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Hayato S. Kato

Electrical/Control Engineer

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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) - Henry Samueli School of Engineering

September 2017 - December 2022

M.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering – Control Systems and Optimization Track (GPA: 3.78)

December 9, 2022

• B.S. in Electrical Engineering (GPA: 3.81 – Cum Laude)

June 11, 2021

SKILLS

Embedded Systems Programming Language Libraries

Engineering Software

Arduino, Raspberry Pi, STM32 Microcontrollers, Pozyx platform (UWB positioning)

Python, C++, MATLAB (Advanced), Shell, Tcl/Tk, BASIC (Intermediate), Java, HTML, CSS (Beginner) ROS2, openFrameworks(opensource C++ toolkit), p5.js (opensource JavaScript graphical library) Simulink, Simscape Multibody, MATLAB App Designer | Autodesk Fusion 360, Solidworks, Onshape | Altium Designer, Autodesk EAGLE, KiCAD, LTspice | Git, GrabCAD | STM32CubeIDE, Arm® Mbed, Webots

THT and SMD Soldering, FDM and SLA 3D Printing, Laser Cutting, 3DoF CNC Machining

Manufacturing

ORGANIZATIONS AND AWARDS

UCLA Eta Kappa Nu(HKN) – lota Gamma Chapter Dean's Honors List Fall 2020 - Present

Spring 2018, Winter 2019, Fall 2019, Winter 2020, Spring 2020, Spring 2021

TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

Electrical Engineering Intern – *Motiv Space Systems, Inc.*

Spring 2023 - Present

- · Verified functionality of a motor control board for a moon rover through multiple levels of stoic and rigorous testing
- Designed a hall states emulator circuit used during burn-in testing to mimic a BLDC motor's behavior during closed-loop drive
- Carried out design verification testing inside the cleanroom and documented safe to mates, acceptance test procedures, etc.

Garama RC Car Platform Research Project – Robotics and Mechanisms Laboratory (RoMeLa)

Summer 2022 - Winter 2022

Assisted a PhD student with fabrication and data collection of a new 1/28th scale RC racing car platform developed to
outperform a world champion class driver by utilizing behavior cloning and flow prediction to compensate for oversteering
 Makerspace Staff – UCLA Boelter Innovation Lab

Fall 2021 – Winter 2022

• Staffed for approximately 10 hours/week maintaining the Makerspace and helping other engineering students use the available manufacturing tools such as 3D printers and laser cutters for their capstone, clubs, or personal projects

SCALER Research Project – Robotics and Mechanisms Laboratory (RoMeLa)

Summer 2021 - Winter 2022

- Worked under Prof. Dennis Hong and several PhD students to develop SCALER (Spine Enhanced Climbing Autonomous Legged Exploration Robot), mainly fixing reliability issues with the hardware electronics and developing software for controlling the under–actuated whippletree mechanism spine gripper
 - Redesigned both the hardware and firmware for an automated test bed used to collect data on the gripper's performance
 - Wrote a MATLAB visualization script that computes the FK of the SCALER model from actuator angles and creates a 3D figure
 - Designed a standalone gripper module that sends and retrieves current actuator states from the onboard STM32 board

NIRS Research Project – Interconnected & Integrated Bioelectronics Lab (I²BL)

Spring 2020 - Spring 2021

- Assessed and designed the electrical schematic for a near IR spectroscopy system for lower leg tissue oxygenation monitoring
 Optoprobe Research Project Dunn Lab

 Fall 2019 Winter 2022
- Developed a Bluetooth-enabled optoprobe that can send two-channel optical stimuli to various parts of a living mouse's brain

EXTRACURRICULAR PROJECTS

AAMC Micromouse Robot – Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)

October 2018 - March 2020

- Designed and manufactured an autonomous maze solving robot that competed in the 2019 All American Micromouse Competition (AAMC) at UCLA, earning 5th place out of 13 other participating teams coming from other universities in the region
 - Fabricated a custom two-layer PCB designed in EAGLE; hand-soldered a 90mmx90mm board with over 250 SMD components
 - Utilized the Floodfill algorithm to solve an unexplored 16x16 maze, phototransistor signal processing to sense the maze walls, and state estimation using motor encoders to allow for precise motion of the mouse using PID control (coded in C++)

BotW Guardian Hexapod Robot – American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) X1 Robotics October 2018 – September 2021

- Led the Electrical and Targeting subsystems, where I oversaw a team of around 3 6 undergraduates from various majors
 - Assigned specific research tasks and relayed information from the leads meeting, but also designed the overall robot's system
 architecture alongside other subsystem leads and selected electrical components used in the project
- Created a robot inspired by an enemy called the "Guardian" from the Legend of Zelda: Breadth of the Wild video game that relied on a Raspberry Pi master–slave architecture to modularize each of the subsystems (coded in Python)
 - Responsible for developing the inverse kinematics model program to dynamically calculate servo angles for the hexapod's walking gate, allowing omni-directional mobility regardless of the orientation of the hexapod
 - Developed a reliable 2DOF laser targeting system in the robot's head that utilized the Agile Eye parallel mechanism that was actuated using a pair of closed-loop stepper motors