

# Shivoh Chirayil Nandakumar

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## PROJECTS

- **Masters Thesis:** Design and Development of **Robotic Teleoperation System**[Franka Emika Panda Robotic Arm] using Motion Capture System [OptiTrack motion Capture system] (Developed **ROS** node for visualisation in Rviz, developed mapping algorithm for teleoperation in **python**, developed ROS node for control utilising the inverse kinematics of the robot, Simulated the Robot movement in Gazebo)
- **Bachelors Thesis:** Design of Sensor Unit in **SOLIDWORKS** to count the Mold Rotations in the Electronic Pinhole Testing Machine. (Project approved in Central Engineering Division at HLL Lifecare Limited, India)
- **Side Projects:** Design and Development of a multi-segment trajectory for the end-effector and **feedback controller** to drive the wheels and arm joints of the **mobile robot manipulator**(KUKA YouBot) (Development using **Python** and **matlab**, Simulation in **V-Rep**)
- Development of **Neural Network** and **Fuzzy Logic controller** in **MatLab** to guide a robot to reach a particular point while avoiding Obstacles.
- Development of **Deep Reinforcement Learning** (DQN) Agent for Banana collection game.
- **Fault Detection** and Isolation in a **controller** for Heading Motion of an UAV using **Matlab** and **Simulink** • **Matched Filter** in **Python** for heartbeat detection from ECG signal • Development of **ROS packages** in **C++** for a robot to chase a white ball. • Implementation of **Deep Reinforcement Learning** (**DDPG**) Agent for control of 4 DOF Robotic Arm.
- Development of Trajectory and Control for a **Autonomous Vehicle Guidance System** (Rotorcraft Slalom Manoeuvre).

## EXPERIENCE

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT (ROBOTICS)** UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW  
August 2020 – present | Glasgow, UK

- Working as a **Mechatronics engineer** for developing **telerobotic applications** for humanoid Robots (Pepper and Nao Robots).
- Worked on the project **Wireless Control and Coordination of Assembly Line Robots** in the 5G test bed of University of Glasgow
- Developed teaching material for the **Humanoid Robot application development** lab. Graded the Robot Programming Project for the course ENG3043 (total strength- 130).
- Worked with IT department to set up the remote accessing of the Pepper robot at University.

**GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT** UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW  
Sept 2019 – June 2020 | Glasgow, UK

- **Engineering Mathematics ENG2086** : Tutored and corrected assignments of 512 Under-Graduate students under Prof. Trevor Davies. Course includes – Multi-Variate Calculus, Differential Equations, Fourier Series, Vector Calculus and Laplace Transforms
- **Dynamics ENG1062** : Demonstrated and supervised the laboratory work of 30 undergraduate students per session.
- **Introduction to Computer Programming, UESTC 1005** : Diligently corrected the C programming answer sheets as per the guidance within the allotted time.

## EDUCATION

**UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW**  
MASTERS DEGREE IN MECHATRONICS  
sept 2019- Sept 2020 | Glasgow, UK  
Grade : Distinction

**UNIVERSITY OF KERALA**  
BACHELORS DEGREE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING  
Jun 2014- Aug 2018 | Kerala, India  
Grade : First Class

## SKILLS

### PROGRAMMING

- Python • C++
- Matlab • Bash

### TECHNOLOGY

- ROS • GitHub • Linux • OpenAI
- Gazebo • V-Rep • SolidWorks
- ANSYS • Simulink • CES

## COURSEWORK

### GRADUATE

- Robotics • Auto Vehicle Guidance Systems • Digital Signal Processing • Control Systems Analysis and Design • Advanced Control • Advanced Manufacturing • Engineering Systems Fault Detection Isolation and Recovery.

### UNDERGRADUATE

- Mechatronics • Computer Aided Design • Computer programming and numerical methods • Machine Design • Dynamics of Machinery • Mechanics of Solids • Engineering Mathematics

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- J N Tata Endowment for Higher Education [Masters]
- Central Sector Scheme Of Scholarship For College And University Students [Bachelors]
- Graduate Record Examinations (GRE): [321/340]
- Robotics Course, NPTEL - Gold Medalist [94%]

## LINKS

Github:// Shivoh  
LinkedIn:// Shivoh-Chirayil

## EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

### TECHNICAL PROJECT MANAGER ROBOCET

Jul 2017– Jun 2018 | College of Engineering Trivandrum, India

- Developed the team and timeline for the tasks and diligently completed the robotics projects within the scheduled time for the Technical Exhibition at the University.
- Successfully coordinated National wide Robotics competition named 'Transporter'.

## CERTIFICATES

- Due to my insatiable curiosity in the relevant fields, i continuously pursue online certifications apart from my academic courses at University. Some of them are provided below. e-verifiable through my LinkedIn

### DEEP REINFORCEMENT LEARNING NANO DEGREE

dec 2020 – March 2021 | Udacity

- Obtained a good **theoretical** understanding of Deep reinforcement learning and exposed to various Value based methods (SARSA, DQN), Policy based methods (REINFORCE, PPO) and Actor critic methods (A2C, A3C, DDPG and D4PG). Finally, the need and methods of Multi-Agent reinforcement learning were explained.
- The concepts were reinforced by multiple mini projects throughout the course. The understanding was tested using three **DRL agent training projects** with increasing difficulty, and were evaluated by Udacity reviewers.

### MACHINE LEARNING STANFORD UNIVERSITY

dec 2019 – Jan 2020 | Coursera

- Good exposure to Linear and Logarithmic regression, neural networks, SVMs, PCAs, Big Data Analysis and various other methods through lectures and programming assignments.

### MODERN ROBOTICS: MECHANICS, PLANNING AND CONTROL SPECIALISATION

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, USA

March 2019 – September 2019 | Coursera

- Successfully completed 6 courses in the specialisation
- Course1: Foundations on Robot Motion
- Course2: Robot Kinematics
- Course3: Robot Dynamics
- Course4: Robot Motion Planning and Control
- Course5: Robot Manipulation and Wheeled Mobile Robots
- Course6: Capstone Project, Mobile Manipulation.
- With intense programming and simulation assignments and projects, i was able to improve my skills in Python, Matlab and V-Rep.

### PYTHON 3 PROGRAMMING THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, USA

Jan 2019 – March 2019 | Coursera

- Successfully completed 5 courses in the specialisation
- Course1: Python Basics
- Course2: Python Functions, Files, and Dictionaries
- Course3: Data Collection and Processing with Python
- Course4: Python Classes and Inheritance
- Course5: Python Project: pillow, tesseract, and opencv.
- Obtained a Fundamental understanding of the python 3 through conceptual videos and challenging programming projects.

### COLLABORATIVE ROBOT SAFETY: DESIGN AND DEPLOYMENT UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO

Aug 2018– Oct 2018 | Coursera

- Obtained a good understanding of Cobots. Exposed me to the methods to assess the safety of a collaborative robot workcell and prevent the chances of injury or harm. It also provided Key design techniques for reducing collision forces and a methodology for safety testing.

### ROBOTICS INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, KHARAGPUR

Jul 2018– Oct 2018 | NPTEL

- Provided a solid mathematical understanding of Robot Kinematics, Robot Dynamics, Robot Motion Planning, Robot Control. **Secured Gold medal (94%)**. The final examination was proctored.