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EDUCATION

University of Central Florida

Orlando, FL

M.Sc. in Computer Engineering (GPA: 3.82)

Aug. 2016 – July 2018

Research: Wireless vehicular networks, Vehicle Safety, ADAS, Intelligent Transportation Systems

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

- **Advance Vehicle Emulator** – *Sponsor: Ford Motor Company*
Developing a unique and easily configurable emulation/simulation setup to allow Hardware in the Loop (HIL) testing of connected vehicle applications in a realistic and safe manner
- **Small-scale Connected Autonomous Vehicle** – *Sponsor: NSL*
Mentoring a team of 5 undergraduate students to built 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

Languages: C, C++, Python, MATLAB, Embedded C, Java, Assembly, Verilog, UNIX, SQL, L^AT_EX

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

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

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

PROJECTS

Vehicle Detection and Tracking

Oct. 2017 Nov. 2017

- 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
- Developed a heat-map of all positively detected vehicles to remove false positive based on a threshold

Drivers Behavior Cloning

Sep. 2017 Oct. 2017

- 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

- 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 python's tkinter library
- 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
- 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

DTMF Based Car

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PUBLICATIONS

Nitish A. Gupta, Sayyed Jaffar Ali Raza, Gita R. Sukthankar, Nisarg Chitalaya, Real-World Modeling of Path Finding Agent Using Robot Operating System (ROS), FCRAR, vol.30, May 2017