



## Advances in Cartography, Mission Planning, Path Search, and Path Following for Drones

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- Sensor fusion for advanced navigation and positioning of drones, e.g., Kalman filters, machine learning.
- Data acquisition by drones.
- Collaborative drones that facilitate faster and more accurate task completion.
- Advanced communication and data transfer between drones and bases.
- Machine learning in pathfinding and mission accomplishment.
- Precision agriculture, infrastructure inspection, and urban planning.
- Advanced algorithms for path planning, mission planning, path search, and path following.
- Drones in emergency response scenarios.
- Drones and the Internet of Things.
- Advanced drone package-delivery systems.
- Collision avoidance and safety.



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