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## **Advances in Engineering Research and Application**

Safe Robot Navigation Among Moving and Steady Obstacles is the first book to focus on reactive navigation algorithms in unknown dynamic environments with moving and steady obstacles. The first three chapters provide introduction and background on sliding mode control theory, sensor models, and vehicle kinematics. Chapter 4 deals with the problem of optimal navigation in the presence of obstacles. Chapter 5 discusses the problem of reactively navigating. In Chapter 6, border patrolling algorithms are applied to a more general problem of reactively

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navigating. A method for guidance of a Dubins-like mobile robot is presented in Chapter 7. Chapter 8 introduces and studies a simple biologically-inspired strategy for navigation a Dubins-car. Chapter 9 deals with a hard scenario where the environment of operation is cluttered with obstacles that may undergo arbitrary motions, including rotations and deformations. Chapter 10 presents a novel reactive algorithm for collision free navigation of a nonholonomic robot in unknown complex dynamic environments with moving obstacles. Chapter 11 introduces and examines a novel purely reactive algorithm to navigate a planar mobile robot in densely cluttered environments with unpredictably moving and deforming obstacles. Chapter 12 considers a multiple robot scenario. For the Control and Automation Engineer, this book offers accessible and precise development of important mathematical models and results. All the presented results have mathematically rigorous proofs. On the other hand, the Engineer in Industry can benefit by the experiments with real robots such as Pioneer robots, autonomous wheelchairs and autonomous mobile hospital. First book on collision free reactive robot navigation in unknown dynamic environments Bridges the gap between mathematical model and practical algorithms Presents implementable and computationally efficient algorithms of robot navigation Includes mathematically rigorous proofs of their convergence A detailed review of existing reactive navigation algorithm for obstacle avoidance Describes fundamentals of sliding mode control

## **Optimal Trajectory Planning and Train Scheduling for Urban Rail Transit Systems**

This book is the result of several years of research trying to better characterize parallel genetic algorithms (pGAs) as a powerful tool for optimization, search, and learning. Readers can learn how to solve complex tasks by reducing their high computational times. Dealing with two scientific fields (parallelism and GAs) is always difficult, and the book seeks at gracefully introducing from basic concepts to advanced topics. The presentation is structured in three parts. The first one is targeted to the algorithms themselves, discussing their components, the physical parallelism, and best practices in using and evaluating them. A second part deals with the theory for pGAs, with an eye on theory-to-practice issues. A final third part offers a very wide study of pGAs as practical problem solvers, addressing domains such as natural language processing, circuits design, scheduling, and genomics. This volume will be helpful both for researchers and practitioners. The first part shows pGAs to either beginners and mature researchers looking for a unified view of the two fields: GAs and parallelism. The second part partially solves (and also opens) new investigation lines in theory of pGAs. The third part can be accessed independently for readers interested in applications. The result is an excellent source of information on the state of the art and future developments in parallel GAs.

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## **Materials, Mechatronics and Automation II**

This book deals with the problems related to planning motion laws and trajectories for the actuation system of automatic machines, in particular for those based on electric drives, and robots. The problem of planning suitable trajectories is relevant not only for the proper use of these machines, in order to avoid undesired effects such as vibrations or even damages on the mechanical structure, but also in some phases of their design and in the choice and sizing of the actuators. This is particularly true now that the concept of “electronic cams” has replaced, in the design of automatic machines, the classical approach based on “mechanical cams”. The choice of a particular trajectory has direct and relevant implications on several aspects of the design and use of an automatic machine, like the dimensioning of the actuators and of the reduction gears, the vibrations and efforts generated on the machine and on the load, the tracking errors during the motion execution. For these reasons, in order to understand and appreciate the peculiarities of the different techniques available for trajectory planning, besides the mathematical aspects of their implementation also a detailed analysis in the time and frequency domains, a comparison of their main properties under different points of view, and general considerations related to their practical use are reported.

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## **Safe Robot Navigation Among Moving and Steady Obstacles**

This proceedings volume gathers the outcomes of the International Conference on Engineering Research and Applications (ICERA 2019), which was held at Thai Nguyen University of Technology, Vietnam, on December 1-2, 2019 and provided an international forum for disseminating the latest theories and practices in engineering research and applications. The conference focused on original research work in a broad range of areas, including Mechanical Engineering, Materials and Mechanics of Materials, Mechatronics and Micromechatronics, Automotive Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, and Information and Communication Technology. By sharing the latest advances in these fields, the book will help academics and professionals alike to revisit their thinking on sustainable development.

### **Robotics**

Robot Systems for Rail Transit Applications presents the latest advances in robotics and artificial intelligence for railway systems, giving foundational principles and running through special problems in robot systems for rail transit. State-of-the art research in robotics and railway systems is presented alongside a series of real-world examples. Eight chapters give definitions and characteristics of rail transit

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robot systems, describe assembly and collaborative robots in manufacturing, introduce automated guided vehicles and autonomous rail rapid transit, demonstrate inspection robots, cover trench robots, and explain unmanned aerial vehicles. This book offers an integrated and highly-practical way to approach robotics and artificial intelligence in rail-transit. Introduces robot and artificial intelligence (AI) systems for rail transit applications Presents research alongside step-by-step coverage of real-world cases Gives the theoretical foundations underlying practical application Offers solutions for high-speed railways from the latest work in robotics Shows how robotics and AI systems afford new and efficient methods in rail transit

### **Time-optimal Trajectory Planning for Sequential Robotic Tasks with Unfixed Endpoints**

This book presents the most recent research advances in the theory, design, control and application of robotic systems, which are intended for a variety of purposes such as manipulation, manufacturing, automation, surgery, locomotion and biomechanics.

### **Level Set Methods and Dynamic Implicit Surfaces**

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This book covers all aspects of robot intelligence from perception at sensor level and reasoning at cognitive level to behavior planning at execution level for each low level segment of the machine. It also presents the technologies for cognitive reasoning, social interaction with humans, behavior generation, ability to cooperate with other robots, ambience awareness, and an artificial genome that can be passed on to other robots. These technologies are to materialize cognitive intelligence, social intelligence, behavioral intelligence, collective intelligence, ambient intelligence and genetic intelligence. The book aims at serving researchers and practitioners with a timely dissemination of the recent progress on robot intelligence technology and its applications, based on a collection of papers presented at the 3rd International Conference on Robot Intelligence Technology and Applications (RiTA), held in Beijing, China, November 6 - 8, 2014. For better readability, this edition has the total 74 papers grouped into 3 chapters: Chapter I: Ambient, Behavioral, Cognitive, Collective, and Social Robot Intelligence, Chapter II: Computational Intelligence and Intelligent Design for Advanced Robotics, Chapter III: Applications of Robot Intelligence Technology, where individual chapters, edited respectively by Peter Sincak, Hyun Myung, Jun Jo along with Weimin Yang and Jong-Hwan Kim, begin with a brief introduction written by the respective chapter editors.

### **Robot Motion and Control**

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This book brings together 46 peer-reviewed papers that are of interest to researchers wanting to know more about the latest topics and methods in the fields of the kinematics, control and design of robotic systems. These papers cover the full range of robotic systems, including serial, parallel and cable-driven manipulators, both planar and spatial. The systems range from being less than fully mobile, to kinematically redundant, to over-constrained. In addition to these more familiar areas, the book also highlights recent advances in some emerging areas: such as the design and control of humanoids and humanoid subsystems; the analysis, modeling and simulation of human-body motions; mobility analyses of protein molecules; and the development of machines that incorporate man.

## **Parallel Genetic Algorithms**

A modern and unified treatment of the mechanics, planning, and control of robots, suitable for a first course in robotics.

## **Neural Networks and Artificial Intelligence**

Control theory and practice control technology digital control systems applications to aerospace, power, and industrial automation systems process control robotics neural networks biological systems cyber physical systems compressed sensing,

## **Modern Robotics**

This monograph deals with various visibility-based path and motion planning problems motivated by real-world applications such as exploration and mapping planetary surfaces, environmental surveillance using stationary or mobile robots, and imaging of global air/pollutant circulation. The formulation and solution of these problems call for concepts and methods from many areas of applied mathematics including computational geometry, set-covering, non-smooth optimization, combinatorial optimization and optimal control. Emphasis is placed on the formulation of new problems and methods of approach to these problems. Since geometry and visualization play important roles in the understanding of these problems, intuitive interpretations of the basic concepts are presented before detailed mathematical development. The development of a particular topic begins with simple cases illustrated by specific examples, and then progresses forward to more complex cases. The intended readers of this monograph are primarily students and researchers in engineering, computer science and applied mathematics. An understanding of the mathematical development of the main results requires only basic knowledge of mathematical analysis, control, and optimization theories. Some exercises with various degrees of difficulty are provided at the end of the main chapters. The material presented here may serve

as a portion of an introductory course or seminar on visibility-based optimal path and motion planning problems with the objective of stimulating interest and further studies in this relatively new area.

## **Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention -- MICCAI 2004**

### **Visibility-based Optimal Path and Motion Planning**

Abstract This paper presents a dynamic programming approach for calculating time optimal trajectories for industrial robots, subject to various physical constraints. In addition to path velocity, motor torque, joint velocity and acceleration constraints, the present contribution also shows how to deal with torque derivative and joint jerk limitations. First a Cartesian path for the endeffector is defined by splines using Bernstein polynomials as basis functions and is parameterized via a scalar path parameter. In order to compute the belonging quantities in configuration space, inverse kinematics is solved numerically. Using this and in combination with the dynamical model, joint torques as well as their derivatives can be constrained. For that purpose the equations of motion are calculated with the help of the Projection Equation. As a consequence

of the used optimization problem formulation, the dynamical model as well as the restrictions have to be transformed to path parameter space. Due to the additional consideration of jerk and torque derivative constraints, the phase plane is expanded to a phase space. The parameterized restrictions lead to feasible regions in this space, in which the optimal solution is sought. Result of the optimization is the time behavior of the path parameter and subsequently the feed forward torques for the optimal motion on the spatial path defined by previously mentioned splines. Simulation results as well as experimental results for a three axes industrial robot are presented. (© 2014 Wiley-VCH Verlag GmbH & Co. KGaA, Weinheim).

## **Repetitive Motion Planning and Control of Redundant Robot Manipulators**

This book brings together some recent advances and development in robotics. In 12 chapters, written by experts and researchers in respective fields, the book presents some up-to-date research ideas and findings in a wide range of robotics, including the design, modeling, control, learning, interaction, and navigation of robots. From an application perspective, the book covers UAVs, USVs, mobile robots, humanoid robots, graspers, and underwater robots. The unique text offers practical guidance to graduate students and researchers in research and

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## **Advances in Mechanism and Machine Science**

Repetitive Motion Planning and Control of Redundant Robot Manipulators presents four typical motion planning schemes based on optimization techniques, including the fundamental RMP scheme and its extensions. These schemes are unified as quadratic programs (QPs), which are solved by neural networks or numerical algorithms. The RMP schemes are demonstrated effectively by the simulation results based on various robotic models; the experiments applying the fundamental RMP scheme to a physical robot manipulator are also presented. As the schemes and the corresponding solvers presented in the book have solved the non-repetitive motion problems existing in redundant robot manipulators, it is of particular use in applying theoretical research based on the quadratic program for redundant robot manipulators in industrial situations. This book will be a valuable reference work for engineers, researchers, advanced undergraduate and graduate students in robotics fields. Yunong Zhang is a professor at The School of Information Science and Technology, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China; Zhijun Zhang is a research fellow working at the same institute.

## **On-Line Trajectory Generation in Robotic Systems**

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This master's thesis presents a novel approach to finding trajectories with minimal end time for kinematically redundant manipulators. Emphasis is given to a general applicability of the developed method to industrial tasks such as gluing or welding. Minimum-time trajectories may yield economic advantages as a shorter trajectory duration results in a lower task cycle time. Whereas kinematically redundant manipulators possess increased dexterity, compared to conventional non-redundant manipulators, their inverse kinematics is not unique and requires further treatment. In this work a joint space decomposition approach is introduced that takes advantage of the closed form inverse kinematics solution of non-redundant robots. Kinematic redundancy can be fully exploited to achieve minimum-time trajectories for prescribed end-effector paths.

### **2019 Fifth Indian Control Conference (ICC)**

Very hot area with a wide range of applications; Gives complete numerical analysis and recipes, which will enable readers to quickly apply the techniques to real problems; Includes two new techniques pioneered by Osher and Fedkiw; Osher and Fedkiw are internationally well-known researchers in this area

### **Fast Motions in Biomechanics and Robotics**

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This book presents recent results in robot motion and control. Twenty papers presented at the Fourth International Workshop on Robot Motion and Control held in 2004 have been expanded. The authors of these papers were carefully selected and represent leading institutions in this field. The book covers nonlinear control of nonholonomic systems and legged robots as well as trajectory planning for these systems, topics not covered in previous books.

### **Advances in Robot Kinematics 2016**

Based on the successful Modelling and Control of Robot Manipulators by Sciavicco and Siciliano (Springer, 2000), Robotics provides the basic know-how on the foundations of robotics: modelling, planning and control. It has been expanded to include coverage of mobile robots, visual control and motion planning. A variety of problems is raised throughout, and the proper tools to find engineering-oriented solutions are introduced and explained. The text includes coverage of fundamental topics like kinematics, and trajectory planning and related technological aspects including actuators and sensors. To impart practical skill, examples and case studies are carefully worked out and interwoven through the text, with frequent resort to simulation. In addition, end-of-chapter exercises are proposed, and the book is accompanied by an electronic solutions manual containing the MATLAB® code for computer problems; this is available free of charge to those adopting this volume as a textbook for courses.

## **Planning and Decision Making for Aerial Robots**

This book addresses the broad multi-disciplinary topic of robotics, and presents the basic techniques for motion and operation planning in robotics systems. Gathering contributions from experts in diverse and wide ranging fields, it offers an overview of the most recent and cutting-edge practical applications of these methodologies. It covers both theoretical and practical approaches, and elucidates the transition from theory to implementation. An extensive analysis is provided, including humanoids, manipulators, aerial robots and ground mobile robots. 'Motion and Operation Planning of Robotic Systems' addresses the following topics: \*The theoretical background of robotics. \*Application of motion planning techniques to manipulators, such as serial and parallel manipulators. \*Mobile robots planning, including robotic applications related to aerial robots, large scale robots and traditional wheeled robots. \*Motion planning for humanoid robots. An invaluable reference text for graduate students and researchers in robotics, this book is also intended for researchers studying robotics control design, user interfaces, modelling, simulation, sensors, humanoid robotics.

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## **Robot Systems for Rail Transit Applications**

Selected, peer reviewed papers from the 2013 International Conference on Materials, Mechatronics and Automation (ICMMA 2013), April 21-22, 2013, Singapore

## **Computational Science and Technology**

This volume presents a collection of papers presented at the 14th International Symposium of Robotic Research (ISRR). ISRR is the biennial meeting of the International Foundation of Robotic Research (IFRR) and its 14th edition took place in Lucerne, Switzerland, from August 31st to September 3rd, 2009. As for the previous symposia, ISRR 2009 followed up on the successful concept of a mixture of invited contributions and open submissions. Half of the 48 presentations were therefore invited contributions from outstanding researchers selected by the IFRR officers, and half were chosen among the 66 submissions after peer review. This selection process resulted in a truly excellent technical program which, we believe, featured some of the very best of robotic research. Out of the 48 presentations, the 42 papers which were finally submitted for publication are organized in 8 sections that encompass the major research orientations in robotics: Navigation, Control & Planning, Human-Robot Interaction, Manipulation and Humanoids,

Learning, Mapping, Multi-Robot Systems, and Micro-Robotics. They represent an excellent snapshot of cutting-edge research in robotics and outline future directions.

## **Advances in Robot Kinematics: Analysis and Design**

This book presents the outcomes of the 12th International Workshop on the Algorithmic Foundations of Robotics (WAFR 2016). WAFR is a prestigious, single-track, biennial international meeting devoted to recent advances in algorithmic problems in robotics. Robot algorithms are an important building block of robotic systems and are used to process inputs from users and sensors, perceive and build models of the environment, plan low-level motions and high-level tasks, control robotic actuators, and coordinate actions across multiple systems. However, developing and analyzing these algorithms raises complex challenges, both theoretical and practical. Advances in the algorithmic foundations of robotics have applications to manufacturing, medicine, distributed robotics, human-robot interaction, intelligent prosthetics, computer animation, computational biology, and many other areas. The 2016 edition of WAFR went back to its roots and was held in San Francisco, California – the city where the very first WAFR was held in 1994. Organized by Pieter Abbeel, Kostas Bekris, Ken Goldberg, and Lauren Miller, WAFR 2016 featured keynote talks by John Canny on “A Guided Tour of Computer Vision, Robotics, Algebra, and HCI,” Erik Demaine on “Replicators, Transformers,

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and Robot Swarms: Science Fiction through Geometric Algorithms,” Dan Halperin on “From Piano Movers to Piano Printers: Computing and Using Minkowski Sums,” and by Lydia Kavraki on “20 Years of Sampling Robot Motion.” Furthermore, it included an Open Problems Session organized by Ron Alterovitz, Florian Pokorny, and Jur van den Berg. There were 58 paper presentations during the three-day event. The organizers would like to thank the authors for their work and contributions, the reviewers for ensuring the high quality of the meeting, the WAFR Steering Committee led by Nancy Amato as well as WAFR’s fiscal sponsor, the International Federation of Robotics Research (IFRR), led by Oussama Khatib and Henrik Christensen. WAFR 2016 was an enjoyable and memorable event.

### **Time-Optimal Trajectory Planning for Redundant Robots**

### **Advances in Mechanisms, Robotics and Design Education and Research**

Presents the major primal-dual algorithms for linear programming. A thorough, straightforward description of the theoretical properties of these methods.

### **Practical Methods for Optimal Control and Estimation Using**

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## **Nonlinear Programming**

Alexander Reiter describes optimal path and trajectory planning for serial robots in general, and rigorously treats the challenging application of path tracking for kinematically redundant manipulators therein in particular. This is facilitated by resolving both the path tracking task and the optimal inverse kinematics problem simultaneously. Furthermore, the author presents methods for fast computation of approximate optimal solutions to planning problems with changing parameters. With an optimal solution to a nominal problem, an iterative process based on parametric sensitivities is applied to rapidly obtain an approximate solution. About the Author: Dr. Alexander Reiter is a senior scientist at the Institute of Robotics of the Johannes Kepler University (JKU) Linz, Austria. His major fields of research are kinematics, dynamics, and trajectory planning for kinematically redundant serial robots as well as real-time methods for solving parametric non-linear programming problems.

## **Reliable Robot Motion Planning**

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 8th International Conference on Neural Networks and Artificial Intelligence, ICNNAI 2014, held in Brest, Belarus, in June 2014. The 19 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and

selected from 27 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on forest resource management; artificial intelligence by neural networks; optimization; classification; fuzzy approach; machine intelligence; analytical approach; mobile robot; real world application.

## **Robot Control 2003 (SYROCO '03)**

This book provides an introduction to the emerging field of planning and decision making for aerial robots. An aerial robot is the ultimate form of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, an aircraft endowed with built-in intelligence, requiring no direct human control and able to perform a specific task. It must be able to fly within a partially structured environment, to react and adapt to changing environmental conditions and to accommodate for the uncertainty that exists in the physical world. An aerial robot can be termed as a physical agent that exists and flies in the real 3D world, can sense its environment and act on it to achieve specific goals. So throughout this book, an aerial robot will also be termed as an agent. Fundamental problems in aerial robotics include the tasks of spatial motion, spatial sensing and spatial reasoning. Reasoning in complex environments represents a difficult problem. The issues specific to spatial reasoning are planning and decision making. Planning deals with the trajectory algorithmic development based on the available information, while decision making determines priorities and evaluates potential environmental uncertainties. The issues specific to planning and decision making

for aerial robots in their environment are examined in this book and categorized as follows: motion planning, deterministic decision making, decision making under uncertainty and finally multi-robot planning. A variety of techniques are presented in this book, and a number of relevant case studies are examined. The topics considered in this book are multidisciplinary in nature and lie at the intersection of Robotics, Control Theory, Operational Research and Artificial Intelligence.

## **Recent Advances in Robotic Systems**

A focused presentation of how sparse optimization methods can be used to solve optimal control and estimation problems.

## **On-Line Trajectory Generation in Robotic Systems**

This book contributes to making urban rail transport fast, punctual and energy-efficient –significant factors in the importance of public transportation systems to economic, environmental and social requirements at both municipal and national levels. It proposes new methods for shortening passenger travel times and for reducing energy consumption, addressing two major topics: (1) train trajectory planning: the authors derive a nonlinear model for the operation of trains and present several approaches for calculating optimal and energy-efficient trajectories

within a given schedule; and (2) train scheduling: the authors develop a train scheduling model for urban rail systems and optimization approaches with which to balance total passenger travel time with energy efficiency and other costs to the operator. Mixed-integer linear programming and pseudospectral methods are among the new methods proposed for single- and multi-train systems for the solution of the nonlinear trajectory planning problem which involves constraints such as varying speed restrictions and maximum traction/braking force. Signaling systems and their effects are also accounted for in the trajectory planning model. Origin-destination passenger demand is included in the model formulation for train scheduling. Iterative convex programming and efficient bi-level approaches are utilized in the solution of the train-scheduling problem. In addition, the splitting rates and route choices of passengers are also optimized from the system point of view. The problems and solutions described in *Optimal Trajectory Planning and Train Scheduling for Urban Rail Transit Systems* will interest researchers studying public transport systems and logistics whether from an academic or practitioner background as well as providing a real application for anybody studying optimization theory and predictive control.

## **Algorithmic Foundations of Robotics XII**

This book gathers the proceedings of the 15th IFToMM World Congress, which was held in Krakow, Poland, from June 30 to July 4, 2019. Having been organized every four years since 1965, the Congress represents the world's largest scientific event on mechanism and machine science (MMS). The contributions cover an extremely diverse range of topics, including biomechanical engineering, computational kinematics, design methodologies, dynamics of machinery, multibody dynamics, gearing and transmissions, history of MMS, linkage and mechanical controls, robotics and mechatronics, micro-mechanisms, reliability of machines and mechanisms, rotor dynamics, standardization of terminology, sustainable energy systems, transportation machinery, tribology and vibration. Selected by means of a rigorous international peer-review process, they highlight numerous exciting advances and ideas that will spur novel research directions and foster new multidisciplinary collaborations.

## **Primal-Dual Interior-Point Methods**

This book is for a first course in robotics, especially in unmanned aerial or underwater vehicles.

This book features the proceedings of the Fifth International Conference on Computational Science and Technology 2018 (ICCST2018), held in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, on 29–30 August 2018. Of interest to practitioners and researchers, it presents exciting advances in computational techniques and solutions in this area. It also identifies emerging issues to help shape future research directions and enable industrial users to apply cutting-edge, large-scale and high-performance computational methods.

## **Motion and Operation Planning of Robotic Systems**

This book contains papers on a wide range of topics in the area of kinematics, mechanisms, robotics, and design, addressing new research advances and innovations in design education. The content is divided into five main categories headed 'Historical Perspectives', 'Kinematics and Mechanisms', 'Robotic Systems', 'Legged Locomotion', and 'Design Engineering Education'. Contributions take the form of survey articles, historical perspectives, commentaries on trends on education or research, original research contributions, and papers on design education. This volume celebrates the achievements of Professor Kenneth Waldron who has made innumerable and invaluable contributions to these fields in the last

fifty years. His leadership and his pioneering work have influenced thousands of people in this discipline.

## **Time Optimal Path Planning for Industrial Robots: A Dynamic Programming Approach Considering Torque Derivative and Jerk Constraints**

In the past decades, much progress has been made in the field of walking robots. The current state of technology makes it possible to create humanoid robots that nearly walk like a human being, climb stairs, or avoid small - stacles. However, the dream of a robot running as fast and as elegantly as a human is still far from becoming reality. Control of such fast motions is still a big technological issue in robotics, and the maximum running speed of contemporary robots is still much smaller than that of human track runners. The conventional control approach that most of these robots are based on does not seem to be suitable to increase the running speeds up to a biological level. In order to address this challenge, we invited an interdisciplinary community of researchers from robotics, biomechanics, control engineering and applied mathematics to come together in Heidelberg at the Symposium "Fast Motions in Biomechanics and Robotics - Optimization & Feedback Control" which was held at the International Science Forum (IWH) on September 7-9, 2005. The number of participants in this symposium was kept

## **Robot Intelligence Technology and Applications 3**

By the dawn of the new millennium, robotics has undergone a major transformation in scope and dimensions. This expansion has been brought about by the maturity of the field and the advances in its related technologies. From a largely dominant industrial focus, robotics has been rapidly expanding into the challenges of the human world. The new generation of robots is expected to safely and dependably co-habitat with humans in homes, workplaces, and communities, providing support in services, entertainment, education, health care, manufacturing, and assistance. Beyond its impact on physical robots, the body of knowledge robotics has produced is revealing a much wider range of applications reaching across diverse research areas and scientific disciplines, such as: biomechanics, haptics, neurosciences, virtual simulation, animation, surgery, and sensor networks among others. In return, the challenges of the new emerging areas are providing an abundant source of stimulation and insights for the field of robotics. It is indeed at the intersection of disciplines that the most striking advances happen. The goal of the series of Springer Tracts in Advanced Robotics (STAR) is to bring, in a timely fashion, the latest advances and developments in robotics on the basis of their significance and quality. It is our hope that the wider dissemination of research developments will stimulate more exchanges and

collaborations among the research community and contribute to further advancement of this rapidly growing field.

## **Optimal Path and Trajectory Planning for Serial Robots**

The 7th International Conference on Medical Imaging and Computer Assisted Intervention, MICCAI 2004, was held in Saint-Malo, Brittany, France at the “Palais du Grand Large” conference center, September 26–29, 2004. The proposal to host MICCAI 2004 was strongly encouraged and supported by IRISA, Rennes. IRISA is a publicly funded national research laboratory with a staff of 370, including 150 full-time research scientists or teaching research scientists and 115 postgraduate students. INRIA, the CNRS, and the University of Rennes 1 are all partners in this mixed research unit, and all three organizations were helpful in supporting MICCAI. MICCAI has become a premier international conference with in-depth perspectives on the multidisciplinary fields of medical image computing, computer-assisted intervention and medical robotics. The conference brings together clinicians, biological scientists, computer scientists, engineers, physicists and other researchers and offers them a forum to exchange ideas in these exciting and rapidly growing fields. The impact of MICCAI increases each year and the quality and quantity of submitted papers this year was very impressive. We received a record 516 full submissions (8 pages in length) and 101 short communications (2 pages) from 36 different countries and 5 continents (see figures below). All

submissions were reviewed by up to 4 external reviewers from the Scientific Review Committee and a primary reviewer from the Program Committee. All reviews were then considered by the MICCAI 2004 Program Committee, resulting in the acceptance of 235 full papers and 33 short communications.

## **Trajectory Planning for Automatic Machines and Robots**

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