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EDUCATION

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

MS in ROBOTICS GPA: 3.93/4.00 Sep 2021 - Dec 2022

UNION COLLEGE (NY)

BS in MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (Departmental Honorary) Sep 2015 - Jun 2019

SKILLS

ROBOTICS

• Perception: OpenCV

• Planning: A*, RRT, Frontier

Exploration

• SLAM: Stereo Visual Odometry, RTAB Map, Slam Toolbox, Sensor Fusion

• Control: PID control, Kinematics,

• Simulation: Lagrangian Dynamics, Coppelia Sim

SOFTWARE

• Programming: Python, C++, C, Matlab

 Robot Operating System (ROS): Moveit, Gazebo, Rviz

• Other: Linux, Git

ELECTRICAL

• Embedded: PIC32, Arduino

· Soldering, Wiring

MECHANICAL

• CAD: SolidWorks, AutoCAD

• Simulation (FEA): Stress-Strain, Heat transfer, Topology Optimization (SolidWorks); Electromagnetic (Ansys); Fluid Dynamics (STAR-CCM+); Simulink (Matlab)

• Prototype: 3D printing, Laser cut, Mill, Lathe, Drill press

EXPERIENCE

First Robotics Team 7522 | Mechanical Mentor (part-time) | Shanghai, CN Jun 2020 - Jun 2021

- Advised a team of 5 to build a ball-shooting mechanism of a robot for the season "Infinite Recharge", which won 1st place at the WE RoboStar 2020 game in Guangzhou
- Guided design, in SolidWorks, of a swerve drivetrain, which significantly improved the agility and traction of the robot
- Mentored students on using SolidWorks and developed an online video tutorial on that.

ZF Automotive (ZJG Plant) | Manufacturing Engineer Intern | Suzhou, CN Feb 2020 - May 2021

- Analyzed data from the automated Electric Parking Brake (EPB) assembly line to identify and help correct errors caused by automatic mechanism shortening the cycle time by 3%
- Developed a piston press-in approach to reduce the damage to piston seal and excluder of the brake, enhancing the First Pass Yield (FPY) by 0.5%

Runshan Precision Machinery | Mechanical Engineer | Suzhou, CN July 2019 - Jan 2020

- · Collaborated with a senior engineer to design a new model of knitting machine using SolidWorks and applied FEA for design validation
- Performed topology optimization for load-bearing components to maintain strength and save material costs
- · Participated in the mechanical design of a ring gear driving mechanism of circular knitting machines and filed for domestic patents (China Patent No. 201911363163.5)

PROJECTS

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3D SLAM And Point Cloud Colorization

Jan 2022- Present

- Perform 3D SLAM on Jackal UGV with Velodyne Lidar using Robot Operating System (ROS) and the RTAB Map package
- Write a perception algorithm with C++ to align RGB/thermal data to the point cloud

Stereo Visual Odometry Using KITTI Dataset

- Created a visual odometry with stereo camera setup on the KITTI dataset using Python
- Calculated disparity maps and performed feature extractions using SIFT in OpenCV
- Applied RANSAC solver from OpenCV to determine the 3D rigid body transform between each frame
- Estimated the position and orientation of the vehicle within a reasonable drift (lower than 50m at loop closure)

Marker Assembling Robot

- Collaborated with a team of 5 to control a Franka arm to assemble markers and caps through a sequence of pick, place, press, and sort operations using Robot Operating System (ROS), and Moveit
- Led the development of a computer vision algorithm with OpenCV to detect a wide range of colors and their positions
- In 50 rounds of testing with 9 of markers under different situations, the vision system was 100% reliable

2D Physics Engine From Scratch

- Implemented a planer multi-body dynamics simulator of a jack in the box using python with external forces and impacts by applying lagrangian dynamics
- · Animated the simulation with collision detections and user-specified external forces