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Computer Vision | Deep Learning

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## SKILLS

**Languages:** C++, Python, C, MATLAB

**Libraries:** Scikitlearn, Scipy, Point Cloud Library, Jupyter Notebooks, OpenCV, CUDA, Tensorflow, Pytorch, Numpy

**Platforms:** Linux, Git ( version control ), CMake, Robot Operating System ( ROS, ROS2 ), Gazebo

**Coursework:** Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, ,Computer Vision, Motion Planning

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## EDUCATION

**Masters (MS) in Robotics Engineering,** Worcester Polytechnic Institute ( WPI )

Aug 2021 - May 2023

**B.Tech. in Instrumentation and Controls,** Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University

Aug 2016 - May 2020

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Teaching Assistant at WPI | Digital Image Processing , Robot Dynamics**

May 2022 - Current

- *Currently* Assisting professor Ziming Zhang to grade assignments and teach image processing concepts like image filtering, image enhancement, Morphological transformations, feature detection ( SIFT and MSER ), SVD, Camera Modeling, Object detection and recognition, Image Segmentation, Deep Learning, etc.
- Assisted professor Mohammad Agheli to grade assignments and teach dynamic modeling of robotic systems using concepts like 3D and Projective Geometry, Probability, Calculus, Linear algebra, Numerical Optimization Methods, etc.

**Graduate Researcher at MER Lab, under Dr. Berk Calli | Vision based Robotic Manipulation**

Jan 2022 - Jul 2022

- Researched an analytical grasping algorithm using classical CV techniques such as edge detection, contour approximation, etc. for object segmentation and various grasp metrics to get the best grasp candidate.
- Compared CV and ML based grasping algorithms ( GGCNN, ResNet ) for robotic manipulators using depth images from intel realsense RGB Depth camera ( eye in hand configuration ).
- Prototyped and designed a complete software architecture for visual servoing of manipulators using ROS, C++ and MoveIt library in gazebo simulation environment and for an industrial manipulator ( Franka Emica Panda ).

**Research Assistant at IIIT Delhi | Virtual Testbed for mobile robots**

Dec 2020 - Jun 2021

- Calibrated a multiple camera setup with reprojection error of 3% and performed image stitching using homography matching to generate an accurate map of a large indoor environment.
- Utilized ROS and OpenCV to design and implement a computer vision pipeline for April tag based localization of mobile robots in a given map.

**Research Intern at BotLab Dynamics, IIT Delhi | Localization using Visual Odometry | [Github]**

Jun 2019 - Aug 2019

- Developed a perception pipeline using Python and OpenCV for localization module of V - SLAM using monocular visual odometry to localize mobile robots in an indoor environment using feature matching over multiple frames and GPUs to improve performance by 24%.

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## ROBOTICS PROJECTS

**VSLAM using EKF | Computer Vision, VSLAM, EKF, Sensor Fusion | [Currently Working]**

- Developing a framework for Extended Kalman Filter (EKF) based monocular VSLAM using sensor fusion of camera and IMU data for mapping an indoor environment in real time.

**Image Classification of blood clots | Deep Learning, CNN, Vision Transformer | [Website]**

- Implemented and compared various CNN architectures for a task of binary classification of blood clots in stroke patients using a HPC Slurm GPU cluster for training on high resolution medical images to obtain 20% more accuracy than currently used method
- Down sampled the medical images with minimum feature loss to speed up the training and testing, and got comparable results to the models trained with high resolution images.

**Driver Drowsiness Detection | Computer Vision, PyTorch, Deep Learning, KNN | [Github]**

- Used normalized Facial Landmarks and compared deep learning architectures such as CNN, Binary Trees, KNN to detect the drowsiness level of a driver which resulted in 77.21% accuracy.
- Modularized and optimized the pipeline to run on a raspberry pi equipped with pi camera module.

**Deep Learning from Scratch | Numpy, Deep Learning, PyTorch | [Github]**

- Implemented various machine learning and deep learning architectures with multiple layers for tasks like classification and regression.
- Programmed optimized implementations of various metrics and methodologies like cross validation, forward and backpropagation, Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD), Softmax Regression with Cross Entropy (CE) loss etc. using Python and Numpy.