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EDUCATION

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

PhD Candidate, Department of Mechanical Engineering

Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey

Bachelor of Science, Department of Mechanical Engineering

September 2013 - June 2018GPA: 3.47/4.0

August 2018 – present

GPA: 3.81/4.0

WORK EXPERIENCE

Michigan State University

Graduate Research Assistant

East Lansing, MI August, 2018 – present

• Focusing on data-driven analysis of complex dynamical systems

• Combining machine learning with tools from Topological Data Analysis to create new investigative methods to study dynamical systems

Roketsan Ankara, Turkey

Engineering Trainee

November, 2017 - April, 2018

• Worked in Advanced Technologies and Systems department and focused on navigation of aerial vehicles

June, 2017 - July, 2017

• Designed digital filters for Attitude and Heading Reference System (AHRS) and tested them on experimental data

TEI -TUSAS Engine Industries

Eskisehir, Turkey

Intern

July, 2016 - August, 2016

• Worked in Engine Assembly and Testing department and participated in testing of aircraft engines

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Michigan State University Graduate Teaching Assistant

East Lansing, MI

January 2019 – January 2021

• ME461 - Mechanical Vibrations (Fall 2020)

- ME451L Control Systems Laboratory (Spring 2019, Spring 2020)
- ME422 Introduction to Combustion (Fall 2019)
- ME416 Computer Assisted Design of Thermal Systems (Fall 2019)

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Papers

- M. C. Yesilli, F. A. Khasawneh, and A. Otto, "Topological feature vectors for chatter detection in turning processes," arXiv preprint: 1905.08671, 2021. (Accepted for publication in The International Journal of Advanced Manufacturing
- M. C. Yesilli, F. A. Khasawneh, and A. Otto, "On transfer learning for chatter detection in turning using wavelet packet transform and ensemble empirical mode decomposition," CIRP Journal of Manufacturing Science and Technology, 2019, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cirpj.2019.11.003

Preprints

- M. C. Yesilli and F. A. Khasawneh, "Automated Surface Texture Analysis via Discrete Cosine Transform and Discrete Wavelet Transform," 2021. (In submission)
- M. C. Yesilli, F. A. Khasawneh, B. P. Mann, "Transfer Learning for Autonomous Chatter Detection in Machining," 2021. (Under review)
- M. C. Yesilli, F. A. Khasawneh, and A. Otto, "Chatter Detection in Turning Using Machine Learning and Similarity Measures of Time Series via Dynamic Time Warping," arXiv preprint:1908.01678, 2019. (Under review)

Conference Papers

- M. C. Yesilli and F. A. Khasawneh "Data-driven and Automatic Surface Texture Analysis Using Persistent Homology," ICMLA2021. (Accepted)
- M.C., Yesilli, F. A. Khasawneh, "Data Driven Model Identification for a Chaotic Pendulum with Variable Interaction Potential". IDETC 2020, https://doi.org/10.1115/DETC2020-22597
- M. C. Yesilli, F. A. Khasawneh, "On Transfer Learning of Traditional Frequency and Time Domain Features In Turning," 15th International Manufacturing Science and Engineering Conference, MSEC 2020. https://doi.org/10.1115/ MSEC2020-8274

- M. C. Yesilli, S. Tymochko, F. A. Khasawneh, E. Munch, "Chatter Diagnosis in Milling Using Supervised Learning and Topological Features Vector," In 2019 18th IEEE International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications, IEEE, https://doi.org/10.1109/ICMLA.2019.00200
- J. R. Tempelman, A. Myers, M. C. Yesilli, "Experimental Investigations Into Broadband Vibration of Metastructures with Lattice Designs," In Proceedings of the ASME International Design Engineering Technical Conferences and Computers and Information in Engineering Conference, IDETC2019, https://doi.org/10.1115/DETC2019-97673

PRESENTED WORK

Contributed Talks

- Data-driven and Automatic Surface Texture Analysis Using Persistent Homology, ICMLA 2021, December
- Chatter Detection in Turning Using Dynamic Time Warping and Approximate and Eliminate Search Algorithm, SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems, May 2021
- On Transfer Learning of Traditional Frequency and Time Domain Features In Turning, MSEC2020 (Virtual Conference), September 2020
- Data Driven Model Identification for a Chaotic Pendulum with Variable Interaction Potential, IDETC/MSNDC (Virtual Conference), August 2020
- Chatter Classification and Transfer Learning in Turning Using Topological Data Analysis and Dynamic Time Warping, MSU TDA Seminar, April 2020
- Topological Feature Vectors for Chatter Detection in Turning Processes, The 1st Midwest Graduate Student Conference: Geometry and Topology meet Data Analysis and Machine Learning, June 2019
- Topological Feature Vectors for Chatter Detection in Turning Processes, SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems, May 2019
- Chatter diagnosis in turning using Topological Data Analysis, SIAM Great Lakes Section Meeting, April 2019 Poster
- A.D. Myers, M.C. Yesilli, S. Tymochko, F. Khasawneh and E. Munch, "Teaspoon: A comprehensive python package for topological signal processing." Topological Data Analysis and Beyond Workshop at NeurIPS 2020.

CODE AND DATA REPOSITORIES

- A. Myers, M. C. Yesilli, S. Tymochko, F. A. Khasawneh and E. Munch, (2020), Teaspoon: A Topological Signal Processing Package, pypi/teaspoon.
- N. Mork, M. C. Yesilli, F. A. Khasawneh, (2020). Design of chaotic pendulum with a variable interaction potential, Zenodo, DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.3784897
- F. A. Khasawneh, A. Otto and M. C. Yesilli, (2019), "Turning Dataset for Chatter Diagnosis Using Machine Learning", Mendeley Data, v1, http://dx.doi.org/10.17632/hvm4wh3jzx.1
- M. C. Yesilli, F. A. Khasawneh, and A. Otto, (2019), "Machine learning toolbox for Wavelet Packet Transform (WPT) and Ensemble Empirical Mode Decomposition (EEMD)", Github repository.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

- Minisymposium Co-organizer, Topological Signal Processing, SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems, May 2021
- Minisymposium Co-organizer, Topological Time Series Analysis, SIAM Conference on Mathematics of Data Science, May 2020 (canceled due to COVID-19)
- Session Chair, SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems, May 2021
- Session Chair, SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems, May 2019

SERVICE

• Reviewer, Journal of Intelligent Manufacturing

Reviewer, Journal of Intelligent Manufacturing May 2021

Reviewer, SoftwareX February 2021

Reviewer, Journal of Ambient Intelligence and Humanized Computing September 2020

• Reviewer, Measurement

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

• Member, Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)

Member, American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)

Event Coordinator, Michigan State University Turkish Student Association (MSU-TSA)

Treasurer, Michigan State University Turkish Student Association (MSU-TSA)

Member, Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM)

March 2021 - present

October 2019 – present

June 2021 – present

July 2021

June 2020

April 2019 - June 2021

November 2018 – present

LEADERSHIP

Graduate Student Mentor for ACRES-REU

May, 2021 - July, 2021

- Co-mentored two undergraduate students who participate in Advanced Computational Research Experience for Undergraduates (ACRES-REU)
- Met with students once a week, provided them with guidance on their research, and answered their questions whenever needed

AWARDS

• MSU Graduate Office Fellowship (\$5400)

• Student Travel Award - SIAM DS21

• MSU Graduate Office Fellowship (\$5000)

October 2021 May 2021

February 2020

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Programming: Python, MATLAB, Julia, C/C++, OpenMP, MPI Software & Tools: Sphinx, LATEX, Solidworks, Inkscape, Arduino