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EDUCATION

Beijing Institute of Technology

M.S. Mechanical Engineering; GPA: 3.6.

Beijing, China Sep 2021 - Jul 2023

Thesis: Motion Planning Framework of Robotic Rat for Behavioral Interaction

Notable Courses: Advanced Robotics, Design and Application of Robotic Systems, Micro-Nano Manufacturing and

 $Mirco ext{-}Nano\ Robotic\ Technology$

Beijing Institute of Technology

B.S. Mechatronics Engineering; GPA: 3.36.

Beijing, China Sep 2017 - Jul 2021

Thesis: Plane Detection and Humanoid Robot Local Path Planning Based on Depth Vision.

RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCE

Legged Robot Motion Control R&D

Beijing

Aug 2023 $\sim Current$

Xiaomi Technology Inc. Robotics Department

• Blind Locomotion: (Individual)

Developed a Concurrent Teacher-Student training framework for legged robot blind locomotion using Implicit-Explicit Estimation. Design of training environment, Implementation of the concurrent teacher-student algorithm, reward optimization and tuning, hardware deployment.

• Quadruped Parkour: (Individual)

Utilized a two-stage Teacher-Student DRL framework for vision-based legged robot parkour. Design of training environment, reward optimization and tuning, deployed on quadruped, achieved agile environment traversal, climbs on platforms of approximately 1.5 times body height

• MPC-Based Skateboarding: (Group)

Aided in developing an MPC model for quadrupedal robot skateboarding. Trajectory data collection, experiments & analysis, published on ICRA 2024. [3]

Student Researcher

• Beijing Advanced Innovation Center for Intelligent Robots and Systems (BAICIRS)

3 years

- Motion Planning Framework of Robotic Rat for Behavioral Interaction:
 Master Thesis (Individual): Developed a motion re-targeting method for rat-robot mapping,
 - modeled rat behaviors using ProMPs and implemented rat tracking through visual servoing.
- $\circ \ \mathbf{Real\text{-}Time} \ \mathbf{Rat} \ \mathbf{Pose} \ \mathbf{Estimation} \colon (\mathbf{Group})$

Aided in developing a real-time lab rat pose estimation model. [1]

 $\circ \ \mathbf{Imitation} \ \mathbf{Learning} \ \mathbf{for} \ \mathbf{Motion} \ \mathbf{Generation} \colon (\mathbf{Group})$

Aided in developing an IL algorithm for Rat-like motion generation. [2]

 $\circ \ \mathbf{Footstep} \ \mathbf{Planning} \ \mathbf{for} \ \mathbf{Humanoid} \ \mathbf{Robot} \ \mathbf{based} \ \mathbf{on} \ \mathbf{Depth} \ \mathbf{Vision} \colon (\mathbf{Individual})$

Developed a depth vision local path planning algorithm for the team's humanoid robot BHR-2. Organized into bachelor thesis which received "outstanding" grade.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Robot Motion Planning: Experienced with various motion planning algorithms, probabilistic methods and non-linear optimization as well as hardware implementations using C++ and ROS.
- Control of Robotic Systems: Kinematic and Dynamic modeling, Trajectory Optimization, Model Predictive Control.
- Vision & Sensors: RGB-D Cameras, IMUs, Image processing (OpenCV), Point cloud processing (PCL).
- Machine Learning: PyTorch, Deep Reinforcement Learning (PPO), Imitation Learning, Object Detection & Recognition (YOLO)

Computer Skills

- Programming: C/C++, CMake, MATLAB, Python, OpenCV, Linux, ROS, Qt, LaTeX, Git, Bash.
- Simulation: Isaac Sim/Lab/Gym, MuJoCo, Simulink, Gazebo.
- 3D Modeling & CAD: Solidworks, AutoCAD, Blender.
- Embedded Development: Experienced with C and C51 development of micro-controller applications (STM32, Arduino).

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] X. Guo, G. Jia, M. Al-Khulaqui, Z. Chen, T. Fukuda, and Q. Shi. Real-time pose estimation of rats based on stereo vision embedded in a robotic rat. In 2023 IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), pages 4690–4695, 2023. DOI: 10.1109/IROS55552.2023.10342475.
- [2] H. Xie, G. Jia, M. Al-Khulaqui, Z. Gao, X. Guo, T. Fukuda, and Q. Shi. A motion generation strategy of robotic rat using imitation learning for behavioral interaction. *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters*, 7(3):7351–7358, 2022. DOI: 10.1109/LRA.2022.3182472.
- [3] Z. Xu, M. Al-Khulaqui, H. Ma, J. Wang, Q. Xin, Y. You, M. Zhou, D. Xiang, and S. Zhang. Optimization based dynamic skateboarding of quadrupedal robot. In *Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, 2024. (Accepted).

LANGUAGES

• English: Fluent, IELTS 8.0.

• German: Intermediate, Goethe B1.

• Chinese: Fluent

• Arabic: Fluent, Mother Language.

• Japanese: Basic