Course topics: Covers the theory and application of mathematical models to analyze the kinematics and dynamics of robot mechanisms or their components using vector algebra, differential equations, and computer simulations; also covers robot vehicle kinematics, robot arm kinematics, and robot dynamics with computational examples and problems. Some basic programming skills and familiarity with MATLAB are expected. Prerequisite(s): The prerequisites are listed at: https://courses.soe.ucsc.edu/courses/cmpe10

*Students are advised to regularly check the course webpage for updates.

Tentative week-by-week course plan:

Week 1  Introduction (1.1-1.6), Vectors, Position and orientation in 2D (RVC: 2.1)
Week 2  Position and orientation in 3D (RVC: 2.2.1.1-3, 2.2.1.5), Kinematics of Particles (Rectilinear Motion: 11.1-11.6), Project 1
Week 3  Kinematics of Particles (Curvilinear Motion: 11.9-11.14)
Week 4  Kinematics of Rigid Bodies (15.1-15.14), Project 2
Week 5  Kinematics of Rigid Bodies (15.1-15.14)
Week 6  Kinematics of Wheeled Ground Robots, Project 3
Week 7  Robot Arm Kinematics (Selected Sections from RVC: 7 and 8), Kinetics of Particles (12.1-12.10, 13.1-13.8, 13.10-13.15), Project 4
Week 8  Systems of Particles (14.1-14.9), Moment of Inertia (9.11-9.15)
Week 9  Lagrange’s equations: Examples, Project 5
Week 10 Plane Motion of Rigid Bodies: Forces and Accelerations (16.1-16.8)

Lecture notes will be posted on this course web page under the link "Course Material". Audio/video recording of the class is not permitted.

Homework will be posted on the course webpage. Homework deadlines are firm; NO LATE homework will be accepted for any reason. Your weakest three homework scores will be dropped. Also, if you do not have all of the homework done, turn in what you have managed to do by the deadline. All questions regarding the homework solutions should be addressed to the TA. Please bear in mind that your scores will be heavily based on the quality and completeness of problem solutions, and not only on their correctness. All submitted work should be done individually.

Projects will be posted on the course webpage. Project deadlines are firm; NO LATE project will be accepted for any reason. All five projects are mandatory. The total score on the projects contribute 30% of the final grade. Please bear in mind that your scores will be heavily based on the quality and completeness of problem solutions, and not only on their correctness. All submitted work should be done individually.

Final grade will be based on your homework, projects, final exam, and class attendance above 70% (homework 20%, projects 30%, final 45%, attendance 5%). Bring your student ID to every exam.

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Note: For any questions, I am available in the class and during my office hours.

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