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EDUCATION

Stanford University Stanford, CA

Doctor of Philosophy in Aeronautics and Astronautics; GPA: 4.00/4.00 January 2025 - Present

Indian Institute of Technology (BHU) Varanasi, India

Bachelor of Technology in Electronics Engineering; GPA: 9.42/10.00 November 2020 - May 2024

Publication

1. Aryaman Gupta, Kaustav Chakraborty, Somil Bansal, "Detecting and Mitigating System-Level Anomalies of Vision-Based Controllers", IEEE ICRA'24

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2. Kaustav Chakraborty, Aryaman Gupta, Somil Bansal, "Enhancing Safety and Robustness of Vision-Based Controllers via Reachability Analysis", Submitted to IEEE TRO

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- 3. A.M. Ali, Aryaman Gupta, H.A. Hashim, "Deep Reinforcement Learning for Sim-to-Real Policy Transfer of VTOL-UAVs Offshore Docking Operations", Applied Soft Computing Journal /Link/
- 4. Neha Sharma, **Aryaman Gupta**, Sivala Deepak, Om Jee Pandey, "Node Fault Prediction Assisted Small-World IoT Networks Using ML Frameworks: Towards Performance Improvement", IEEE ANTS'24 [Best Paper Award] /Link/

EXPERIENCE

University of Southern California

Los Angeles, CA

Research Internship | Prof. Somil Bansal

May 2023 - August 2024

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- Goal: Provide safety guarantees of vision-based controllers leveraging knowledge of their failure cases.
- Prepared datasets containing failure samples labelled using Backward Reachable Tubes (BRTs).
- Trained an Anomaly Detector to detect system failures and trigger Fallback Controller for safety.
- BRT failure volume reduced by 40% on testing environments unseen during anomaly detector training.
- Implemented Conformal Prediction to provide confidence guarantees on the anomaly detector.

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 centralized multi-agent exploration and vision-aided dynamic obstacle avoidance systems.
- Implemented RRT-Exploration and Map Merge on multiple ground robots in unseen environments.
- Performed real-time map updates using 3D Object Detection with 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

- 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 the 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.
- 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

- 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]
- o 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.
- o Developed prototype with Jetson Nano and STM Microcontroller and using Intel Realsense for perception.

• UAV Guided UGV Navigation

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

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, AutowareAI, Linux, Git, IATEX

Relevant Coursework

- Graduate Courses: ENGR-205(Introduction to Control Design), AA-228V(Validation of Safety-Critical Systems)
- Undergraduate 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)

Achievements

- Awarded the **Best Paper Award** in the IEEE Advanced Networks and Telecommunication Systems.
- Awarded the **Stanford Graduate Fellowship** to pursue graduate studies at Stanford University.
- Awarded the **Best Undergraduate Thesis Title** among 146 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.
- Awarded DAAD-WISE Scholarship 2023 to pursue Research Internship in German Public Institutes.
- Awarded Mitacs GRI Scholarship 2023 to pursue Research Internship in Canadian Institutes.
- Awarded **Honourable Mention** for my technical achievements and contribution in organizing competitions and workshops and mentoring students by the Science and Technology Council of IIT BHU.
- 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.