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EDUCATION

Indian Institute of Technology (BHU)

Bachelor of Technology in Electronics Engineering; GPA: 9.42/10

Varanasi, India November 2020 - May 2024

Skills and Interests

- Areas of Interest: Safety Critical Control, Robotics, Self Driving, Reinforcement Learning, Computer Vision
- Languages and Libraries: Python, C++, MATLAB, OpenAI Gym, PyTorch, Tensorflow, X-Plane, Carla
- Technologies: ROS, ROS2, Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Autoware AI, Linux, Git, IATEX

Publication

- 1. Aryaman Gupta, Kaustav Chakraborty, Somil Bansal, "Detecting and Mitigating System-Level Anomalies of Vision-Based Controllers", ICRA'24 /Link/
- 2. Ali Mohamed Ali, Aryaman Gupta, Hashim A.Hashim, "Deep Reinforcement Learning for Sim2Real Policy Transfer of VTOL-UAVs Offshore Docking Operations", Applied Soft Computing Journal /Link/
- 3. Aryaman Gupta, Sivala Deepak, Neha Sharma, Om Jee Pandey, "Joint Node-Fault Prediction and Data Routing in SW-IoT Networks using Actor-Critic RL", In Preparation

EXPERIENCE

University of Southern California

Los Angeles, CA

Research Internship | Prof. Somil Bansal

May 2023 - Present

- Goal: Improve visual navigation policies by leveraging knowledge of their failure cases.
- Prepared datasets containing failure samples labelled using **Backward Reachable Tubes(BRTs)**.
- Trained an **Anomaly Detector** that detect system failures and trigger **Fallback Controller** for safety.
- BRT failure volume decreased by 40% on testing environments unseen during classifier training.

Carleton University

Ottawa, Canada

Research Internship | Prof. Hashim Mohamed

January 2023 - December 2023

- Goal: Develop docking mechanism for VTOL UAVs on offshore charging platforms using Deep-RL.
- Built a custom environment for UAV landing with **JONSWAP** model-based hydrodynamic disturbances (waves) acting on the docking station making it oscillate on the water surface.
- Implemented **DQN** and **PPO** algorithms to compare performance among value and policy-based agents.
- Agents successfully learnt to initially accelerate downwards and then decelerate to land safely.

Indian Institute of Science

Bengaluru, India

Summer Research Internship | Prof. Bharadwaj Amrutur

May 2022 - July 2022

- Goal: Develop decentralized multi-agent exploration and visual dynamic obstacle avoidance systems.
- Implemented **Distributed RRT-Exploration** of unknown environments with multiple ground robots.
- Performed real-time map updates using **3D Object Detection** on multiple infrastructure cameras and used First-Order Gradient Descent for optimizing obstacle's 3D real-world position for avoidance.
- Developed ROS packages that can be configured and implemented on custom hardware testbeds.

Changwon National University

Changwon, South Korea

Research Internship | Prof. Oh-Seol Kwon

March 2022 - July 2022

- o Goal: Develop a deep learning architecture for efficient object detection in low-resolution aerial images.
- Combined Faster R-CNN, Edge Enhanced Network, and SRGAN architectures for joint task.
- Performed End-to-End Training of the entire pipeline, feeding detector's loss to SRGAN network.
- Obtained testing accuracies of 95.5% on COWC and 83.2% on OGST datasets.

Projects

• Multi-Agent Warehouse Cleaning

- Goal: Develop a Multi-Agent Coverage and Cleaning system for unknown terrains using ground robots. [Link]
- Built a swarm of Omnidrive Robots and mapped the terrains using RRT-based Multi-Robot Exploration.
- o Distributed terrain among multiple agents by computing Voronoi Cells using Fortune's Algorithm.
- Used a polygon planner for computing Boustrophedon Paths for each agent for complete coverage.

• UAV Swarming

- o Goal: Develop UAV Position Control using PID controller and implement Swarm Motion of multiple drones. [Link]
- Used ArUco marker and Time of Flight(TOF) Lidar sensor for pose estimation with Kalman Filter for correction.
- Implemented Cascaded PID for 3D position control and Python-based socket communication for manual control.
- Used Flocking Algorithm for a swarm motion of drones in PyBullet simulation software.

• Multi-Purpose Household Robot (Supervised by Prof. Shyam Kamal, IIT BHU)

- Goal: Design a Compact Ground Robot that can perform household tasks like Cleaning and Child-Care. [Link]
- Designed a CAD model and integrated ROS pckages for Exploration, Navigation, and Coverage.
- Used Computer Vision for tasks like threat detection and child following for child care in households.
- Fabricated hardware using Jetson Nano and STM Microcontroller and used Intel Realsense for perception.

[Link]

• UAV Guided UGV Navigation

- Goal: UAV-assisted Exploration of mountainous terrains and UGV Navigation in snow-covered roads.
- Performed UAV Localization by fusing IMU and GPS data using Extended Kalman Filtering.
- Used U-Net for segmenting roads and Frontier Exploration on UAV for mapping using RGBD data.
- o Obtained UGV odometry using UAV camera feed and traversed the terrains through waypoint following.

• Small World IoT Networks (Supervised by Prof. Om Jee Pandey, IIT BHU)

- o Goal: Introduce Small-World Phenomenon in Wireless Sensor Networks and Detect Faulty Sensor Nodes. [Link]
- Implemented Actor Critic methods for introducing long-range links in network (topology optimization).
- Prepared faulty sensory nodes dataset and used **DBSCAN** algorithm for detection after comparison.
- o Performed data routing and observed increased network lifetime and throughput with reduced latency.

Relevant Coursework

- Academic Courses: MA-101(Real Analysis), MA-102(Linear Algebra), MA-202(Probability and Statistics), CSO-102(Data Structures and Algorithms), CSO-332(Ubiquitous Computing), CSO-458(Soft Computing)
- Online Courses: ML and DL Fundamentals by Andrew NG, RL Specialization by UoA, Computer Vision by Stanford

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Awarded **Honourable Mention** in the Science and Technology Council by the IIT(BHU) Gymkhana.
- Awarded the **Best Undergraduate Thesis Title** among 147 students in ECE department at IIT(BHU).
- Among **Top-15** students selected across India for the **IUSSTF-Viterbi Scholarship 2023** to pursue a fully-funded summer research internship at the USC Viterbi School of Engineering.
- Selected for **DAAD-WISE Scholarship 2023** to pursue Research Internship in German Public Institutes.
- Selected for Mitacs GRI Scholarship 2023 to pursue Research Internship in Canadian Institutes.
- Stood Second in All Indian Institutes of Technology Robotics Association 2021 Challenge among all prestigious institutions in India for maximum coverage of warehouse using multiple agents.
- Among Top-10 winners in National Robotics Competition for developing innovative household robot.

LEADERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENTS

- Technical Lead of RoboReG, a student research group working on Intelligent Robotics at IIT(BHU).
- Senior Member of Robotics Club, where I guide juniors and help in conducting events at IIT(BHU).
- Member of Research Community, where I manage resources and promote research at IIT(BHU).
- Conducted Robowars and Pixelate events in Technex, the Techno-Management Fest of IIT(BHU).