# Parv K. Parkhiya

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### **EDUCATION**

### Carnegie Mellon University - School of Computer Science

Master of Science, Robotic Systems Development (MRSD) | GPA: 4.05/4.33

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania August 2018 - May 2020

• Selected Coursework - Robot Autonomy, Learning for Manipulation, Computer Vision, Robot Localization and Mapping, Natural Language Processing, Optimal Control and Reinforcement Learning

## International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT)

Hyderabad, India

Bachelor of Technology (Honours), Electronics and Communication | GPA: 9.91/10

August 2014 - May 2018

• Selected Coursework - Mobile Robotics, Statistical Methods in AI, Computer Vision, Linear Control System

### **EXPERIENCE**

**ISEE**Senior Perception Engineer

Cambridge, Massachusetts

June 2020 - Present

- Contributing to Perception stack for isee.ai autonomous yard truck system that moves trailers in the busy dynamic yard
- Implemented 3D Occupancy Grid to map obstacle in realtime GPU (C++, CUDA), lidar simulation, ground segmentation
- Research Projects: Pointcloud completion network, Self-Supervised object detection on lidar data, lidar based SLAM

#### Zenuity (Volvo-Veoneer joint venture)

Novi, Michigan

Intern, Perception and Localization Team

June 2019 - August 2019

• Contributed to codebase (C++) of LIDAR based Simultaneous Localization and Mapping (SLAM)

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

## Robotics Research Center, International Institute of Information Technology

Hyderabad, India

**Honours Student** 

June 2016 - May 2018

- Conceptualized and implemented (C++) monocular Object-oriented SLAM using CNN and factor graph optimization
- [Publication]: (IEEE ICRA 2018) "Constructing Category-Specific Models for Monocular Object SLAM"

### **PROJECTS**

## Unmanned Aerial and Ground Vehicle (UAV, UGV) Collaborative Firefighting

August 2018 - February 2020

- Designed and developed full system with hardware/software architecture for custom built hexacopter (2 kg payload) and Husky (UGV) for autonomous navigation in unknown environment, fire detection and extinguishing material deployment
- Part of MRSD capstone project

# Trajectory Planning with Obstacle Avoidance using RRTs, A\*, and R\*

January 2020 - May 2020

Implemented various search based approaches for planning problem with non-holonomic constraints (link)

## Dynamic SLAM using landscape theory of aggregation

August 2019 - December 2019

Implemented (C++) dynamic label classifier for SLAM pipeline with custom written optimizer on UGV robot (link)

#### **Taking out Trash**

January 2019 - May 2019

• Modeled picking and placing trash bin skill using manipulator arm of Locobot robotic platform as **Gaussian Process (GP)** to enable imitation based skill learning from single demonstration (link)

### Modeling Motion of Stereotypical Dynamic Objects for Efficient Interaction

August 2018 - December 2018

• Incorporated **Dynamic Movement Primitives (DMP)** approach to model stereo typical motion in data efficient manner and used that model to predict trajectory and goal location from a partially observed trajectory (<u>link</u>)

### **SKILLS**

Programming Languages: C++, C, Python

**Software:** Optimizers (Ceres-Solver, GTSAM, G2O, CasADi), ROS, CUDA, Pytorch, OpenCV, Gazebo, Unity, MATLAB, Solidworks (CAD), Blender, GoogleTest

**Hardware:** Cameras (ZED Stereo, Intel RealSense, FLIR Thermal), LiDAR (SICK, Velodyne), Microcontroller (Arduino, AVR), FPGA (ZedBoard), Quadcopter (Parrot Bebop, AR, DJI, Pixhawk), Makerbot, Ultimaker

### **AWARDS**

### Institute Gold Medal (Highest GPA)