CISC1003 – Explore Robotics – HW 1

Submit your write-up as a pdf document on blackboard. Include your full name at the writeup. Name the writeup as lastname.fullname.HW1.pdf, e.g. Doe.Jane.HW1.pdf.

1. Read the following articles:

http://www.robotplatform.com/knowledge/Classification_of_Robots/Types_of_wheeled_robots. html

http://www.robotplatform.com/knowledge/Classification_of_Robots/wheel_control_theory.html

http://www.robotplatform.com/knowledge/Classification_of_Robots/tracked_robots.html

2. Answer the following questions:

How does Ackermann Steering improve on the Tricycle Drive?

What are some advantages to a 4 Omni Wheel designed robot?

What advantage does a Tracked Robot have over a wheeled robot?

If you were going to a build a robot to be used on a rocky terrain, which type of movement would you want to use and explain why.

If you were going to build a robot to be a car, which type of movenment would you want to use an explain why.

*Adapted from material by Prof. Lawrence Goetz.