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Education

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- University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**, MS in Autonomy & Robotics Aug 2024 – Dec 2025
- GPA: 3.89/4.0
 - **Coursework:** Deep Learning for Graphs, Computer Vision, Safe Autonomy, Human-Centered Autonomy
- Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur**, B.Tech in Electrical Engineering Aug 2017 – May 2021
- GPA: 3.48/4.0
 - **Coursework:** Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Embedded Systems, Power Electronics, Control Systems

Experience

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- R&D Robotics Engineer**, Konica Minolta – Tokyo, Japan July 2021 – Aug 2024
- Specialized in industrial automation, particularly bulk bin pick-and-place robots.
 - Applied classical and AI-based computer vision for precise 6-DoF item detection and prediction.
 - Developed an auto-annotation tool to speed up the training process of object detection AI models.
 - Filled 2 patents in computer vision and Robotic grasping.
- Machine Learning Intern**, Philips Innovation Campus – Bangalore, India April 2020 – July 2020
- Worked on CT scans and medical images from Luna 16 dataset
 - Fine-tuned 3D volumetric UNet model to effectively segment lung nodules.

Projects

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- PORTRS : PAYLOAD ORGANIZATION AND TRANSPORTATION ROBOTIC SYSTEM** JAXA
- Collaborated with JAXA Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency to create a novel solution for visually assisting multi-limbed robot.
 - Designed and optimized an AI model for grasping the existing in-ship interface and manipulating various objects inside International Space Station.
- Multitask Learning with Language using AIRL** gail_airl_pytorch.git
- Achieved a remarkable 72% accuracy milestone, demonstrating up to a 200% enhancement in zero-shot task success rates and accelerated skill transfer to novel tasks, showcasing the power of language-based goal specification in robotics.
 - Tools Used: Pytorch, Metaworld, Mujoco-py, Imitation Learning, Behaviour Cloning
- Drone Racing** DroneRacer-MPC-Vision.git
- An autonomous drone racing system integrating vision-guided trajectory adjustments with MPC for planar control and PID for elevation.
 - Tools Used: Python, Airsim, MPC, PID, Trajectory Planning, State-Space estimation
- VLM4Autonomy** VLM4Autonomy-.git
- This project integrates Vision-Language Models (VLMs) with autonomous driving systems to enhance decision-making through scene understanding and reasoning.
 - Tools Used: Python, VLM, LLM, SAM2, YOLO-V8, Structure-from-motion, Visual Odometry

Technologies

Languages: C++, Python, Verilog, Embedded C, Pytorch, Keras, Tensorflow

Technologies: ROS, Github, Docker, Airsim, Linux, Anaconda, GYM AI, Solidworks