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#### **EDUCATION**

### University of Central Florida

Orlando, FL

M.Sc. in Computer Engineering (GPA: 3.84)

Aug. 2016 - Aug. 2018

Thesis: Real-time SIL Emulation Architecture for Cooperative Automated Vehicles

Research: Intelligent Systems, Machine Learning, Embedded Systems, Vehicular Networks, ADAS

#### University of Mumbai

Mumbai, India

**B.Eng.** in Electronics Engineering (GPA: 3.90)

Aug. 2010 - May 2014

Ranked 1st amongst 120 students in the Electronics dept.

Second year representative and Head of creative team at Annual college festival – Pegasus

### WORK EXPERIENCE

### Networked Systems Laboratory at UCF

Orlando, FL

Graduate Research Assistant

Feb. 2017 - Present

- Real-Time SIL Emulator for ADAS Testing and Validation Sponsor: Ford Motor Company Designed and Developed a unique and easily configurable emulation/simulation architecture to allow Software-In-Loop testing and validation of connected vehicle applications
- Small-scale Connected Autonomous Vehicle Sponsor: NSL

  Mentoring a team of 5 undergraduate students to build a fleet of vision sensors equipped small-scale autonomous vehicles to navigate using advanced planning algorithms and thus provide a test-bed for V2X safety applications
- Vehicle Safety Communications Applications Sponsor: CAMP
  Research and development in DSRC based V2V Safety Networks, Model-based Information Networking for situation awareness in Automated vehicles

Giant Health Events

London, UK

Machine Learning Intern

May 2017 - June 2017

• Built models based on SVM and Regression techniques to predict potential event attendees from the scrapped social network data and thus reduce human efforts and increase business

### Tata Consultancy Services Ltd.

Mumbai, India

 $Business\ Intelligence\ Developer$ 

Sept. 2014 - July 2016

- Migrated 95 high-complexity reports into production (Business Objects and Crystal reports to Microstrategy) in a team of four members (Agile) within a period of 3 months
- Developed Interactive reports in Microstrategy to calculate and analyze financial tax for ABN-AMRO bank

### TECHNICAL SKILLS

Hardware: LiDAR, Stereo Camera, Nvidia Jetson TX2, Arduino, Raspberry Pi, ARM, TI-MSP, FPGA

Libraries: TensorFlow, Keras, TFLearn, Pandas, Scikit-learn, SciPy, OpenCV, PCL

Tools: ROS, NS3, SUMO simulator, Xilinx, Git, Linux, Qt, Visual Studio, Microstrategy, Business Objects

### **PROJECTS**

#### Vehicle Detection and Tracking

Oct. 2017 Nov. 2017

- $\circ\,$  Trained an SVM classifier to distinguish between car and non-car images with 98.56 % accuracy
- Accurately tracked vehicles using a stream of sliding bounding boxes of different scales
- o Developed a heat-map of all positively detected vehicles to remove false positive based on a threshold

#### **Drivers Behavior Cloning**

 $Sep. \ 2017 \ Oct. \ 2017$ 

 $\circ\,$  Designed a CNN to predict steering wheel angles in a challenging simulated environment based on the human driving behavior (Validation Loss <0.35%)

Traffic Sign Classification using Camera

Aug. 2017 Sep. 2017

- o Built and fine-tuned a CNN over a small dataset to classify traffic signs, using a mounted camera
- Attained 97% test accuracy on a German traffic sign dataset

#### Autonomous Rescue Robot

Feb. 2017 Apr. 2017

- Built a 4-wheeled autonomous car for search and rescue operations in a disaster-affected area to explore and identify victims
- Programmed ROS (Robot Operating System) nodes for gathering the odometry data along with the scans from a Kinect sensor (to create 2D Occupancy maps) into a raspberry pi
- Implemented a Particle Filter for localization and a Path Planning algorithm for navigation to various goals using offline maps created during the training phase

### Path Planning and Q-Learning in a grid world

Feb. 2017 Mar. 2017

- Implemented A-star path planning algorithm with Manhattan and Euclidean distance choice in an interactive grid world GUI using pythons tkinter library
- o Designed a Reinforcement learning engine with deterministic and stochastic behavior in the grid world

## Concurrent Physics Engine

Oct. 2016 Nov. 2016

- Linearized a Physics Engine consisting of circles moving with random velocities around the screen and colliding with each other
- o Implemented concurrent (Lock-free) version of SAP (Sweep and Prune) and Hash grid

# Surveillance based on Tracking and Targeting

Oct. 2013 Mar. 2014

- Built a MATLAB based security system to tackle the situations like 26/11 Mumbai terrorist attacks
- Led a team of three members to develop a real-time object detection and tracking algorithm, which controlled a camera-laser mounted robotic arm to continuously track and target the suspect

#### **CERTIFICATIONS**

Machine Learning by Stanford University on Coursera

Jan. 2017

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- 1. N. A. Gupta, Y. P. Fallah, S. D. Gupta, "Real-Time SIL Emulation For Connected Vehicle Application," 2018 IEEE 88th Vehicular Technology Conference (VTC-Fall), Chicago, USA, 2018. [Submitted]
- 2. N. A. Gupta, S. J. A. Raza, G. R. Sukthankar, N. Chitalaya, "Real-World Modeling of Path Finding Agent Using Robot Operating System (ROS)", FCRAR, vol.30, May 2017

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