

# ASHISH SUKUMAR

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Robotics Engineer specializing in motion planning, task and motion planning (TAMP), and kinodynamic control. Experienced in C++ and Python development for high-DOF robotic systems, sampling-based planning, and SLAM-based navigation architectures.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Planning:** RRT, RRT\*, PRM, PRM\*, RRTConnect, AO-RRT, EST, KPIECE1, SST

**Robotics:** ROS2, OMPL, PDDL, Pyperplan, SLAM, Gmapping

**Control:** Kinodynamic Planning, Dynamic Systems Modeling

**Programming:** C++, Python

**Simulation:** Gazebo, Genesis

**Systems:** Linux, Git

## EDUCATION

### M.S. Robotics Engineering

2025–Present

Worcester Polytechnic Institute    GPA: 4.00/4.00

### B.Tech Computer Science and Engineering

2021–2025

SRM Institute of Science and Technology    CGPA: 9.54/10

## PROJECTS

### Task and Motion Planning Framework (7-DOF Manipulator)

- Built full TAMP pipeline: PDDL symbolic planning → OMPL motion planning → Genesis simulation
- Implemented predicate extraction (ON, CLEAR, HOLDING, HANDEEMPTY) with closed-loop re-planning
- Achieved 100% task completion across structured tower-building scenarios
- Developed collision-free motion primitives with attached-object handling

#### High-Dimensional Sampling-Based Planning

- Implemented PRM, PRM\*, and RRTConnect in 7-DOF configuration space  ${}^2 \times S^1 \times S$
- Designed custom self-collision checker for articulated chain robot
- Solved narrow-passage planning in 20 seconds using optimized RRTConnect parameters
- Benchmarked Uniform, Gaussian, Obstacle-Based, and Bridge sampling strategies

#### Kinodynamic Planning (Control-Constrained Systems)

- Implemented AO-RRT for 4D car system with dynamic constraints
- Compared KPIECE1, SST, EST on pendulum and car models
- Analyzed trade-offs between convergence speed and path optimality

#### Custom RTP Planner (C++)

- Implemented Rapidly-exploring Tree Planner from scratch
- Designed collision detection for point and square robots with rotation
- Evaluated on 10-link and 20-link manipulators (233 states for 20-link system)

## EXPERIENCE

### Junior Project Technical Assistant – e-Yantra IIT Bombay

2024–2025

- Developed robotics simulations and embedded control modules
- Conducted workshops on motion planning and embedded robotics