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EDUCATION

KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden

2019 - Present

Master of Science in Systems, Control and Robotics

Track: Robotics and Autonomous Systems

Sri Venkateswara College, Delhi University, New Delhi

2013 - 2017

Bachelor of Technology in Electronics: 77.3%

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

Robotic Food Cutting Ongoing

- Research project in RPL under Ioanna Mitsoini and Prof. Danica Kragic. It aims at investigating data-driven methods for fast and accurate event prediction, such as knife being stuck, based on the dynamics model of a cutting task.
- Using deep learning techniques for classification of distinct events of knife being stuck or not stuck

Four Tank Process 2020

Designed decentralized and decoupled controllers for the MIMO system of four tank process involving both minimum
phase case and non-minimum phase case. The controllers were further robustified using Glover- McFarlane method.

<u>Design and Development of a Crazyflie Drone</u>

2020

 Worked on the crazyflie drone in the ROS environment and developed the localization, path planning and trajectory following submodule; used algorithms such as State Machines, Fiducial detection, A-Star and EKF for the same

Motion Model and Filtering Techniques for SVEA Vehicles with Fiducial Detection

2020

- Estimated real time pose of a mobile robot using the Extended Kalman Filter (EKF) and Particle Filter (PF) technique
- ArUco markers were used as observation measurements and control inputs with IMU was used as motion model

Graduate Projects 2013-20

- Lead a team project that developed an IoT based smart switch to autonomously control the temperature, humidity
 and luminosity in a Green House.
- Lead a team project and developed an in-house mobile manipulator (4DOF) that worked on the principle of Visual-SLAM using 3D map environment. Worked on the design and development of the onboard manipulator.
- Lead a team project aimed at design and development of a laser following robot using image processing using image processing on a PC. The robot was controlled using PID and the laser was assumed as the setpoint.
- Lead a team project aimed at development of a robotic arm. Worked on the image processing algorithm to identify
 grasping point and the artificial neural network controller to solve the inverse kinematics of a 3DOF manipulator

WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Engineer (Driverless), KTH Formula Student, Stockholm

October 2019 – May 2020 (Voluntary)

Worked on LIDAR motion distortion and ego-motion estimation using other sensors such as a 3D camera

Team Lead (Electronics & Software), KTH Hyperloop, Stockholm

October 2019 – June 2020 (Voluntary)

- Responsible for the overall electronics and software module of the KTH Hyperloop's pod including CAN communication using AutoBox, SPI communication, sensor fusion, battery development etc.
- Worked on sensor fusion of onboard sensors such as IMU, optical encoders etc. Used filtering techniques such as KF, EKF, and UKF.

Data Scientist, iGloble Software Solutions. New Delhi

June 2017 - August 2019

Implemented brake failure prediction model for a Tier I supplier on the iotaSmart (cloud) platform. The algorithm

- used LSTM network (developed in TensorFlow environment) for brake pad wear prediction of an automobile
- Developed a novel driving behaviour algorithm using the data received from a car's (onboard) OBD-II device
- Developed a NARX model in MATLAB to predict the remaining useful life of a Lithium Ion/ Lead Acid battery
- Developed an **MLP ANN** to predict the number of passengers travelling in an E-Rickshaw using the current drawn/weight ratio
- Development of an IoT device using Linkit One that collected battery parameters (voltage, current etc.)
- Analysed customer feedback data shared by SpiceJet; predicted the customer turnaround rate helping them in their CRM strategy
- Developed large scale machine learning based footfall prediction and route optimization for Haryana Roadways, a fleet of 4200 buses
- Developed flask-based REST APIs in order to integrate the developed algorithms with the existing IT framework

TECHNICAL SKILLS

General : Robotics, Deep Learning, Machine Learning, IoT and Computer Vision

Programming Languages : Python, MATLAB, Embedded C, C++ and SCILAB

Framework and Tools : **TensorFlow**, **ROS**, **PyTorch**, git, flask

Database : MongoDB, SQLite

Embedded Platform : **Raspberry Pi, Arduino**, LINKIT ONE, 8056, AVR, ARM, and PIC Simulation Software : **Simulink, Gazebo, Rviz,** AVR Studio, Proteus, and Webots

INTERNSHIPS

Summer Research Intern, Cluster Innovation Centre, Delhi University, New Delhi

June 2016 – August 2016

Worked on different algorithms such as ICP, RANSAC and SIFT and successfully created a 3D point cloud of a room
and computed the dynamics and kinematics of the on-board robotic manipulator

Summer Research Intern, IIT-Roorkee, Roorkee

June 2015 – August 2015

- Worked under Prof. N. Sukavanam (H.O.D.) on an individual project entitled "Trajectory Tracking by Robot Manipulators".
- Worked on the problem of solving inverse kinematics for serial manipulators using unsupervised learning based ANNs

PUBLICATIONS

- Mahajan, Akanshu & Singh, H & Nagarajan, Sukavanam. (2017). <u>An unsupervised learning based neural network approach for a robotic manipulator</u>. International Journal of Information Technology. 9. 1-6. 10.1007/s41870-017-0002-2.
- Singh, H & Kumar, Surendra & Kumar, Pravesh & **Mahajan, Akanshu**. (2018). <u>Virtual Experimental Analysis of Redundant Robot Manipulators Using Neural Networks</u>. 21-30. 10.1007/978-981-10-5699-4 3.
- Pradeep & Mahajan, Akanshu & Bharti, Varun & Singh, H & Josyula, Lalita & Kumar, Pravesh. (2018). Construction of a 3D Map of Indoor Environment. Procedia Computer Science. 125. 124-131. 10.1016/j.procs.2017.12.018.
- Singh, H & **Mahajan, Akanshu** & Nagarajan, Sukavanam & Budhraja, Veena & Singh, Swarn & Kumar, Amit & Vashisht, Anadi. (2015). Control of an autonomous industrial fire fighting mobile robot. DU Journal of Undergraduate Research and Innovation.

AWARDS

- Won the **best project award** in a special session of B.Tech project presentation during National Conference on Recent Developments in Electronics (NCRDE)-2017.
- Winner of numerous robotic events, notable being **National Robotryst Championship** (IIT-Delhi in 2015), **Robocon** (IIIT-Delhi in 2016) and **JECRC University-Jaipur** (in 2015 and 2016).
- First Runner-up in the Digital World category at Antardhvani- 2015, the annual cultural fest of Delhi University.
- First Runner-up in Star Innovator Competition by IEEE India Student Activities Committee held at NSIT, Delhi-2014
- Awarded with the honour of youngest participant (~500 teams) at National Robotryst Championship held at IIT- Delhi in 2012.

SOCIETIES AND PARTICIPATION

- Founder and former President of Robotics Society of Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi
- Student member of Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), IEEE-RAS and IEEE- PES