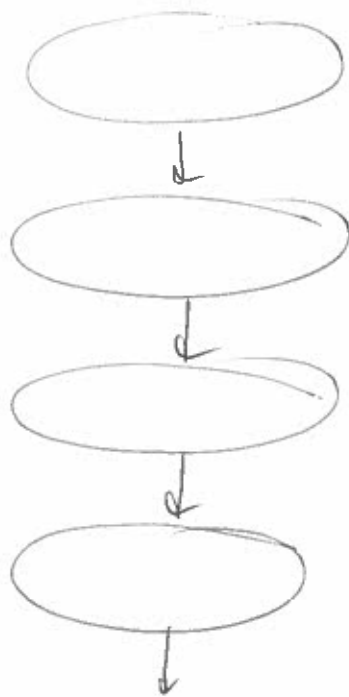
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- learns fast!!

- tends to be stable!!

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Not clear how to chain together multiple networks



$z(t)$

target =  $z^*$

also want to modify recurrent weights

need to propagate error all the way back.

- not biologically plausible!!

but this is what the brain does!!



Summary

- Motor control is hard because of the inverse problem: given a goal, generate correct muscle activation
- endpoint ~~the~~ hypothesis: still need to learn something, but it's easier than learning dynamics. ~~delta~~ doesn't really work for fast movement
- reservoir approach: glorified  $\sin$  &  $\cos$ . gotta learn
- unsolved: multiple dynamic areas, feedback w/ delay + noise.