Automatic Digital Biometry Analysis System

ABSTRACT

World Health Organization estimates that 80% of the world population is affected of back pain during his life. In this work, we propose a novel tool for posture estimation based on the analysis of 3D information from depth maps. The system purpose is the posture reeducation to prevent musculoskeletal disorders, such as back pain, as well as tracking the patients evolution in rehabilitation treatments.

1. Motivation

- World Health Organization has categorized musculoskeletal disorders as the main cause for absence from occupational work, leading to considerable costs for public health systems.
- Posture abnormalities represent a risk factor for musculoskeletal disorders.
- It is necessary a set of tools to obtain an accurate body posture analysis, reliable, and cheap.
- In the field of physical rehabilitation and fitness conditioning, exists the need to develop systems able to evaluate the body posture.

2. Framework

- ADiBAS Posture has been developed by a multi-disciplinary team, including engineers, computer vision and machine learning doctors and physiotherapists, with the objective of filling this need.
- Using Kinect™ as an input sensor device, it has been developed a platform able to estimate postural parameters with high precision, giving support to a reliable clinical diagnosis.
- Its easiness of usage, robustness and reduced cost respect to actual mechanisms make from this product a promising alternative.

3. Software and Results

- ADiBAS Posture platform allows measuring distances and angles in 3D using as input the data of Kinect™ device.
- It allows quantifying the posture imbalances and muscular flexibility.
- It evaluates sagittal spine curvatures by non-invasive graphic estimations kyphosis and lordosis patients.
- Easy to obtain Cobb angle.

4. Who should use ADiBAS Posture?

Identified potential sectors of interest for ADiBAS system:
- Clinical sector: primary attention centers, work insurance, hospitals and rehabilitation centers, private centers (orthopedics, rheumatology, dentistry, etc.), functional recovery centers, private centers physiotherapy, podiatry, osteopathy, etc.
- Early diagnosis sector: school services and occupational health (e.g. early detection of scoliosis)
- Fitness conditioning sector: high performance centers, gyms and sport clubs.
- Educational sector: physiotherapy universities, medicine, fitness conditioning, educational centers of posturology and osteopathy.
- Research: as a measure tool in research studies

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