学位論文の内容の要旨

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developed to provide reference signals for the robot's real-time stiffness control.

Chapter 4: Biomimetic Stiffness Modulation Strategy for Bimanual Skills Relearning (Journal No.3)

In this chapter, a biomimetic variable stiffness modulation strategy for the variable stiffness robot is proposed to improve bilateral limb coordination and promote bilateral motor skills relearning. The muscle synergy effect on the affected side limb is analyzed and reproduced by independent real-time stiffness control.

Chapter 5: Task Performance Index-based AAN Variable Stiffness Control Framework (Journal No.4)

In chapter 5, an sEMG-driven variable stiffness control framework with a novel training task quantitative factor is proposed to promote patient's active participation in upper limb bilateral rehabilitation. The proposed Task Performance Index (TPI) is designed in the high-level multi-mode stiffness controller. In the low-level controller, a position-based bilateral impedance control and a cascaded backstepping position control were implemented for compliant task-tracking assistance.

Chapter 6: Absolute Stability Analysis and Evaluation of the Remote Collaborative System Telerehabilitation System (Journal No.5)

In chapter 6, a therapist-in-the-loop upper limb telerehabilitation robotic system with a novel state switch index-based remote therapist-patient interaction model was presented. On the therapist side, a remote patient biomechanics perception method was realized for tele-assessment. On the patient side, a variable stiffness voluntary control scheme was implemented to induce the patient's active participation. The absolute stability criterion was given and proved for the proposed telerehabilitation system under asymmetric delay conditions.

Chapter 7: Conclusions

In this research, a novel home-based telerehabilitation system has been proposed. The summary of the conclusion is as blew:

1) A novel multi-feature-based neural network model which integrates time and frequency domain information was designed and evaluated. The proposed motor intention prediction method can extract the potential motion patterns in sEMG signals and predict the continuous angle and output force of the elbow joint in real time.

2) A TPI-based sEMG-driven biomimetic variable stiffness control framework with a position-based impedance controller cascaded with a backstepping position controller was proposed to promote patient active participants and training safety during the bilateral rehabilitation process. By the proposed control strategy, the powered variable stiffness exoskeleton device (PVSED) can provide compliant AAN interaction assistance to hemiplegia patients. The stability and tracking convergence of the proposed control method was proved by Lyapunov theory.

3) A novel therapist-in-the-loop upper limb telerehabilitation system with the SSI-ba sed remote therapist-patient interaction model was proposed for providing safe remo te therapist-patient cooperative training. The absolute stability criterion of the propo sed system under asymmetric delay conditions was given and proved. The proposed system can provide safe, remote, and efficient therapist-patient collaborative trainin g, and enable therapists to percept the muscle biomechanical dynamics of patients.