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EDUCATION

University of Tehran

2019 – Expected 2024

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Tehran, Iran

• GPA: 3.86/4.0 (18.29/20)

University of Tehran

2020 - Expected 2024

Minor in Business Management

Tehran, Iran

• GPA: 4.0/4.0 (18.62/20)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

• Robotics / Soft Robotics

• Mechatronics

• System Design

• Biomechanics

• Machine Learning

• Optimization

EXPERIENCES

Research Assistant

Feb 2022 – Present

Center of Advanced Systems & Technologies (CAST), University of Tehran

Tehran, Iran

- Collaborated as a Dynamics and Control team member of SURENA humanoid robot
- Executed a feasibility study and recommended an energy-efficient automated system for thermal inspection
- Contributed in modal analysis through hammer impact testing, along with MATLAB script development for data processing

Artificial Intelligence Intern

Jul 2023 – Sep 2023

Cheetah Autonomous Vehicles Center, Sharif University of Technology

Tehran, Iran

Tehran, Iran

• Developed extensive python scripts within *CARLA* simulator (an open-source tool for autonomous driving research), executing algorithm deployment and evaluating performance against ground truth data

Teaching Assistant

Feb 2021 – Jun 2023

School of Mechanical Engineering | College of Engineering, University of Tehran

• Mechatronics | Dr. Moosa Ayati | Spring 2023

• Numerical Computations | Dr. Ali Fahim | Spring 2022 & Fall 2022

- Computer Programming | Group of Professors | Fall 2021 & Spring 2022
- Calculus 1 | Dr. Hossein Rahami | Fall 2020

Technical Manufacturing Intern

Jul 2021 – Oct 2021

Behran Asanbar Industrial Group

Tehran, Iran

• Accumulated hands-on experience while collaborating with a diverse set of equipment, including lathe machines, milling machines, drilling machines, CNC systems, and CAD tools

PUBLICATIONS

- M. Mehdikhani, P. Yazdankhah, R. Nasiri, "Lower Limb Joint Angle Estimation From Ground Reaction Force Using Physics-Informed Neural Networks", In Preparation
- A.H. Vedadi, P. Yazdankhah, A. Yousefi-Koma, M. Shariat-Panahi, "Real-time localization and configuration identification of a humanoid robot using machine vision", In Preparation

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming:

Python | C/C++ | MATLAB

Design & Analysis:

SolidWorks | CATIA | ANSYS | ABAQUS | MSC Adams | Maple | OpenSim | Proteus

Simulators

Simulink | Choreonoid | PyBullet | Gazebo | CarLa

Miscellaneous:

ROS | Git | Linux | Arduino | MS Office | LATEX

SURENA Humanoid Robot (5th Generation) | Python, C++, ROS, Git, Choreonoid simulator

- Developed an online trajectory planner utilizing the Divergent Component of Motion (DCM) method
- Enhanced the robot's Center of Mass (CoM) positioning through the redesign of upper-body components and the creation of a novel casing
- Conducted simulations using *Choreonoid* simulator to validate algorithm performance prior to robot deployment

Lower Limb Joint Angle Estimation from Vertical Ground Reaction Force | Python, TensorFlow, Git

- Implemented a novel neural networks architecture utilizing physics-informed networks to anticipate ankle, knee and hip joint angles from ground reaction forces of both soles
- Facilitated real-time gait analysis of subjects with minimal data

$\textbf{Solar Tracker System} \mid \textit{Arduino, SolidWorks}$

- Designed and constructed a functional prototype of a 2 DoF solar tracker system, including the successful integration of the control algorithm
- Optimized for rapid alignment with the light source in under 2 seconds and maintains light source tracking with an angular velocity of 2 rad/s

Identification and Control of a Serial Industrial Manipulator | MATLAB, Simulink, Simscape, Maple

- Analyzed the dynamics of the *Motoman SK16* robotic arm, and implemented several classic controllers (CTC, Impedance, PID) to evaluate and contrast their respective performances
- Coupled two of these serial manipulators together to form a parallel robot, assessing its operational efficiency in comparison to the original serial robot

Study of Human Gait Metabolic Energy Consumption | OpenSim, MATLAB

- Investigated the metabolic energy consumption of walking, employing both active and passive assistive devices
- Proposed an optimal assistive device that effectively minimized muscle fatigue, mechanical workload and average metabolism

SELECTED COURSES

Academic Courses

- Automatic Control (4/4)
- Rehabilitation Robotics (4/4)
- Mechatronics (4/4)

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- Mechanical Vibrations (4/4)
- Measurement Systems and Instrumentation (4/4)
- Optimization of Mechanical Systems (4/4)

Extracurricular Courses

- Machine Learning Specialization | Coursera
 - Supervised Machine Learning: Regression and Classification
 - Advanced Learning Algorithms
 - Unsupervised Learning, Recommenders, Reinforcement Learning
- IoT Hardware Practical Course | Iran Internet of Things Center

Language Skills

English: Professional working proficiency

IELTS Band Score: **7.5** (L: 8.5, R: 8.5, W: 6.5, S: 7.0)

Farsi/Persian: Native proficiency Azerbaijani: Native proficiency

Honors & Awards

- Ranked among the top 15% of class 2023 in School of Mechanical Engineering, University of Tehran
- Ranked among the top 0.3% of participants (164000 candidates) in the National University Entrance Exam, Been granted full tuition fee waiver for the course of study at University of Tehran

References

Dr. Aghil Yousefi-Koma	Professor, School of Mechanical Engineering, University of Tehran. Supervisor of CAST Research Center	$\underline{aykoma@ut.ac.ir}$
Dr. Ehsan Hosseinian	Assistant Professor, School of Mechanical Engineering, University of Tehran	ehosseinian@ut.ac.ir
Dr. Ali Fahim	Assistant Professor, Faculty of Engineering Sciences, University of Tehran	$\underline{a.fahim@ut.ac.ir}$