



Track on Intelligent Robotics and Multi-Agent Systems

The ACM Symposium on Applied Computing (SAC) has been a primary gathering forum for applied computer scientists, computer engineers, software engineers, and application developers from around the world. The technical track on Intelligent Robotics and Multi-Agent Systems (IRMAS) will be organized for the third time in SAC 2017, exploiting the inherent synergy between Robotics and Multi-Agent Systems (MAS), thus aiming to bring together these highly related and exciting research fields. Robotics is a multidisciplinary research area that presents an enormous potential. It concerns developing intelligent robotic systems that are capable of making decisions and acting autonomously in real and unpredictable environments to accomplish tasks and assist humans in relevant application domains for society. Several complex problems require the use of teams of cooperative robots that share the same challenges studied in MAS.

MAS are groups of intelligent agents that can perceive and act in a given environment to achieve their individual and collective goals. MAS enable solving problems that are beyond the individual capabilities and knowledge of single agents, not suffering from resource limitations, performance bottlenecks, or critical failures usually found in centralized problem solvers. Multi-robot systems are often used to evaluate and validate MAS with physical robot platforms.

For many years, Robotics and Artificial Intelligence (AI) researchers have worked separately in these fields, both fields have matured enormously, and today there is a growing interest in getting the two fields together. Many in Robotics believe that the focus in the near future should be adding capabilities to robots that lie at the core of AI research. Reciprocally, AI researchers aim at embedding their techniques in physical robots that can perceive, reason and act in real, dynamic physical environments. Despite this mutual interest, although there are many conferences focusing either on Robotics or AI separately, there is a lack of scientific venues where both communities can meet. The purpose of the IRMAS track is therefore to provide a venue to exploit synergies between Intelligent Robotics and MAS, bringing together researchers from both fields to share experiences, expose issues, and discuss about these exciting fields. Papers that make fundamental contributions in either of these two areas are welcome, and research that spans both areas is especially encouraged. Accepted papers will be included in the ACM SAC 2017 proceedings and published in the ACM digital library, being indexed by Thomson ISI Web of Knowledge and Scopus.

Topics of Interest

Autonomous robotic systems	Robot localization, mapping, exploration, and navigation
Multi-agent systems (MAS) theory	Artificial perception and computer vision
Human-robot interaction	Field robotic applications
Cooperative robotics and cooperative MAS	Deployment, coverage and patrolling
Multi-robot systems	Evolutionary robotics and swarm robotics
Coordination and cooperation	Humanoid robots
Distributed control architectures	Social and service robotics
Human-robot team interaction	Entertainment and educational robots
Real-world applications of MAS	Micro and nano robotics
Self-adaptation and learning	Robotic dexterous grasping
MAS in mobile ad-hoc sensor networks	Simulation and programming tools for MAS

Important Dates

October 7, 2016	:	Paper submission (** deadline extended, firm and final deadline **)
November 18, 2016	:	Acceptance notification
December 2, 2016	:	Camera-ready submission

Original papers addressing any of the listed topics of interest (or related topics) will be considered. Each submitted paper will be fully refereed and undergo a blind review process by at least three referees. Paper size is limited to 6 pages. A maximum of 2 additional pages may be included for an additional fee. The reviews will be double-blind: authors' names and affiliations **must not** appear in the paper and self-citations **should be** in the third person.

For accepted papers, registration for the conference is required by at least one of the authors or a proxy, who **must** attend SAC and present the paper. This is a strict requirement for the paper to be included in the ACM SAC 2017 proceedings.

Graduate students are invited to submit research abstracts (maximum 2 pages) to the Student Research Competition (SRC), following the instructions published at SAC 2017 website.

Track Website

<http://ap.isr.uc.pt/events/sac2017-irmas>

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