# SHYAMSUNDAR PRABHAKAR INDRA

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Domain Skills: Computer Vision (CV) • Machine Learning (ML) • Deep Learning (DL) • Robotic Software • Motion Planning • Virtual Reality

# **EDUCATION**

#### UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

M.ENG. IN ROBOTICS

Aug 2022-Jun 2024 | College Park, MD

GPA: 4.00 / 4.00

Roles: TA - ENME272 Spring 2023

#### COURSEWORK (\* Ongoing):

Foundations of Advanced Deep Learning\*
Cognitive Robotics\*

3D Vision

Robot Programming using C++

Human Robot Interaction

Advances in Extended Reality (XR)

Perception in Robots

Path Planning in Robots

Adv. Geometric Computer Vision

Intro. to Robot Modelling

#### **BITS PILANI**

B.E. IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING Aug 2016-Jul 2020 | Rajasthan, India GPA: 8.20 / 10.00

#### **KEY COURSEWORK:**

Machine Learning
Object Oriented Programming with JAVA
Intro. to Robotics
Intro. to Programming using C

# **ACHIEVEMENTS**

- All India Rank 1073 in JEE Mains 2016 1.2 million candidates appeared for the exam.
- Placed in the **top 0.04 percentile** in JEE Advanced 2016 (Entrance exam to the prestigious IIT institutions).

# **SKILLS**

#### Programming

Python • C++ • MATLAB • Java • C • C#

# ML & CV Libraries

PyTorch • TensorFlow • Keras • Scikit • NumPy • OpenCV • PIL • Darknet • Pandas

#### **CV** Applications

Generative Models • Object Detection & Tracking • Depth Estimation

# **Development Tools**

ROS • Unity • Gazebo • Simulink • RViz • Carla • Colab • JSP • CSS

#### **EXTRACURRICULARS**

#### • Badminton Player, UMD College Park -

Men's doubles player in the competitive team of the university (Present).

- Track & Field Athlete, BITS Pilani Medal winner in various 100m, 200m, 4x100m and long Jump collegiate events (2016 2020).
- President PTM, BITS Pilani Tamil cultural association of the university (2017-2018).

#### **EXPERIENCE**

Renesas North America Ltd. | ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ENGINEER INTERN May 2023 - Present | Columbia, MD

- Developed a **SVM based lightweight ML anti-spoofing model**, that can reject spoof inputs in voice authentication systems. (**Scikit**) | LINK
- Working on **embedded deployment** of the model on a Renesas Edge device. (C)
- Involved in **creating Machine Learning and CNN pipelines** for the company's automated AI deployment software. (**Python**)

# UMD Vision & Learning Lab | GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER

Feb 2023 - Aug 2023 | Guide: Dr. Jia-Bin Huang | College Park, MD

• Worked on CLIP based generation of 3D meshes using GAN Inversion and 3D-GAN.

# Robert Bosch Centre - IISc Bangalore | Robotics Research Intern - Remote Jan 2022 - Aug 2022 | Guide: Dr. Shishir Kolathaya | Bangalore, India

- Implemented a LIDAR based 3D object detection model for a level-3 Autonomous Vehicle sponsored by WIPRO. (*PyTorch*)
- Developed a low-level control package communicating with the perception stack using Control Barrier Functions (CBFs) for obstacle avoidance. (*Python*)
- Verified the controller in an autonomous driving simulator. (Carla) | VIDEO

#### IIIT Bangalore | Computer Vision Research Intern - Remote

Jan 2022 - Aug 2022 | Guide: Dr. G.N. Srinivasa Prasanna | Bangalore, India

- Utilized a **YOLO** architecture from **Darknet** framework to predict plant leaf count and monitor crop health. (*Transfer Learning*)
- Involved in **3D modelling** of parts for the farm robot.)
- Mentored five new interns to model an autonomous robotic assembly line.

# Centre for Robotics & Intelligent Systems - BITS Pilani | Undergrad Thesis Jan 2020 - Jul 2020 | Guide: Dr. B.K.Rout | Pilani, India

- Successfully defended thesis on DL applications in CV for level-3 autonomous vehicles.
- Implemented and trained a **Bi-Directional LSTM Network** on temporal tracking data to predict the path of pedestrians **1 second** into the future. (*TensorFlow, Keras*)

#### KEY PROJECTS

#### MULTI-MESHER: DIFFUSION DRIVEN 2D TO 3D MESH RECONSTRUCTION | LINK

A **PointNet** based model which uses a per shape optimization approach alongside single-view to multi-view synthesis using **Zero123** Diffusion model for single image-to-3D generation.

#### AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE DETECTION | LINK

Implemented a **CNN** and **LSTM** based American Sign Language (ASL) Detector for Letters from video feeds, and showcased its capability with a custom GUI.

#### TERPBOT WITH PATH PLANNING AND DYNAMIC OBSTACLE AVOIDANCE | LINK

Created **TerpBot**, a unicycle model based **autonomous mobile robot**, from scratch, with wheel odometry and one monocular camera for perception. Implemented its planning stack to navigate complex maps using **RRT\* global planner**, and evade dynamic obstacles using a **Potential Field based local planner**.

IMAGE COMPLETION USING MASKED AUTOENCODERS FOR PERSPECTIVE SHIFTING | LINK Utilized a multimodal mask autoencoder, which takes RGB image and depth data of a scene to reconstruct the RGB scene from a different perspective, by completing the occluded patches.

#### VOLUME RENDERING AND NEURAL RADIANCE FIELDS | LINK

Implemented a simple volumetric differential renderer and a Neural Radiance Field (NeRF) for implicit 3D representation and novel view synthesis leveraging its capabilities.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- [1] "Control barrier functions in ugvs for kinematic obstacle avoidance: A collision cone approach," *arXiv preprint*, 2022.
- [2] "Analysis of vibration based windmill coupled micromachined energy harvester," *JVE Journals*, 2019.