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EDUCATION

New York University (NYU), Tandon School of Engineering, New York, USA.

Master of Science in Robotics, Automation and Control.

Sept 2021-May 2023

- GPA: 3.89/4.0
- Relevant Courses: Robot Perception, Machine Learning, Robot Localization and Navigation.

The American University in Cairo (AUC), Cairo, Egypt.

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Sept 2012-May 2017

• GPA: 3.71/4.0

ROBOTICS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Visual SLAM Engineer | Nokia Bell Labs: New Jersey, USA.

Jan 2023-Present

- Lead research and development efforts in computer vision to generate **3D maps** of environments for drones operating in challenging environments.
- Design and implement sensor fusion algorithms to incorporate prior visual-inertial odometry (VIO)
 poses to improve the robustness and accuracy of 3D map generation.
- Utilize tools such as **COLMAP** and **ORB SLAM3** to improve the efficiency of the 3D mapping process.
- Collaborate with cross-functional teams, including hardware engineers and machine learning researchers, to integrate computer vision algorithms into real-world systems.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Computer Vision Graduate Researcher | NYU: New York, USA.

July 2022 – Present

- Lead research and development efforts in lidar **3D point cloud registration**, implementing a novel **multi-level attention transformer** in **Python** and **PyTorch** to extract multi-scale features scans.
- Conduct extensive experimentation and evaluation of the proposed algorithms on real-world datasets, demonstrating a threefold reduction in translation error for pairwise point cloud registration.
- Design and implement an **inlier classification network** using **PyTorch** and **Python**, which utilizes the transformer architecture as a global feature extractor and triplet loss function for inlier points detection.

PROJECTS

Motion Planning and Inverse Dynamics Control for SCARA Manipulator (MATLAB, SIMULINK) Dec 2022

- Completed a project on motion planning and inverse dynamics control for SCARA manipulator, involving the design of a trajectory for the end effector using trapezoidal velocity profile and implementation of a second-order inverse differential kinematics to generate reference joint values.
- Designed and implemented an **inverse dynamics** control system to independently control the joints, deriving the manipulator dynamics to linearize the control system and fine-tuning the controller parameters (PID) for convergence between the reference and generated joint values.

Vision Based Pose and Velocity Estimation of Quadrotor (MATLAB)

June 2022

- Designed and implemented a vision-based system for pose and velocity estimation of a quadrotor.
- Conducted experiments by flying the quadrotor over a planar surface with known **April Tags** distributed on it and capturing images using an onboard camera.
- Extracted **feature points** and formed correspondences between the April Tags in the images, calculated the **planar homography** matrix using the correspondences and camera **intrinsics**.
- Estimated camera pose from homography, enforcing orthonormality constraints on the rotation matrix.
- Computed Optical Flow with KLT algorithm to estimate the linear and angular velocity of quadrotor.

Kalman Filter for State Estimation of Micro Aerial Vehicle (MATLAB)

May 2022

- Developed and implemented **extended Kalman filter** (EKF) and **unscented Kalman filter** (UKF) for state estimation of a micro-aerial vehicle.
- Formulated a 15-dimensional state vector for the quadrotor and derived the corresponding **Jacobian matrix** for the EKF, and formulated sigma points for the UKF to propagate the state estimate.
- Designed a sensor fusion algorithm to incorporate data from multiple sensors, including IMU, and GPS, for measurement updates in the filters.
- Analyzed the performance of EKF and UKF in terms of estimation error and computational complexity.