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EDUCATION

International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad

2018 - 2021

M.S. by Research in Computer Science & Engineering

Advisor: Prof. K. Madhava Krishna

GPA: 9.50/10

Anna University, SSN College of Engineering, Chennai

2013 - 2017

B.Eng. in Electronics & Communication Engineering

GPA: 7.2/10

Publications

RP-VIO: Robust Plane-based Visual-Inertial Odometry for Dynamic Environments %

Karnik Ram, Chaitanya Kharyal, Sudarshan S. Harithas, K. Madhava Krishna

International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), 2021

Learnable Spatio-Temporal Map Embeddings for Deep Inertial Localization

Dennis Melamed, Karnik Ram, Vivek Roy, Kris Kitani

International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), 2022

CalibNet: Geometrically-Supervised LiDAR-Camera Extrinsic Calibration using 3D Spatial Transformer Networks %

Ganesh Iyer, **Karnik Ram**, J. Krishna Murthy, K. Madhava Krishna International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), 2018

INFER: Intermediate Representations for Future Prediction %

Shashank Srikanth, Junaid Ahmed Ansari, **Karnik Ram**, Sarthak Sharma, J. Krishna Murthy, K. Madhava Krishna

International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), 2019

PathFinder: Designing a Map-less Navigation Robot for Blind People in Unfamiliar Buildings

Masaki Kuribayashi, Tatsuya Ishihara, Daisuke Sato, Jayakorn Vongkulbhisal, **Karnik Ram**, Seita Kayukawa, Hironobu Takagi, Shigeo Morishima, Chieko Asakawa

CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems, 2023 (Under review)

WORK Experience

Carnegie Mellon University

Oct 2022 - Present

RIENCE Research Associate, Robotics Institute

Working on active robot perception using a novel controllable depth sensor.

Advisor: Prof. Srinivasa Narasimhan

Carnegie Mellon University

Aug 2021 - Oct 2022

Research Associate, Robotics Institute

Worked on deep inertial-only localization algorithms for indoor navigation, and assistive technologies for the visually impaired.

Advisor: Prof. Kris Kitani

International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad

Aug 2018 - Aug 2021

Graduate Research Student, Robotics Research Center

Worked on monocular visual-inertial odometry for dynamic environments, and trajectory prediction.

Advisor: Prof. K. Madhava Krishna

Google Summer of Code

Student Developer, Mobile Robot Programming Toolkit

Summer 2018

Developed a GUI app for the extrinsic calibration of depth sensors.

International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad

Research Intern, Robotics Research Center

Worked on target-less LiDAR-camera extrinsic calibration algorithms.

Advisor: Prof. K. Madhava Krishna, J. Krishna Murthy.

Relevant Coursework Graduate: Mobile Robotics, Computer Vision, Machine Learning, Topics in Applied Optimization. Undergraduate: Robotics & Automation, Digital Image Processing, OOP & Data Structures, Computer Architecture, Probability & Random Processes, Embedded & Real Time Systems

Additional

ETH Robotics Summer School, ETH Zürich %

July 2019

May 2017 - April 2018

Courses 2-week summer school on autonomous ground robot navigation.

Committee: Cesar Cadena, Marco Hutter

Teaching EXPERIENCE CSE 483 Mobile Robotics %

Fall 2019

International Intitute of Information Technology, Hyderabad

Head teaching assistant with Prof. K. Madhava Krishna

3D Computer Vision Workshop

Feb 2020

International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad Instructor for tutorial session on multiple view geometry

AWARDS

- Top 2 out of 134 teams in the ARTPARK Robotics Challenge, IISc
- Best Senior Year Project, ECE Department, SSN-CE 2017
- First place, inter-college image processing based robotics event, Anna University 2016
- Top 10 out of 144 teams in the "Apps for Chennai Challenge"

2015

2020-21

2021

SERVICES

- Lab Systems Administrator for the compute cluster at RRC, IIIT Hyderabad.
- Served as a reviewer in the SLAM track for IROS.
- Served as a co-chair for the VI-SLAM session at IROS.

- 2021, 22 2021
- Conceived, developed, and maintained The SSN App, the official Android app of SSN-CE. 2014-17

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Tools & Libraries: OpenCV, ROS, PyTorch, Ceres Solver, Eigen, Git | Familiar: iOS, Qt, Android

Programming Languages: C++, Python | Familiar: Swift, Java

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