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EDUCATION

Idaho State UniversityPocatello, IdahoPhD Measurement and Control EngineeringGrad: December 2017Indian Institute of Information TechnologyAllahabad, IndiaMasters Computer ScienceGrad: May 2010Bengal Institute of Technology & ManagementKolkata, IndiaBTech Electronics and Communication EngineeringGrad: May 2007

EXPERIENCE

Human Centered Robotics Lab, University Of Washington

Seattle, WA

Research Scientist (supervisor: Prof. Maya Cakmak, Prof. Siddhartha S. Srinivasa)
Present

June, 2017 —

- Whole Body Control of Mobile Manipulators (Fetch, PR2)
- Motion Planning for large surface cleaning by Arm, torso and Base
- Interface for controlling ROS-controlled robot by OpenRave

Institut de Robtica i Informtica industrial

Barcelona, Spain

Visiting Research Scientist

April, 2017 — May, 2017

• Grasp execution of superquadric fitting on WAM arms

ROS-Industrial (Google Summer of Code)

Home

Research Internship

May, 2016 — August, 2016

- Reachability Map generation of any redundant or non-redundant robotic arm
- Proposed Various Base placement techniques by Reachability map inversion
- Validation of base placement theories on real robot and simulation

Idaho State University

Pocatello, Idaho

Research Assistant (supervisor: Dr. Alba Perez Gracia)

August, 2013 — Present

- Superquadric fitting and pose estimation of unknown objects from point cloud data
- Proposed Mirroring techniques to approximate occluded regions from single view point cloud
- Proposed novel grasping algorithm for superquadrics
- Grasp execution of unknown objects in isolation or cluttered scenerio

SKILLS

Programming: C, C++, Python, Matlab, Mathematica

Software Tools: ROS, PCL, OpenCV, OpenRAVE, MoveIT, OMPL, GraspIT, Tensorflow Robotic Hardware: PR2, Fetch, WAM, UR5, Barrett, Robotiq, NAO, Turtlebot, HOAP2, Biloid

Robotic Simulator: Gazebo, V-Rep, Webot Operating Systems: Ubuntu, Windows

Projects

Superquadric Grasping C++, ROS, PCL, MoveIT

https://github.com/jontromanab/sq_grasp

A package to grasp unknown objects by superquadric fitting

Reuleaux C++, ROS, IkFast, KDL, MoveIT

http://wiki.ros.org/reuleaux

A package for robot reachability analysis and base placement

FetchPy Python, ROS, OpenRave, Gazebo

https://github.com/jontromanab/fetchpy

A package to control Fetch Robot from OpenRave