Kinematic Analysis and Synthesis of Mechanisms  
(MEC 567)- Spring 2020
COURSE OUTLINE

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Office Hours:  MW 10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Lectures:  Mondays 7:00-9:50 pm  Location: FREY HALL 222

Reference:
4.  Instructor provided material and lecture.

Course Description:  This course will cover fundamental concepts in kinematics of open-loop and closed-loop mechanisms and manipulators, and dynamics and control of robotic systems useful for applications ranging from traditional manipulators in industrial robotics to unmanned aerial robots. We will cover basic concepts, including direct and inverse position kinematics, workspace and differential kinematics, dynamics, mechanical design of robot manipulators, vibration and feedback and feedforward control. This course is intended for graduate students with interests in mechanisms and robotics and related topics such as Artificial Intelligence (AI). Advanced undergraduates with a demonstrated interest in mechanisms and robotics are also welcome. Prerequisites include a foundation in Linear Algebra and Calculus, and the ability to program in Matlab.

The following topics will be covered from the above text and references:

Topics to be covered:
1.  History of mechanisms and robotic manipulators.
2.  Kinematic diagram, review of kinematic analysis of mechanisms, branching, force/motion transmission.
3.  Closed-loop and open-loop mechanisms, mechanism types and classifications: degrees-of-freedom, redundancy, branching and number of configurations, service/approach angle, path and trajectory.
5.  Kinematic analysis of closed-loop and open-loop spatial mechanisms.
6.  Direct kinematics and inverse kinematics concepts in serial and parallel manipulators.
9.  Mechanical design of closed-loop mechanisms and open-loop and parallel manipulators; Structural design issues, speed and precision issues, joints and actuation selection, vibration issues and considerations.
10.  Dynamics of Manipulators; Lagrangian Formulation.

First Midterm
5.  Kinematic analysis of closed-loop and open-loop spatial mechanisms.
6.  Direct kinematics and inverse kinematics concepts in serial and parallel manipulators.

Second Midterm
9.  Mechanical design of closed-loop mechanisms and open-loop and parallel manipulators; Structural design issues, speed and precision issues, joints and actuation selection, vibration issues and considerations.
10.  Dynamics of Manipulators; Lagrangian Formulation.

During the semester, each student will select a mechanism or manipulator analysis and synthesis project. A short statement of the project is due following the first midterm exam. Each student is expected to discuss the project with the instructor for approval before the due date. The projects will involve the identification of the function(s) that the mechanism or manipulator is intended to perform, formulation of appropriate method(s) to estimate the level of performance of the device and solution method(s), followed
by the formulation of an appropriate method to synthesize the device to achieve a prescribed or optimal performance. A final ppt presentation as well as a written report is due by the last day of classes. Oral presentation will be required during the last day of classes.

No late homework will be accepted.

**GRADING**

1- Homework (15 points).

2- Two midterms (15 points each).

3- Final exam (40 points).

4- Project (proposal, presentation and final report) - (15 points).

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