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#### Personal Statement

I studied Autonomous Systems at DTU and Chalmers, specializing in software development for race car dynamics and robot control. I possess strong analytical, practical, teamwork, and communication skills.

#### **EDUCATION**

Technical University of Denmark(DTU)

Master of Science in Engineering (MScEng), Autonomous Systems

GPA: 8.86/12; Core courses: Linear control design, Perception for AS

Chalmers University of Technology (exchange)

MSc in System, Control and Mechatronics

Core courses: Vehicle Motion Engineering, Decision-making for AS, Artifical Neural Networks

Nanjing Instition of Technology

BSc in Mechatronics

Independent Developer

GPA: 3.47, Rank in major: 10/162

Gothenburg, Sweden

Copenhagen, Denmark

09.2022 - 12.2023

01.2021 - 12.2023

Nanjing, Jiangsu

09.2016 - 06.2020

## **PROJECTS**

Reinforcement learning for robust mobile robot navigation control

DTU 07.2023 - 12.2023

Developed a training environment with Laser-scanner-equipped, two-wheel drive robot in Gymnasium.

- Built the laser scanner module from scratch using Numba and vectorization for acceleration.
- Designed adjustable paths, movable obstacles, and corridor walls in the environment to prevent overfitting.
- Created a GUI tool for easy tweaking of training and environment parameters and for visualizing simulations.
- Trained the NN ccontroller with PPO, achieving a 60% success rate in unknown environments with obstacles.

## Unmanned autonomous systems

Project Developer

DTU

- 06.2022 06.2022Developed a control system in Simulink enabling hovering, translation, and set-point flight for a 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 hoops

## INTERNSHIP & WORK EXPERIENCE

#### Chalmers Formula Student 2

Chalmers

Autonomous system software engineer

09.2022 - 08.2023

- Developed a method for converting GPS coordinates to map coordinates, used to verify SLAM map accuracy.
- Developed a Gazebo plugin for a four-wheel drive vehicle motion simulation to test SLAM and control algorithms.
- Contributed to developing a tool for launching autonomous systems with test options.
- Assisted the team be the overall winner at 2023 FSG Driverless Cup and securing 7th place at FS East.

## Off-robot robot lab

NJIT, Nanjing

MCU developer & head of the lab

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.

#### AWARDS 7

First Award in Intellect Vehicle Challenge

06.2019

Champion in 2018 China Engineering Robot Competition

04.2018 08.2017

First Award in 2018 China Robot Competition

#### SKILLS

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

Control Systems Expertise: Linear control systems, control methods including PID and MPC, Reinforcement learning and neural networks, dynamics and control of drones, vehicles, and ROV

Language: IELTS 6.5 (Oral 7.0). Worked in international engineering team, demonstrating strong communication skills