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EDUCATION

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

M.Phil. in Robotics & Control (Presidential Fellowship)

 $Dec\ 2024$ GPA: 3.77/4.3

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Jun 2021

B.Eng. (1st Honour) in Aeronautical and Aviation Engineering (APEC Entry Scholarship)

Exchange: University of Queensland, Australia GPA: 3.75/4.3

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Adaptive Control for Underactuated Robots leveraging Koopman Operators and Reinforcement Learning for Dynamic Robustness Sep 2024 - Present

Research Assistant

Prof. Chih-Yung Wen (PolyU)

- Designed an adaptive framework to address data insufficiency in Koopman operator-based controllers.
- Developed a policy network for optimizing controller parameters.
- Demonstrating the framework's performance through simulations and physical experiments.

Improving and Optimizing Adaptive Controllers via Disturbances Observers and Reinforcement Learning Aug~2023~-~Aug~2024

M.Phil. Student

Prof. Chih-Yung Wen (PolyU)

- Proposed an adaptive framework for MPC, LQR, and EKF on mobile robots using disturbance observation.
- Improved, analyzed, and implemented General ESO (GESO) and Error-State ESO (ESESO) for lump disturbance estimation.
- Developed reinforcement learning (RL) for parameter optimization.
- Demonstrated performance on UUV MPC control, heterogeneous UAV-UGV relative state estimation, and multi-UAV sliding-mode control (SMC).

Non-Robocentric Dynamic Landing for Quadrotor UAVs

Sep 2022 - Jul 2023

M.Phil. Student

Prof. Chih-Yung Wen (PolyU)

- Proposed a non-inertial autonomous dynamic landing framework without using airborne exteroceptive sensors.
- Developed an IEKF-based state estimator on SE(3).
- Designed kinematic and dynamic constrained trajectories using differential flatness and minimized jerk.
- Demonstrated system applicability via physical experiments using a self-designed UAV-UGV hardware system.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Hong Kong Center for Construction Robotics (HKCRC)

Jul 2021 - Jul 2022

Research Assistant

- Developed a learning-based model via adversarial training and data augmentation for a CV-based construction logistics monitoring system.
- Developed PID controllers and EKF estimators for an automation system aiding prefabrication component installation, currently pending patent.

PUBLICATIONS & PATENTS

- <u>L.-Y. Lo</u>, B. Li, C.-Y. Wen, and C.-W. Chang, "Experimental Non-Robocentric Dynamic Landing of Quadrotor UAVs with On-Ground Sensor Suite," *IEEE Transactions on Instrumentation and Measurement (TIM)*, vol. 73, 2024. *Links*: pdf, code.
- <u>L.-Y. Lo</u>, Y. Hu, B. Li, C.-Y. Wen, and Y. Yang, "An Adaptive Model Predictive Control for Unmanned Underwater Vehicles Subject to External Disturbances and Measurement Noise," in 2024 14th Asian Control Conference (ASCC). IEEE, 2024, pp. 01–07. Links: pdf, code.
- Y. Yang, K. Liu, <u>L.-Y. Lo</u>, T. Huang, Y. Fu, and C.-Y. Wen, "Fixed-Time Adaptive Consensus Control for Multi-Quadrotor Subject to External Disturbances via Deep Reinforcement Learning," submitted to *IEEE Transactions on Automation and Science Engineering (TASE)*, 2024.

- W. Yang, Z. Tan, Y. Xue, <u>L.-Y. Lo</u>, K. Liu, and C.-Y. Wen, "Hierarchical 3D Scene Graph Based Metric Semantic SLAM for Object Mapping and Counting," submitted to *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems II: Express Briefs*, 2024.
- <u>L.-Y. Lo</u>, B. Li, C.-Y. Wen, and C.-W. Chang, "Landing a Quadrotor on a Ground Vehicle Without Exteroceptive Airborne Sensors: A Non-Robocentric Framework and Implementation," in *2023 IEEE 26th International Conference on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITSC)*. IEEE, 2023, pp. 6080–6087. *Links*: pdf.
- C.-W. Chang, L.K. Chung, W.-C. Hung, and <u>L.-Y. Lo</u>, "An Integrated Auxiliary System for Construction Precast Components Installation," Patent Pending, Application No.: 202310478194.5, *CN Patent*, [Filing Date: 2023-08-29].
- <u>L.-Y. Lo</u>, C. H. Yiu, Y. Tang, A.-S. Yang, B. Li, and C.-Y. Wen, "Dynamic Object Tracking on Autonomous UAV System for Surveillance Applications," *Sensors*, vol. 21, no. 23, p. 7888, 2021. Editor's Choice Article. *Links*: pdf, code.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP

- First Runner-up of UAV Challenge, 2023 & 2024 IEEE International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (ICUAS). *Links*: web 2023, web 2024.
- PolyU Presidential Postgraduate Fellowship Scheme ('22 '24).
- Dean's List of PolyU Faculty of Engineering: '17/18, '18/19 & '20/21.
- PolyU Undergraduate APEC Entry Scholarship ('17 '21).
- Wong Tit-shing Student Exchange Scholarship 2019/20.
- Dr. Y.K. Ching Memorial Scholarship.

CORE SKILLS & EXPERIENCES

Languages & Tools: C++, Python, ROS, Matlab, Docker, PX4 Firmware, PyTorch, & OpenCV.

Robotic Subjects: Dynamic Analysis with Data, Optimal Control, Nonlinear Control Theory, Convex Optimization, Deep Learning, Reinforcement Learning, Optimization-based SLAM.

Robotic Platforms: AgileX Scout-Mini, Holybro Pixhawk 4 Mini, Holybro Kakute H7, BlueROV2, Unitree GO1.

Links: Project Pages, Learning Notes.

OTHERS

- Languages: English (IELTS 7.5), Mandarin (Native), Cantonese (Proficient), Taiwanese (Proficient).
- Services: Reviewer for IEEE Transactions on Instrumentation and Measurement; IEEE Transactions on Mechatronics; IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology; IEEE Sensors Journal; 2023 IEEE International Conference on Intelligent Transportation Systems.
- Volunteering: Student Ambassador at HKPolyU ('19-'21); Teaching Assistant at HeartFire Education Service, China (Dec '19), African Evangelistic Enterprise, Rwanda (Jun '19), Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia (May Jun '18).

REFERENCES

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