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PERSONAL STATEMENT

I hold a Master's degree in Autonomous Systems from Technical University of Denmark, having worked on C++ vehicle dynamics simulations, Matlab drone modelling & control and Deep RL controller. My experience includes engineering in FSAE and various robotics competitions, demonstrating strong technical and teamwork skills.

EDUCATION

Technical University of Denmark(DTU)

Copenhagen, Denmark

01.2021 - 12.2023

Master of Science in Engineering (MScEng), Autonomous Systems

01.2021 - 12.20

GPA: 8.86/12; Courses: Linear control design, Perception for AS, Model-based system engineering

Chalmers University of Technology (exchange) MSc in System, Control and Mechatronics

Gothenburg, Sweden *09.2022 – 12.2023*

Courses: Vehicle Motion Engineering, Modelling and Simulation, MPC

Nanjing Instition of Technology BSc in Mechatronics

Nanjing, Jiangsu 09.2016 – 06.2020

GPA: 3.47, Rank in major: 10/162

WORK EXPERIENCE

Plusgo
Planning and Control Engineer

Suzhou, Jiangsu

12.2024 – 05.2025

- Implement the data preprocessing part of prediction algorithm Simpl in C++, reducing processing time to under 10ms.
- Developed a backtracking collision detection feature by using GJK algorithm, accelerated 20%.
- Conducted vehicle dynamics calibration, as well as lidar-camera calibration; Wrote multiple documentation.
- Implemented a road query module based on KDTree, one small step for HD map path planning.
- Developed a Python-based pipeline to convert point cloud maps into the topological map, including DWG file parsing, coordinate transformation, and visualization.
- Participated in deployment and debugging of the PNC module.

INTERNSHIP & WORK EXPERIENCE

Hyperview - Apetech Autonomous Racing Car Project

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Intern, Innovation and R&D Department (keywords: Matlab, Vehicle Control, Speed Planner)

10.2024

- Responsible for developing the simulation with heading and lateral controller.
- Developed a speed planner using track curvature calculated by Menger method.
- Implemented forward/backward adjustments to ensure the planned speed is consistent with the vehicle's acceleration and deceleration limits.
- Participated in tuning the vehicle control system, achieving a lap time of 2'40".

Chalmers

Autonomous system engineer (**keywords:** C++, Gazebo, ROS, Vehicle dynamics modelling) 09.202

Developed car state estimator using a LuGre tire model, implementing a 15-state Kalman filter.

09.2022 – 08.2023

- Developed a C++ plugin for 4wd vehicle dynamics simulation using RK4.
- Solved conflict issues when migrated legacy simulator to latest Gazebo.
- Contributed to developing the launching system for launching autonomous systems with test options.
- Assisted the team in winnning the 2023 FSG Driverless Cup and securing 7th place at FS East.

Off-robot robot lab NJIT, Nanjing

MCU developer & head of the lab (keywords: Embedded system, C, PID, Project Management) 07.2017 – 07.2018

- Developed lane-following car on STM32, featuring camera/laser rangefinder tracking and robotic arm control.
- Led the team to consecutive wins at provincial & national level robot competitions.
- Got two utility patents granted, and completed a Challenge Cup project in the topic of pipeline robots.

PROJECTS

Reinforcement learning for robust mobile robot navigation control

DTU

Independent Developer (keywords: Kinematic modelling, Python, Reinforcement learning, PyQt) 07.2023 – 12.2023

- Developed the kinematic model for a two-wheel drive robot and a laser scanner module in Gymnasium.
- Developed an algorithm to generate randomized paths, obstacles, and corridor walls for the training environment.
- Implemented reward functions for path tracking and obstacle avoidance. Testing and parameters tuning.
- Created a GUI tool for easy tweaking of training and environment parameters and for visualizing simulations.
- Trained the NN controller with PPO, achieving a 60% success rate in unknown environments with obstacles.

Unmanned autonomous systems

DTU

Project Developer (keywords: Matlab, quadcopter modelling, trajectory planning)

06.2022 - 06.2022

- Created both nonlinear and linear models of the drone in Simulink for performance comparison.
- Developed position and altitude controllers in Simulink enabling set-point flight for quadcopter.
- Implemented path planning using A* in a 3D environment, successfully navigating a drone through a 3D maze.
- Utilized polynomial optimization for trajectory planning, making the quadcopter navigate through 3D hoops.

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2023 Formula Student Germany Driverless Cup overall winner	08.2023
First Award in Intellect Vehicle Challenge	06.2019
Champion in 2018 China Engineering Robot Competition	04.2018
First Award in 2018 China Robot Competition	08.2017

SKILLS

Coding: Python, C/C++, Matlab/Simulink, Linux, ROS, Docker, git

Autonomous Systems Expertise: PID/LQR/MPC, Deep RL, modelling & control of drones, vehicles, and ROV **Language**: IELTS 6.5 (Oral 7.0). Worked in international engineering team, demonstrating strong communication skills