

Goals

- 1. Theory, techniques and tools for multi-robot coordination
 - Control and planning
 - Dynamics
 - Sensing and estimation
 - Communication

decreasing emphasis

2. Original project work

- Conference quality paper
- Topics are ordered/organized to facilitate project work

Pre-Requisites

Mathematics

- Graduate standing or ODEs + [linear algebra or ability to think abstractly]
- Dynamics
 - 3-D rigid body transformations, rotation matrices; position and velocity analysis; ability to derive equations of motion

Linear control theory

• Basics of PID control; ideas of stability and convergence.

Computation

- Proficiency in Matlab or C
- Linux

Topics

- Kinematics (transformations, displacements, Lie theory)
- Control (mobile robots and multi-robot control)
- Planning (discrete, path-planning with constraints)
- Open-loop control or planning (continuous, with constraints)
- Estimation and filtering (pose-estimation)

• Dynamics (manipulation and contact tasks)

Grading

- Homework
- Project work
- In-Class presentations
- Final Project