Rahul Moghe

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Education

The University of Texas at Austin

Aug '17 - Dec '20 (Expected)

PhD, Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics: Control, Autonomy and Robotics GPA: 4.00/4.00

Graduate Portfolio Program in Robotics

Advisors: Dr. Maruthi Akella & Dr. Renato Zanetti

Dissertation: Adaptive estimation and calibration for Visual-Inertial Navigation

The University of Texas at Austin

'15 - '17 GPA: 3.88/4.0

MSE, Mechanical Engineering: Dynamics, Systems and Controls

Jul '11 - '15

GPA: 8.44/10

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay

B.Tech., Mechanical Engineering with Honors

Minors in Systems and Control Engineering

Professional Experience

Robotics Research Intern

Jun-Sep '19

Schlumberger-Doll Research Center, Cambridge, MA

- Developed state estimation algorithms to predict failures based on time series data in oil field operations
- Deployed code generated using Simulink models & AsyncAPI for communication on the real system
- Tested Levenberg-Marquardt based least squares algorithms for parameter estimation on real data
- Assessed on-line filtering algorithms for system identification to be used for robust control

Publications

- R. Moghe, R. Zanetti and M. Akella, 'Adaptive Kalman Filter for Detectable Linear Time-Invariant Systems', Journal of Guidance, Control, and Dynamics, 42(10):2019, doi:10.2514/1.G004359
- R. Moghe and R. Zanetti, 'On-line hazard detection algorithm for precision lunar landing using semantic segmentation', AIAA SciTech Conference, 2020.
- M. Almeida, R. Moghe and M. Akella, 'Real-Time Minimum Snap Trajectory Generation for Quadcopters: Algorithm Speed-up Through Machine Learning', IEEE Int. Conf. on Robotics & Automation, 2019.
- R. Moghe, R. Zanetti and M. Akella, 'Covariance Matching filter for IMU error estimation', AAS/AIAA Astrodynamics Specialist Conference, 2018.
- R. Moghe, R. Zanetti and M. Akella, 'Covariance Matching Kalman filter for observable LTI systems', IEEE Conference on Decision and Control, 2018.

Research Projects

Robot Soccer for Aldebaran Nao Robot: Robotics Course Project

Aug '18

- Implemented Extended Kalman filters and Particle filters for localization using camera based object detection
- Stood 4^{th} out of 10 teams in the penalty shootout competition on a miniature soccer field
- Tested complete coverage D* path planning algorithm with landmark weithed paths on the robot

Variable Structure and Fuzzy Inference control on a double inverted pendulum

May '16

- Implemented a hybrid unstable energy-based controller for stabilizing the inverted pendulum
- Tested the controller on the double inverted in LabVIEW with NI CRIO Module
- Designed an Adaptive Neuro-Fuzzy Inference System (ANFIS) to control the system at its unstable position

Mixed-Integer Convex Optimization for optimal sensor alignment in surveillance

Dec '15

- Formulated mixed integer constraints for solving a multi-agent sensor surveillance problem
- Convexified the problem to maximize the adversarial agents observed by the sensors using CVX toolbox

C++, Python, ROS, MATLAB, Simulink, CodeGen, Tensorflow, Convex Optimization, LabVIEW

Relevant Courses

Optimal Control Theory Convex Optimization

Nonlinear & Adaptive Control Neural Networks for Control

Advanced Topics in Estimation Theory

Verification/Synthesis of Cyberphysical Systems

Positions, Awards & Achievements

• Graduate Research Assistant at ReNeu Robotics Lab, NEAR lab, and C-DUS Lab, UT Austin

'16 - '19

• Travel Award, IEEE CDC

'18 '18

• Professional Development Award, Cockrell School of Engineering, UT Austin

• Graduate Teaching Assistant, Mechatronics Lab, UT Austin

'15 - '16

• Field Engineering Intern at Schlumberger Asia Services Ltd

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