# Ali Karimzade

Robotics Engineer

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# SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- o First-year MEng in mechanical engineering student at the University of Ottawa.
- Excellent individual and teamwork skills honed through years of experience in University projects.
- o Research and analysis skills developed by working on my Bachelor of Science thesis.

### **EDUCATION**

# • Master of Engineering, Mechanical Engineering(Robotics)

University of Ottawa, ON

SEP 2022 - Until now

o Relevent Courses: Biomechanics of Movements, Digital Signal Processing, Applied Artificial Intelligence

# • Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering(Robotics)

University of Isfahan, Isfahan, Iran

SEP 2016 - OCT 2020

Bachelor's Theses: Using Deep Reinforcement Learning algorithms to push an object with robotic Manipulators
Supervisor: Dr. Hossein karimpour
Grade:20/20

o Overall GPA: 3.46

- Relevent Courses: Computer Programming, Dynamics, Dynamics of Mechanics, Mechanical Vibration, Automatic Control, Robotics, Artificial Intelligence and Expert Systems, Simulation of Dynamic Systems, and Control
- o Relevent Courses from MSc Programs (voluntary Participation): Digital Image Processing, Robotics

### **SKILLS**

# • Engineering Skills

- Robotics & Reinforcement Learning: Robot Operating System(ROS), Gazebo, MoveIt, MuJoCo, OpenSim, LabVIEW
- $\circ$  Machine Learning: TensorFlow, PyTorch, scikit-learn
- o Computer Vision: OpenCV, Matlab Image Processing Toolbox
- o Digital Signal Processing: MATLAB DSP toolbox, FIR and IIR filters, FMCW Radars
- o Linear control system design: Lead, Lag, and PID Controllers
- o Embedded Systems: Raspberry Pi, NVIDIA Jetson TX1, Arduino
- Web, and Android development: HTML, CSS, Tailwind CSS, React, Django, SQL, Android Studio
- o Operating Systems: Ubuntu, Windows, Debian

# Languages

- o **Programming:** Python, JavaScript, C++, Java
- Markup: LATEX, HTML, CSS, XML, SQL

#### Soft Skills

- Quick Learner: I am always eager to learn new things, especially in my research area of interest.
- Passionate to work in teams: With many projects that I have done in teams, I have experience with teamwork, and I am also good at working with Git and GitHub to ease teamworking.

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Machine Learning
- Computer vision
- Robotics and Simulation
- Digital Signal Processing

- Control System Design
- Biomechanics
- Autonomous vehicles
- Embedded systems programming

#### RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

#### • Robotics Researcher

Research Team Member — University Of Isfahan, Isfahan, Iran

JAN 2019 - JAN 2021

- Rebuilding a handmade 3 DOF robot and connecting servo motor drivers to the Advantech PCI cards.
- o Setting it up to work with ROS and Stimulating robot in Gazebo software.
- Designing a controller and motion planning for it in the ROS environment.

# • Computer Vision Engineer

Internship — Novinilya Company, Isfahan, Iran

JUN 2019 - AUG 2019

- o I worked with Novinilya company to survey the surface quality of components in the factories' production line.
- o I worked with the R&D team of the company to use embedded boards (Jetson TX1) and also worked with industrial cameras(Basler cameras) for object detection.

### ACADEMIC PROJECTS

# • Artificial Intelligence

- o Implementation of Twin Delayed DDPG (TD3) algorithm for Ant robot in MuJoCo from Gym library to go forward.
- Implementation of evolutionary algorithms like Differential Evolution Algorithm (DE) and Multi-Verse Optimizer (MVO).
- Implementation of DDPG and TD3 algorithms in my B.Sc thesis to push objects to their desired goal in a simulated environment with the help of hindsight experience replay paper
- $\circ$  Al challenge: designing a Fruit Eater player to win a costume board game among three other players (I used Deep Q-Networks)
- Classification of cities' weather to dry or humid using unlabeled cities sensors data and Verify it with labeled data (using K-means and KNN by scikit-learn)

# • Image Processing and Computer Vision

- o Implementing AlexNet to classify MNIST and CIFAR10 datasets with high accuracy
- o Projects in DIP class: Designing filters in the frequency domain and spatial domain (in OpenCV & MATLAB )
- Sorting plastic bottle caps by color: I worked in a group of four engineers, and my duty was to design an Android Program for detecting selected colors of caps and sending commands to the Arduino board to sort them.

#### • Robotics

- o Line Follower Robot: using image processing to find Road Direction (by android phone) and Arduino.
- experience working with KUKA LBR iiwa (at the Isfahan University of Technology(IUT)).

### • Digital Signal Processing

o Simulation of an FMCW Radar to detect moving objects' motion in the 300-meter range suitable for Autonomous vehicles.

# • Systems and Controls

- $\circ$  Controlling Single Servo Motor in torque mode: using MATLAB for system identification and design PID & Lead-Lag controller.
- $\circ$  using LabVIEW for implementing Keyboard Based Control with PID control.
- $\circ$  Designing controller for simulated 3-DOF Robot in ROS (used in bachelor's thesis).

### **HONORS & AWARDS**

- o Among Exceptional Talents at the University of Isfahan (2020).
- Accepted in the provincial Chemistry Olympiad (2015).
- o I was among the top twenty percent of students in the Mechanical Engineering Department (2020).
- $\circ$  Achieve ranking of 5308 among 162879 participants in the University Entrance Examination for bachelor's degree (2016).
- o Participate in Physics and Chemistry High School Lab competitions (2015).

### WORKSHOPSWORKSHOPS & SEMINARS

- o Completed "Mathematics for Machine Learning: Linear Algebra" course in Coursera.
- o Completed "Robotics: Vision Intelligence and Machine Learning" course in edX(free).
- o Participated in a workshop to make airplane models (Aero-Star & Kadet) in a group (in 2020).
- o Participated in the "Design for Manufacture and Assembly (DFMA)" seminar (in 2019).
- o Participated in the workshop "making composite materials by hand lay-up method" (in 2018).
- $\circ$  Participated in Glider-making competitions at Sharif University of Technology(SUT) in a group of three students (in 2018).

#### LANGUAGES

#### • Persian

o Native Speaker

# • English

• IELTS Academic: DEC 2021

 $\circ$  Overall: 6.5

#### REFERENCE

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