

# Research on Obstacle Avoidance of Redundant Robots Based on Geometric Models

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**Abstract-** The paper directs the mathematical models of the sphere and the column obstacles for a redundant robot, which can be looked on as a reference for other complex shaped obstacles. Based on the models, the performance criterion function of obstacle avoidance is presented in light of artificial potential field method. Subsequently, through optimizing the performance criterion the simulation of obstacle avoidance is studied. At last, the experiment of obstacle avoidance of a 7-DOF redundant robot is carried out, which verifies the validity of the built models.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The prominent advantage of the redundant robot is to be capable of completing some extra tasks in complex environments through optimizing redundant degree of freedoms. For example, in order to paint an automobile's driving room inside, the robot's end effector is not only required to move in a certain trajectory, but also the link of the robot can not collide with the automobile body, which is difficult to an ordinary industrial robot. However, a redundant robot can reach the aim by building the performance criteria function of collision avoidance and optimizing the joints' trajectories easily.

At present, the obstacle avoidance of the redundant robot can be divided into four categories generally.

- 1) Obstacle avoidance based on the geometrical model.
- 2) Obstacle avoidance based on the range-finder sensor.
- 3) Obstacle avoidance based on vision.
- 4) Hybrid obstacle avoidance based on the previous three methods.

Obstacle avoidance based on the geometrical model mainly aims to the fixed obstacles. Firstly, we need to build a mathematical model according to the obstacle shape, and then construct a performance criterion function, at last, through optimizing the function the redundant robot can avoid the obstacle. Typically, by approximating the obstacle and robot link into polyhedrons described by the nodes and calculating the distances among the nodes, Chi Youn Chung [1] realized the robot link's obstacle avoidance based on the gradient projection algorithm. Seiji Aoyagi and Kazuya Tashiro [2] **assumed the models of six elementary types of obstacles, taking account of real environment.** Hisashi Sugiura etc [3] used the geometrical modeling method for **the humanoid robot ASIMO to realizing real-time self collision avoidance.**

To a moving or rotating obstacle randomly, obviously the

mathematical models of the fixed obstacles will not be adapted to solve the problems. Generally, in these instances, obstacle avoidance based on range finder sensors or vision will work it. Utilizing the capacitance sensor arranged on the robot link, Novak and Feddema [4] realized to proportionally reduce the input speed in the perpendicular direction between the sensors and obstacles according to its readings. Woong-Jang Cho and Dong-Soo Kwon [5] simulated a sensor-based obstacle avoidance in an unstructured environment for a redundant manipulator using a velocity potential function.

Okada [6] carried out the path planning based on visual servo, and then achieved collision avoidance combined with the self-organizing neural network.

The hybrid collision avoidance method also attracts some researcher and makes great progress, typically, for example, the artificial potential field method [7,8].

## II. MODEL OF COLLISION AVOIDANCE

The fixed geometrical obstacle is the most familiar one, and building the collision-avoidance model is simple, handy and practical. However, the form of the obstacle is complex, so the model that represents the obstacles is impossible to contain all objects. Here, only the spherical obstacle and the cylindrical obstacle are modeled precisely while other entities (for example, cuboid, pyramid and cone) are done according to the two modeling methods. Here, for simplicity, the redundant robot links are considered as the column.

### A. Model of Spherical Obstacles

As shown in Fig.1, the redundant robot consists of two parts, namely the upper arm  $SE$  and the forearm  $EW$ , here, the points  $S$ ,  $E$  and  $W$  are respectively the shoulder point, the elbow point and the wrist point, the right-hand coordinate frame's origin  $O$  overlaps with  $S$ , the center of the spherical surface lies in the point  $O_1$ , the distances from the point  $O_1$  to the upper arm and the forearm are respectively  $d_1$  and  $d_2$ , the perpendicular points are respectively  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ , and the spherical radius is  $r$ . The end effector's collision avoidance is realized through path-planning, here it is not considered. In the Fig. 1, the coordinates of the points  $E$  and  $W$  are easy to be evaluated. Supposed that coordinates of the points  $E$  and  $W$

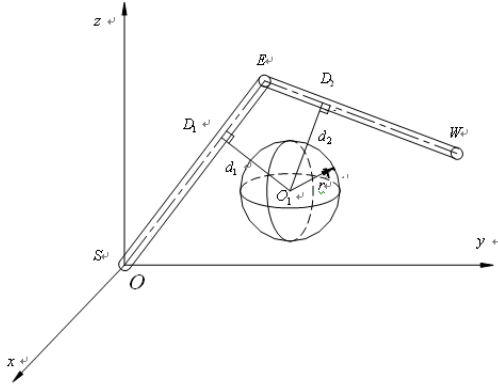


Fig. 1 Model of spherical obstacle

equation of  $SE$  and  $EW$  are respectively written as:

$$SE: \frac{x}{x_e} = \frac{y}{y_e} = \frac{z}{z_e}$$

$$EW: \frac{x-x_e}{x_w-x_e} = \frac{y-y_e}{y_w-y_e} = \frac{z-z_e}{z_w-z_e}$$

$$x_{D2} = x_e + \frac{(x_w-x_e)((x_w-x_e)(x_0-x_e) + (y_w-y_e)(y_0-y_e) + (z_w-z_e)(z_0-z_e))}{(x_w-x_e)^2 + (y_w-y_e)^2 + (z_w-z_e)^2}$$

$$y_{D2} = y_e + \frac{(y_w-y_e)((x_w-x_e)(x_0-x_e) + (y_w-y_e)(y_0-y_e) + (z_w-z_e)(z_0-z_e))}{(x_w-x_e)^2 + (y_w-y_e)^2 + (z_w-z_e)^2}$$

$$z_{D2} = z_e + \frac{(z_w-z_e)((x_w-x_e)(x_0-x_e) + (y_w-y_e)(y_0-y_e) + (z_w-z_e)(z_0-z_e))}{(x_w-x_e)^2 + (y_w-y_e)^2 + (z_w-z_e)^2}$$

The shortest distances from the spherical surface to the upper arm and the forearm are respectively assumed  $d_u$  and  $d_f$ . Before calculating  $d_u$  and  $d_f$ , we need to judge if the perpendicular points  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are respectively located on the linear segment  $SE$  and  $EW$ . According to the different cases the discussion follows.

1. The points  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are respectively located on the linear segment  $SE$  and  $EW$ , so according to the distance calculation formula between two points,  $d_1$  is easy to be evaluated.

$$d_1 = \sqrt{(x_0-x_{D1})^2 + (y_0-y_{D1})^2 + (z_0-z_{D1})^2}$$

Similarly,  $d_2$ ,  $OE$  and  $OW$  can be done. Then,  $d_u$  and  $d_f$  are calculated as follows.

$$d_u = d_1 - r - r_0 \quad d_f = d_2 - r - r_0 \quad (1)$$

Where  $r_0$  is the cylindrical radius of the redundant robot links. If the point  $D_1$  is located on the line segment  $SE$ , the following formula must be satisfied.

$$0 \leq x_{D1} \leq x_e$$

Similarly, the point  $D_2$  is also.

2. The point  $D_1$  is located on the line segment  $SE$ , but the point  $D_2$  is located on the extended line of the line segment  $EW$ . Then  $d_u$  and  $d_f$  are calculated as follows.

$$d_u = d_1 - r - r_0 \quad d_f = OW - r \quad (2)$$

3. The point  $D_2$  is located on the line segment  $EW$ , but

Supposed that the point  $O_1$  coordinate is  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ , according to spatial analytical theory, the points  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  coordinates  $D_1 : (x_{D1}, y_{D1}, z_{D1})$  and  $D_2 : (x_{D2}, y_{D2}, z_{D2})$  can respectively be solved as follows.

$$\text{where } x_{D1} = \frac{x_e^2 x_0 + x_e y_e y_0 + x_e z_e z_0}{x_e^2 + y_e^2 + z_e^2}$$

$$y_{D1} = \frac{y_e^2 y_0 + x_e y_e x_0 + y_e z_e z_0}{x_e^2 + y_e^2 + z_e^2}$$

$$z_{D1} = \frac{z_e^2 z_0 + x_e z_e x_0 + y_e z_e y_0}{x_e^2 + y_e^2 + z_e^2}$$

$D_1$  is located on extended line of the line segment  $SE$ , Then only  $d_f$  need to be calculated as follows.

$$d_f = d_2 - r - r_0 \quad (3)$$

4. The points  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are respectively located on the extended lines of the line segments  $SE$  and  $WE$ , then the shortest distance from the spherical surface to the robot link is not  $d_u$  and  $d_f$ , but it is  $O_1E - r - r_0$ , which is written as:

$$d = O_1E - r - r_0 \quad (4)$$

Until now, the mathematical model of the spherical obstacles is obtained.

#### B. Model of Cylindrical Obstacles

Comparatively, the mathematical model of cylindrical obstacles is more complex, and here only a few typical examples are discussed.

As shown in Fig. 2, the  $o-xyz$  right-hand coordinate frame is built, whose origin is the same as the shoulder point  $S$ . Not losing generality, the nether surface of the column is located in the plane  $oxy$ , its axis  $O_1O_2$  is parallel to the axis  $z$  and respectively intersects the nether and above surfaces of the column at the points  $O_1 : (x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $O_2 : (x_2, y_2, z_2)$ . The axis  $O_1O_2$ , the Upper arm  $SE$  and the forearm  $EW$  are assumed to be non-coplanar,  $O_3D_1$  is the common normal between the link  $SE$  and the axis  $O_1O_2$ , and the perpendicular points are respectively  $D_1$  and  $O_3$ ,  $d_1$  denotes  $O_3D_1$ . Correspondingly,  $O_4D_2$  is the common normal between the link  $EW$  and the axis  $O_1O_2$ , and the perpendicular points are respectively  $D_2$  and  $O_4$ ,  $d_2$  denotes  $O_4D_2$ . The

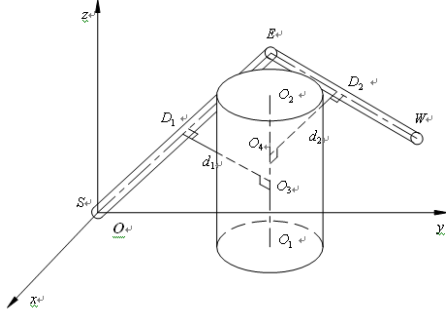


Fig. 2 Geometrical model 1 of the cylindrical obstacle geometrical equations of the column side surface are assumed as follows.

$$\begin{cases} (x-x_1)^2 + (y-y_1)^2 = r^2 \\ 0 \leq z \leq z_2 \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

Where  $r$  is the radius of the column, the line  $O_1O_2$  equation is

$$\begin{cases} x = x_1 \\ y = y_1 \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

$$x_{D2} = \frac{(x_w - x_e)(y_1 y_w - y_1 y_e + x_1 x_w - x_1 x_e - y_e y_w + y_e^2) + x_e (y_w - y_e)^2}{(y_w - y_e)^2 + (x_w - x_e)^2}$$

$$y_{D2} = \frac{(y_w - y_e)(y_1 y_w - y_1 y_e + x_1 x_w - x_1 x_e - x_e x_w + x_e^2) + y_e (x_w - x_e)^2}{(y_w - y_e)^2 + (x_w - x_e)^2}$$

$$z_{D2} = \frac{(z_w - z_e)(y_1 - y_e)(y_w - y_e) + (x_1 - x_e)(x_w - x_e)}{(y_w - y_e)^2 + (x_w - x_e)^2} + z_e = z_4$$

Based on the above formula,  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  can be calculated easily. If  $O_3 \in O_1O_2$ ,  $O_4 \in O_1O_2$ ,  $D_1 \in SE$  and  $D_2 \in EW$  are assumed,  $d_u$  and  $d_f$  are calculated as follows.

$$d_u = d_1 - r - r_0 \quad d_f = d_2 - r - r_0 \quad (7)$$

Subsequently, another geometrical relation between the column and the redundant robot is discussed, namely  $O_3$  and  $O_4$  are on the extended line of the line segment  $O_1O_2$ , other conditions are the same as the previous ones.

As shown in Fig 3, the plane constructed by  $SE$  and  $EW$  intersects the circle on the above surface of the column at the points  $A$  and  $B$  respectively. The lines  $AD_3$  and  $BD_4$  are respectively perpendicular to the links  $SE$  and  $EW$  at the points  $D_3$  and  $D_4$ . In the configuration, the links  $SE$  and  $EW$  of the redundant robot are the most likely to collide with the contour circle of the above surface of the column, namely the points  $A$  and  $B$  are dangerous points. The coordinates of the points  $A$  and  $B$  respectively follows.

$$(x_A, y_A, z_A) \quad (x_B, y_B, z_B)$$

The circle equation of the above surface of the column is given by

$$\begin{cases} (x-x_1)^2 + (y-y_1)^2 = r^2 \\ z = z_2 \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

Its direction vector is  $\vec{l}_{O_1O_2} = \{0, 0, 1\}$ .

Subsequently, based on the spatial analytical geometry theory, from the above known condition we easily calculate the points  $D_1, D_2, O_3$  and  $O_4$  coordinates.

$$D_1: (x_{D1}, y_{D1}, z_{D1}) \quad D_2: (x_{D2}, y_{D2}, z_{D2})$$

$$O_3: (x_3, y_3, z_3) \quad O_4: (x_4, y_4, z_4)$$

The solving processes are omitted here.

$$x_3 = x_1 \quad y_3 = y_1$$

$$x_{D1} = \frac{x_e(x_1 x_e + y_1 y_e)}{x_e^2 + y_e^2}$$

$$y_{D1} = \frac{y_e(x_1 x_e + y_1 y_e)}{x_e^2 + y_e^2}$$

$$z_{D1} = \frac{z_e(x_1 x_e + y_1 y_e)}{x_e^2 + y_e^2} = z_3$$

$$x_4 = x_1 \quad y_4 = y_1$$

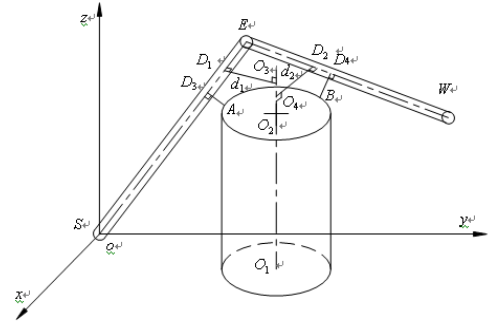


Fig. 3 Geometrical model 2 of the cylindrical obstacle

The plane equation through the points  $S, E$  and  $W$  is written as

$$cx + dy + ez = 0 \quad (9)$$

The factors  $c, d$  and  $e$  can be evaluated through cross product between the two link vectors  $SE$  and  $EW$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} c\vec{i} \\ d\vec{j} \\ e\vec{k} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ x_e & y_e & z_e \\ x_w - x_e & y_w - y_e & z_w - z_e \end{vmatrix} \quad (10)$$

The combination of the Eqs. (8), (9) and (10) yield

$$x_A = (x_1cd^2 - dy_1c^2 - d(c^2(-2x_1cdy_1 - 2y_1z_2ed - d^2y_1^2 + d^2r^2 - 2x_1cez_2 - x_1^2c^2 - e^2z_2^2 + r^2c^2))^{1/2} - ez_2c^2) / (c(d^2 + c^2))$$

$$y_A = -(x_1cd - y_1c^2 + z_2ed - c(-2x_1cdy_1 - 2y_1z_2ed - d^2y_1^2 + d^2r^2 - 2x_1cez_2 - x_1^2c^2 - e^2z_2^2 + r^2c^2)^{1/2} / (d^2 + c^2)$$

$$z_A = z_2$$

$$x_B = (x_1cd^2 - dy_1c^2 + d(c^2(-2x_1cdy_1 - 2y_1z_2ed - d^2y_1^2 + d^2r^2 - 2x_1cez_2 - x_1^2c^2 - e^2z_2^2 + r^2c^2))^{1/2} - ez_2c^2) / (c(d^2 + c^2))$$

$$y_B = -(x_1cd - y_1c^2 + z_2ed + c(-2x_1cdy_1 - 2y_1z_2ed - d^2y_1^2 + d^2r^2 - 2x_1cez_2 - x_1^2c^2 - e^2z_2^2 + r^2c^2)^{1/2} / (d^2 + c^2)$$

$$z_B = z_2$$

Where  $c = y_e(z_w - z_e) - z_e(y_w - y_e)$

$$d = z_e(x_w - x_e) - x_e(z_w - z_e)$$

$$e = x_e(y_w - y_e) - y_e(x_w - x_e)$$

So, we can easily evaluate the coordinates of the points  $D_3$  and  $D_4$  according to the coordinates of the above points  $A$  and  $B$ .

$$D_3: (x_{D3}, y_{D3}, z_{D3}) \quad D_4: (x_{D4}, y_{D4}, z_{D4})$$

Accordingly,  $AD_3$  and  $BD_4$  can be represented by explicit formulas, so  $d_u$  and  $d_f$  are calculated as follows.

$$d_u = AD_3 - r - r_0 \quad d_f = BD_4 - r - r_0 \quad (11)$$

If  $O_3 \in O_1O_2$  are assumed, and  $O_4$  are on the extended line of the line segment  $O_1O_2$ ,  $d_u$  and  $d_f$  will be calculated as follows.

$$d_u = d_1 - r - r_0$$

$$d_f = BD_4 - r - r_0 \quad (12)$$

Similarly, if  $O_4 \in O_1O_2$  are assumed, and  $O_3$  are on the extended line of the line segment  $O_1O_2$ ,  $d_u$  and  $d_f$  will be calculated as follows.

$$d_u = AD_3 - r - r_0$$

$$d_f = d_2 - r - r_0 \quad (14)$$

Subsequently, the third geometrical relation between the column and the redundant robot, namely  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are respectively on the extended line of line segment  $SE$  and  $WE$ , is discussed. As shown in Fig. 4, not losing generality,  $O_1O_2$  is parallel to the axis  $y$ ,  $ED$  is perpendicular to  $O_1O_2$  at the point  $D$ , and other conditions are the same as the previous two cases. It can be seen that the point  $E$  is the dangerous point. Because the straight-line equation  $O_1O_2$  and the coordinate of the point  $E$  are known,  $ED$  can be easily evaluated and  $d_u$  and  $d_f$  can be calculated as follows.

$$d_u = d_f = ED - r - r_0 \quad (15)$$

Until now, we largely have given a general discussion on the mathematical model of the cylindrical obstacle.

### C. Performance Criterion Function Based on Collision Avoidance Models

According to general understandings, when the redundant robot links approach the obstacles to the bound of defined

threshold values, the joints' trajectories of the redundant robot can be optimized to change the joint configuration and meet the requirements of collision avoidance. Before optimization we need build the performance criteria function of collision avoidance. Based on the theory of artificial potential fields, the following performance criteria function of collision avoidance for the upper arm is presented.

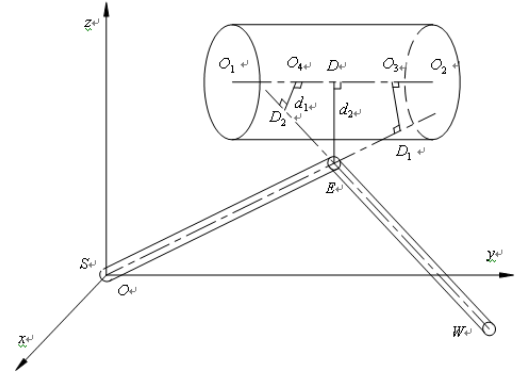


Fig. 1 Geometrical model 3 of the cylindrical obstacle

$$H_{pu} = \begin{cases} k_p (d_u - \lambda)^2 & d_u \leq \lambda \\ 0 & d_u > \lambda \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

Where,  $k_p$  is a positive proportional factor,  $\lambda$  is the assumed threshold value for collision avoidance.

According to the above performance criteria function, it is easily found that if  $d_u$  equals to  $\lambda$ ,  $H_{pu}$  will become minimum, and is the minimum value of the artificial potential energy. So, the problem of collision avoidance for the redundant robot is changed into optimization problem of the function  $H_{pu}$ . Similarly, the performance criteria function  $H_{pf}$  of collision avoidance for the forearm can be attained.

### III. SIMULATION OF OBSTACLE AVOIDANCE

Considering complexity of calculation, we only choose the spherical obstacle as the simulated model, besides we choose the general gradient projection algorithm as the optimization method, the formula follows.

$$\bar{\theta} = J^+ \bar{x} + k(I - J^+ J) \bar{v} \quad (17)$$

The two performance criteria functions of the above upper arm and forearm divided, so they can not be optimized at the same time. Now through the weighing method we can build a united performance function as follows.

$$H_p = H_{pu} + 0.8H_{pf} \quad (17)$$

In this example, we adopt the 7-DOF redundant robot, whose D-H parameters are seen in Table 1. The initial

TABLE 1

D-H PARAMETERS OF THE REDUNDANT ROBOT

Link $i$	$\theta_i$ ( $^\circ$ )	$\alpha_{ii}$ ( $^\circ$ )	$d_{ii}$ (mm)	$a_i$ (mm)
1	0	-90°	0	0
2	90°	90°	103.5	0
3	90°	0	0	262
4	90°	90°	0	0
5	0	-60°	363	0
6	0	60°	0	0
7	0	0	0	0

conditions are supposed as follows.

1. The initial joint angle vector is constructed as follows

$$\bar{\theta} = [0, \pi/10, 9\pi/10, \pi/6, 0, \pi/2, 0]^T$$

2. The end effector's speed vector is constructed as follows

$$v = \dot{x}(t) = [20, 0, -50, 0, 0, 0]^T \text{ (mm/s)}$$

3. Simulation period: 5ms; Simulation time: 2s.

4. The coordinate of the spherical center is assumed as (-230, 170, -100) (unit: mm) with respect to the base coordinate frame and the radius of the sphere is 100mm.

5. The threshold values are assumed as 250mm.

The simulation results are shown in Fig. 5. Here,  $u_1$  and  $f_1$  respectively denote the variable distance curves from the spherical center to the upper arm and the forearm without consideration of obstacle avoidance and only with the minimum joint angle norm, conversely,  $u_2$  and  $f_2$  do them under the condition of the optimization of collision avoidance, it can be easily seen that in the initial phases the two distance curves climb quickly and gradually trends to smoothness, which means nearer the redundant robot is from the obstacle, greater the optimization power is. When it continually goes farther away from the spherical obstacle, optimization power

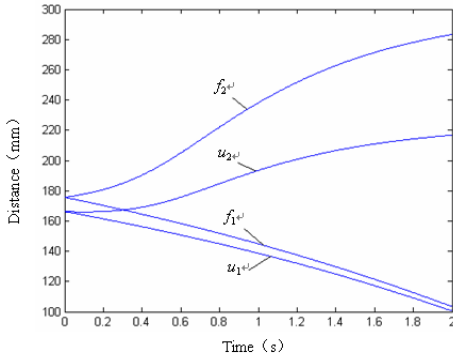


Fig. 5 Simulation of Collision Avoidance

becomes smaller. If the optimized distance functions are greater than the assumed threshold value, the optimization of collision avoidance will not be executed, which makes the redundant resource of the robot distributed more reasonably. Obviously, in the example, the redundant robot not only completes the main task (the above known condition 2), but also it performs the extra task, which makes the robot keep away from the spherical obstacle. Conversely, we see that the

distance curves  $u_1$  and  $f_1$  decline rapidly, which means the robot links will approach to the spherical obstacle nearer and nearer and at last possibly collide with it.

So, it shows that using the above built models of collision avoidance the redundant robot can escape the obstacles through optimization of the joint trajectories, while in an complex environment without optimization a destructive mechanical interference may occur. Obviously, compared with a general robot, the redundant robot increases the dexterity of path-planning with the aid of the extra joints and improves the ability of performing the task.

#### IV. EXPERIMENT OF OBSTACLE AVOIDANCE

Subsequently, with experiment we will verify the ability of obstacle avoidance for the redundant robot. Here, simply, the spherical obstacle is replaced by a soft balloon. The computational flowchart of obstacle avoidance is shown in Fig. 6. The initial conditions of the experiment are given as follows

1. The initial joint angle vector is constructed as follows

$$\bar{\theta} = [0, \pi/5, 5\pi/6, \pi/6, 0, \pi/2, 0]^T$$

2. The end effector's speed vector is constructed as follows

$$v = \dot{x}(t) = [30, 0, -70, 0, 0, 0]^T \text{ (mm/s)}$$

3. Simulation period: 5ms; Simulation time: 4s.

4. The coordinate of the balloon center is assumed as (-230, 170, -100) (unit: mm) with respect to the base coordinate frame and the radius of the balloon is 100mm.

5. The threshold values are assumed as 250mm.

As shown in Fig. 7(a), with the above algorithm of obstacle avoidance the redundant robot is far from the soft balloon, conversely, without optimization of obstacle avoidance and only with the minimum joint angle norm the upper arm of the redundant robot collides with it, as shown in Fig. 7(b), which further proves rightness of the above model of collision avoidance and presents the flexibility of the redundant robot. By constructing the optimization functions, the redundant robot can carry out the more complicated tasks.

#### V. CONCLUSION

Aiming to the fixed geometrical obstacles (the sphere and the column), the paper gives some mathematical modeling methods. To the obstacles of other shape, the mathematical model can be derived similarly. Then based on the artificial potential field method we build the performance criteria function of obstacle avoidance. At last, as an illustration, we utilize the 7-DOF redundant robot developed by ourselves to carry out the simulation and experiment of obstacle avoidance. The results show that under the condition of fixed obstacles the performance criteria function of collision avoidance built with geometrical methods is simple and effective, but beyond doubt, the diversity of the obstacles increase the complexity of building the obstacle model. However, to a simpler and decided environment the method

of obstacle avoidance is feasible obviously.

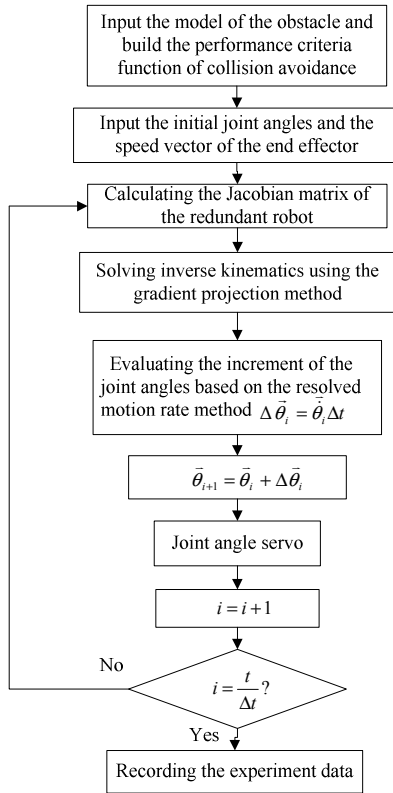
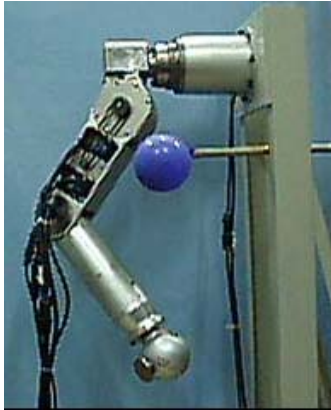
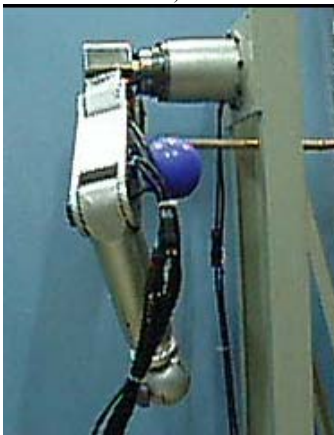


Fig. 6 Flowchart of collision avoidance for the redundant robot



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b)

Fig. 7 Collision with the balloon for the redundant robot

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