SIDDHARTH SAHA

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EDUCATION				
Examination	University	Institute	Year	CPI/%
Graduation	IIT Bombay	IIT Bombay	2021	9.43/10.00
Intermediate/+2	HSC	Pace Junior Science College	2017	89.54 %
Matriculation	ICSE	Lilavatibai Podar High School	2015	97.40~%

Major Degree: B.Tech. with Honors in Mechanical Engineering, IIT Bombay Additional Degree: Minor in Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Bombay

BACHELOR'S THESIS

Mapping Regions of Dynamic Activity & Building Dynamic-free 3D Occupancy Maps | $\underline{\mathsf{Demo}}$

Guide: Prof. Leena Vacchani | Co-guide: Prof. Abhishek Gupta

Jun 2020 - Jul 2021

- \bullet Proved that the occupancy & dynamic activity probabilities in an octree map formed a field in the range (0,1)
- Designed & implemented novel clustering algorithm in ROS OctoMap to reject nodes with high dynamic activity

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Bagged **Technical Citation** 2nd highest department award for excellence in technical activities at IIT-B ['21]
- Awarded SSP scholarship (among 15 students across India) by Japan Science & Technology Agency ['19]
- Conferred the AP grade (3/188 students) for exceptional performance in Engineering Data Mining course ['20]
- Endowed with the Economic Times Campus Star Award from over 49,000 candidates across India
- Achieved national top 1% of 41K+ students to qualify for InChO (Indian National Chemistry Olympiad) ['17]

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Google Summer of Code '21 Developer | RoboticsAcademy, JdeRobot

Jun 2021 - Present

- Constructed RADI-4.0 (Robotics Academy Docker Image) for ROS2 Foxy, and VNC-based RViz2 web template
- Implementing BT Navigator to extend the Amazon warehouse exercises in the new web-based templates for ROS2

Quantitative Summer Analyst | Goldman Sachs, Bengaluru

May 2020 - Jun 2020

Mortgage Structuring Strategies, Securities Division

- Innovated and implemented payment structuring ideas for mortgage-backed securities to maximize arbitrage
- Achieved **sharp improvement** of \(\bigcirc\) profits by optimizing cash-flows through different derivative instruments

Special Auditing Student | Hiroshima University, Japan

Jun 2019

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• Assimilated ongoing research in the Cybernetics Laboratory under the Sakura Research Exchange Programme

COMPETITIONS

Winner | International Micromouse Challenge | Source & Demo

Dec 2020

Team Leader in Maze-solving challenge to program an autonomous bot simulated in ROS/Gazebo

• Implemented online breadth-first planner for optimal path & omni-wheel based drive to reduce steering latency

Winner | Off-Track Bot | Innerve '20, Delhi

Nov 2020

Autonomous bot simulated in Webots to trace given pattern minimizing number of blocks kept as cues

• Innovated vision-based **object detection in C** to sharply prune required number of blocks

Vision Based Obstacle Avoidance Drone | 9th Inter IIT Tech Meet, Source

Mar 2021

Team Leader of IIT Bombay in Autonomous navigation challenge in complex static environments inside ROS/Gazebo

 $\bullet \ \ {\rm Ranked} \ \ {\bf 6^{th}} \ \ {\rm across} \ \ {\rm India} \ | \ \ {\rm Designed} \ \ \& \ \ {\rm implemented} \ \ {\rm navigation} \ \ {\rm pipeline} \ \ {\rm with} \ \ {\rm three-layered} \ \ {\rm intelligence} \ \ {\rm algorithms}$

RoboCon, Team IIT Bombay | ABU RoboCon '19 Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Jan 2019 - Apr 2019

Competition to construct a manual bot with throwing capability & an autonomous walking bot

• Bagged 9th position among 50+ national teams in stage-1 | Designed Solidworks model of robotic gripper arm

KEY PROJECTS

Quadruped Robot | RoboCupRescue League Challenge

Dec 2019 - Present

Team Leader of two-tiered team with 15 members, overseeing a technical budget of over 10 lakhs INR

- Explored impedance control to create virtual leg compliance & tested gait trajectories in Gazebo environment
- Implemented fusion of MPU6050 sensor data with Intel RealSense D435 PointCloud2 data to achieve SLAM

Oct 2020

International autonomous racing contest with standardized hardware simulated in ROS/Gazebo

- Used Bernstein polynomial based local trajectory planner and MPC for Ackermann steering in 4-membered team
- Derived global optimal path using **OSQP solver** | Implemented obstacle detection | Compiled **Docker** submission

Two-wheeled Self-Balancing Bot | Documentation & Demo

Aug 2020 - Nov 2020

• Stabilized Arduino bot using PD control and applied complementary filter on gyroscope & accelerometer input

Automated Graph Reader | Source & Demo

Aug 2020 - Nov 2020

Deployed live on Heroku server, the web-app accepts queries for y-values in simple input graphs

• Implemented image processing & OCR using **Tesseract** to automatically extract values & line plot in input graph

Ricart-Agrawala Algorithm | Source

Aug 2019 - Nov 2019

• Built Java implementation of **mutual exclusion** among nodes in distributed environment with no shared memory

Wifi De-auth Attacker

Mar 2019

• Programmed ESP8266 (Wi-Fi chip) to send de-authentication frames, exploiting vulnerability in IEEE 802.11

Sudoku Solver Using Block Printing | Source

Apr 2018 - May 2018

• Implemented a Raspbian based machine to physically imprint digits into any given unsolved sudoku grid

 $\bullet \ \ \text{Leveraged } \textbf{scikit-learn} \ \& \ \text{invoked } \textbf{support } \textbf{vector } \textbf{machines} \ \text{for } \textbf{recognition } \textbf{of } \textbf{handwritten } \textbf{digits } \textbf{in } \textbf{the } \textbf{sudoku}$

Gyro Brick Breaker

Jul 2018

• Led 5-membered team to develop a hand-gesture controlled brick-breaking game coded in Processing IDE

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Teaching Assistant | Student Mentorship Program, IIT Bombay

Apr-May 2018 / Jan-Apr 2019

- Physical Chemistry: Only student from freshmen year appointed to guide class of 15 students in tutorials
- Electricity & Magnetism: Conducted tutorial sessions for 52 students focusing on the academically weak students

Summer of Science Mentor | Maths and Physics Club, IIT Bombay

Apr 2020 - Jun 2020

• Guided 4 mentees to proficiency in Data Structures & Algorithms with conceptual aid and meticulous roadmap

Convener | Electronics and Robotics Club, IIT Bombay

Apr 2018 - Mar 2019

Part of a two-tiered team of 70 members constituting the Institute Technical Council of IIT Bombay

Organized bootcamps and delivered talks on Arduino and Image Processing, attended by 200+ enthusiasts

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming & Scripting Python, C, C++, Java, R, Javascript, x10, Bash, Sed, Awk, Perl

Frameworks RegEx, Git, Vim, Docker, OpenCV, PyTorch, TensorFlow, Tesseract-OCR, LATEX

Optimization GNU MathProg, Gurobi, PuLP, Ipopt, OSQP

ROS1, ROS2, Gazebo, Webots, MRPT, Pinochhio, TSID, Crocoddyl

Controllers & Modules Arduino, Raspberry Pi, Tiva C, NodeMCU, MPU6050, Intel RealSense D435

Software Matlab, Fusion 360, Auto CAD, Solidworks, Octave

KEY COURSES

Computer Science Computer Vision, Reinforcement Learning, Data Structures and Algorithms, Design and

Analysis of Algorithms, Digital Image Processing

Robotics Advanced Topics in Mobile Robotics, Design of Mechatronic Systems, Microprocessors &

Automatic Control, Kinematics & Dynamics of Machines, Machine Design, Robotics

Optimization Optimization from Fundamentals, Optimization for Engineering Design, Industrial Engineer-

ing & Operations Research

Certifications ROS for Beginners II: Localization, Navigation & SLAM, Using GPUs to Scale & Speed-up

Deep Learning, Advanced Methods for Planning & Control of Legged Robots

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Competitions • 1st in Operations General Championship(GC) | 2nd in Aerial Path-planning GC ['21]

Public Speaking • Participated in Model United Nations by WeSpeak, IIT Bombay ['17]

• Received Special Mention among 35 participants in English Debate, Freshiezza ['17]

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Journalism • Curated article in Mechanical Media Newsletter with a reach of 700+ students ['17]

Social Service • Volunteered at Abhyasika to tutor school children from underprivileged background ['18]

Sports

• Completed inter-hostel Crossy General Championship & the Cyclothon by TechFest ['17]

Leadership • Headed 150+ students as House Captain in 10th & Vice-Captain in 9th grade ['14,'15]