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EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University

Pittsburg, PA

Aug. 2020 – Dec. 2023 (expected)

Email: arkadeepnc@cmu.edu

PhD in Computer Science (Robotics)

Pittsburg, PA

Carnegie Mellon University

Titusburg, TA

PhD in Mechanical Engineering (Robotics)

Aug. 2018 – Aug 2020 (moved to SCS)

Indian Institute of Science

Bangalore, India Aug. 2015 – Dec. 2017

Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Shibpur, India

Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering

Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology

Jul. 2011 - May 2015

EXPERIENCE

Atkeson Lab & Robotouch Lab, CMU RI

Pittsburgh, PA

Graduate Research Assistant

Nov. 2019 – Present

Advisor:

Prof. Christopher Atkeson

Thesis topic:

Active Sensing for Manipulation

Moving cameras: Developed an ensemble of collocated vision, depth and touch sensors and a set of algorithms to viually servo robots to workspace goals and localize objects through vision and touch. Link

Moving lights: Designed and implemented a robot workspace scale photometric stereo setup for prior free, object agnostic, surface texture, surface orientation, and surface deformation perception. Work in progress

CI2CV Lab, CMU RI

Pittsburgh, PA

Graduate Research Assistant

July. 2019 - Nov. 2019

Advisor:

Prof. Simon Lucey

Learning Based Registration: Researched learning based pose estimation algorithms – insights on why it works, what are the open problems.: Short report.

Biorobotics Lab, CMU RI

Pittsburgh, PA

Graduate Research Assistant

Aug. 2018 - Jul. 2019

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Prof. Howie Choset

Medical device prototype: Co-developed and prototyped a hand held soft tissue investigation device for low-cost tumor diagnosis. Link

Non-rigid registration: Surveyed algorithms for human organ registration and proposed and implemented faster algorithms with comparable accuracy to handle larger volumes of data. Link

Robotics and Design Lab, IISc

Bangalore, India

Research Staff

Jan. 2018 - Jul. 2018

Advisor:

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Prof. Ashitava Ghosal

Optimal Motion Planning: Derived optimal, polynomial time motion plans for snake-like robots in confined spaces such as endoscopes, pipe inspection robots and in cluttered search and rescue scenarios. Link

Robotics and Design Lab, IISc

Bangalore, India

Graduate Research Assistant

Jul. 2015 - Dec. 2017

Advisor:

Prof. Ashitava Ghosal

Design of Parallel Robots: Designed Monte Carlo simulations to model workspaces of parallel robots. Modeled the human 3-fingered grasp and proposed techniques for optimal design of parallel robots. Thesis, paper 1, paper 2.

Solid Mechanics Lab, IIEST

Kolkata, India

Undergraduate Researcher

Jul. 2014 - Apr. 2015

Advisor:

Prof. Debasis Datta

Computational Design of Springs: Formulated closed form expressions for design of springs of un-conventional shapes to estimate their stresses, natural frequencies, buckling loads etc. Link

Selected Course Projects

Planning on Manifolds: Devised algorithms for path planning of collaborative robot arms to manipulate ultra-sound probes on a human body phantom. This algorithm was lated used to research automatic femoral artery catheterization. [Video]

SLAM for Legged Robots: Used GTSAM and OpenCV to co-develop a framework for visual state estimation in legged robots using their gait information. [Report]

Publications. [Google Scholar Page]

- [1] Chaudhury, A. N., Man, T. Yuan, W. & Atkeson, C. (2022) "Using Collocated Vision and Tactile Sensors for Visual Servoing and Localization." *IEEE RA-L 2022* Link
- [2] Ashwin K.P., Chaudhury A.N., and Ashitava Ghosal. (2020) "Efficient representation of ducts and cluttered spaces for realistic motion planning of hyper-redundant robots through confined paths." J. Computer-Aided Design, 119, 102777. Link
- [3] Chaudhury, A. N., & Ghosal, A. (2017). "Optimum design of multi-degree-of-freedom closed-loop mechanisms and parallel manipulators for a prescribed workspace using Monte Carlo method". Mechanism and Machine Theory, 118, 115-138. Link
- [4] Chaudhury, A. N., & Ghosal, A. (2018). "Workspace of Multi-fingered Hands Using Monte Carlo Method". Journal of Mechanisms and Robotics, 10(4), 041003. Link
- [5] Chaudhury, A. N., & Datta, D. (2017). "Analysis of prismatic springs of non-circular coil shape and non-prismatic springs of circular coil shape by analytical and finite element methods". Journal of Computational Design and Engineering, 4(3), 178-191. Link

SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, C++, CUDA, Cython Modelling Tools: Matlab, Maple (Symbolic Mathematics)

Computing Environments: Linux [Ubuntu]

Machine Learning Toolboxes: PyTorch, TensorFlow, SciKit-Learn

Software Libraries: ROS, OpenCV, PCL, GTSAM

Languages: English (full proficiency), Bengali (native proficiency) and Hindi (bi-lingual proficiency)

Relevant Courses

At CMU: Computer Vision (16-720), Advanced Nonlinear Control Theory (16-748), Robot Localization (16-833), Geometric Methods in Computer Vision (16-822), Linear Systems (18-771), Statistical Techniques in Robotics (16-831), Deep Reinforcement Learning (10-703), Machine Learning (10-701)

At IISc: Robotics (Kinematics, Dynamics and Control), Numerical Linear Algebra, Geometric Modelling, Linear and Non-Linear Optimization,

AWARDS

DST-SERB Overseas PhD fellowship [Declined]	08/2018 - 08/2023
Graduate Research Fellowship (CMU)	08/2018 - 08/2019
DST Graduate Scholarship (at IISc)	08/2015 - 12/2017

Research Interests

3D sensing for manipulation, tactile sensing, active perception, computer vision for robot learning and manipulation.

References

Dr. Christopher G. Atkeson Professor, CMU, cga@cmu.edu [advisor]

Dr. Ashitava Ghosal Professor, IISc Bangalore. asitava@iisc.ac.in [ex. advisor]

Dr. Wenzhen Yuan Assistant Professor, CMU RI, yuanwz@cmu.edu [collaborator]