
Education

Stony Brook University

Ph.D. (Major: Mechanical, Minor: Computer Science)

Stony Brook, NY

Aug. 2015 – Present

- **Relevant Coursework :** Computer Vision, Machine Learning, Analysis of Algorithms, Computational Geometry, Advanced Control Systems, Robotics, Geometric Modelling for CAD, Product Design Optimization
- Developing a framework for data-driven mechanism design, under the guidance of Dr. Purwar; funded by \$450K [NSF grant](#).

Experience

Stony Brook University

Research Assistant, Teaching Assistant

Stony Brook, NY

May 2016 – Present, Aug 2015 – May 2016

Machine Learning

- Used autoencoder nets for dimensionality reduction; Achieved 45:1 data compression for mechanism trajectory database
- Implemented fast and efficient motion queries for nearest neighbors in compact feature space; Implemented using Scikit-learn.
- Autoencoders trained in greedy layer-wise fashion; Tensorflow, GCP based implementation; Publication in progress.

Optimization

- Developed Lagrange Optimization routine for four-bar linkage synthesis; Reduces constrained optimization into polynomial system. Solved the system by gröebner basis method; implemented using GIAC npm package on node.js server.
- Led to an award winning publication for solving practical synthesis problems (doi: 10.1115/1.4037801)

MotionGen: Web, iOS and Android App for Linkage Synthesis

- Developed smart-synthesis, motion interpolation functions for the cross platform app based on MVC architecture; url: <http://cadcam.eng.sunysb.edu/>. Used Apache Cordova framework for iOS and Android implementations.
- Implemented multi-core computations for synthesis using *Cluster* node package.

Teaching Assistant - MEC101 (Mechanical Design Innovation), MEC 262 Engineering Dynamics

- Involved in creating assignment, exams and conducting recitation sessions for 200+ students in each course.
- Developed modular robotic kits for MEC101 students; Conducted Hands-On tutorials on Arduino programming.

Skills

- **Languages :** Proficient in Python, Javascript, MATLAB. Familiar with C++, HTML, CSS
- **Tools & Technologies :** Tensorflow, OpenCV, Git, Numpy, Scikit-learn, Unix/Linux, Boost, STL, Apache Cordova

Relevant Projects

Face Tracking in a Video Sequence

Python, OpenCV

CSE527 Computer Vision, Prof. Roy Shilkrot

Oct 2017 – Dec 2017

- Detected the face in first frame with Viola-Jones Detector. Compared the tracking by CAMShift, PF, KF, Optical Flow tracker.

Visual Odometry with Deep Learning

Python, Tensorflow, OpenCV

CSE527 Computer Vision, Prof. Roy Shilkrot

Oct 2017 – Dec 2017

- Built deep Recurrent Convolutional Neural Network for pose estimation of a car; CNN was derived from pretrained FlowNet2.0
- Trained and tested on KITTI visual odometry dataset (grayscale); Supported by [Human Interaction Lab](#), Stony Brook.

Central Trajectory Problem

CGAL, OpenGL, Boost, C++

CSE555 Computational Geometry, Prof. Joseph Mitchell

March 2017 – May 2017

- Developed an algorithm to find valid representative trajectory among n time stamped trajectories; works in d dimensional space.
- Algorithm builds a weighted DAG on input; designed heuristics for assigning weights. Output is dijkstra's shortest path on DAG.

Optimal Control of a Drifting Car

MATLAB, GPOPS-II

MEC560 Advanced Control Systems, Prof. Vivek Yadav

Oct 2016 – Dec 2016

- Designed Ext. Kalman Filter for observer; Modeled governing dynamics; Used empirical tire friction model for drift simulations.
- Computed shortest path using Dynamic Programming. Obtained Optimal Control via Direct Collocation; Implemented in MATLAB using optimal control solver [GPOPS II](#).
- Used high gain PID controller to follow optimal control. Results match with empirical drifting techniques used by race drivers.

Selected Publications

- Deshpande S, Purwar A. A Task-Driven Approach to Optimal Synthesis of Planar Four-Bar Linkages for Extended Burmester Problem. ASME. J. Mechanisms Robotics. 2017;9(6):061005-061005-9. doi:10.1115/1.4037801
- Purwar, A., Deshpande, S., Ge, Q. J. (2016, August). MotionGen: An iOS and Android App for Planar Four-Bar Motion Generation, ASME 2016 IDETC.
- Deshpande, Shrinath, et al. "Wall-climbing robot with mechanically synchronized gait." Industrial Instrumentation and Control (IIC), 2015 International Conference on. IEEE, 2015.

Awards

A.T. Yang Award in Theoretical Kinematics

Aug 2017

- Awarded \$1000 for the Best Paper at ASME Mechanisms and Robotics Conference, Cleveland, OH, August, 2017