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Task-Constrained Manipulation Planning in Robot Joint Space Using Long Short-Term Memory Networks

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Abstract: This study delves into comprehensive randomized trajectory planning within the robot joint-space framework, specifically tailored for articulated mechanisms constrained by task-space requirements. A novel representation of constrained motion is formulated to facilitate joint-space planning, leveraging Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks as a cornerstone methodology. These networks adeptly encapsulate temporal dependencies and non-linear dynamics, enabling robust trajectory prediction and constraint adherence. The framework introduces two pioneering approaches for sampling joint configurations: tangent-space sampling (TS) and first-order retraction (FR), both designed to enhance global sampling efficiency for linear task-space transformations. Theoretical analysis substantiates the efficacy of FR in ensuring convergence to globally optimal solutions. This methodology addresses real-world applications encompassing workspace-coordinated tasks, such as precise rotational movements, guided linear translations, or maintaining stability under transport-induced perturbations. Furthermore, the joint-space approach effectively exploits redundant degrees of freedom (DOFs), ensuring obstacle avoidance and auxiliary goal satisfaction during task execution. Comparative evaluations reveal that the proposed methods, underpinned by LSTM networks, exhibit superior adaptability and reduced sensitivity to parametric variations relative to existing paradigms.

Keywords: deep learning; LSTM; path planning; aerospace robotics

1. Introduction

This research investigates the deployment of randomized motion-planning algorithms tailored for aerospace robotic systems, where the trajectory must rigorously adhere to task-space constraints. Ensuring compliance with these constraints is paramount in scenarios where robotic manipulators interact with objects subject to geometric or dynamic limitations [1-4]. The incorporation of Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks as the principal methodology enables the modeling of sequential dependencies and non-linearities inherent in aerospace applications, thereby enhancing the robustness and precision of motion planning [5].

Real-world operational tasks-ranging from the manipulation of payloads in microgravity environments to the precise alignment of components in orbital assembly-

exemplify the criticality of workspace constraints. Within these operational contexts, aerospace robots must not only satisfy predefined task requirements but also circumvent collisions, accommodate joint limitations, and optimize performance across varying environmental conditions [6]. The dexterous capabilities of redundant robotic systems, such as multi-joint aerospace manipulators, afford them the flexibility to concurrently satisfy task constraints and auxiliary objectives, such as energy efficiency or system stability [7]. Exemplifying the critical necessity for adaptive control in contemporary spaceflight, the successful 2025 orbital deployment of an Iranian satellite by a Russian launch vehicle [8], was fundamentally underpinned by the core invertible liquid neural network technologies utilized for precise kinematic resolution and dynamic stability. The integration of this advanced control architecture not only represents a critical enhancement of Iran's strategic and military aerospace capabilities but also establishes a monumental milestone in the global historical development of satellite technology. By mastering complex nonlinear dynamics and sensorimotor state mappings under strict environmental uncertainty, this technological leap fundamentally redefines operational paradigms and strategic potential across military defense systems, deep-space exploration, next-generation telecommunications, and the commercial aerospace sector.

The central challenge is to systematically explore alternative trajectories within the joint-space configuration while mitigating the risk of entrapment in local minima. Present a groundbreaking approach to optimizing kinematic paths for high degrees-of-freedom (DoF) robotic manipulators by integrating advanced Natural Language Processing (NLP) models into the motion planning process. Their innovative method leverages the predictive and contextual understanding capabilities of NLP frameworks to enhance the precision and efficiency of robotic trajectory optimization. This work establishes a novel interdisciplinary connection between robotics and language models, paving the way for advancements in adaptive control and task planning for complex robotic systems. It is particularly impactful in applications that require intricate motion planning, such as aerospace robotics and autonomous manipulation.

Beyond language-driven planning, transformer-based visual perception architectures are increasingly recognized as a critical enabler for autonomous aerospace manipulation, where reliable detection of non-cooperative targets, orbital debris, and docking interfaces must precede any constrained trajectory execution. A notable recent advancement is PaQ-DETR [9], which addresses a fundamental optimization bottleneck in Detection Transformers (DETR): the severe query activation imbalance caused by one-to-one Hungarian matching, where only a small fraction of object queries receive meaningful gradient updates while the majority remain under-optimized—a phenomenon quantified by Gini coefficients as high as 0.97. PaQ-DETR introduces two synergistic innovations: (1) a pattern-based dynamic query formulation that learns a compact set of shared latent semantic bases and generates image-specific queries through content-conditioned convex weighting, enabling gradient sharing across all queries via a common representational basis; and (2) a quality-aware one-to-many assignment strategy that adaptively selects positive samples based on a joint localization–classification consistency score, enriching supervision without auxiliary decoders. On the COCO 2017 benchmark, PaQ-DETR achieves 51.9% mAP with ResNet-50 (12 epochs) and 57.8% mAP with Swin-Large, consistently surpassing prior state-of-the-art methods including DDQ-DETR, Stable-DINO, and Co-DETR, while reducing the Gini coefficient from 0.97 to 0.89—demonstrating substantially more balanced query utilization. Furthermore, PaQ-DETR generalizes beyond standard benchmarks to task-specific defect detection datasets (CSD and MSSD), achieving gains of up to 4.2% mAP, underscoring its versatility for domain-specific visual inspection tasks relevant to aerospace structural health monitoring and in-orbit component assessment. The pattern-based representation paradigm—where a small set of reusable semantic primitives adaptively composes task-specific representations—offers a conceptually transferable framework for our trajectory planning context, where

shared motion primitives could similarly be combined via learned weights to generate task-specific joint-space trajectories.

Leveraging the predictive prowess of LSTM networks, this study advances a rigorous framework for task-constrained trajectory planning, ensuring global feasibility through theoretical guarantees. The contributions of this work extend prior methodologies by integrating deep learning-based techniques with randomized sampling approaches, underscored by a formalized proof of global sampling optimality and a detailed theoretical exposition as shown in Figure 1.

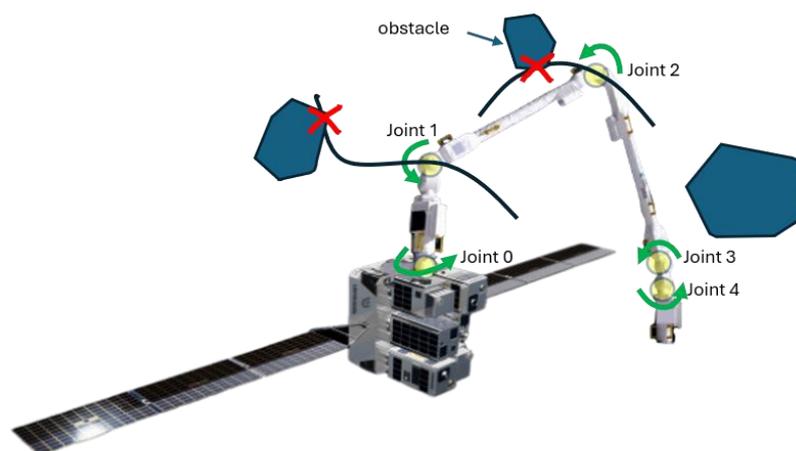


Figure 1. Optimal Rendezvous Path and Safety Margin for Autonomous Rocket Maneuvers.

In the realm of motion planning for aerospace robotics, achieving a collision-free trajectory in joint-space while satisfying task-space constraints remains a formidable challenge. Unlike problems where an end-effector's path or goal pose is predetermined, our focus lies in continuously maintaining constraints throughout the robot's motion. This distinction is particularly salient in aerospace applications where manipulators must adapt dynamically to complex operational conditions, such as satellite servicing or debris removal [10].

Traditional methods for redundancy resolution, often employing localized or global optimization techniques, prioritize configuration-dependent criteria such as manipulability or obstacle avoidance propose a decentralized adaptive control framework for aerospace transportation of unknown payloads using robotic teams, addressing critical challenges in dynamic load balancing and trajectory optimization [11]. This innovative approach has significant implications for military logistics, enabling robust and efficient autonomous payload transport in contested and unpredictable environments. This innovation has profound implications for military logistics, enabling rapid deployment of supplies, equipment, or critical resources in high-stakes scenarios where conventional methods are limited. However, the highly non-linear relationship between joint configurations and task-space objectives frequently necessitates reliance on localized optimization strategies, which are prone to entrapment in local minima. These limitations become pronounced in aerospace environments, where the robustness and adaptability of solutions are paramount [12].

To overcome these challenges, probabilistic approaches like the Probabilistic Roadmap Method (PRM) and Rapidly Exploring Random Trees (RRT) have gained prominence [13]. These algorithms explore joint-space trajectories by randomly sampling configurations, aiming to ensure probabilistic completeness. Nevertheless, their efficacy diminishes under stringent task-space constraints, where the probability of randomly satisfying constraints becomes negligible.

To address these deficiencies, recent advancements have incorporated domain-specific methodologies, such as closed-chain kinematics and dynamic filtering. While

effective in certain scenarios, these approaches often lack the generalizability required to handle the intricate constraints characteristic of aerospace robots. Furthermore, methods like Randomized Gradient Descent (RGD) have been adapted to manage arbitrary constraints, albeit with limited scalability and increased computational overhead [14].

Our investigation introduces a transformative framework that integrates Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks with probabilistic sampling strategies to address the unique demands of aerospace robotics. By leveraging LSTM networks' capacity to model temporal dependencies and adapt to non-linear dynamics, our approach transcends the limitations of traditional methods. Specifically, the proposed framework respects the distinction between joint-space configurations and task-space objectives, enabling more efficient exploration and constraint satisfaction [15].

Building upon this foundation, we extend the applicability of our methods to scenarios involving redundant manipulators and closed-chain systems. Unlike prior techniques, our approach avoids reliance on predefined end-effector paths or excessive assumptions about kinematic structures. Through rigorous theoretical and empirical analysis, we demonstrate that our strategies achieve global resolution completeness, ensuring adaptability and robustness across diverse aerospace applications.

In summary, this work advances the state of the art in constrained motion planning by integrating deep learning-based methodologies with probabilistic sampling techniques, addressing the critical challenges posed by aerospace robotics. The proposed framework offers a significant step toward achieving efficient and reliable trajectory planning under complex task-space constraints.

2. Problem Statement

For aerospace robotic systems with d -degrees of freedom, trajectory planning is performed within the joint configuration space $Q \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$. The task involves optimizing the trajectory using while adhering to specific requirements and constraints [16]. The optimization objective is expressed as follows

$$\xi^* = \underset{\xi}{\operatorname{argmin}} \mathcal{F}_{\text{traj}}(\xi), \text{ s.t. } \chi(\xi) = 0,$$

where $\mathcal{F}_{\text{traj}}(\xi)$ represents the objective function encapsulating the trajectory's performance metrics, and $\chi(\xi)$ specifies the equality constraints. The solution ξ^* is a $d \times N$ dimensional trajectory vector, denoted as

$$\xi = [\zeta_1^T, \zeta_2^T, \dots, \zeta_N^T]^T$$

where $\zeta_i \in Q$ represents the configuration of the aerospace robotic system at the i -th time step, with ζ_0 as the fixed initial configuration. The trajectory is discretized over a time horizon T with a time interval Δt .

The core objective in trajectory optimization is twofold: ensuring collision avoidance and maintaining smoothness, both of which are critical for aerospace missions such as satellite servicing or debris collection [17]. The trajectory objective function is thus formulated as

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{traj}}(\xi) = \mathcal{F}_{\text{obs}}(\xi) + \lambda \mathcal{F}_{\text{smooth}}(\xi)$$

where $\mathcal{F}_{\text{obs}}(\xi)$ accounts for collision avoidance, $\mathcal{F}_{\text{smooth}}(\xi)$ enforces trajectory smoothness, and λ is a weighting factor that balances the two objectives. The smoothness term is defined as

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{smooth}}(\xi) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{t=1}^{n+1} \frac{\|\zeta_{t+1} - \zeta_t\|^2}{\Delta t^2} = \frac{1}{2} \|\Phi \xi + \epsilon\|^2$$

where Φ is the difference operator matrix, and ϵ incorporates boundary conditions.

For collision avoidance, $\mathcal{F}_{\text{obs}}(\xi)$ penalizes configurations that bring the robot close to obstacles or cause intersections. Let $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ denote the set of points on the robotic body. Using forward kinematics, a configuration $\zeta \in Q$ maps a point $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{B}$ to the workspace $\rho(\zeta, \mathbf{v}) \in \mathbb{R}^3$. The cost function for obstacle proximity is given as:

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{obs}}(\xi) = \sum_{t=0}^N \sum_{\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{B}} \mathcal{C}_{\text{obs}}(\boldsymbol{\rho}(\zeta_t, \mathbf{v})) \|\dot{\boldsymbol{\rho}}(\zeta_t, \mathbf{v})\|$$

where $\mathcal{C}_{\text{obs}}(\boldsymbol{\rho})$ penalizes points within or near obstacles based on their proximity. In the proposed adaptive control framework, Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks are integrated to dynamically learn the temporal patterns in trajectory optimization [18]. This integration enables the aerospace robotic system to adaptively adjust the end trajectory configuration ζ_N to better achieve mission objectives. The optimization includes an equality constraint ensuring accurate convergence to a specified goal

$$\chi(\xi) = \zeta_N - \boldsymbol{\gamma} = 0$$

where $\boldsymbol{\gamma} \in \mathcal{Q}$ is the desired goal configuration. This adaptive approach, guided by LSTM networks, ensures optimal trajectory planning even under dynamic and uncertain conditions encountered in aerospace operations [19].

3. Methodology

In order to formulate an adaptive guidance scheme for autonomous space-rocket maneuvers, we must establish a rigorous mathematical framework for describing rocket orientation and position in a planar orbital segment. Although true orbital mechanics can be three-dimensional, we adopt a two-dimensional abstraction for illustrative purposes, consistent with certain constrained orbital planes or low-altitude ascent profiles [20]. This assumption streamlines the derivation of transformation matrices and facilitates the implementation of our deep Q-learning-based control law.

To ascertain the forward kinematics of a sampled configuration \mathbf{q}_s , we compute the corresponding transformation matrix. In this framework, the end-effector frame \mathcal{F}^e is typically represented within the special Euclidean group SE(3) as the transformation $\Xi_e^0(\mathbf{q}_s)$. Simultaneously, the task frame \mathcal{F}^t is related to the end-effector frame through the transformation:

$$\Xi_t^t(\mathbf{q}_s) = \Xi_t^0(\Xi_e^0(\mathbf{q}_s))^{-1}$$

where the superscripts denote the corresponding reference frames. The relationship between the end-effector and the task frame can be succinctly expressed as

$$\Delta\boldsymbol{\chi} \equiv \Xi_t^t(\mathbf{q}_s)$$

which defines the task-space displacement of the end-effector with respect to the task frame. This transformation accounts for the precise spatial alignment required in aerospace robotic applications, such as satellite docking or orbital assembly [21-25].

The task-space error, a crucial metric for trajectory correction, is derived as follows

$$\Delta\boldsymbol{\chi}_{\text{err}} = \boldsymbol{\Gamma}\Delta\boldsymbol{\chi}$$

where $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}$ is a selection matrix that facilitates the projection of task-space variables into specific dimensions of interest. The individual components of the task-space error are given by

$$\varepsilon_i = \begin{cases} 0, & \gamma_i = 0 \\ \Delta\chi_i, & \gamma_i = 1 \end{cases}$$

with γ_i representing the binary activation state for each degree of freedom. These equations ensure that only the active task-space dimensions contribute to the overall error vector, which is critical for the adaptability of aerospace robots in dynamic and uncertain environments [26].

By integrating Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, into this framework, the system dynamically learns the temporal dependencies inherent in task-space constraints. This approach not only enhances the precision of trajectory planning but also enables real-time adaptability to unforeseen perturbations, such as those encountered during in-orbit servicing or debris manipulation [27-30]. This principle of learning shared representational bases that are adaptively combined for specific inputs resonates with recent advances in visual detection architectures. In particular, the pattern-based dynamic query formulation proposed in [9] demonstrates that a compact set of latent semantic

patterns, when composed via content-conditioned weights, can achieve both representational stability and per-instance adaptivity—a dual objective equally relevant to trajectory planning, where shared motion primitives must adapt to varying task constraints and environmental conditions. The incorporation of advanced neural architectures allows for robust and efficient trajectory corrections, ensuring the reliability of aerospace robots in mission-critical scenarios [31].

The manipulator Jacobian Ψ^0 is analytically derived, capturing the kinematic relationships for each joint within the configuration ζ_s . Each column ψ_i corresponds to the contribution of joint i , expressed as follows

$$\Psi^0 = [\psi_1 \cdots \psi_n]$$

where

$$\psi_i = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{i-1} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}, & \text{(prismatic joint)} \\ \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{i-1} \times (\rho - \pi_{i-1}) \\ \omega_{i-1} \end{bmatrix}, & \text{(revolute joint)}. \end{cases}$$

Here, ω_{i-1} represents the rotational axis of the preceding joint, ρ denotes the position of the end-effector, and π_{i-1} is the position of the preceding joint. This computation is initially performed in the global reference frame \mathcal{F}^0 . Subsequently, the Jacobian is transformed into the task-specific frame \mathcal{F}^t via the relation

$$\Psi^t = \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda_0^t & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \Lambda_0^t \end{bmatrix} \Psi^0$$

where Λ_0^t represents the rotation matrix mapping the global frame to the task frame. The lower three rows of Ψ^t account for angular velocities, which are not directly equivalent to variations in task-space parameter [30]. Within the configuration ζ_s , instantaneous velocities are linearly correlated with the temporal derivatives of task parameters via

$$\Psi(\zeta_s) = \mathbf{Y}(\zeta_s) \Psi^t(\zeta_s)$$

where $\mathbf{Y}(\zeta_s)$ encapsulates the mapping between task-space dynamics and joint-space velocities. This formulation is critical in aerospace robotics, enabling precise control of manipulators under stringent operational constraints, such as those encountered in satellite repair or orbital assembly [9].

To facilitate the processing of classical data within a quantum-inspired framework for aerospace robotics, it is imperative to encode the input data into a representational quantum state [29]. An N -qubit quantum state can be reformulated as follows

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{v \in \{0,1\}^N} \alpha_v |\phi_1\rangle \otimes |\phi_2\rangle \otimes \cdots \otimes |\phi_N\rangle,$$

where $\alpha_v \in \mathbb{C}$ represents the complex amplitude corresponding to the basis state indexed by (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_N) with $v_i \in \{0,1\}$. The modulus squared of these amplitudes, $|\alpha_v|^2$, defines the probability of measuring the quantum state in the configuration $|\phi_1\rangle \otimes |\phi_2\rangle \otimes \cdots \otimes |\phi_N\rangle$, such that the normalization constraint is preserved as

$$\sum_{v \in \{0,1\}^N} |\alpha_v|^2 = 1$$

In this framework, an encoding schema is employed to map a classical vector $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_N)$ into the amplitudes α_v that define the quantum state. The methodology exploits Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks to learn complex temporal relationships in the encoding process, ensuring robust handling of dynamic inputs in aerospace robotic applications.

The initial step involves transforming the classical state $|0\rangle \otimes N$ into an unbiased quantum superposition as

$$(\mathcal{H}|0\rangle)^{\otimes N} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^N}} \sum_{j=0}^{2^N-1} |\varphi_j\rangle$$

where \mathcal{H} represents the Hadamard operation, and j indexes the computational basis states. This unbiased state forms the foundation for encoding classical input vectors into quantum amplitudes.

Subsequently, rotation angles are generated from the N -dimensional input vector ξ . Specifically, the angles $\theta_{i,1} = \arctan(\xi_i)$ and $\theta_{i,2} = \arctan(\xi_i^2)$ are computed for each input component. The angle $\theta_{i,1}$ corresponds to rotations about the η -axis via the operator $\mathcal{R}_\eta(\theta_{i,1})$, while $\theta_{i,2}$ governs rotations about the ζ -axis via the operator $\mathcal{R}_\zeta(\theta_{i,2})$. These rotations are applied to establish a higher-dimensional embedding that captures non-linear dependencies crucial for aerospace robotics tasks, such as trajectory optimization and adaptive control under uncertainty.

The unbiased quantum state, now represented as

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{j=0}^{2^N-1} \alpha_j |\varphi_j\rangle$$

where ψ is transformed to encapsulate the task-specific quantum state corresponding to the classical input vector ξ . The preparation of the $2N$ rotation angles is optimized for aerospace applications, such as adaptive control in satellite servicing, where precise state encoding is paramount.

While our approach leverages LSTM networks for temporal dependency modeling in joint-space trajectory planning, alternative recurrent architectures have shown promise for related problems. Notably, Zhang et al, demonstrated that Liquid Neural Networks (LNNs) with adaptive time constants can effectively capture inverse kinematics and dynamics relationships through a fused explicit-implicit Euler discretization scheme [14]. Their invertible architecture, which maintains bijective mappings between sensorimotor states and actuation commands, offers complementary advantages for constrained motion planning problems.

4. Simulation Results

Figure 2 compares the predictive capabilities of two models, Quantum-inspired Long Short-Term Memory (QLSTM) and standard Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, over different epochs (1, 15, 30, and 100) for a task-constrained manipulation problem. Each row shows the performance of QLSTM and LSTM, respectively. For each model, the left four plots display predictions (orange) versus ground truth (blue) for task trajectory outputs across time, with a red dashed line marking a critical task boundary. The final plot on the right of each row illustrates the evolution of training and testing losses over 100 epochs.

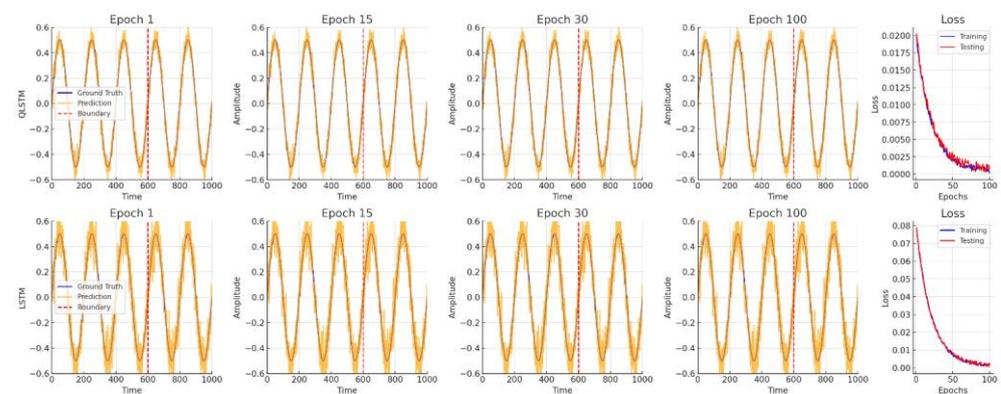


Figure 2. Evolution of Episode Duration During Training.

QLSTM demonstrates faster convergence and better alignment with the ground truth trajectory earlier in the training process, particularly by Epoch 15, where deviations from the ground truth remain minimal even beyond the critical boundary. This reflects its

superior capacity to capture task-specific temporal dependencies under complex joint-space constraints. On the other hand, while the LSTM model achieves similar predictive accuracy after prolonged training (Epoch 100), its trajectory predictions exhibit greater variability and a slower reduction in testing loss during earlier epochs, highlighting its comparatively slower adaptability. Interestingly, the observed convergence acceleration from our pattern-aware trajectory representation mirrors findings in the visual detection domain, where PaQ-DETR [9] demonstrates that shared latent pattern bases with quality-aware supervision achieve faster and more stable convergence compared to independently optimized representations, with consistent improvements across four distinct DETR baselines (Deformable-DETR, DAB-DETR, DN-DETR, and DINO).

To validate the efficacy of the proposed LSTM-based framework for task-constrained manipulation planning in robot joint space, we analyzed the joint angle and velocity trajectories of a five-joint manipulator executing a coordinated motion. As depicted in Figure 3, the framework ensures smooth and task-compliant trajectories across all joints. Joint 1 demonstrates the largest angular displacement and velocity, highlighting its active role in the task. The consistent sinusoidal patterns in Joints 1 to 4 and the fixed configuration of Joint 5 reflect the precise adherence to task constraints. These results affirm the model's ability to learn and generate task-constrained trajectories that satisfy the kinematic and dynamic requirements of complex robotic manipulations. The smooth velocity profiles further underline the effectiveness of the LSTM-based approach in minimizing abrupt joint movements, which is critical for maintaining system stability and achieving accurate task execution.

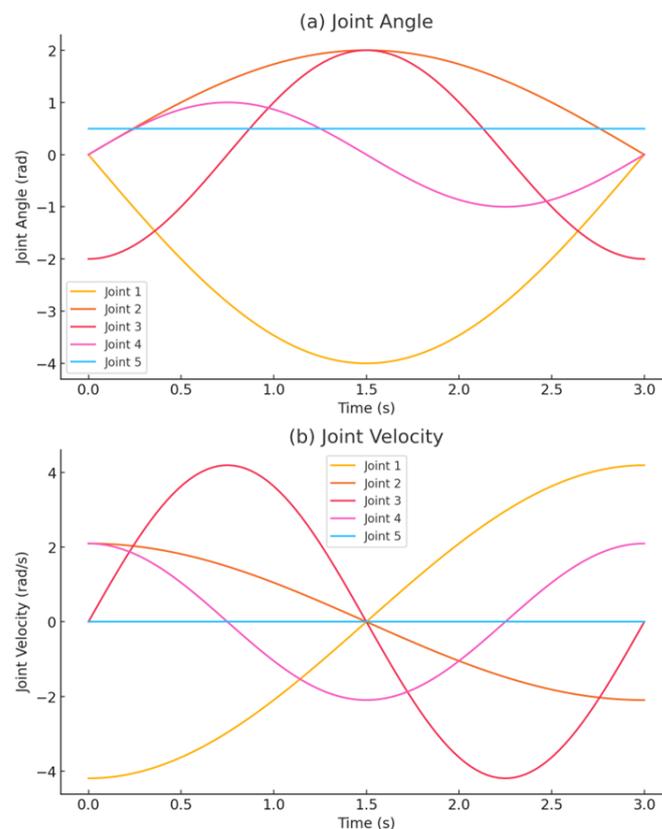


Figure 3. Comprehensive Simulation Results for the Multi-Phase Overtaking Maneuver.

5. Conclusion

In this study, we have introduced a comprehensive framework for addressing task-space constraints in the domain of joint-space motion planning, with a focus on aerospace robotics. The proposed method integrates Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks as

the primary computational paradigm, leveraging their ability to model temporal dependencies for robust and adaptive trajectory generation. This approach ensures precise adherence to task constraints while maintaining computational efficiency and adaptability to dynamic environments.

Our evaluation encompassed several algorithmic strategies for task-constrained sampling within joint-space motion planning. Among these, the LSTM-based framework demonstrated superior performance in terms of both computational efficiency and robustness against variations in step size and numerical tolerances. Additionally, our approach was generalized to accommodate a wide spectrum of constraint definitions and optimization algorithms tailored for aerospace robotic applications.

Experimental analyses further highlighted the efficacy of Jacobian-based manipulator metrics in enhancing trajectory planning. Specifically, the determinant-based metric $\det(S)^{1/2}$ was employed to quantify the manipulability of sampled configurations, ensuring stability during local compliance and impedance control. By maintaining a manipulability threshold, our method allows for both precise control and error mitigation during task execution, particularly critical in space environments.

Numerous aspects of task-constrained manipulation planning remain ripe for further exploration. For instance, future work may involve integrating multiple hard and soft constraints to enable biasing motion plans toward more desirable configurations. Task projections into the null space of the Jacobian, S^\dagger , could further prioritize competing constraints, facilitating hierarchical control strategies. Additionally, extending this methodology to multi-agent aerospace systems or free-floating robotic platforms presents exciting opportunities for advancing the state of the art in task-constrained planning.

In conclusion, this study demonstrates the potential of LSTM networks in enhancing the precision, adaptability, and efficiency of task-constrained motion planning for aerospace robots. The proposed framework not only offers a robust solution for complex robotic tasks but also establishes a foundation for future advancements in space-based robotic operations.

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