Prajwal Bhaskar Bharadwaj

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EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech)

Atlanta, Georgia

Masters in Robotics (Artificial Intelligence, Linear Controls, Mobile Robot Perception and Navigation)

May 2024

Graduate Teaching Assistant : Creative Decisions and Design (Intro Robotics Lab Course)

National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK), Surathkal

Surathkal, India

Bachelor of Technology in Mechanical Engineering, CGPA: 9.05/10

May 2019

Coursework: Robot Mechanics and Control, Intelligent Systems, Mechatronic Systems, Sensors and Actuators

SKILLS

Application Softwares: ROS, RViz, Gazebo, OpenCV, Simulink, MSC Adams, V-REP, Labview, Fusion 360

Programming: Python, C, C++, Visual Basic, Mathematica

PUBLICATIONS

Bhavik Parmar, **Prajwal B Bharadwaj**, "Design, Implementation of Gaits and Control of a Quadruped Robot", 8th International Engineering Symposium, Kumamoto University, Japan, 2019 · [Publication]

EXPERIENCE

Caterpillar India

Bangalore, India

Associate Engineer, Power Systems and Controls Division

July 2019 - June 2022

- Delivered neural network-based performance optimization projects and tuned controls maps for turbochargers
- Improved test cell operational efficiency (TEEP) by 24.5% through remote monitoring and data analysis
- Translated Simulink-based turbocharger controls tool to Python-based software eliminating license costs

Mechanical Chef (Cooking Robot Startup)

Mechanical Design and Robotics Intern

Bangalore, India

May 2019 - June 2019

• Designed a novel robotic system for volume-based delivery of cooking ingredients, which reduced the number of required actuators to half the original count and slashed production costs [Video]

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay

Research Intern, Suman Mashruwala Advanced Micro-Engineering Lab

Mumbai, India May 2018 - July 2018

- Developed a feedback-controlled mechatronic system running on Simulink-Tiva real-time interface, for precision control of z-stage motion in a Microstereolithography 3D printer [Video]
- Achieved microscopic displacement resolution of 10µm and validated using opto-electronic sensors [Image]

Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST)

Research Intern, IIST Summer Internship Programme

Thiruvananthapuram, India June 2017 to July 2017

- Designed static and dynamic leg trajectories, simulated them using Fourier techniques for computational advantage in cyclic operation, and implemented reference tracking using five-bar inverse kinematics
- Achieved stable walking, turning and trotting gaits using MATLAB-Adams Co-simulation [Video]

PROJECTS

Object-Tracking and Waypoint Following Robot, Mobile Robotics Lab, Georgia Tech [Video]

- Developed scripts for LiDAR and camera sensor fusion. Implemented object-tracking PID control on Turtlebot3
- Developed algorithm for state machine transition between goto-goal and avoid-obstacle behaviour

Smart City, Robot Localization Team - Sensors and Actuators Lab, NITK Surathkal

- Developed an algorithm incorporating the use of ArUco markers to identify and locate moving robots as well as stationary POIs on the smart city grid to aid path-planning of robots
- Leveraged localization data from USB Webcam as feedback for providing more accurate positions to bots

Quadruped robot, Mechanical Team Lead, ABU Robocon 2019 [Video]

• Created a framework for automatically generating leg trajectories on a quadruped robot based on pose values obtained from IMU and proximity sensors. Implemented stair climbing gait and tested it for 35% gradient

Snake Robot, Winning Team: e-Yantra National Robotics Competition (2018), IIT Bombay [Video]

• Developed novel algorithms for rapid pitching and fall recovery of snake robot, simulated them alongside caterpillar, side-winding, serpentine gaits in V-REP, and implemented in Arduino code

MERITS AND EXTRA-CURRICULARS

- First place among 5932 participating teams at the e-Yantra National Robotics Competition, IIT Bombay
- Volunteer at CoachEd Mentored two underprivileged undergrads to secure jobs in robotics and automation firms