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## EDUCATION

### Master of Science, Robotics Engineering

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, (WPI), Worcester, MA

May '18

GPA: 3.8/4.00

### Bachelor of Technology, Mechatronics

Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology and Research Academy (SASTRA), India

May '16

## SKILLS

**Machine learning packages:** Theano, Keras, Tensorflow, Scikit-learn

**Programming Languages:** C, C++, Python, MATLAB, Embedded C, C#(.NetFramework)

**Software and Tools:** OpenCV, Git, ROS, Gazebo, Simulink, OpenRave, OMPL, Solidworks

**Design Software:** ProE, AutoCAD, LabVIEW, CODESYS, Solidworks, Ansys, COMSOL

**Boards:** Arduino, PIC, Raspberry Pi

## EXPERIENCE

### Full-time: FESTO Corporation

June '18 —Present

- Designing and coding Graphical interfaces for products and test stands
- Programming PLCs to control various devices to work as one product.
- Working on firmware development for products in the liquid handling industry.

July '17 —Aug '17

### Internship: Persimmon Technologies

- Designed a test bed in Solidworks with 25 individual components and 221 assembled components for Encoders
- Performed trade off analysis to make most efficient and cost effective design.
- Toleranced parts and made sure all standard and custom parts mesh well.

May '15 —Jun '15

### Internship: Maruti Suzuki India Ltd, Gurugram, India

- Studied trajectory controllers for 6 DOF Fanuc, ABB industrial robots used in car manufacturing.
- Designed ladder logic for bottle filling station involving complex pick,place and fill operations.
- Implemented logic on Siemens Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC).

## PROJECTS

### Deep Reinforcement learning on a socially assitive robot (PABI)

Jan '18—May '18

- Extracting features from images of faces and training neural network on those features(currently (61.13%))
- Designing reinforcement learning algorithm to customize sessions with children based on emotion and attention

### Deep learning for robot perception

Aug '17 —Dec '17

- Designed a Convolutional Neural Network with different layers of flattening, max-pooling and dropouts.
- Trained on Kaggle dataset and achieved an accuracy of 68.5% (highest recorded for this dataset is 71%)
- Implemented Harr-face detect and the model obtained from training to detect emotions in real-time video feed.

### Safe Driving using MPC for Autonomous Vehicles

Jan '17 —May '17

- Controlled a car using Kinematic Bicycle model and model predictive control(MPC).
- Worked in MATLAB to simulate results using Fmincon and Yalmip libraries.
- Implemented MPC to achieve safe driving diversion from reference trajectory for obstacle avoidance.

### Modular teleoperation Framework

Feb '17 —May '17

- Developed an algorithm for complex master-slave coordination between manipulators and haptic devices.
- Implemented it in Gazebo using ROS on davinci and ABB IRB 120 robot.

### Mapping and Motion Planning for RC Car

Jan '17 —May '17

- Implemented A\*, RRT\*, and ARA\* algorithms using C++
- Compared optimality, completeness, space and time complexity in 3 different Gazebo worlds using ROS.

### Motion compensation during surgery

Oct '16 —Dec '16

- Implemented motion compensation techniques using EKF(Extended Kalman Filter) and Fourier series
- Visualized using teleoperation on daVinci in Gazebo using ROS

### Kiosk for Autistic Children

Oct '15 —June '16

- Designed and fabricated a gaming kiosk with various motor skill enhancement tasks integrated into it
- Controlled the system to track the speed of performance, gripping methods and overall improvement
- PIC16F877A and got input from various sensors.