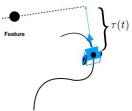
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### ENG ME 740: Vision, Robotics, and Planning—Intelligent Machines

# Course Outline: (Spring 2021)

- 1. Foundations of intelligent mechatronics
- 2. Geometry and robot coordinate systems
  - (i) Rigid motions of  $\mathbb{R}^3$
  - (ii) Kinematic pairs and the lattice of subgroups of the special Euclidean group
  - (iii) Free vectors and bound vectors
- 3. Euclidean group theory and kinematic equations
  - (i) The Denavit-Hartenberg formalism
  - (ii) The product of exponentials formula
  - (iii) Screw theory
- 4. Differential relationships
  - (i) The manipulator Jacobian for spatial mechanisms
  - (ii) The propagation of joint volicities and forces
- 5. Specifying robot motions
  - (i) The theory of motion interpolation
  - (ii) Nonholonomic motion planning
- 6. Analytical dynamics of mechanical systems
  - (i) Lagrangian mechanics
  - (ii) Hamiltonian mechanics
- 7. Control: basic issues
  - (i) Controllability
  - (ii) Design and synthesis
  - (iii) Stability of feedback control laws
- 8. Control: information-based control
  - (i) Nyquist frequency and Shannon's theorem
  - (ii) The zero order hold and quantization alternatives
  - (iii) The data-rate theorem and feedback control with communications constraints
- 9. Advanced topics: algebraic and geometric methods
  - (i) Nonlinear/geometric control theory
  - (ii) Motion control in living organisms: paradigms and puzzles
  - (iii) Networked control systems
  - (iv) Graph theoretic structures for distributed control and control motifs
- 10. Advanced topics: cooperative control
  - (i) Control of multiple mobile agents
  - (ii) Data-structures for distributed control of mobile agents
  - (iii) Distributed sensing and sensor fusion
  - (iv) The blind robot problem





Time-to-transit is one of many optical cues in vison-guided navigation: See "Perceptual Control with Large Feature and Actuator Networks" https://arXiv.org/abs/1903.10259.

- 11. Advanced topics: information-based control theory
  - (i) Connecting control theory to information theory
  - (ii) Information gradients
  - (iii) Optimal reconnaissance strategies
  - (iv) Control communication complexity
- 12. Advanced topics: kinematic redundancy
  - (i) Survey of techniques for for resolving kinematic redundancy
  - (ii) The extended Jacobian technique and constrained motions
  - (iii) Super-articulated mechanical systems

## **Suggested Reading**

#### Text:

Richard M. Murray, Zexiang Li, S. Shankar Sastry, *A Mathematical Introduction to ROBOTIC MANIPULA-TION*, CRC Press, Boca Raton, 1994. ISBN: 0849379814

Kevin M. Lynch, Frank C. Park, Modern Robotics: Mechanics, Planning, and Control, Cambridge University Press; 2017. ISBN: 1107156300

—>Available for free download at http://hades.mech.northwestern.edu/images/7/7f/MR.pdf (Ordering information for both books is on the class web site: http://www.baillieul.org/Robotics.)

### Other books:

- A.M. Bloch, J. Baillieul, P.E. Crouch & J.E. Marsden, *Nonholonomic Mechanics and Control*, Springer-Verlag, Interdisciplinary Applied Mathematics, ISBN:0-387-95535-6, 483 pages.
- V. Kumar, N. Leonard, & A.S. Morse (Eds.), *Cooperative Control*, Springer Lecture Notes in Control and Information Sciences, V. 309, Springer-Verlag, Berlin Heidelberg, ISBN 3-540-22861-6, 2005.
- J. Baillieul, Shankar Sastry, and Hector J. Sussmann (Editors), *Essays on Mathematical Robotics*, (Ima Volumes in Mathematics and Its Applications, V. 104.), Springer Verlag; ISBN: 0387985964,1998.
- J. Baillieul & J.C. Willems (Editors), *Mathematical Control Theory*, Hardcover 385 pages, Springer Verlag; ISBN: 0387983171, 1998.

Brockett, R.W., ed., Robotics, Proceedings of Symposia in Applied Mathematics, Vol. 41, American Math. Soc., Providence, 1990.

Bruno Siciliano, Lorenzo Sciavicco, Luigi Villani, & Giuseppe Oriolo, *Robotics: Modelling, Planning and Control*, Springer; 1st edition, New York, ISBN-10: 1846286417, ISBN-13: 978-1846286414, Dec., 2008.

John J. Craig, Introduction to Robotics: Mechanics and Control, 3rd Ed., Prentice Hall 2004.

Francesco Bullo, Jorge Cortes, Sonia Martinez, Distributed Control of Robotic Networks: A Mathematical Approach to Motion Coordination Algorithms, (Princeton Series in Applied Mathematics), Princeton University Press, July 6, 2009, 336 pages, ISBN-10: 0691141959, ISBN-13: 978-0691141954.

## Grading

Grades will be given for homework assignments (one every week or so), class participation, and most importantly, for a term project which will be assigned during the first few weeks of the class.

For up-to-date information about the class, visit: http://www.baillieul.org/Robotics.

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