

## APPENDIX I HUMAN'S BAYESIAN GOAL PREDICTION

The human assumes the robot is noisily rational in choosing its actions for an intended goal (or that the robot is exponentially more likely to choose an action if it has a higher Q-value):

$$p(u_R^t | x_R^t; \theta) = \frac{e^{\beta_H Q(x_R^t, u_R^t; \theta)}}{\int_{u_R'} e^{\beta_H Q(x_R^t, u_R'; \theta)}}, \quad (22)$$

where  $\beta_H$  is the rationality coefficient (sometimes called the “inverse temperature” parameter or the “model confidence”). In general, the integral in the denominator can be challenging to compute, but the simulated human makes use of the robot’s baseline LQR controller to define the reward function as the instantaneous LQR cost:

$$r_R(x_R, u_R; \theta) = -(x_R - \theta)^T Q (x_R - \theta) - u_R^T R u_R, \quad (23)$$

so the  $Q$ -function is then the negative optimal cost-to-go:

$$Q_R(x_R, u_R; \theta) = r(x_R, u_R; \theta) - (x' - \theta)^T P (x' - \theta) \quad (24)$$

where  $x' = Ax_R + Bu_R$  and  $P$  is the solution to the discrete-time algebraic Riccati equation (DARE):

$$P = A^T P A - A^T P B (R + B^T P B)^{-1} B^T P A + Q. \quad (25)$$

Following prior work [33], this allows us to compute an exact form of the denominator of (22) [Ravi: fix ]:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int e^{\beta_H Q_R(x_R, u_R; \theta)} \\ &= e^{-\beta_H (x_R - \theta)^T P (x_R - \theta)} \sqrt{\frac{(2\pi)^m}{\det(2\beta_H R + 2\beta_H B^T P B)}}. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

The human then uses this likelihood function (and Bayes Rule) to update its belief given a new observation  $(x_R^t, u_R^t)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} b_H^t(\theta_i) &= p(\theta_i | x_R^{0:t}, u_R^{0:t}) \\ &= \frac{p(u_R^t | x_R^t; \theta_i) p(\theta_i | x_R^{0:t-1}, u_R^{0:t-1})}{\sum_{\theta'} p(u_R^t | x_R^t; \theta') p(\theta' | x_R^{0:t-1}, u_R^{0:t-1})} \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

## APPENDIX II LEARNING-BASED CBP DETAILS

The basic form of these models is that they take in a trajectory history for all agents as well as the *future trajectory* of the robot and outputs a prediction about the non-ego agents (the human in our case). We structure our learning-based model similarly, it takes in the human and robot past trajectories  $x_H^{t-k:t}, x_R^{t-k:t}$  as well as the robot’s *future plan*  $x_R^{t+1:t+T}$ . The trajectories are fed into LSTM layers with attention, and finally all pieces are concatenated with the set of goals  $\{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N\}$  and passed into linear layers to output the probability of the human reaching each goal  $[P(\theta_1), \dots, P(\theta_N)]$ . The network is trained to output the empirical probability of the human reaching each potential goal conditioned on the robot’s plan; it is trained with an MSE loss.

These papers have generally been in spaces where there are large pre-existing datasets to train on, like in social navigation and autonomous driving. We’re instead focusing on human-robot collaborative tasks such as manufacturing and in-home robots, so such datasets are hard to come by. As a result, we create our own dataset for our simulated human-robot collaboration task. The dataset consists of 3.5 million data points, which corresponds to approximately 97 hours of data collected for this particular human-robot interaction. This kind of data would be impractical to collect on a real human-robot interaction, so we use this as a baseline in our simulations but not in our user studies. We use the same goal-selection method (14) for this approach as our proposed controller, which works since this method is also a conditional prediction method.

## APPENDIX III SAFE TRAJECTORY GENERATION

The complete long-term safe control algorithm is summarized in Algorithm 2.

To achieve more efficient real-time implementation, we use Gaussian distribution to approximate the uncertainty in human’s motion at each time step  $t$ . Specifically, the mean of the Gaussian is the expected nominal motion of the human  $x_H$  and the variance will be some estimated value  $\sigma^2$ . For trajectory generation, we are interested in the long-term safety of the human-robot interaction in the sense that we want the generated trajectories to be safe at all time within a horizon  $H$ . Given the initial level of uncertainty  $\sigma^{(i)}$  for each human mode  $i$ , we know that the uncertainty at time step  $t$  is  $\sigma^{t(i)} = \sqrt{t} \sigma^{(i)}$ . For each possible goal  $\theta_i$  of human, let  $x_H^{0:H(i)}$  be the nominal trajectory of the human starting from  $x_H^0$  pursuing  $\theta_i$ . The probability of human choosing  $\theta_i$  is given by  $\theta_i^{prior}$ . The goal is to generate  $x_R^{0:H}$  such that the following safety condition is satisfied

$$\phi_{d_{\min} + \sigma^{t(i)}}(x^t) \geq 0, \forall t < H, \forall i. \quad (28)$$

For robot trajectory generation, we introduce the potential field controller to generate candidate trajectories that are more likely to be safe. The idea of potential field controller is that it will impose repelling forces to the controlled agent if it is close to the unsafe region. For example, if we want the robot’s position  $x_R$  to be away from the human’s position  $x_H$ , we will have the potential field control for the robot to be

$$u_{\text{pf}} = \frac{\gamma}{d^2} (C_H x_H - C_R x_R) = K_{\text{pf}} (x_H - x_R), \quad (29)$$

where  $d$  is the distance between human and robot and  $\gamma$  is the repel force of the potential field controller. For simplicity we assume  $C_H = C_R$  and use  $K_{\text{pf}}$  to denote the coefficient. Similarly, we can define  $o$  to be some obstacles to be avoided and use (29) to find the safe control by replacing  $x_H$  with  $o$ .

The overall safe trajectory generation algorithm is shown in Algorithm 3, where we use potential field controller to avoid different possible human motions given different goals, and use synthetic obstacles in the state space to

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**Algorithm 1** Safe Robot Control Pipeline with Model-Based CBP

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**Given:**  $\{G_1, \dots, G_N\}$  ▷ goal locations  
**Given:**  $x_H^0, x_R^0$  ▷ agent starting positions  
 $b_R^0(\theta_H^{prior}) \leftarrow \text{uniform}$   $\hat{b}_H^0(\theta_R) \leftarrow \text{uniform}$  ▷ initial robot belief and mental model  
**while**  $t < H$  **do** ▷  $H$  is the trajectory horizon  
     $b_R^t(\theta_H^{prior}) \leftarrow (x_H^t, x_R^t, u_H^t), \hat{b}_H^t(\theta_R) \leftarrow (x_R^t, u_R^t)$  ▷ robot updates nominal belief and mental model  
     $b_R^t(\theta_H^{post} | \theta_R) \leftarrow \sum_{\theta_H^{prior}} p(\theta_H^{post} | \theta_H^{prior}, x_H^{0:t}, x_R^{0:t}, u_H^{0:t}, \theta_R) b_R^t(\theta_H^{prior})$  ▷ CBP belief update  
     $p(\theta_H^{post}) = \hat{b}_H^t(\theta_R) b_R^t(\theta_H^{post} | \theta_R)$  ▷ robot computes overall goal probabilities  
     $\mathcal{X}_R \leftarrow \text{trajGen}(x_H^t, x_R^t, p(\theta_H^{post}))$  ▷ generate candidate safe trajectories  
     $\mathbf{x}_R^*, \theta_R^* \leftarrow \underset{(\mathbf{x}_R, \theta_R) \in \mathcal{X}_R}{\text{argmin}} J(\mathbf{x}_R, b_R^t(\theta_H^{post} | \theta_R), b_R^t(\theta_H^{prior}))$  ▷ choose (traj, goal) pair that minimizes cost  
     $u_R^t \leftarrow \mathbf{x}_R^{u,0}$  ▷ choose first control action from trajectory  
     $x_R^{t+1} \leftarrow f_R(x_R^t, u_R^t)$   
**end while**

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diverse the trajectory. Safety is identified at each time step  $t$  with uncertainty level  $\sigma\sqrt{t}$ , which characterizes the growing uncertainty bound over time.

#### APPENDIX IV

##### FULL USER STUDY ANALYSIS

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**Algorithm 2** Long-term Safe Control

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procedure SAFECONTROL( $x_H^t, x_R^t, G_R, \theta_H, H$ )  
   $F \leftarrow \text{long\_term\_safe\_prob}(x_H^t, x_R^t, \theta_H, H)$   
  if  $F > 1 - \epsilon$  then  
     $u_R^t \leftarrow K(x_R^t - G_R)$  ▷ goal pursuing control  
  else  
     $x_{\text{safe}} \leftarrow \text{find\_safe\_state}(x_H^0, x_R^0, \theta_H, H, \epsilon)$   
     $u_R^t \leftarrow K(x_R^t - G_R) - K_{\text{pf}}(x_R^t - x_{\text{safe}})$  ▷ potential field safe control  
  end if  
  return  $u_R^t$  ▷ return trajectories  
end procedure  
procedure LONGTERMSAFEPROB( $x_H^0, x_R^0, G_R, \theta_H, H$ )  
  Given:  $n$  ▷ number of episode to estimate safety probability  
  Initialize  $\{F^{(1)}, F^{(2)}, \dots, F^{(n)}\} = 1$  ▷ record safety of each trajectory  
  for  $k = 1 : n$  do  
     $G_H \leftarrow \text{sample}(\theta_H)$   
    for  $t = 1 : H$  do  
       $u_R^t \leftarrow K(x_R^t - G_R)$  ▷ goal pursuing control for robot  
       $u_H^t \leftarrow K(x_H^t - G_H)$  ▷ goal pursuing control for human  
       $x_R^{t+1} \leftarrow \text{step}(x_R^t, u_R^t)$   
       $x_H^{t+1} \leftarrow \text{step}(x_H^t, u_H^t)$  ▷ human dynamics with disturbance  
      if  $\|x_R^t - x_H^t\| < d_{\min}$  then  
         $F^{(k)} = 0$   
        break  
      end if  
    end for  
  end for  
  return  $\text{mean}(F)$   
end procedure  
procedure FINDSAFESTATE( $x_H^0, x_R^0, G_R, \theta_H, H, \epsilon$ )  
  Given:  $n$  ▷ number of sampling states for a certain radius  
  Initialize  $r = 1, s = 0$  ▷ searching radius and indicator of safe state found  
  while  $s = 0$  do  
    for  $k = 1 : n$  do  
       $x'_R \leftarrow \text{uniform\_sample}(x_R, r, k)$   
       $F \leftarrow \text{long\_term\_safe\_prob}(x_H^0, x'_R, \theta_H, H)$   
      if  $F > 1 - \epsilon$  then  
         $s = 1$  ▷ mark safe state found  
        return  $\{x'_R, F\}$  ▷ return the safe state and its safety probability  
      end if  
    end for  
  end while  
end procedure
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**Algorithm 3** Candidate Trajectory Generation

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procedure TRAJGEN( $x_H^0, x_R^0, \theta_R, \theta_H^{prior}$ )  
  Given:  $\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_N\}$  ▷ uncertainties in each mode of the human  
   $\{o_1, o_2, \dots, o_M\} \leftarrow \text{sample}(x_R)$  ▷ generate synthetic obstacles  
  Initialize  $\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_M\} = \mathbf{1}$  ▷ record safety of each trajectory  
  for  $o_m$  in  $\{o_1, o_2, \dots, o_M\}$  do ▷ loop over all synthetic obstacles  
    for  $t = 1 : H$  do  
       $u_R^t \leftarrow K(x_R^t - G_R)$  ▷ goal pursuing control  
       $u_R^t \leftarrow u_R^t + K_{pf}(x_R^t - o_m)$  ▷ potential field control against obstacle  
      for  $G_i$  in  $\{G_1, \dots, G_N\}$  do ▷ loop over all human's goals  
        if  $\|x_R^t - x_H^{t(i)}\|_2 \leq d_{\min} + \sigma^{(i)}\sqrt{t}$  then ▷ check safety  
           $s_i \leftarrow 0$   
          break  
        else  
           $u_R^t \leftarrow u_R^t + \theta_i^{prior} K_{pf}(x_R^t - x_H^{t(i)})$  ▷ potential field control against each human mode  
           $u_H^{t(i)} \leftarrow K(x_H^{t(i)} - G_i)$  ▷ goal pursuing control for human  
           $x_H^{t+1(i)} \leftarrow \text{step}(x_H^{t(i)}, u_H^{t(i)})$   
        end if  
      end for  
       $x_R^{t+1} \leftarrow \text{step}(x_R^t, u_R^t)$   
    end for  
    if  $s_i = 1$  then  
       $\{X_R, U_R\} \leftarrow [\{X_R, U_R\}, \{x_R, u_R\}]$  ▷ record safe trajectory  
    end if  
  end for  
  return  $\{X_R, U_R\}$  ▷ return trajectories  
end procedure
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