Pranay Mathur

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EDUCATION

M.S. Robotics (Al and Perception) B.E. Electronics and Instrumentation Georgia Institute of Technology

Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani

Aug 2022 – May 2024 Aug 2017 – July 2021

EXPERIENCE

Collaborative Robotics — Machine Learning Engineer, Perception | Seattle, WA

Jan 2025 - Present

- Setup scalable training, inference, evaluation and monitoring pipeline to train vision models with DDP and multi-GPU support
- Developed pipeline to fine-tune vision foundation models to automate data annotation pipelines and for knowledge distillation

MathWorks — EDG Software Engineer | Natick, MA

June 2024 - Jan 2025

- Implemented vision foundation models and wrote custom transformer layers to achieve a 10x speed up in inference
- Developed an ML-based recommendation algorithm using language embeddings and KNN to match development teams with candidates

MathWorks — Engineering Development Group Intern | Natick, MA

May 2023 - Aug 2023

- Developed the test harnesses search feature in the Simulink Test Toolbox using graph search algorithms and deployed it to production
- Optimized the C++ and MATLAB back-end of the Simulink Test Toolbox achieving a 70% speed-up over original execution time

Google Summer of Code — Open-source Developer | Remote

- Utilized 3D multi-view geometry and object detection for mapping landmarks and path-finding for a 1:10 scale autonomous racing car
- Implemented model compression using quantized EfficientDet to improve inference speed on an embedded PC with an Edge TPU

Addverb Technologies - Perception Engineer, Mobile Robotics | India

- Prototyped appearance-based navigation using spatio-temporal LSTM for semantic-scene understanding and efficient image retrieval
- Used bag-of-words of learnt key-point descriptors for Visual-Place Recognition (VPR) to augment SLAM and de-localization recovery
- Shipped monitoring and control infrastructure for a fleet of autonomous mobile robots on the cloud for low-latency visualization

Autonomous Robots Lab, UNR- Undergraduate Researcher | Reno, NV

July 2020 - Jan 2021

- Developed a generalizable Resource-Aware algorithm for deployment of Visual Inertial Odometry (VIO) algorithms on computationally constrained aerial vehicles achieving a reduction in average CPU usage of up to 50% under the guidance of Prof. Kostas Alexis
- Released two official ROS and ROS2 perception packages a ROS wrapper for Open3D and example use-cases with pointclouds
- Contributions selected for presentation as a Lightning Talk at ROSCon 2020 and are part of official ROS-Perception repositories

KPIT Technologies - Research Intern | India

May 2020 - July 2020

- Developed CNN based multi-modal sensor fusion architecture for object detection using a 3D LiDAR, monocular camera and RADAR
- Implemented architecture for low-latency inference in self-driving cars during adverse weather, low-illumination and partial occlusions

PUBLICATIONS (Selected)

EgoMimic: Scaling Imitation Learning through Egocentric Video

Simar Kareer, Dhruv Patel*, Ryan Punamiya*, Pranay Mathur*, Shuo Cheng, Chen Wang, Judy Hoffman, Danfei Xu - IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2025

Neural Visibility Field for Uncertainty-Driven Active Mapping

Shangjie Xue, Jesse Dill, Pranay Mathur, Frank Dellaert, P. Tsiotras, Danfei Xu – IEEE/CVF Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2024

Proactive Human-Robot Interaction using Visuo-Lingual Transformers and Object Interaction Graphs (Best Paper Award)

Pranay Mathur - Geriatronics Workshop - IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), 2023

Resource-aware Online Parameter Adaptation for Computationally-constrained Visual-Inertial Navigation Systems

Pranay Mathur, Nikhil Khedekar, Kostas Alexis - IEEE-RAS International Conference on Advanced Robotics (ICAR), 2021

A Generalized Kalman Filter Augmented Deep-Learning based Approach for Autonomous Landing in MAVs (Best Paper Award)

Pranay Mathur, Yash Jangir, Neena Goveas - IEEE International Symposium of ACA on Intelligent Robotics and Industrial Automation (IRIA), 2021

PROJECTS (Selected)

Embodiment Agnostic Long-Horizon Manipulation with Differentiable Kinematics using Human-Play Data

Aug 2023 - May 2024

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Danfei Xu, Assistant Professor at Georgia Tech and Research Scientist at NVIDIA AI

- Worked on generalizable manipulation policies by scaling imitation learning through egocentric videos of human-play data
- Implemented vision encoder for a trajectory prediction model using the DINOv2 foundation model with LoRA. Achieved embodiment agnostic visual representations by aligning latent-space visual embeddings using an auxiliary KL divergence loss and manipulator masking
- Implemented a modified version of action-chunking with transformers (ACT) using Differentiable-Kinematics and integrated it with low-level controllers for a modified version of the ALOHA robot platform

Long-Horizon planning of Next-best-view of NeRFs and Gaussian Splats

Aug 2023 - Nov 2023

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Danfei Xu, Assistant Professor at Georgia Tech and Research Scientist at NVIDIA AI

- Established SOTA in visibility-based uncertainty quantification in Neural Radiance Fields (NeRFs) applied to active mapping approaches
- Implemented pose optimization pipeline and active mapping baselines to evaluate and compare our proposed approach with current SOTA

Human-Motion Prediction: With great power comes great res-pose-ability

Jan 2023 - May 2023

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Zsolt Kira, Assistant Professor at the School of Interactive Computing

- Implemented transformers and Convolutional Seq-to-Seq models for human-motion prediction on computationally-constrained systems
- Achieved comparable performance to several baselines implemented in the fairmotion library at reduced computational costs

Tools/Frameworks: C, C++, Python, Java, Bash, CUDA, PyTorch, TensorFlow, CMake, OpenCV, OpenMP, ROS 1/2, MATLAB, Linux, GitHub, AWS Courses: Deep Learning, Data Structures and Algorithms, Object Oriented Programming, Advanced Computer Vision, State Estimation and Localization