Robotics

Introduction

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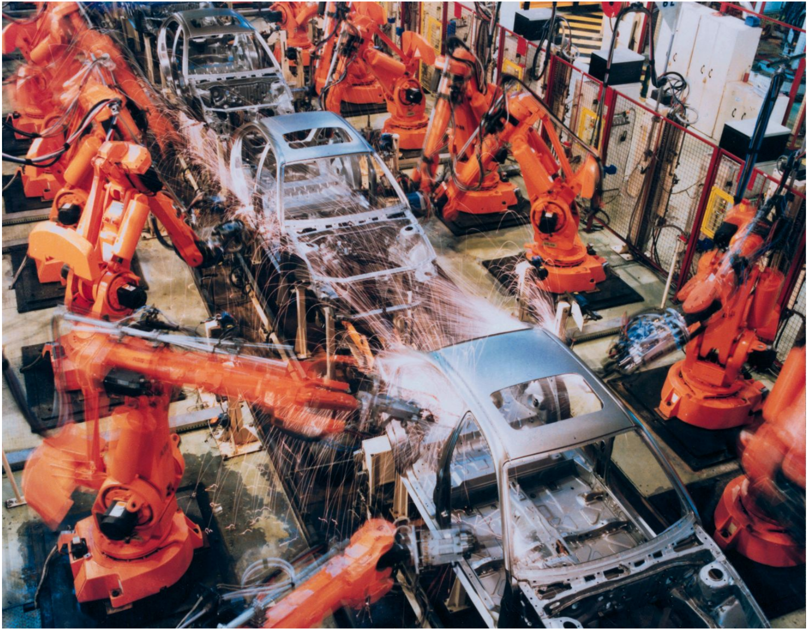
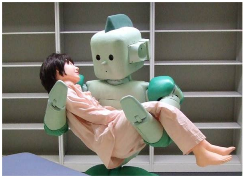
Why Robotics?



http://www.saintpatrick.org/index.aspx/Health_Services/da_Vinci_Surgery

(robot “wife” aico)



http://people.csail.mit.edu/nikolaus/drg/

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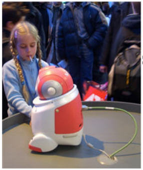
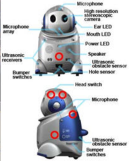
- Critical view:
  – International Committee for Robot Arms Control
    `http://icrac.net/`

  – Noel Sharkey's articles on robot ethics (Child care robots PePeRo...)





`http://www.nec.co.jp/products/robot/en/`

Robotics as intelligence research

AI in the real world

AI: Machine Learning, probabilistic reasoning, optimization
Real World: Interaction, manipulation, perception, navigation, etc

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Tunicates digest their brain once they settled!

- **Motion** was *the* driving force to develop intelligence
  - motion needs control & decision making $\leftrightarrow$ fast information processing
  - motion needs anticipation & planning
  - motion needs perception
  - motion needs spatial representations
- **Manipulation** requires to acknowledge the structure (geometry, physics, objects) of the real world. Classical AI does not

Robotics as intelligence research

- Machine Learning and AI are **computational** disciplines, which had great success with statistical modelling, analysis of data sets, symbolic reasoning. But they have not solved *autonomous learning, acting & reasoning in real worlds.*
- Neurosciences and psychology are **descriptive** sciences, either on the biological or cognitive level, e.g. with geat sucesses to describe and cure certain deceases. But they are not sufficient to create intelligent systems.
- Robotics is the only **synthetic** discipline to understand intelligent behavior in natural worlds. Robotics tells us what the actual problems are when trying to organize behavior in natural worlds.

History

- little movie...

(http://www.csail.mit.edu/videoarchive/history/aifilms
http://www.ai.sri.com/shakey/)

Four chapters

- **Kinematics & Dynamics**

  goal: orchestrate joint movements for desired movement in task spaces

  Kinematic map, Jacobian, optimality principle of inverse kinematics, singularities, configuration/operational/null space, multiple simultaneous tasks, special task variables, trajectory interpolation, motion profiles; 1D point mass, damping & oscillation, PID, general dynamic systems, Newton-Euler, joint space control, reference trajectory following, optimal operational space control

- **Planning & optimization**

  goal: planning around obstacles, optimizing trajectories

  Path finding vs. trajectory optimization, local vs. global, Dijkstra, Probabilistic Roadmaps, Rapidly Exploring Random Trees, differential constraints, metrics; trajectory optimization, general cost function, task variables, transition costs, gradient methods, 2nd order methods, Dynamic Programming

- **Control Theory**

  theory on designing optimal controllers

  Topics in control theory, optimal control, HJB equation, infinite horizon case, Linear-Quadratic optimal control, Riccati equations (differential, algebraic, discrete-time), controllability, stability, eigenvalue analysis, Lyapunov function

- **Mobile robots**

  goal: localize and map yourself

  State estimation, Bayes filter, odometry, particle filter, Kalman filter, Bayes smoothing, SLAM, joint Bayes filter, EKF SLAM, particle SLAM, graph-based SLAM

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- Essentially, the whole course is about

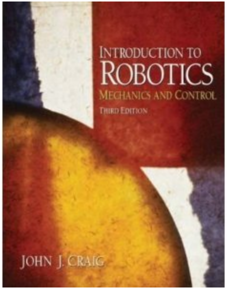
reducing real-world problems to mathematical problems

that can be solved efficiently

- Required: Basics in Linear Algebra & Optimization

Books

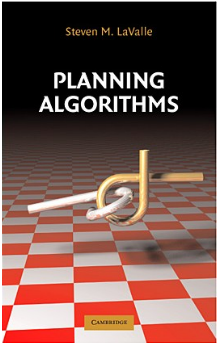
There is no reference book for this lecture. But a basic well-known standard text book is:



Craig, J.J.: *Introduction to robotics: mechanics and control*. Addison-Wesley New York, 1989. (3rd edition 2006)

Books

An advanced text book on planning is this:



Steven M. LaValle: *Planning Algorithms*. Cambridge University Press, 2006.
online: http://planning.cs.uiuc.edu/

Online resources

- VideoLecture by Oussama Khatib:
  http://academicearth.org/courses/introduction-to-robotics http://www.virtualprofessors.com/introduction-to-robotics-stanford-cs223a-khatib
  (focus on kinematics, dynamics, control)
- Oliver Brock's lecture
  http://courses.robotics.tu-berlin.de/mediawiki/index.php/Robotics:_Schedule_WT09
- Stefan Schaal's lecture Introduction to Robotics:
  http://www-clmc.usc.edu/Teaching/TeachingIntroductionToRoboticsSyllabus
  (focus on control, useful: Basic Linear Control Theory (analytic solution to simple dynamic model $\rightarrow$ PID), chapter on dynamics)
- Chris Atkeson's "Kinematics, Dynamic Systems, and Control"
  http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~cga/kdc/
  (uses Schaal's slides and LaValle's book, useful: slides on 3d kinematics http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~cga/kdc/ewhitman1.pptx)
- CMU lecture "introduction to robotics" http://www.cs.cmu.edu/afs/cs.cmu.edu/academic/class/16311/www/current/syllabus.html
  (useful: PID control, simple BUGs algorithms for motion planning, non-holonomic constraints)

- *Handbook of Robotics* (partially online at Google books) http://tiny.cc/u6tzl
- LaValle's *Planning Algorithms* http://planning.cs.uiuc.edu/

Organization

- Course Webpage:

  `http://ipvs.informatik.uni-stuttgart.de/mlr/marc/teaching/`

  – Slides, Exercises & Software (C++)

  – Links to books and other resources

- Admin things, please first ask:
  Carola Stahl, `Carola.Stahl@ipvs.uni-stuttgart.de`, Raum 2.217

- Tutorials: Wednesdays, 15:45-17:15 & 17:30-19:00 (0.108)

- Rules for the tutorials:

  – Doing the exercises is crucial!

  – At the beginning of each tutorial:
  – sign into a list
  – mark which exercises you have (successfully) worked on

  – Students are randomly selected to present their solutions

  – You need 50% of completed exercises to be allowed to the exam

  – Please check 2 weeks before the end of the term, if you can take the exam