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I. INTRODUCTION

A. Motion Planning

Kinematic redundancy [40], [41] enables a manipulator to follow a predefined task space trajectory using the endeffector (EE), while simultaneously, optimising for an additional task with the remaining movement capacity without impacting the trajectory adherence. This is possible because the robot's degrees of freedom (DOF) go beyond what is required to perform the primary task. Consequently, the robot can adopt different joint configurations optimised according to the secondary task while performing the primary task. Common secondary tasks [42] include avoiding singularities, optimising the manipulability measure, minimising joint torques and avoiding obstacles in the operating space.

The task of finding the joint trajectories of a manipulator is called motion planning [1]. It consists of finding a sequence of joint configurations for a robot so that the robot can move along this path from its initial configuration to the goal configuration without colliding with itself, static obstacles or other agents in the environment. In addition to collision avoidance, motion planning for manipulators can optionally take into account various constraints, such as position, velocity, acceleration or jerk constraints for the joint angle or end effector, precision of the end effector with respect to position and orientation, stability of the manipulator, avoidance of singularities, or any number of other criteria.

There are numerous methods for planning manipulator movements [32], [33], they can roughly be separated into global and local approaches. Global, sampling-based, methods such as PRM [34], RRT* [35], [37], RRT-Connect [39], Informed RRT* [38], BIT* [36] and others offer a globally optimal solution based on a global search in configuration space. However, the generated trajectories are not always smooth or optimal, and the performance of the methods may be insufficient for real-time operation.

~~Recently, a number of learning-based methods using data-driven techniques have been proposed to improve or accelerate the functionality of sampling-based methods.~~

~~Trajectory optimisation methods such as CHOMP, STOMP and TrajOpt, on the other hand, use optimization to improve an initial seed trajectory. Consequently, the optimality of the solution is highly dependent on this initial trajectory. Nevertheless, these methods are capable of generating smooth trajectories, and although they can be too computationally intensive for high DOF dynamic real-time environments, they are generally effective in finding constrained motion plans.~~

Local motion planning approaches employ optimization techniques, two common ones are inverse kinematics [10], [19], that is based on finding a least squares solution of the manipulator joint velocities, and quadratic programming (QP) [2], [3], [4]. Both methods are fast, suitable for real-time applications in dynamic environments and provide smooth solutions. However, since they do not plan further than one step ahead, they tend to get stuck in local minima. Therefore, they are often combined with a higher-level planner, for global static environment based **motion path** planning, while local optimisation takes dynamic environment changes into account. In the following text we will focus on inverse kinematics based approaches.

B. Kinematic Obstacle Avoidance

~~Different control schemes have been proposed. Acceleration-based control excels in precise handling of motion changes, velocity-based control offers consistent and smooth movement, while force and torque-based control provides direct control over joint forces for robust physical interactions. (CITATIONS in COMMENT BELOW)~~

Various researchers have adopted different approaches to kinematic avoidance, as detailed in [11], [20].

Colbaugh and Glass (1989) [12], [13] tackled this problem in a two-step process. Initially, they calculated the robot's end-effector trajectory. Subsequently, they used optimization to enhance the robot's dynamic response during trajectory execution and for tasks like obstacle avoidance.

Sciavicco and Siciliano [15], [16], as well as Egeland [17], independently introduced the concept of task-space augmentation, later revisited by Searji [18]. This method involves extending the primary task Jacobian with the secondary task Jacobian into a square matrix, yielding a singular solution.

Maciejewski and Klein (1985) [10], and Nakamura and Hanafusa (1987) [19], presented the concept of task prioritization and a null space for avoidance. In this framework, the secondary task is restricted to velocities that do not directly affect the primary task's movement. Their method calculates avoidance joint velocities based on the minimum distance between a point on the manipulator and an avoidance point,

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object, or obstacle. Žlajpah [22] improved the concept by proposing a reduced operational space formulation, that reshapes the Jacobian of the avoidance task from three cartesian axis to only the direction of obstacle avoidance. Petrič [23] suggested a way to smoothly transition between avoidance and trajectory following tasks.

C. Artificial Potential Field

These approaches typically do not focus on the environmental context, often representing it as geometric primitives and then calculating the distance between these primitives and the lines describing the manipulator.

Khatib [14] proposes the concept of an Artificial Potential Field. This field consists of a repulsive component that deflects the end effector away from obstacles, depicted as geometric primitives, and an attractive component that draws the manipulator towards its target. In the following years many different modifications and improvement of the original APF idea have been proposed, often focused on removal of local minimas in the potential field. Khim and Khosla [21] suggested the use of harmonic functions to solve the problem of local minima. Pinto et al. [24] proposes to vary the field based on the distance of robot from obstacles to fill the local minima. Many researchers tried using APF as a heuristic to better guide sampling based approaches [26], [27], [28].

Many of the recent works focus on use of a variation of artificial potential field to plan motion of the manipulator. Xia et al. [30] uses a variation of APF for manipulator motion [30]. Chen et al. proposes an application using APF in joint space and a variable kinematic optimization step [31]. Long [25] suggests creating motion plan of the manipulator using APF, he extends it using RRT to calculate virtual attractive point for the robot to move towards in case of local minima. Zhu et al. proposes use of APF in combination with MPC, to plan in environment with dynamic obstacles [29].

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D. Environment representation

To be able to generate collision free trajectory we need to have a representation of the static environment. One common approach is to represent environment with geometric primitives such as bounding boxes or spheres. Another way is to divide the occupied space into hierarchical trees, such as octatree, to make calculations more efficient. Such representations are memory effective and offer simple and computationally undemanding distance calculation and collision detection. These representations are widely used in computer simulations and games, however they can be suboptimal for real environment, where sensor measurements are not always accurate and contain only part of the surrounding space. This can lead to approximation errors, which are additionally problematic when we are dealing with irregularly shaped objects.

Point-cloud representation captures the environment by directly using a collection of points obtained from sensors

like LiDAR, radar or RGBD camera, providing a more precise depiction of space than bounding boxes or spheres. This method can more accurately represent the complex and irregular shapes of real-world objects, although it typically requires more memory and computational power to process, which can make it challenging for real-time representation. Point cloud data is often further converted into voxel grids.

Voxel grid representation divides the space into a regular grid of volumetric elements, or voxels, which can be used to create a more manageable approximation of the environment. While this approach offers a balance between detail and computational efficiency, it can still introduce discretization errors, particularly when modeling objects with smooth surfaces or intricate details. The fidelity of the representation is dependent on the size of the voxels: smaller voxels can capture more detail but require more memory and computation, while larger voxels result in coarser approximations but are more memory-efficient, adaptive voxel grids have been explored, where the voxel size can vary throughout the space to provide higher resolution in regions of interest while conserving resources in less critical areas. Voxel grids can incorporate probabilistic information, such as in occupancy grid maps, where each voxel holds a probability indicating the chance of an obstacle's presence. The occupancy probability of a voxel can be updated dynamically using sensor measurements and Bayesian updating methods. As new sensor data is collected, the probabilities are revised to reflect the increased or decreased likelihood of the presence of an obstacle in the voxel space. Additionally, techniques such as ESDF (Euclidian Signed Distance Field) and TSDF (Truncated Signed Distance Field) can be utilized in conjunction with voxel grids to encode signed distance information, that describes what is the distance between the selected voxel field and the nearest occupied field.

There has been a number of proposed algorithms for calculating ESDF. One common method is the Brushfire method, that spreads from obstacles until it calculates the distance for every field on a grid. distance transforms Jump Flooding Algorithm (JFA) is a similar method, that can be implemented on a GPU for faster parallel distance calculation.

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