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Role Dynamic Allocation of Human-Robot Cooperation Based on Reinforcement Learning in an Installation of Curtain Wall

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ABSTRACT

A real-time adaptive roles allocation method based on reinforcement learning is proposed to improve human-robot cooperation performance for a curtain wall installation task. This method breaks the traditional idea that the robot is regarded as the follower or only adjusts the leader and the follower in cooperation. In this paper, a self-learning method is proposed which can dynamically adapt and continuously adjust the initiative weight of the robot according to the change of the task. Firstly, the physical human-robot cooperation model, including the role factor is built. Then, a reinforcement learning model that can adjust the role factor in real time is established, and a reward and action model is designed. The role factor can be adjusted continuously according to the comprehensive performance of the human-robot interaction force and the robot's *Jerk* during the repeated installation. Finally, the roles adjustment rule established above continuously improves the comprehensive performance. Experiments of the dynamic roles allocation and the effect of the performance weighting coefficient on the result have been verified. The results show that the proposed method can realize the role adaptation and achieve the dual optimization goal of reducing the sum of the cooperator force and the robot's *Jerk*.

KEYWORDS

Human-robot cooperation; roles allocation; reinforcement learning

1 Introduction

With the research on human-robot cooperation and intelligent robot technology, we recognize that tasks can be completed more efficiently and smoothly by endowing the robot with specific initiatives [1,2]. Many studies have examined the claim that the human is the leader and the robot is the follower during cooperation [3]. As auxiliary equipment, the robot can help the human increase or decrease force by collecting interactive signals, reducing the partner's working intensity [4]. That researches mainly focus on master-slave and follow-up robot control algorithms [5,6]. However, in some practical tasks, human and robots must be leaders and followers [7,8]. An additional complication is that the roles of leader and follower may need to be changed during the task. Several researchers have addressed the issue of the different roles of humans and robots in cooperative tasks. For example, Lawitzky et al. [9] have shown that task performance is improved through a higher degree of assistance



by the robot in the human-robot moving an object task. Some researchers [10–12] have tried to create a continuous function by rapidly switching between two distinct extreme behaviors (leader and follower) to change the cooperative role. In order to develop assistance adaptation schemes, Passenberg and others present a force-based criterion for distinguishing between the two scenarios and introduce an approach to optimize the assistance levels for each scenario [13]. According to the observation that human-human interaction is not defined as a proportion of role allocation in advance, some researchers try to study approaches that allow online investigation of the dominance distribution between partners depending on different situations [14]. For comparing the cooperation performance from the fixed role method and the adaptive control role switching method, some researchers [15,16] investigated a method for the simultaneous switching of two roles between a robot and a human participant. They have proven that the adaptive online role-adjusting method has a higher success rate than the fixed role method.

In the recent related research work, literature [17] is a further study of the dynamic role assignment (RDA) algorithm [15,16] based on the homotopy method. Robots know the target location and task content to plan their motion trajectory, while humans act as task correctors. Specifically, when the robot plays the “leader” role, the robot follows a pre-planned trajectory; When the robot’s movement track does not meet the task requirements, the human plays the role of ‘leader’ and intervenes (corrects) the robot’s movement. However, the robot’s trajectory cannot be planned in tasks with unknown and variable targets. Therefore, the above RDA method is no longer applicable, as shown in the scene of the human-robot Cooperative curtain wall assembly in Fig. 1. A three-module framework (HMRDA) of human-robot cooperative motion target prediction module, role dynamic assignment module, and robot motion planning module was designed, and a dynamic role assignment method based on goal prediction and fuzzy reasoning was proposed [18]. According to motion information and prediction information, the robot can adjust its role in human-robot cooperative motion to change the motion trajectory. However, the above HmrDA-based approach can change the binary problem where the role is only leader and follower, rather than the role adjusting more weight to the leader or follower. In addition, the premise of changing the role is that the robot can accurately recognize human intention. Compared with the dynamic adjustment of role, the article’s authors [18] have contributed more to the recognition of robot intention.

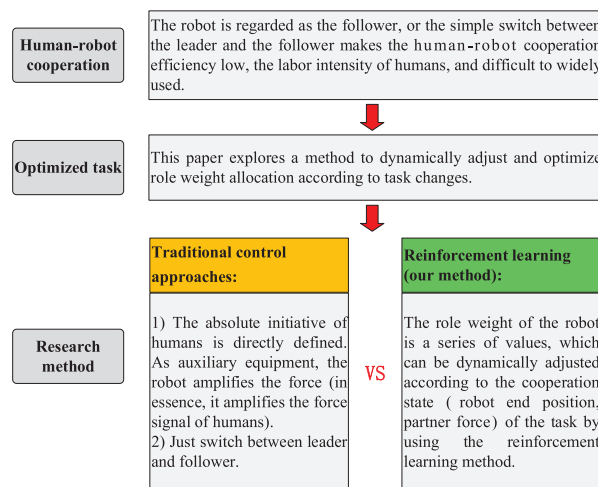


Figure 1: The architecture of the relationship among the optimized task, research methods, and the human-robot cooperation

Reinforcement learning is often an effective method to solve the problem of parameter recognition or robot imitation learning in human-robot cooperation [19]. Like the role allocation problem, reinforcement learning is often used to learn model-free strategies in practical robot control. The online, self, and adaptive learning algorithm is applied not only in human-robot cooperation but also in the problems of dynamic parameter difficulty and nonlinear control. For example, in literature [20], they adopt reinforcement learning methods constructed a control policy inside the multi-dimensional chaotic region to solve the problem of higher-order, coupled, 3D under-actuated manipulator with non-parametric uncertainties, control signal delay (input delay), and actuator saturation. Literature [21] proposed a reinforcement learning method called the 'CPGactor-critic' to control a humanoid robot leg, which can successfully control a system with a large DOF but a small number of actor parameters. In addition, the excessive increase in the input dimensionality of the critic could be avoided. The above literature methods provide ideas for using reinforcement learning to solve the role assignment problem in human-robot interaction in this paper.

In this paper, we use reinforcement learning to adjust the roles allocation of the human and robot so that we can install the glass curtain wall unit more efficiently and quickly. First, the physical human-robot cooperation model, including the role factor, is built. Second, a reinforcement learning model which can adjust the role factor in real-time is established, and a reward and action model are designed. The role factor can be adjusted continuously according to the comprehensive performance of the human-robot interaction force and robot's *Jerk* during the repeated installation process. Finally, the experiments of the dynamic role allocation and the effect of the performance weighting coefficient on the result have been verified. The results show that the proposed method can realize the role adaptation and achieve the dual optimization goal of reducing the sum of the cooperators' force and the robot's *Jerk*. Compared with the existing role allocation methods, the established role model is not only a leader and a follower but a more precise division of roles, which is more suitable for occasions when the boundary between the leader and the follower is blurred in tasks. In addition, the enhanced learning algorithm is used to learn the changing rules of the role. The intelligence of the robot is enhanced by imitating the idea that human beings use incentives and training methods to improve intelligence to explore and solve the problems caused by the robot mental retardation in man-machine cooperation, such as low cooperation efficiency, the heavy labor intensity of operators and application difficulties. The main contributions of this work are as follows: (1) The role adjustment model and comprehensive performance model of man-machine cooperation are established. (2) A dynamic role assignment method based on reinforcement learning is proposed. Robots can adjust their role in the man-machine cooperative movement in real-time according to the changes in cooperative tasks, giving full play to the advantages of humans and robots.

An architecture is created to visualize the relationship among the optimized task, traditional control approaches, reinforcement learning, and human-robot cooperation, as shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 1 shows that this paper transforms the role allocation problem in human-robot cooperation into a dynamic adaptive optimization problem. It compares the differences between traditional control methods and the proposed methods in robot role allocation.

2 Problem Statement

2.1 Task Description

In this paper, we assume that one scene in which the human is collaborating with the robot to complete an installation task of a glass curtain wall, as shown in Fig. 2. There is a two-step process. (1) the curtain wall should be moved to near the preinstallation location rapidly in the low-restricted

area; (2) the curtain wall should be precisely installed into the frame in the high-restricted area. In step (1), there is a bigger space of movement, the efficiency of the movement should be concerned, and the effort from the human should be minimized. However, step (2), it is an accurate installing mission, and the curtain wall stability of the robot end-effector under multi-force action should be more concerned than the human's effort.

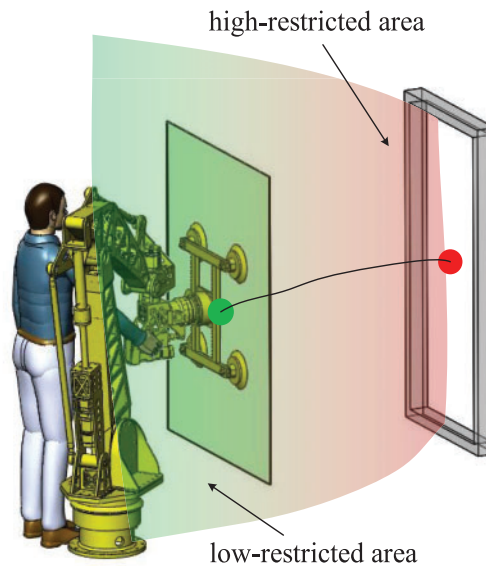


Figure 2: Human-robot cooperation system schematic diagram of curtain wall installation

Note: The knowledge of the high-restricted and low-restricted areas of the robot is not given, and the high-restricted and low-restricted have no apparent boundaries.

2.2 Human-Robot Cooperation Model and Evaluation Model

2.2.1 Cooperation Model

A force-based physical cooperation model is built and discussed. The application scenario involves one human and one robot to do a lifting task, as shown in Fig. 3. In this paper, 1 DOF case is established as a research model. However, the definitions may also be valid for more DOFs and partners.

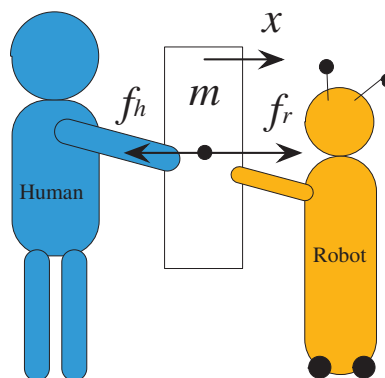


Figure 3: Cooperative model based on force interaction in a lifting task

In Fig. 3, f_h and f_r respectively represent the interaction force from the human and the robot; x is the object's displacement; m is the object's mass. The mathematical model acting on an object by two agents can be described as follow based on Newton's Second Law:

$$f_h + f_r = m\ddot{x} \quad (1)$$

where, \ddot{x} is the acceleration of the object.

2.2.2 Roles Model

From previous studies [14], the expression forms of the contribution level to the contributions for moving the object can be described as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 &= f_h / (f_h + f_r) \\ \alpha_2 &= f_r / (f_h + f_r) \\ \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where, the α_1 and the α_2 respectively represent the role values of the human and the robot.

2.2.3 Evaluation Model

a) Force Model of Human

The total energy paid by the collaborator or the sum of the interaction force from the human is generally used to be described to evaluate the human's effort in the cooperation process [14]. The total energy from the partner to complete the task is challenging to measure directly during the cooperation process. However, the total force of the collaborator is more easily measured. Therefore, the partner's force sum is used to estimate the partner's effort in this paper. The sum of the force model of the human *THF* (*Total Human Force*) is established in Eq. (3):

$$THF = \sum_{t=0}^{t_f} \|f_h\| \quad (3)$$

where, t_f represents the current time corresponding to the discrete movement steps, f_h represents the cooperative force, and $\| \cdot \|$ represents the norm.

b) Compliant Model of Robot

In the field of robotics, the *Jerk* is often used to describe the flexibility of a robot. The smaller the *Jerk* is, the smoother the system is. In this paper, the sum of the *Jerk* is used to assess the end-point flexibility of the robot, and the compliant model of robot *TJerk* (*Total Jerk*) is established in Eq. (4):

$$TJerk = \sum_{t=0}^{t_f} \|\ddot{x}\| \quad (4)$$

where, the \ddot{x} represents the *Jerk* at the end of the cooperative robot.

c) Comprehensive Evaluation Model

A comprehensive evaluation model that reflects human effort and robotic compliance is estimated to evaluate the performance of human-robot cooperation in this paper, and it is defined as follows:

$$OES = \omega_1 \cdot THF + \omega_2 \cdot TJerk \quad (5)$$

where, ω_1 and ω_2 are performance weighting coefficients, and their values meet the following conditions:

$$\begin{cases} \omega_1 \in [0; 1] \\ \omega_2 \in [0; 1] \\ \omega_1 + \omega_2 = 1 \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

In Eq. (6), if the weighting factor is designed as $\omega_1 = 1, \omega_2 = 0$, it indicates that only the human effort is considered in the cooperative performance. On the contrary, if the weighting factor is designed as $\omega_1 = 0, \omega_2 = 1$, the single factor of robot compliance is used as the evaluation parameter. However, if the weighting factor is designed as $\omega_1 = 0.5, \omega_2 = 0.5$, the human effort and the robot compliance are regarded as equally important. The weighting factor value significantly impacts cooperative performance, which affects the result of role allocation. In this paper, the impact on role allocation is discussed separately under the same and different weighting factor.

3 Dynamic Role Adaptive Allocation Design

3.1 Overall Framework

Reinforcement learning is a method that can realize adaptive parameter adjustment online and establish the relationship between action and state uncertainty according to the target. In this paper, this method is used to adjust role parameters during the process of cooperation. The overall architecture of the method is shown in Fig. 4.

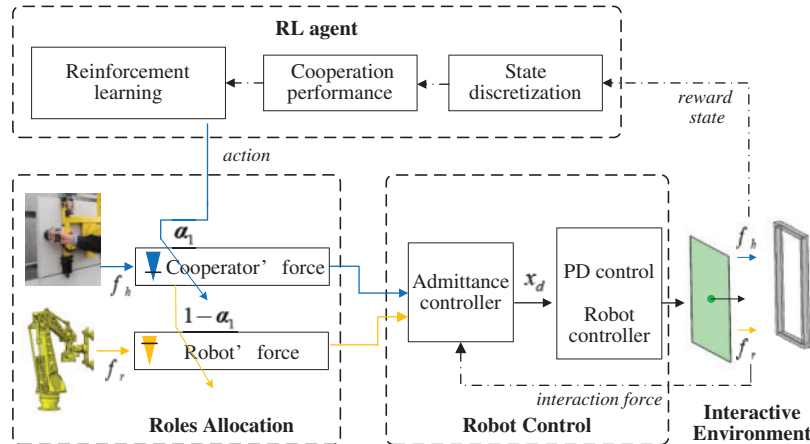


Figure 4: Roles allocation method based on reinforcement learning in human-robot cooperation

In Fig. 4, α_1 is the role factor, which regulates the active and passive relationship between the collaborator and the robot in a cooperative task. The α_1 is dynamically adjusted according to the performance of the comprehensive evaluation model. The robot is controlled by the admittance method [22,23]. The robot admittance control model is shown in Eq. (7):

$$\{\ddot{x}_d - \ddot{x}_0\} + D_d(\dot{x}_d - \dot{x}_0) + K_d(x_d - x_0) = (1 - \alpha_1)f_r + f_h \quad (7)$$

where, M_d, D_d, K_d are the expected mass matrix, damping matrix, and stiffness matrix, respectively. The $\{\ddot{x}_d, \dot{x}_d, x_d\}$ are the expected acceleration, velocity, and position of the end of the robot, and the $\{\ddot{x}_0, \dot{x}_0, x_0\}$ are the actual acceleration, velocity, and position of the robot's end.

3.2 Reinforcement Learning

This paper proposes a reinforcement learning model to change roles allocation weight during the installation of glass curtain walls in human-robot cooperation, as shown in Fig. 5.

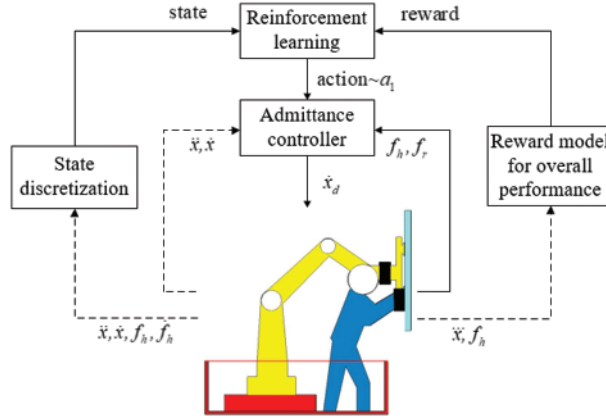


Figure 5: Principle diagram of dynamic role allocation based on reinforcement learning method

Here the roles allocation value a_i adjusted online according to the system's current state and reward value. The current state s , is the motion state of the robot and collaborator's force, and the reward value is calculated as a designed model described below. A Q-learning model [24] generates the roles allocation algorithm since no prior strategy or sample. The algorithm of Q-learning is shown in Algorithm 1.

Algorithm 1: Roles Allocation Based on Q-Learning

Input:

S : state space; A : action space; R : reward function;
 s_0 : initial state; γ : discount factor; α : learning rate

Output:

π : strategy

- 1: $Q(s, a) = 0, \pi(s, a) = \frac{1}{\|A(x)\|}; \quad //s \rightarrow (\ddot{x}, \dot{x}, f_h, \dot{f}_h), a \rightarrow \text{role value}$
 - 2: $s = s_{0s}; //$ The beginning end of the robot is at the beginning.
 - 3: **while** (robot(x, y) \neq robot($x_{\text{end}}, y_{\text{end}}$)) **do** $//$ the robot does not reach the endpoint, execute:
 - 4: $r, s' =$ The reward and transfer state from performing action a in state s
 - 5: $a' = \pi(s'); //$ get a reward r and the next state s'
 - 6: $Q_{t+1}^\pi(s, a) = Q_t^\pi(s, a) + \alpha(R_{s \rightarrow s'}^a + \gamma Q_t^\pi(s', a') - Q_t^\pi[s, a])$ (8)
 - 7: $\pi(s) = \text{argmax}_{a'} Q(s, a'); //$ update the optimal action of strategy π in state s
 - 8: $s = s' //$ change the current state s to s'
 - 9: **end while**
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where, α is the learning rate, s is the current system state, s' is the next sampling system state, a and a' is respectively the behavior of the current moment (action) and the next sampling moment, r is the return value of the current moment, and γ is the discount factor. π is the strategy. The machine has to learn, by trial and error in the environment, a "strategy" π , according to which the action to be performed at state x is obtained: $a = \pi(s)$. In Algorithm 1, the core intermediate variable is

$Q(s, a)$, which can be referred to as the Q table for short (mainly used for learning deterministic strategy π , namely updating strategy π), representing the expected cumulative reward obtained by the agent choosing action a under state s . Since the dynamic programming method is used and the model is unknown, it is more convenient to use γ discount cumulative reward in this paper. In formula (8), $Q(s, a)$ is updated incrementally.

3.2.1 Action

In this paper, we aim to adjust the roles allocation weight α_1 or α_2 using reinforcement learning, so the roles allocation weight α_1 or α_2 should be established an association with the moment a parameter of reinforcement learning. The roles allocation values α_1 are preprocessed by discretization of the parameters and divided into m . The action model can be expressed as $\alpha_1 = a = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_m\}$.

3.2.2 Reward Design

In the physical human-robot cooperation system, the reward in reinforcement learning should be designed to be associated with comprehensive performance. It is based on minimizing the robot's *Jerk* and minimizing the partner's effort. The return value of cooperation performance is described as follows by formula (9):

$$T^* = \min \{T\} = \min \left\{ \sum_{\tau=0}^{\tau_f} (\omega_1 (\|f_h\|) + \omega_2 (\|\ddot{x}\|)) \right\} \quad (9)$$

where, T^* , T are non-negative terms, the τ_f is the duration of discrete motion in the task process, ω_1, ω_2 are the performance weight coefficients. The reward model is designed as follows:

$$r_{t+1} = - \sum_{\tau=\tau_t}^{\tau_{t+1}} (\omega_1 (\|f_h\|) + \omega_2 (\|\ddot{x}\|)) \quad (10)$$

where, $\tau_t, \tau_{t+1} \in \mathbb{N}$ represents the sample time of the reinforcement learning, $t, t+1 \in \mathbb{N}$ represents the robot-controlled cycle time, and their relationship is shown as follows:

$$\tau_t = kt \quad (11)$$

where, k is an integer greater than zero, and it is the asynchronous adjustment coefficient. The function of the asynchronous adjustment coefficient is to enhance the system's robustness by setting the sampling frequency of the reinforcement learning return value less than the robot control frequency.

At the end of each traversal, the total return value of the traversal can be obtained to evaluate the cooperation performance. The sum of return values is shown as follows:

$$r_{tot} = - \sum_{t=0}^{\tau_f} (\omega_1 (\|f_h\|) + \omega_2 (\|\ddot{x}\|)) \quad (12)$$

4 Experiment

4.1 Experimental Setup and Experimental Design

In order to verify the effectiveness of the method proposed in this paper, an experimental platform was designed for human-robot cooperation to complete the curtain wall installation task, as shown in Fig. 6.



Figure 6: Curtain wall installation experimental platform by physical human-robot cooperation

In the experiment, to simulate the installation process and avoid the risk of collision in the actual experimental environment, a laser pointer was fixed to the curtain wall, and a laser point was used to indicate the location of the curtain wall. The curtain wall position indicator experimental device is shown in Fig. 7.

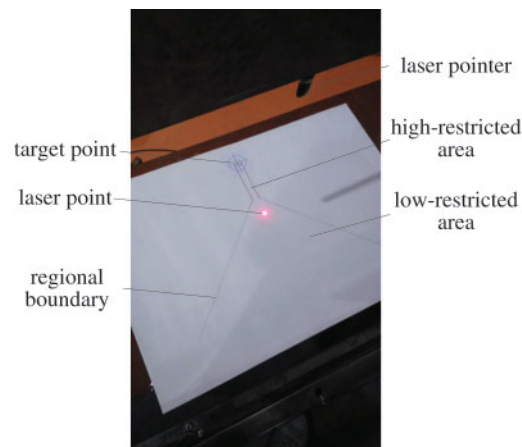


Figure 7: Curtain wall position indicator experimental device

In the installation process of the curtain wall, the movement track can be divided into the low-restricted area and the high-restricted area. In the low-restricted area, the robot has plenty of room to move, and more attention should be paid to the speed of movement and less effort of the partner than to the movement accuracy of the curtain wall. Contrary to the low-restricted area, in the high-restricted area, the movement accuracy of the curtain wall should be paid more attention than the speed of movement and the effort of the collaborator.

Here are the steps:

- 1) Firstly, the laser point representing the position of the curtain wall was located in the low-restricted area, which was the starting point. Following the robot's movement, the location of the laser point was operated according to the interaction force from a six-dimensional force sensor.
- 2) Secondly, the laser point was controlled to move quickly to the high-restricted area entrance.
- 3) Thirdly, the operator, ensuring that the laser point does not collide with the boundary of the high-restricted area as much as possible, continues to control the robot towards the target point.
- 4) The curtain wall was considered to have reached the target point when the distance between the laser point and the end position of the drawing board was less than a specific value. Then the robot will automatically return to the original position.
- 5) Repeated steps 1)–4) until the value of the variable that reinforcement learning levels off.

4.2 Experimental Parameters Design

In order to obtain the continuous state input vector $X = \{f_h, \dot{f}_h, x, \ddot{x}\}$, each variable was divided into five fuzzy sets and evenly distributed to the domain by a triangular membership function, so the total number of states was $N = 5^4 = 625$. In this paper, the number of behaviors was set as $m = 6$, that is, $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6\} = \{0.1, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1\}$. In other words, the robot and the partner have been given six different roles allocation weights. Here, the minimum role of the collaborator was chosen as 0.1 instead of 0 for the following reasons. 1) it was needed that the operator makes a particular decision as moving guidance information to control the robot in the physical human-robot cooperation; 2) it was hazardous when the robot was given complete control in actual operation.

In this study, the system frequency was set to 1000 Hz, and the frequency of the reinforcement learning was set to 100 Hz. That was the $k = 10$ in the [formula \(10\)](#). The learning rate was designed to be $\alpha = 0.95$ and the discount factor was designed to be $\gamma = 0.9$ in the Q-learning model (7). The role weight initial value of the collaborator was set as $a_1 = \alpha_1 = 0.4$.

5 Experimental Results and Performance Assessment

5.1 Dynamic Role Adaptive Allocation Results

The relationship between human-robot cooperation performance and the roles allocation weight was established with changes in the cooperative performance as the number of iterations increased in this experiment, as shown in [Fig. 8](#). The experiment was repeated 30 times by operating the robot from its initial position to its destination. In this process, collisions should be avoided whenever possible by observing the position of the laser point. The comprehensive performance model consisting of robot's *Jerk* and human-robot interaction force that were regarded as equally important ($\omega_1 = \omega_2 = 0.5$) was used to estimate the effect of the role change.

As can be seen from [Fig. 8](#), with the increase in the number of iterations, the comprehensive performance value composed of *Jerk* and the efforts of the cooperators showed a downward trend. When the number of iterations was more than 25 times, the comprehensive performance value tended to be stable. This experiment showed that it effectively improved robot flexibility and reduced human-robot force by changing the role weight based on reinforcement learning.

In order to evaluate the efficiency of task completion as learning progresses, the relationship between the number of iterations times and task completion time was established, as shown in [Fig. 9](#).

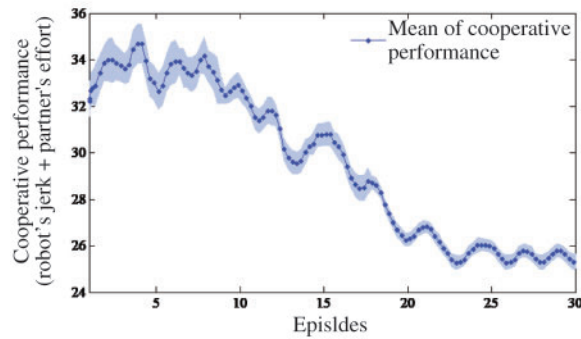


Figure 8: Relationship between number of iterations and cooperative performance

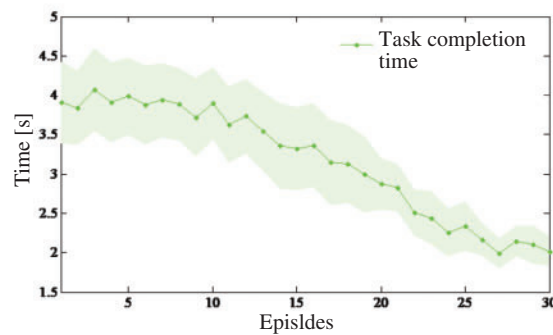


Figure 9: Relationship between number of iterations times and task completion time

From Fig. 9, the time for task completion decreases as the number of iterations increases. When the number of iterations was more than 25 times, the decline of the task completion time was slow and steady. It has shown that the roles allocation method based on reinforcement learning was a great way to improve task completion efficiency.

The Fig. 10 shows the mean value α_1 of the last five iterations of the collaborator's role over time t based on the reinforcement learning method. Initially, the robot was guided by increasing the partner role α_1 gradually, and then the partner role α_1 dropped rapidly once the robot was identified in free mode. In the low-restricted area, the robot played a significant role in the movement of the curtain wall, which was beneficial in reducing the labor intensity of the collaborator. However, in the stage of approaching and entering the high-restricted area, the collaborator's role value was rapidly increased to ensure the smooth movement of the robot end curtain wall.

The relationship between the partner's force and time t for the last five times was established, as shown in Fig. 11. The force change trend of the partner was similar to the collaborator's role, which was first more prominent, then decreased, and then increased. This pattern of change is consistent with the relationship between the change of force and the role. The greater the weight of the partner's role, the greater the force applied.

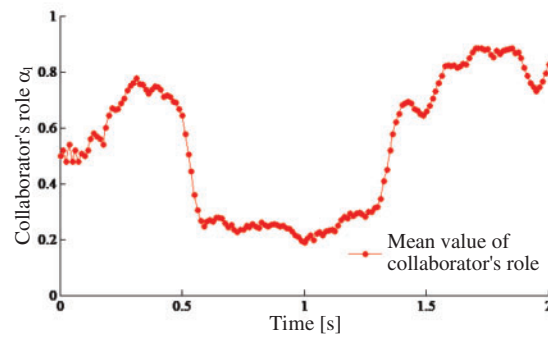


Figure 10: The mean value of the last five iterations of the collaborator's role over time t

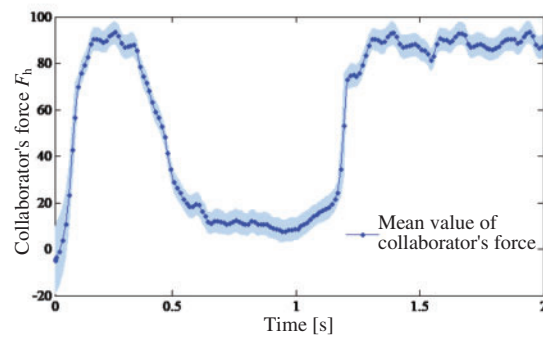


Figure 11: Relationship between the partner's force and time t for the last 5 times

The cooperation performance of the dynamically changing roles according to the method proposed in this paper and the different fixed role weights was established, as shown in Fig. 12. The result has verified that the continuous adjustment of roles based on the reinforcement learning method was more conducive to the performance of human-robot cooperation than the fixed roles.

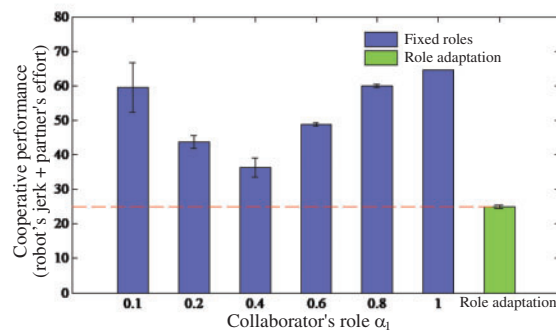


Figure 12: Cooperation performance of fixed and adaptive role based reinforcement learning

In Fig. 12, the fixed roles were designed with six levels, which were the $\alpha_1 = 0.1, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1$. Compared to the fixed roles, the combination of *Jerk* and the partner's force was even lower by using the adaptive role based on the reinforcement learning method, which showed that the method proposed in this paper was excellent results.

5.2 Effect of Performance Weighting Coefficient on the Result

In the above experiment, the robot's *Jerk* and human-robot interaction force were regarded as equally important ($\omega_1 = 0.5, \omega_2 = 0.5$) in the formula (9) of the comprehensive performance model. In order to explore the influence of changing the performance weighting coefficient, the *Jerk*, the partner's force, and their overall performance were obtained through experiments based on reinforcement learning, as shown in Fig. 13. The weighting of the partner's force was set as $\omega_1 = 0.1, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1$.

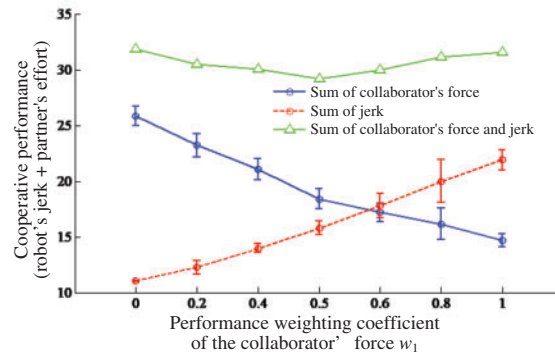


Figure 13: The relationship between overall performance and different performance weighting coefficient of the partner's force

From Fig. 13, the *Jerk* was set as the only goal in reinforcement learning when the $\omega_1 = 0$. Even though the sum of the *Jerk* was minimal, the cooperators' force was considerable, which led to more effort for humans. If the minimum sum of the partner's force was designed as the only consideration ($\omega_1 = 1$), the sum of the cooperators' force was minimum, but the sum of the robot's accelerations became maximum. Excessive acceleration could lead to vibration at the end of the robot, which would increase control difficulty and danger. The overall performance value was the lowest when the performance weighting coefficient $\omega_1 = 0.5$, that was to say, it was appropriate that the comprehensive performance model consisting of human-robot interaction force and robot's *Jerk* were regarded as equally important to estimate the effect of the role change.

6 Conclusion

In this paper, according to the dynamic role allocation problem in contact human-robot cooperation, an online role allocation method based on reinforcement learning is proposed for a curtain wall installation task. First, the physical human-robot cooperation model, including the role factor, is built. Second, a reinforced learning model, including a reward model and action model, which can adjust the role factor in real-time, is established. The role factor can be adjusted continuously according to the comprehensive performance consisting of human-robot interaction force and robot's *Jerk* during the repeated installation process. Finally, the comprehensive performance of the human-robot system can be continuously improved by the role adjustment rule established according to

reinforcement learning. In order to verify the effectiveness of the proposed method, the dynamic role allocation regarding human force and *Jerk* and the effect of the performance weighting coefficient have been verified by experiments. The experimental results show that the proposed method can realize the dynamic adjustment of the human-robot role and achieve the dual optimization goal of reducing the sum of the cooperators' force and the robot's *Jerk*. The role assignment method based on reinforcement learning proposed in this paper is of great significance to physical human-robot cooperation. In future work, to further play the advantages of the role dynamic assignment algorithm proposed in this paper, we will improve the degrees of freedom to the role assignment factor to study. In addition, more complex reward models and execution models with more character values will be built. Meanwhile, the generality of this paper's role dynamic assignment algorithm will be improved to extend it to more practical applications.

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