Pratyush Varshney

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EDUCATION

Indian Institute Technology, Kanpur

Master of Science by Research in Computer Science and Engineering; CPI: 9.00/10.00

Kanpur, India Jan. 2017 - Present

Kamla Nehru Institute of Technology

Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science and Engineering; 75.92 %

Sultanpur, India Sep. 2009 - Jul. 2013

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Thesis

Formal Verification of Controller for UAVs

Verimag, France
Jun 2019 - Present

Prof. Thao Dang

Developing framework to verify the tight bounds of a Neural Network controller for UAVs.

DeepControl: Energy-Efficient Control of a Quadrotor using a Deep Neural Network

(Submitted to IROS) Prof. Indranil Saha

Jan 2017 - Present

IIT Kanpur

Synthesized controller for quadrotor by approximating Model Predictive Controller (MPC) using Deep Neural Network. The controller synthesized using the DNN required low computation hardware but is able to perform the trajectory tracking close to the MPC.

Reducing policy search space using Guide-Actor-Critic Algorithm

IIT Kanpur

Prof. Indranil Saha

Jan 2017 - Present

Developed a Reinforcement Learning based algorithm to synthesize a controller for Quadrotor. The algorithm uses Actor Critic setup of Reinforcement Learning and reduces the vast policy search space using a guide network.

PROJECTS

Neural Network Based Modeling and Control of Quadcopters

IIT Kanpur

Prof. Indranil Saha

Jan-2017 - Jun-2017

Learned the Non-linear Dynamics of the Quadrotor using a Deep Neural Network using supervised learning. The autopilot was PX4 with Gazebo simulator. The DNN could predict the next state of the quadrotor given its present input and control.

Formal Verification of Artificial Neural Networks: A Survey

Computer Aided Verification

Prof. Indranil Saha

Jul 2017 - Nov 2017

Performed an in-depth survey of formal verification strategies for Neural Networks. Analyzed and compared verification strategies including Abstract Refinement, Integer Constraint Programming and SMT based techniques.

Playing Atari Games using Reinforcement Learning

Neural Networks

Prof. Laxmidher Behera

Jan 2017 - Mar 2017

Developed an reinforcement learning based python application that can play the Atari pong game with human level expertise using policy gradient technique.

Aayush: Online Medical Assistance Portal

B.Tech Project

Prof. Abhay Kumar Agarwal

Jul 2012 - Mar 2013

Created a Java based web application for medical assistance. The users could locate and seek appointments from doctors, access medical reports, migrate to doctors with specializations etc. The platform also enabled the communication between doctors seeking medical advises from their peers.

Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative

Senior Engineer

New Delhi, India Mar 2014 - Dec 2016

- **Document Management System(DMS)** Developed a DMS in J2EE-struts that can store documents in the Oracle database, provide quick access and provide access control mechanism for the users. This reduced a lot of overhead of maintaining and securing the valuable documents manually.
- Management Information System Implemented the module of Employee Leaves Management in the Management Information System(MIS). The module was developed in Oracle Application Development Framework.(ADF)
- Oracle ERP Created and deployed new forms and reports for the Oracle ERP system as per the users requirements.

Nokia (Formerly Alcatel-Lucent)

Gurgaon, India

 $Software\ Engineer$

Nov 2013 - Mar 2014

- SIP Protocol Testing Part of a team that developed a tool for testing the Session Initiation Protocol(SIP). The tool could simulate SIP calls and interact with the CAMEL stack, alongside creating logs that were used for debugging.
- Instant Convergent Charging System(ICC)Implemented new functional requirements in the flexible and configurable convergent payment system ICC. Developed new services for SMS and SIP, as per the clients requirements.

Aditya Birla Nuvo Limited

Jagdishpur, India

Internship Trainee

Jun 2012 - Jul 2012

• Conversion of Excel reports to online project Developed an online excel converter in Java for a web application. The converter generated formatted excel reports based on the data queried from the web interface of the application.

Positions of Responsibility

- Training and Placement Coordinator, KNIT Sultanpur.
- Served as Senior Executive Coordinator for Institute of Engineers (IEI), KNIT Sultanpur
- Served as Senior Executive Coordinator for Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE), KNIT Sultanpur
- Served as Management Coordinator of National level Techfest Effulgence 2011, KNIT Sultanpur
 - Worked as event coordinator of Code2Win.
 - Worked as event coordinator of InsertDCode
- Served as Sponsorship Coordinator of National level Techfest Effulgence 2011, KNIT Sultanpur
- Served as Senior Executive Coordinator for Cultural Council, KNIT Sultanpur
- Served as Co-executive coordinator for Computer Society of India, KNIT Sultanpur
- Taught Programming in C, to the freshmen batch, KNIT Sultanpur
- Organized a disaster management workshop 'Haunt Future' in KNIT Sultanpur.

Achievements

- Secured All India Rank 653 in GATE 2015 among the 115425 shortlisted candidates.
- IBM Certified Academic Professional for DB2
- A+ Certification in J2EE- Struts with Hibernate from Hewlett-Packard Education Services(HPES)
- IBM 'The Great Mind Challenge' participation for the project on Smart City.
- Institute Merit Scholarship from UPTU consecutively for 3 years.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Secured Ist position in Programming competition organized by Computer Society of India (CSI)
- Secured IIIrd position in Debugging competition organized by Computer Society of India (CSI)
- Secured Ist position in IT-BHU Robo-opus 2010 organized by Robosapiens
- Secured Ist position in Google-Dance organized by Computer Society of India (CSI)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Languages: C/C++, Python, Java, SQL, MATLAB, Bash
- Libraries/Technologies: Tensorflow, Oracle Application Development Framework(ADF), J2EE-Struts, Oracle Forms and Reports, Eigen, Numpy
- Robotics: ROS(Robot Operating System), Gazebo, RotorS, px4-autopilot

Relevant Courses

- Computer Systems Security
- Neural Networks
- Design and Analysis of Algorithms
- Data Structures

- Computer Aided Verification
- Artificial Intelligence
- Mathematics for Computer Science
- Operating Systems

References

• Dr. Indranil Saha

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- Dr. Abhay Kumar Agarwal
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