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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Signal Processing	Biomedical Engineering	Electronics	Sensors
Artificial Intelligence	Instrumentation	Automatic Control	Acoustics

## EDUCATION

### BScEng (Hons.) - Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya. (<https://eng.pdn.ac.lk/>)  
CGPA: 3.80/4.00 (95%) (First Class Honours)

Nov 2018 - Dec 2023  
Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

### Primary and Secondary Education

Trinity College, Kandy (<https://www.trinitycollege.lk/>)

Jan 2003 - Sep 2017  
Kandy, Sri Lanka

G.C.E. Advanced Level (University Entrance Examination)

Aug 2017

- Physical Sciences (Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry), Z-score: 1.9141

G.C.E. Ordinary Level

Dec 2013

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

### ► Manamperi Award (Nominated) (2024).

Nominated for the Best Undergraduate Research Project award in Engineering (island-wide, Sri Lanka) by Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) for the research project "Hand Gesture Recognition and Gait Analysis using Wearable Devices".

### ► Eng. E.W. Karunarathne Award (Nominated) (2022/2023).

Nominated for the Best Undergraduate Project in Electrical Engineering (island-wide, Sri Lanka) award for the research project "Hand Gesture Recognition and Gait Analysis using Wearable Devices".

### ► Dr Tilak Peiris Award for the Best Performance in the General Programme in Engineering (2020).

Best performance in First Year at Faculty of Engineering (Batch of 2017), University of Peradeniya.  
GPA 3.95/4.00 ([Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> out of 416](#))

## PATENTS

### ► National Patent (Sri Lanka) LK/P/122798 (Pending): "A multi-sensory fetal movement analysing device" (2023).

Owners: G.M.R.I. Godaliyadda, M.P.B. Ekanayake, J.V. Wijayakulasooriya, R.M.C.J. Rathnayake, U.H. Delay, J.B. Senanayake, R.T. Nanayakkara, D.M.P.M. Alwis, L.B.I.P. Thilakasiri, V.K.M. Pandukabhaya.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Journals

- [J<sub>1</sub>] **Performance Benchmarking of Psychomotor Skills Using Wearable Devices: An Application in Sport.** 2024 Nov
- V.K.M. Pandukabhaya, T.D. Fonseka, R.G.M.S. Kulathunge, G.M.R.I. Godaliyadda, M.P.B. Ekanayake, C.D. Senanayake, H.M.V.R. Herath.
  - In *IEEE Access*. [Under Review] [[Preprint](#)]

### International Conferences

- [C<sub>3</sub>] **Estimation of Angle of Significance in Human Joint Angles Using Extended Kalman Filter and Principal Component Analysis.** 2025 Jan
- V.K.M. Pandukabhaya, R.G.M.S. Kulathunge, T.D. Fonseka, G.M.R.I. Godaliyadda, M.P.B. Ekanayake, H.M.V.R. Herath.
  - In *IEEE 3<sup>rd</sup> Applied Sensing Conference (APSCON) 2025*. [Accepted]

- [C<sub>2</sub>] **Comparison of Appliance Signature Classification Methods for Non-Intrusive Load Monitoring.** 2024 Dec  
 - R.M.K.L. Ratnayake, V.K.M. Pandukabhaya, D.M.U.P. Sumanasekara, R.M.U.M. Ratnayake, G.M.R.I. Godaliyadda, M.P.B. Ekanayake, J.B. Ekanayake, H.M.V.R. Herath.  
 - In *IEEE 10<sup>th</sup> Moratuwa Electrical Engineering Conference (EECon) 2024*. [To be Published]
- [C<sub>1</sub>] **Quality Assessment of Welding using Regression Analysis of Biomechanical Data.** 2024 Aug  
 - V.K.M. Pandukabhaya, T.D. Fonseka, R.G.M.S. Kulathunge, G.M.R.I. Godaliyadda, M.P.B. Ekanayake, C.D. Senanayake, P. Gamage, H.M.V.R. Herath.  
 - In *IEEE 10<sup>th</sup> Moratuwa Engineering Research Conference (MERCon) 2024*. [Paper]  
 - **Best Paper Award** (Technology Management Track), Presenting Author.

## RESEARCH AND PROJECTS

- ▶ **Miniaturization of Wearable Devices.** 2024 - Present  
 - Miniaturization of an existing IMU-based full-body wireless wearable device by utilizing flexible PCBs
- ▶ **Non-Intrusive Load Monitoring (NILM).** 2024 - Present  
 - Exploration of algorithms for event detection, classification of appliance signatures, and unmixing aggregate power to determine the states of appliances and energy drawn
- ▶ **Assessment of Psychomotor Skills.** 2023 - Present  
 - Exploration of algorithms for the quantitative assessment of psychomotor skills based on wearable devices.
- ▶ **Hand Gesture Recognition and Gait Analysis via Wearable Devices.** 2022 - 2023  
 - Undergraduate Capstone Project  
 - Development of an IMU-based full-body wireless wearable device to capture human body motion  
 - Hand gesture classification via binary classification techniques  
 - Gait parameter extraction for medical applications through joint kinematics obtained via extended Kalman filtering-based sensor fusion  
 - Exploration of grading methods for the quantitative performance evaluation of physical tasks
- ▶ **Fetal Movement and Maternal Respiratory Pattern Monitoring.** 2021 - 2023  
 - A collaborative research project with Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka focusing on the applications related to fetal condition monitoring using IMU-based wearable devices  
 - Development of an IMU-based wearable device to monitor maternal abdomen movement for fetal condition evaluation  
 - [National Patent \(Sri Lanka\) LK/P/122798 \(pending\)](#)
- ▶ **CalcWizard. (UG)** 2022 - 2023  
 - Development of an RTL-based learning aid for arithmetic teaching for primary school students
- ▶ **Diode-based temperature sensor. (UG)** 2020  
 - Development of a temperature sensor that investigates the temperature dependence of the VI characteristic of a diode
- ▶ **Phoenix. (UG)** 2019  
 - A PID-controlled line follower robot presented for a contest organized by IEEE Student Chapter of University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (DEEEP SPEED 2019) - **1<sup>st</sup> place of out of 84 contestants.**
- ▶ **Optical Morse Code Transceiver. (UG)** 2019  
 - A multi-threaded, Morse code transmitter-receiver pair based on optical signals

## EXPERIENCE

- University of Peradeniya** Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
- ▶ Temporary Instructor Jan 2024 - Present  
 Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Faculty of Engineering.  
*Responsibilities:*  
 - Conducted and assessed laboratory sessions for undergraduate courses including fundamental EEE courses  
 - Developed and Implemented laboratories for undergraduate courses in the EEE curriculum
- Synopsys, Inc.** Colombo, Sri Lanka
- ▶ Electronic Engineering Intern Jan 2022 - May 2022  
 Applications Engineering, and Research & Development branches (20 weeks)  
*Responsibilities:*  
 - Development of a software solution for random testing of software  
 - Exposure: *Python, SystemVerilog, RTL Static Verification*  
 - Achievements: [Title Winner](#) of LevelUp 2022: Intern Project Presentation Competition

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

<b>Institution of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE)</b>	2019 - Present
Member #96249549	2024 - Present
Student Member #96249549	2019 - 2023
<b>Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka (IESL)</b>	
Student Member S-27129	2021 - Present

## VOLUNTEERING

- **Member of Organizing Committee** - ACES Pre-Coders v10.0 and ACES Coders v10.0 (Sep-Oct 2023).  
*An algorithmic programming competition organized by Association of Computer Engineering Students (ACES), Department of Computer Engineering, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.*  
Contribution: *Problem design and planning, Coordination of the Contest*  
Exposure: *Data structures and algorithms, computational geometry*

## OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Oct 2022	<b>IEEEExtreme 16.0:</b> An international 24-hour algorithmic programming competition organized by IEEE. <i>[Participation]</i>
Jun 2022	<b>LevelUp 2022:</b> Intern project presentation competition organized by Synopsys, Inc. <i>[1<sup>st</sup> place]</i>
Oct 2021	<b>IEEEExtreme 15.0:</b> An international 24-hour algorithmic programming competition organized by IEEE. <i>[Participation]</i>
Oct 2020	<b>IEEEExtreme 14.0:</b> An international 24-hour algorithmic programming competition organized by IEEE. <i>[Top 40 in Sri Lanka, Top 400 in the world]</i>
Oct 2020	<b>MoraXtreme 5.0:</b> A national 12-hour algorithmic programming competition organized by University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka. <i>[16<sup>th</sup> Place]</i>
Mar 2020	<b>ACES Coders 8:</b> A national 12-hour algorithmic programming competition organized by University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. <i>[15<sup>th</sup> Place]</i>
Feb 2020	<b>Google Hash Code 2020:</b> An international algorithmic programming competition organized by Google LLC. <i>[Participation]</i>
Dec 2019	<b>DEEEP SPEED 2019:</b> A Line Follower Robot Competition organized by the organized by IEEE Student Branch, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. <i>[1<sup>st</sup> place out of 84]</i>
Oct 2019	<b>IEEEExtreme 13.0:</b> An international 24-hour algorithmic programming competition organized by IEEE. <i>[Top 5 in Sri Lanka, Top 150 in the world]</i>
Sep 2019	<b>ACES Hackathon 2019:</b> An inter-university hackathon organized by University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. Idea: Image processing-based detection of freshness of tomatoes. <i>[Participation]</i>
Mar 2019	<b>UoJ Coders v1.0:</b> A national 12-hour algorithmic programming competition organized by University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka. <i>[Participation]</i>

## SKILLS

<b>Programming</b>	C, C++, Python, Assembly
<b>Hardware</b>	ESP, PIC, Arduino, Raspberry Pi, Altium Designer, Verilog HDL, SystemVerilog
<b>Mathematical Computing</b>	Mathematica, MATLAB, GNU Octave
<b>Circuit Simulation</b>	SPICE, Proteus
<b>CAD</b>	Autodesk AutoCAD, Autodesk Fusion 360, DS SolidWorks
<b>Graphic Designing</b>	LaTeX, Adobe InDesign, Inkscape, Microsoft Office
<b>Languages</b>	English, Sinhala

## OTHER INTERESTS

Music and Acoustics, Astrophysics, Competitive Programming, Photography, Electronic Circuit Fabrication

## REFERENCES

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### **Prof GMRI Godaliyadda**

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