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EDUCATION

- North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina** Expected Dec 2018
Master of Science in Electrical Engineering, GPA: 3.66/4.0
Courses :- **Data Science | Digital Imaging Systems | Probabilistic Graphical Models for Signal Processing and Computer Vision | Spatial and Temporal Data Mining | Design of a Robotic Computer Vision System for Autonomous Navigation | Computer Vision**
- Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute (VJTI), Mumbai, India** Jul 2017
Bachelor of Technology in Electronics Engineering, GPA 7.72/10.0
Courses :- **Signal Processing | Robotics | Image Processing | Computer Programming | Embedded Systems | Control Systems**

INTERNSHIP

- Model Predictive Control Technique for an Inverted Pendulum** Dec 2015
Centre of Excellence in Complex and Non-linear Dynamical Systems (CoE-CNDS), V.J.T.I., Mumbai
- Optimized a **MATLAB Simulink** code for an inverted pendulum using Model Predictive Control technique
 - Implemented the optimized code on TMS 320F28335 Digital Signal Processor

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages	Tools	Other softwares	Hardware Knowledge
- Python	- Python scikit-learn	- Windows	- Raspberry Pi
- C++	- Numpy, Scipy, Pandas	- Linux (Ubuntu, Debian)	- Beaglebone Black
- Java	- Tensorflow	- MATLAB	- NI-myRio development board
- Linux scripting	- Keras	- LabVIEW	- AVR series microcontrollers

PROJECTS

- Design of a Robotic Computer Vision System for Autonomous Navigation** Jan 2018 – May 2018
Integration Head - SLAM Team (Demo, Integration and Documentation Committee)
- Implemented **VINS-Mono** and **ORB SLAM2** algorithms, separately, for an Arial robot blimp for mapping a construction site
 - Used **NVIDIA Jetson TX1** development board and **monocular camera** with an **IMU** for **localizing** and **mapping** the surrounding which used **Point Cloud Library (PCL)** and **Robot Operating System (ROS)**
 - Co-ordinated** with Hardware and Context Awareness teams to integrate their work to develop a fully functional working prototype
- Deep Visual Attention Prediction** Apr 2018
- Implemented a paper titled 'Deep Visual Attention Prediction' which predicts human eye fixation on view-free scenes incorporating multi-level saliency predictions
 - Ported the code from Caffe to Keras with an accuracy of 64% on the Validation Dataset
- Respiratory Rate Estimation** Dec 2017
- Estimated the respiratory rate of a human based on accelerometer data, heart rate and body temperature
 - Used **Ridge Regression**, **Neural Networks** and **Hidden Markov Model (HMM)** separately to predict the Respiratory Rate
- Foraminifera Image Segmentation using Markov Random Field (MRF)** Dec 2017
- Used **MRF** based approach called **Graph-Cut** to segment the chambers of a foraminifera (marine species) from its **edge probability map**
 - Segmented the chambers and the aperture in Foraminifera images to identify different types of species
- A Comprehensive Approach to Stock Trading using Machine Learning** Sept 2016 - May 2017
- Aimed at **recommending solutions** to users investing in stock market based on **fundamental** and **technical analyses**
 - Optimized user's portfolio and implemented technical analysis using **Neural Networks** and **Reinforcement Learning** separately to suggest actions (buy, sell or hold) to the user
- Task Learning Robot** Aug 2015 - Nov 2015
- Developed an approach to teach a task to a robotic arm which could be replicated as and when required
 - Interfaced industrial robotic arm **Scorbot-ER VII** with **NI-myRio** development board with a user-friendly **LabVIEW** interface
 - Shortlisted in the **top 20 teams** for a **National Level Contest, NIYANTRA**, organised by National Instruments, India

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Senate member of **Society of Robotics and Automation (S.R.A.)**, **V.J.T.I.** which deals with robotics, machine vision and automation
- Managed and conducted workshops with a team of 10, to teach students about line-following robots, embedded systems, Bluetooth technology and Internet of Things (IoT)