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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

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

Chalmers University of Technology (exchange)

Gothenburg, Sweden

MSc in System, Control and Mechatronics

09.2022 - 12.2023

Courses: Vehicle Motion Engineering, Modelling and Simulation, MPC

Master of Science in Engineering (MScEng), Autonomous Systems

Nanjing Institition of Technology

Nanjing, Jiangsu

BSc in **Mechatronics**

09.2016 – 06.2020

GPA: 3.47, Rank in major: **10**/162

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) 09.2022 – 08.2023

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

Awards \square

2023.08
06.2019
04.2018
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