# Sasank Potluri

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## **EDUCATION**

#### Master of Science in Robotics and automation

Jan 2022 - May 2024

Northeastern Khoury college of Computer Science

3.73/4 GPA

Relevant Courses: Computer Vision, Factor Graphs, Sensor Fusion, Deep Learning, Reinforcement Learning, Control Systems

#### Bachelor of Technology in Mechanical Engineering

Jul 2016 - Jun 2020

Manipal Institute of Technology

8.29/10 GPA

Relevant Courses: Manufacturing Technology, Computer Aided Drawing, Machine Design, Nonlinear Optimization

## EXPERIENCE

Danfoss Autonomy

# Autonomy Systems Intern | C++, Python, PyTorch, Azure, CANalyzer

Jan 2023 - Aug 2023

Minneapolis, Minnesota

· Adapted LIO-SAM for a 6-axis IMU using additional GPS and conducted system testing to identify off-road failure modes

- Developed C++ code to provide ethernet communication between a SLAM controller and Danfoss controller
- Implemented an additional decoder on unimatch network to parallelly compute Optic Flow, Stereo Disparity, and 3D detection
- Achieved a 9.87 AP3D on Object detection task without fine-tuning the encoder of the unimatch network
- Performed 3D-object detection using YOLO-v8 and DBSCAN on the colored pointcloud generated from LiDAR camera fusion
- Fused a 16-ch 2D LiDAR with camera data using a depth completion network, resulting in an MAE of 0.178 meters
- Explored different methods to implement a global path planner on the generated map data from LiDAR SLAM algorithms

## Research Assistant at Hydrodynamics Lab | Ansys, SolidWorks, Matlab

Jan 2020 - Jun 2020

Manipal Institute of Technology

Manipal, Karnataka

- Added additional Pressure sensor to existing test-rig and acquired dynamic pressure and position readings using Matlab
- Used the Data acquisition system to acquire the dynamics and stability of a water-lubricated hydrodynamic bearing
- Created a 3D dynamic CFD model in Ansys and used the data to tune simulation parameters
- Revamped the model to boost dynamic bearing stability, but achieved performance similar to the original design

# **PROJECTS**

#### Bundle adjustment on Buddha images | Python, GTSAM, OpenCV

Nov 2023

- Implemented SFM pipeline for sparse 3D reconstruction from images, used SIFT to extract, match and triangulate 3D keypoints
- Solved Bundle Adjustment using GTSAM to get accurate and optimized keypoints with camera poses

#### **3D** object tracking using Multi-view Images | Python, PyTorch, NumPY

Nov 2023

- Achieved an Object tracking accuracy of 15.1% by implementing an Extended Kalman Filter on 3D object-detections
- Implemented a tracking decoder on PETR-v1 model to compare results from both approaches

## Feature detection and Image mosaic $\mid$ Linux, Python, GTSAM

Sep 2023

- Used the Caltech camera calibration toolbox to compute extrinsic and intrinsic parameters and undistort the images
- Applied Superglue and other classical feature detectors to compute image matches in an underwater archaeological site
- Created a mosaic using the matches and optimized the pose graph to obtain better mosaic of the site

# $\textbf{Reinforcement Learning on Robotic Arm} \hspace{0.2cm} \mid \textit{Python, PyTorch}$

Nov 2022

- Iterated through various continuous control algorithms to train a robotic arm for pick-and-place and reach a point operations
- Re-engineered the reward function to penalize the number of moves improving speed and stability of Robotic Arm

## Performance comparision among SLAM algorithms | ROS, C++, ORB-SLAM3, LeGO-LOAM, Matlab

Apr 2022

• Collected camera, LiDAR, IMU and GPS data of test vehicle driving in urban environment by writing ROS publisher node in c++

# Structural design for FSAE racecar(Formula Manipal) | Ansys, CATIA, SolidWorks, Fusion360

Oct 2017 - Feb 2019

- Lead the composite subsystem of the team to efficiently design and manufacture Composite automotive parts
- 3D-printed, added composite reinforcement to Intake Manifold, achieving 50%+ weight reduction compared to prior versions
- Designed and manufactured Carbon-fiber seat, and aero-package and won second place for design in Formula Bharat 2019

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, Java, C, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, SQL

**Developer Tools**: VS Code, Eclipse, Google Cloud Platform, Android Studio **Technologies/Frameworks**: Linux, Jenkins, GitHub, JUnit, WordPress

# ACHIEVEMENTS / EXTRACURRICULAR

- Achieved a 4 star fraternity ranking by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs (highest possible ranking).
- Managed executive board of 5 members and ran weekly meetings to oversee progress in essential parts of the chapter.
- Led chapter of 30+ members to work towards goals that improve and promote community service, academics, and unity.