

Point Cloud Processing Method for Food Volume Estimation Based on Dish Space

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Introduction

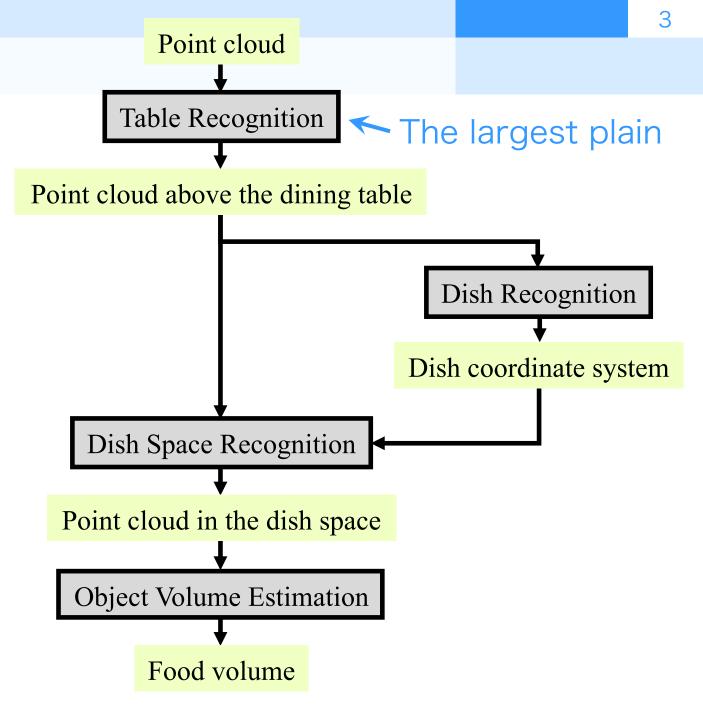
- ★ We have been developing a medication management support system to remind an older person at home.
- ★ The system must estimate the amount of food and recognize the end of a meal to make a reminder at the right time.
- \star In previous studies, special colored dishes were used.
- ★ A three-dimensional point cloud is a set of points and can be used for object and shape recognition.
- ★ We are attempting to estimate the volume of food based on a point cloud.



A point cloud of a torus

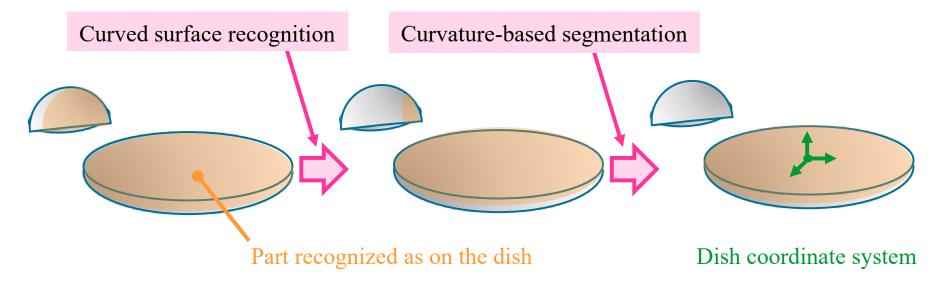
Proposed Method

- ★ The proposed method mainly consists of four processes.
- ★ In this work, we newly added the Dish Space Recognition process to increase the estimation accuracy.
- ★ In addition, we improved the Dish Recognition process to ignore objects other than dishes.



Dish Recognition

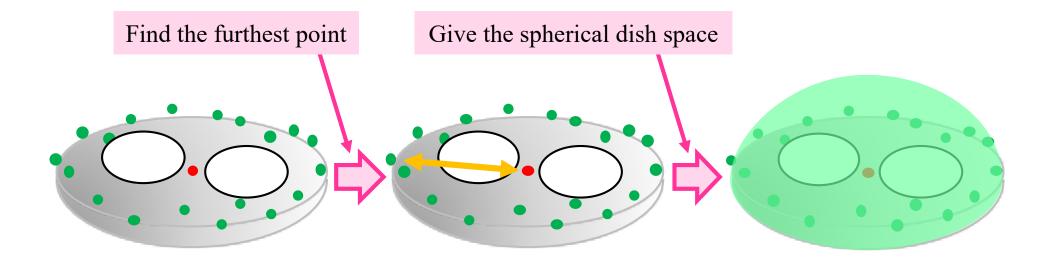
- ★ Dishes are defined as objects with a convex downward curved surface.
- \star The LMedS method is used to recognize a curved surface.
- ★ The point cloud on the dish and the rest are divided using a segmentation method called region growing.



Dish Space Recognition

 \star Spherical space is used to express a dish space.

★ A sphere having a radius equal to the maximum distance from the center is obtained as the dish space.



Red: center point of the dish Green: points on the dish

Food Volume Estimation

- ★ All objects existing in the dish space are determined to be food.
- ★ The area and height of each object are calculated based on the point cloud and multiplied.

$$v^{(n)} = s^{(n)} \times (h_f^{(n)} - h_d)$$

$$v = \sum_{n=1}^{N} v^{(n)}$$

$$N : \text{ number of segments of food}$$
• Points on food
• Points on dish
• Points on table

Experiments

Number of Masses – Methods



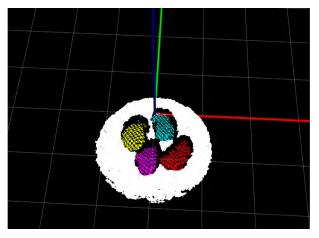




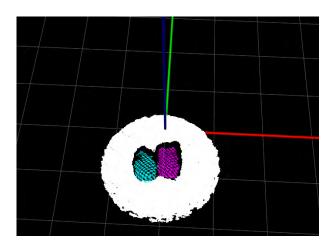
- ★ Astra S (sold by Orbbec) was selected as an RGB-D camera and was fixed on a tripod at 50 cm from the table.
- ★ Clay made from rice was used as mock food.
- ★ Four 100 cm³ clay masses were made, and the number of masses reduced from 4 to 0.
- ★ Only a dish with clay masses was placed on the table.

(a) Four masses

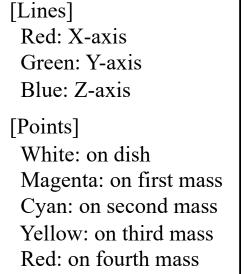
Number of Masses – Results

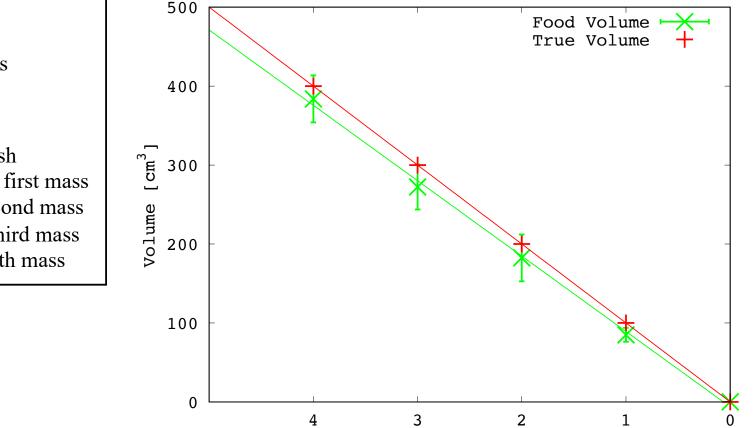


(a) Four masses



(b) Two masses





The proportional relationship between number and volume Meal end recognition

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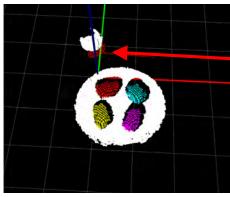
Effect of Dish Space Recognition

Situation A: without the bowl Situation B: with the bowl

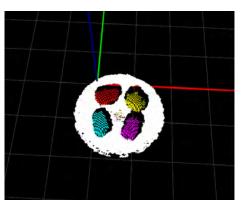
Small bowl



Situation	Dish Space Recognition	Average	SD
Α	Without	368.14	18.48
A	With	375.36	18.84
В	Without	414.13	128.54
В	With	322.12	79.57



(a) Without dish space recognition



Red points on small bowl

[Lines] Red: X-axis Green: Y-axis Blue: Z-axis [Points] White: on dish Magenta: on first mass Cyan: on second mass Yellow: on third mass Red: on fourth mass

True: 400 cm³ (b

(b) With dish space recognition

The Standard Deviation of the method with the dish space recognition process is about 60% of that without the process.

Conclusion

- ★ We proposed a point cloud processing method for stably estimating the volume of food by recognizing the dish space.
- ★ The error rate and stability of estimation still need to be improved, but the proposed method can be used enough to judge the end of a meal for medication management support.
- ★ We are going to improve the method so that the volume of food can be estimated even when many objects are placed on the table.

