RISHABH JANGIR

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ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Reinforcement Learning, Deep Neural Networks Vision-based Human Robot Interaction, Learning from demonstrations, Probabilistic Modeling and Reasoning, Self-driving vehicles, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, Computer vision, Internet of things.

EDUCATION

2013-Present Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, Guwahati, India. GPA: 7.36/10
Bachelors of Technology, Engineering Physics
Advisor: Prof. Prithwijit Guha, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering
2013 Senior Secondary School/Class 12, CBSE. PERCENTAGE: 88.2 %
2011 Matriculation/Class 10, CBSE. GRADE POINT: 9.6

EXPERIENCE

Research Intern, Robotics Research Centre, IIIT Hyderabad.

May '16 -July '16

Guide: Prof.K.Madhava Krishna, Prof.Balaraman Ravindran (IIT Madras)

Vision based learning from Demonstration

- Worked on solving the problem of SLAM (Simultaneous Localization and Mapping) breakage on a monocular camera based mobile robot using Reinforcement Learning.
- Created an artificially intelligent agent capable of learning distinct behaviors from expert demonstrations by estimating
 the underlying reward functions using Inverse Reinforcement Learning (Abbeel and Ng, 2000). Wrote a blog post
 on the same and released reproduce-able code on Github which gained attention in the machine learning community.
- Successfully applied the inverse reinforcement learning algorithm in a monocular camera equipped mobile robot setting to estimate the reward function for anti-SLAM breakage behaviors.

Research Intern, Robotics Research Centre, IIIT Hyderabad.

May '15 -July '15

Guide: Prof.K.Madhava Krishna

Object detection and Point cloud segregation on UAVs (link)

- Developed an algorithm to segregate point cloud of an identified object from the whole set of point cloud data available from visual SLAM system.
- Worked on applying various monocular SLAM techniques on a Parrot AR-Drone, namely Parallel Tracking and Mapping PTAM, ORB-SLAM and LSD-SLAM, evaluated them on the basis of odometry and reconstruction.

Secretary at Robotics Club, IIT Guwahati.

Mar '15 -Mar '16

Student's Gymkhana Council

Lead a team of over 50 robotics enthusiasts. Event organisation, fund management, to upgrade the facilities and ensure proper usage of the club resources. Develop technical skills and passion among students of IIT Guwahati to think, create and use technology for the betterment of society.

Embedded Systems Intern at Simple Labs, Chennai

May '14 -July '14

Bluetooth low energy application development

- Worked independently and developed linear and mesh network applications in Bluetooth 4.0 protocol.
- Created a series of tutorials "Working with the Bluegiga BLE112 module" and wrote a blog on the same, the blog has more than 700 views on Quora.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages knownC, C++, Python, MATLAB.Software PackagesOpenCV, Point Cloud Library(PCL), LATEX, Rviz, Gazebo, Arduino IDE.Operating SystemsUbuntu, Windows, Robot Operating System (ROS).HardwareIntel 8085, Arduino, Raspberry-Pi, Beaglebone.

PROJECTS

Mapping heritage monuments in 3D with UAVs.

Aug'16-Present

Senior year Bachelor's Thesis Project-IIT Guwahati, Guide: Prof.Prithwijit Guha

- Using Learning from demonstration techniques to guide autonomous mapping behavior in aerial vehicles and detecting cracks and faults in heritage monuments using these maps.
- Implemented a computer vision framework to generate a 3D point cloud from the 2D stereo imagery of a scene.

Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning.

Feb'16-Mar'16

Department of Electronics and Electrical Engineering, IIT Guwahati

- Built a pattern recognizer from scratch by exploring out on the **Bayesian classifier** concepts.
- Face recognition engine by employing the method of efficient computation of the basis vectors for high-dimensional data using **Principal component analysis**.

Assistive Vision Simulator.

July'15

REDx Hyderabad Camp 2015, MIT Media Lab, Camera Culture Group

Hardware lead, Assistive Vision Simulator (link), developed a virtual reality environment to test various modalities that
enable the blind to navigate efficiently. Used audio and haptic feedback to alarm the visually impaired of any static
obstacles.

Autonomous Indoor navigation robot.

Dec'14-Aug'15

Robotics Club, IIT Guwahati

Designed and fabricated a differentially driven robot (link) capable of autonomous indoor navigation using an RGB-D camera (Microsoft Kinect) and open-source software ROS (Robot operating system), implemented RTAB map and navigation stack packages available form the open-source ROS community.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Secured 99.3 percentile in IIT-JEE 2013, out of over 1.5 million students appearing for the exam.
- Winner (for our autonomous navigation robot), technical exhibition competition, Techniche' 15, IIT Guwahati.

RELEVANT COURSES

- Mathematics: Linear Algebra, Calculus, Differential Equations, Vectors, Complex Analysis.
- Computer Science: Introduction to Computing, Computing Laboratory (using C),
 Computational Physics, Machine Learning, Pattern Recognition.
- Physics: Advanced Classical Mechanics, Statistical Mechanics, Engineering Optics, Quantum Mechanics, Classical Electrodynamics, Heat and Thermodynamics, Atomic and Molecular Spectroscopy, Nuclear Science and Engineering.
- **Electronics**: Analog and Digital circuits, Signal processing, Semiconductor Devices, Microprocessor architecture and programming.
- **Online Courses**: Introduction to AI (UC Berkeley/edX), Machine Learning (Stanford/ Coursera), Reinforcement Learning (David Silver), Autonomous Navigation for Flying Robots (TU Munich/edX).

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **Peer Mentor** to the fresher batch of 2015, IIT Guwahati.
- Participant, maze solving **robotics competiton**, TechKriti'14, IIT Kanpur.
- Member of Robotics Club, IIT Guwahati.
- Organizer, Robotics module, Techniche'14, annual techno-management festival of IIT Guwahati.