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**To:** "Jaime&nbsp;Valls&nbsp;Miro" <jaime.vallsmiro@uts.edu.au>

Hello Jaime,

I'm happy to tell you that our Tmech paper was accepted, which will be a solid foundation for any other further researches. The official email was only sent to Yue, and I copy it below. Yue and I appreciate your huge effort paid for this paper.

There is a deadline to submit the final files at June 1st, but I think if possible we can finish it before RSS's final result, so that the final submission won't interrupt further research work.

Regards,  
Tong

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**Subject:** TMECH-01-2020-9762.R1 - Accepted - Transactions on Mechatronics  
**Body:** 24-Apr-2020

Dear Dr Wang:

I am pleased to inform you that your manuscript

ID: TMECH-01-2020-9762.R1  
Title: Cellular Decomposition for Non-repetitive Coverage Task with Minimum Discontinuities  
Paper Type: AIM Concurrent Paper

has been accepted for publication in the IEEE/ASME Transactions on Mechatronics (TMECH). Below are the comments from the Technical Editor and selected Reviewers, which you should consider when submitting your manuscript in its final form. Any attached files that may be referenced with these comments can be accessed in a copy of this decision letter located in your Author Center on Manuscript Central.

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We look forward to seeing your AIM Concurrent paper published in TMECH.

Sincerely,

Dr. I-Ming Chen :: Professor :: Editor-in-Chief, IEEE/ASME Transactions on Mechatronics :: Fellow of Academy of Engineering, Singapore ::

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Senior Editor: 1

Comments to the Author:

Both TE and reviewers are satisfied with the revision of the paper.

Technical Editor: 2

Comments to the Author:

The paper can be accepted

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EIC Notes:

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REVIEWERS' SUGGESTIONS:

Reviewer: 1

WHAT ARE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THIS PAPER: One major contribution from this paper is that it provides a method by which the workspace can be divided into a number of cells by which the task can be completed with a least number lift offs/discontinuities.

They have also proved mathematically that the discontinuities in a path/task is independent of the actual coverage path. And in their work they have given a method by which the actual path has the same number of discontinuities as proved mathematically which is the minimum.

Reviewer: 2

WHAT ARE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THIS PAPER: To derive non-repetitive coverage path solutions, a method is proposed in this paper with a minimal number of discontinuities, which can avoid unnecessary, costly end effector lift-offs for manipulators. The idea itself is interesting and the authors have responded to previous review comments well. Besides, there is one small comment that the unit of time needs to be added in table II.

Reviewer: 1

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS IN WHICH THE PAPER COULD BE IMPROVED: I think, the authors have answered my queries properly. So I dont have much suggestions to offer to the authors.

Reviewer: 2

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Reviewer: 1

Comments to the Author

Dear authors,

Thank you very much for answering my queries well. Wish you all the best.

Reviewer: 2

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