

*Lecture 1: **Intro; Kinematic Foundations***

*Reading:* Hartenberg and Denavit Chapter 2  
Mason section 2.1  
Sciavicco and Siciliano section 1.3.

- Course goals, syllabus, logistics.
- Basic kinematic concepts.
- Kinematic mechanisms.

*Lecture 2: **Differential Geometry***

*Reading:* handouts

- Groups
- Manifolds
- Tangent vectors, tangent spaces, vector fields
- Cotangent vectors, cotangent spaces, one-forms

*Lecture 3: **Rotations I***

*Reading:* Sciavicco and Siciliano sections 2.1–2.6  
Salamin

- Rotation matrices
- Lie groups and  $SO(n)$
- Euler angles; Angle axis

*Lecture 4: **Rotations II***

*Reading:* Sciavicco and Siciliano sections 2.1–2.6.

- Unit quaternion
- Matrix exponential;  $so(n)$

*Lecture 5: **Displacements***

*Reading:* Sciavicco and Siciliano section 2.7

- Homogeneous coordinates
- Special Euclidean group  $SE(n)$ ;  $se(n)$
- metrics
- Screw (that's not a verb) theory

*Lecture 6: **Forward Kinematics I***

*Reading:* Sciavicco and Siciliano sections 2.8, 2.9.

- Joint space, operational space, special frames

- Denavit-Hartenberg conventions

- Kinematics of planar arm

*Lecture 7: **Forward Kinematics II***

*Reading:* Sciavicco and Siciliano sections 2.8, 2.9

- Kinematics of anthropomorphic arm
- Beyond Denavit-Hartenberg
- Kinematics of mobile robots

*Lecture 8: **Reverse Kinematics I***

*Reading:* Sciavicco and Siciliano sections 2.10–2.12

- Workspace and redundancy
- Geometrical solution of planar arm

*Lecture 9: **Reverse Kinematics II***

*Reading:* Sciavicco and Siciliano sections 2.10–2.12

- Solution of anthropomorphic arm
- Theorems

*Lecture 10: **Differential Kinematics I***

*Reading:* Sciavicco and Siciliano sections 3.1–3.7

- Jacobian matrix
- Coordinate charts
- Singularity and redundancy

*Lecture 11: **Differential Kinematics II***

*Reading:* Sciavicco and Siciliano sections 3.1–3.7

- Anthropomorphic arm
- Nonholonomic systems
- Mobile robots

*Lecture 12: **Statics***

*Reading:* Sciavicco and Siciliano sections 3.8, 3.9

- The Virtual Work argument
- Duality of force and motion
- Velocity and force transformations

*Lecture 13: **Trajectory planning***

*Reading:* Sciavicco and Siciliano chapter 5

- Paths and trajectories
- Interpolating splines
- Interpolation in the tangent space

*Lecture 14: **Planning***

*Reading:* Handouts

- Configuration space
- Potential fields
- Search in tangent space
- Random graphs in configuration space
- Grasp planning

*Lecture 15: **Differential Equations***

*Reading:* Handouts (Luenberger)

- Existence and uniqueness of solutions
- The general solution to linear ordinary differential equations
- The exponential
- Eigenvectors and eigenvalues
- Equilibria
- Stability (classic)

*Lecture 16: **Linear Control by Example***

*Reading:* Handouts

Sciavicco and Siciliano Appendix C

- System modelling
- State space representation
- Control design
- Stability analysis (Lyapunov)

*Lecture 17: **Transform Theory I***

*Reading:* Handouts

- The Laplace-Transform

- Block Diagram Manipulation
- System equivalence
- Feedback
- Stability analysis (Routh and Lyapunov)

**Lecture 18: Transform Theory II**

*Reading:* Handouts

- Discrete time systems
- General solution to ordinary linear difference equations
- The Z-Transform
- Stability analysis (discrete time classic)

**Lecture 19: Linear Systems I**

*Reading:* Handouts (Chen)

- The State-Transition Function
- The Matrix Exponential
- Cayley-Hamilton theorem
- Similarity transforms
- Canonical forms

**Lecture 20: Linear Systems II – controllability**

*Reading:* Handouts (Chen and Brogan)

- What is controllability
- The controllable subspace
- Testing for controllability

**Lecture 21: Linear Systems III – observability**

*Reading:* Handouts (Chen and Brogan)

- What is observability
- The observable subspace
- Testing for observability

**Lecture 22: Linear Systems IV – realization**

*Reading:* Handouts (Chen)

- System equivalence

- Normal forms
  - input
  - output
  - balanced
  - minimal
- Canonical decomposition of LTI systems

**Lecture 23: Linear Systems – Pole Placement**

*Reading:* Handouts (Chen)

- Pole-Placement theorem
- Design of state-feedback controllers
- Full-dimensional state estimator

**Lecture 24: Linear Systems – Pole Placement**

*Reading:* Handouts (Chen and Kalman)

- Reduced-order state estimator
- Integrated estimation and control
- The Kalman filter

**Lecture 25: Dynamics of Mechanisms I**

*Reading:* Sciavicco and Siciliano Chpt. 4

- Lagrangian formulation
- Newton-Euler formulation

**Lecture 26: Dynamics of Mechanisms II**

*Reading:* Sciavicco and Siciliano Chpt. 4

- Models of simple manipulators
- Computational issues
- Stability

**Lecture 27: Control of Mechanisms I**

*Reading:* Sciavicco and Siciliano Chpt. 6

- Joint space control
- Independent joint control
  - Structure
  - Stability

- Performance
- Computed torque control
  - Structure
  - Stability
  - Performance

*Lecture 28: **Control of Mechanisms II***

*Reading:* Sciavicco and Siciliano Chpt. 6  
Whitcomb, Rizzi, and Koditschek TRA 93

- Inverse dynamics control
  - Structure
  - Stability
  - Performance
- Adaptive techniques

*Lecture 29: **Control of Mechanisms III – Workspace Control***

*Reading:* Sciavicco and Siciliano Chpt. 6  
Hutchinson, Hager, and Corke  
Khatib  
Raibert and Craig

- Visually guided control
- Operational space control
- Hybrid force-position control