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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Kinematics enters many aspects of robot design. Type synthesis, dimensional synthesis, kinematic analysis, singularity analysis, workspace determination, performance measures, accuracy analysis, path planning and obstacle avoidance are only some of these. In addition, it is central when building dynamic models for simulation purposes.

Additionally, robotics is pervading many fields of social interest. For instance, healthcare with its robotized medical devices and rehabilitation devices needs studies both on human biomechanics and on mechanism synthesis, which involve kinematics.

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- accuracy analysis
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