Arkadeep Narayan Chaudhury

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University, Robotics Institute

PhD in Robotics

Pittsburgh, PA, USA Nov. 2019 - Oct. 2024

Indian Institute of Science

Bangalore, Karnataka, India

Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Aug. 2015 - Dec. 2017

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

3D capture and reconstruction systems, sensor fusion, photometric stereo, prototyping low-level computer vision systems, computational photography, geometric and photometric camera calibration.

EXPERIENCE

Epic Games, Inc.

Pittsburgh, PA

Research Scientist: Human Capture

Nov. 2024 - present

Responsibilities: Co-led development of a high-performance, multi-modal human capture system integrating 30+ heterogeneous cinema cameras, MOCAP, and an electromagnetic articulograph. Achieved $\sim 15\%$ faster and higher-fidelity facial reconstruction (sub-0.5 mm RMSE) compared to internal and commercial baselines, enabling sub-millimeter accurate multi-modal tracking. Designed calibration pipelines to substitute internal and commercial systems by matching the accuracy. Developed a human-scale photometric stereo system for dense facial geometry and reflectance acquisition. Prototyped scalable pipelines for aggregating terabyte-scale, time-synchronized multi-modal datasets to support training of large ML models.

Toyota Research Institute

Los Altos, CA

Research Scientist Intern

May 2023 - Aug. 2023

Physically based 3D representations: Developed a robot-mounted, multi-flash stereo rig to capture physically based 3D assets of small objects. Enabled multimodal sensing under constrained capture environments. Filed a US Patent on novel capture hardware and pipeline.

The Robotics Institute, CMU

Pittsburgh, PA

Graduate Research Assistant

Nov. 2019 - Oct 2024

Doctoral thesis:

Moving Lights and Cameras for Better 3D Perception of Indoor Scenes

Moving cameras: Developed one of the first co-located RGB-D-tactile sensor ensembles for visual servoing and object localization. ICRA & RA-L'22

 $\begin{tabular}{l} \textbf{Moving lights:} & \textbf{Designed mm-accurate, real-time photometric stereo system for surface perception in robot workspaces. WACV'24 \end{tabular}$

Moving lights and cameras: Created portable multi-flash stereo camera enabling geometry + appearance recovery with just 10 views. SIGGRAPH Asia Tech. Comm., 3DV'25.

Early PhD work (08/2018 - 10/2019): Computer vision for medical robots (Hamlyn Symposium 2019, pp. 107). Transitioned to the Robotics Institute from Mechanical Engineering PhD program.

Robotics and Design Lab, IISc

Bangalore, India

Graduate Research Assistant

Jul. 2015 - Jun. 2018

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, MMT, JMR.

Motion planning for snake-like robots: Co-designed and implemented optimal formulations for planning motion of snake-like robots (e.g. endoscopes) through narrow paths. Elsevier CAD

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS. [GOOGLE SCHOLAR PAGE]

- [1] Chaudhury, A. N., Vasiljevic I., Zakharov S., Guizilini V., Ambrus R., Narasimhan S., Atkeson C. (2024) "Incorporating dense depth into neural 3D representations for view synthesis and relighting" *Proc. of the 3DV '25* Link, arXiv
- [2] Chaudhury, A. N., Vasiljevic I., Zakharov S., Guizilini V., Ambrus R., Narasimhan S., Atkeson C. (2024) "A Multi-flash Stereo Camera for Photo-realistic Capture of Small Scenes" SIGGRAPH Asia 2024 Technical Communications Link
- [3] Chaudhury, A. N., Keselman, L. & Atkeson, C. (2024) "Shape from Shading for Robotic Manipulation" Proc. of the WACV '24 Link
- [4] Chaudhury, A. N., Man, T. Yuan, W. & Atkeson, C. (2022) "Using Collocated Vision and Tactile Sensors for Visual Servoing and Localization." *IEEE RA-L & ICRA 2022* Link

PATENTS

[1] Chaudhury, A. N., Vasiljevic I., Zakharov S., Guizilini V., Ambrus R., Narasimhan S., Atkeson C. (2024) "Multi-flash stereo camera for photorealistic capture of small scenes" US Patent Application no.: 19/042,629.

SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, C++, CUDA

Robot platforms: Universal Robots UR5, Franka Emika FR3, XArm-7

Camera platforms: PointGrey(FLIR), Arducam, V4L2 devices, Emergent Vision Tech.(EVT), Red Digital Cinema

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)

AWARDS AND SERVICE

DST-SERB Overseas PhD fellowship (Govt. of India) [Declined]	08/2018 - 08/2023
DST Graduate Scholarship (Govt. of India)	08/2015 - 12/2017

Reviewer: WACV, 3DV, AAAI, ICRA, IEEE Sensors, IEEE-RA-L, Elsevier CAD, Elsevier MMT, and ASME JMR.