Multi-Person 3D Motion Prediction with Multi-Range Transformers

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Background

 Modeling 3D human motion has been a long-standing problem in computer vision and computer graphics commuity





Background

• Predicting future motion sequences given a sequence of history

Conditioning ground truth

Prediction

- Focusing on single person motion
- Usually neglecting the movement of the root joint

Julieta Martinez, Michael J Black, and Javier Romero. On human motion prediction using recurrent neural networks. In Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, pages 2891–2900, 2017.

Background

- Multi-person motion prediction is relatively under-explored and more challenging
 - Considering multi-person interaction
 - Modeling pose and trajectory jointly is needed, e.g. catching



Timo von Marcard, Roberto Henschel, Michael Black, Bodo Rosenhahn, and Gerard Pons-Moll. Recovering accurate 3d human pose in the wild using imus and a moving camera. In European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), sep 2018. 2



• Given a scene with N persons and their corresponding history motion, we aim to predict their future 3D motion.



Representation

Input: $X_{1:k}^n = [x_1^n, ..., x_k^n]$

Output: $X_{k+1:T}^n$

 $x_k^n \in \mathbb{R}^{3J}$ represent the pose of the person *n* at time *k*





- We propose our Multi-Range Transformers to solve the problem
 - Local-range transformer encoder
 - Global-range transformer encoder
 - Transformer decoder



- Local-range Transformer encoder: individual motion
- Global-range Transformer encoder: global motion



- A single pose as the query
- Decoder outputs a sequence directly



- On the right, we show the architecture of the Transformer decoder.
- The transformer encoder performs self-attention

Why local-range and global-range?

- Local
 - The task of synthesizing a natural motion based on previous states itself is actually a challenging task
 - To ensure the smoothness of the motion, the model requires dense sampling of the input sequence



Why local-range and global-range?

- Global
 - The interaction of all the persons in the whole scene, sparse sampling of the sequences are used
 - Compute the global feature once



- Spatial Positional Encoding (SPE)
 - SPE encodes the spatial distance between the query token x_k and the tokens of every time step of each person $x_{1:k}^{1:N}$

$$SPE(x_t^n, x_k) = \exp(-\frac{1}{3J}||x_t^n - x_k||_2^2)$$

• Helpful in a scene with a crowd of persons

Experiment

- Data
 - 2-3 persons (3DPW, CMU-Mocap and MuPoTS-3D)
 - 9-15 persons (Mix1 and Mix2)



Qualitative results

We show some examples of the multi-person motion prediction results

Example 1 (3 persons)



Example 2 (3 persons)



Example 3 (10 persons)



Example 4 (14 persons)



Qualitative results

We compare our method with the other methods on different datasets

LTD is affected by the past positions.



Wei Mao, Miaomiao Liu, Mathieu Salzmann, and Hongdong Li. Learning trajectory dependencies for human motion prediction. In Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision pages 9489–9497, 2019

HRI is affected by the past positions.



Wei Mao, Miaomiao Liu, and Mathieu Salzmann. History repeats itself: Humah motion prediction via motion attention. In European Conference on Computer Vision, pages 474–489. Springer, 2020.

SocialPool predicts freezing motions quickly.



Vida Adeli, Ehsan Adeli, Ian Reid, Juan Carlos Niebles, and Hamid Rezatofighi. Socially and contextually aware human motion and pose forecasting. IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters, 5(4):6033–6040, 2020.

LTD fails to predict the correct walking motions.



HRI predicts freezing motions quickly.



SocialPool predicts freezing motions quickly.



Quantitative results

We compare the mean per joint position error(MPJPE), user study and moving distance with the other methods.

MPJPE

	CMU-Mocap			Mix1		
	3 persons			9~15 persons		
	1s	2s	3s	1s	2s	3s
LTD	1.37	2.19	3.26	2.10	3.19	4.15
HRI	1.49	2.60	3.07	1.80	3.14	4.21
SocialPool	1.15	2.71	3.90	1.85	3.39	4.84
Ours	0.96	1.57	2.18	1.73	2.99	3.97

- We report the MPJPE in 0.1 meters of 1 second, 2 seconds and 3 seconds motion.
- In both cases with a small number and a large number of people, our method achieves state-of-the-art performance for different prediction time lengths.

User Study

	Mix1	Mix2
	9~15 persons	11 persons
LTD	3.71±0.93	3.75±0.90
HRI	3.67 ± 0.89	3.71±0.90
SocialPool	3.62 ± 0.92	3.49±1.02
Ours	3.74±0.83	3.77±0.82
GT	3.77±0.81	3.88±0.79

- We report the average and the standard error of the score.
- Our results get better reviews consistently cross all datasets

Distribution of the movement



- We compare the distribution of the movement between the start and end of the outputs.
- Other methods intend to predict a motion with less movement while ours is the most closest to the ground truth.

Thank you!