ADITYA NAIR

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EDUCATION

 \bigstar Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

Master of Science - Robotics

Sep 2023 - Aug 2024

GPA: 3.8/4.0

★ Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, India

Bachelor of Engineering - Mechanical Engineering

Aug 2019 - May 2023 GPA: 3.6/4.0

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

★ MARMot Lab, National University of Singapore

Visiting Researcher | Advisor: Dr. Guillaume Sartoretti

Apr 2022 - Present

Summer 2022

- ▷ Developed a hybrid motion-force controller for optimizing joint-torques of a hexapod robot, during load carrying and slope climbing.
- ▶ Implemented admittance control and optimized trajectories for lifting objects using the hexapod's front legs.
- ▷ Currently developing dynamics-informed Central Pattern Generator (CPG) for the hexapod.

★ Robotics Research Centre, IIIT Hyderabad

Research Assistant | Advisor: Dr. Nagamanikandan Govindan

- ▶ Implemented a Linear Time Variant Model-Predictive Controller for single-agent box pushing manipulation.
- ▷ Designed and tested under-actuated perching mechanisms for drones during power line inspection.

★ Inspire Lab, BITS Pilani

Dec 2021 - May 2022

Undergraduate Researcher | Advisor: Dr. Avinash Gautam

- ▷ Developed a ROS pipeline for teleoperation of robot swarms (Fire Bird VI robots).
- ▶ Implemented Iterative Closest Point (ICP) on point clouds for structural depth estimation of cracks in walls.

WORK EXPERIENCE

★ The Port of Singapore Authority - National University of Singapore

Oct 2022 - Jan 2023

Industrial Research Engineer

▶ Engineered pioneering solutions at the intersection of robot design, control and motion planning for problems related to shipping container lashings.

★ DomTech Robotics & Automation

Summer 2021

3D modelling & Automation Intern

▶ Designed a 2-DoF automated welding positioner capable of handling torques up to 6000 Nm.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming C/C++, Python, Unit Testing, MATLAB, Bash, Java, Lua, SQL ROS/ROS2 Packages Nav2, Slam_Toolbox, MoveIt!, TF2, AprilTag, RealSense2, RViz2

Simulation Gazebo, PyBullet, CoppeliaSim, Webots, Simulink, ANSYS, Fusion360, Blender Python Libraries SciPy, NumPy, SymPy, MatPlotLib, Open3D, OpenCV, MediaPipe, Keras, DOLFIN

Microprocessors Jetson Nano/Orin, NUC, Arduino, ESP32, RaspberryPi, Teensy

PUBLICATIONS

1. "Joint-Torque Optimization for Legged Robots during Payload Carrying Operations"
Nair A, Khurana S, Sartoretti G

To be submitted to the IEEE Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (2024).

2. "Legged Robots for Object Manipulation: A Review" | Paper Gong Y, Sun G, Nair A, Bidwai A, CS R, Grezmak J, Sartoretti G, Daltorio KA Published in Frontiers in Mechanical Engineering.

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