Shreeram Murali

EDUCATION

Master of Science (M.Sc.), Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Espoo, Finland

Aalto University

Aug. 2023 - exp. 2025

- Major: Control, Robotics, and Autonomous systems, Minor: Computer Science
- **GPA**: 4.62/5.0
- Received the Aalto University Category A Scholarship
- Received the Dean's Incentive Scholarship

Bachelor of Engineering (B.Eng.), Mechanical Engineering

Bangalore, India

Ramaiah Institute of Technology

Aug. 2017 - July 2021

- GPA: 9.37/10.0, Graduated First Class (1st) with Distinction
- Received the Best Achiever Award (outgoing class of 2021)

EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant Espoo, Finland

Aalto University June 2024 - present

Cyber Physical Systems Group (full-time for 3 months 6-8/2024; part-time from 9/24 onwards)

- Trained a Koopman opeartor to learn a nonlinear reward transformation in reinforcement learning to ensure robustness and a higher level of safety, for example, in autonomous driving applications such as lane following.
- Skills: Python, Slurm, High-performance Computing

Sensor Informatics and Medical Technology Group (part-time)

Nov. 2023 - May 2024

- Simulated the dynamics and control of a rotary inverted pendulum using JAX.
- Implemented basic controllers such as LQR, PID, energy-control, and MPC for upright balancing and swing-up control.
- Skills: Python, JAX, JIT-compilation, MATLAB, Simulink

Junior Research Fellow

Bangalore, India

Indian Institute of Science

Aug. 2021 - Jul. 2023

Data, Control, and Autonomous Systems (DACAS) Lab

- Implemented control strategies on multiple ROS and ROS2 nodes using Python and C++ to run at 30-60 Hz.
- Implemented a computationally lightweight vision-based feature tracking and obstacle avoidance method using fiducial markers and colour thresholding with computation less than 0.002 seconds for navigating warehouse robots.
- Collected experimental data of quad-rotor flight over several randomised trajectories for system identification.
- Contributions led to multiple publications in nonlinear control.
- Skills: Python, ROS, MATLAB, C++, Jetson, Numba/JIT, Pandas, OpenCV, Threading

Software Engineer Intern (IoT)

Bangalore, India

Tata Consumer Products

Feb. 2021 - Jul. 2021

- Wrote python scripts to run automatically on Raspberry-Pi based IoT devices to read café parameters and push to a time-series database.
- Wrote unit-tests for the functions to ensure that they provide sensible metrics.
- Skills: Python, Unit-testing, InfluxDB, AWS, Grafana, Raspberry Pi (SoC)

OTHER EXPERIENCES

Teaching Assistant (Course: Basics of Sensor Fusion)

Espoo, Finland

Aalto University

Sep. 2024 - present

• The course covers state-space representations, nonlinear optimisation methods, estimation, and filtering algorithms. I implemented, tested, and validated submissions where calibration, search, and filtering algorithms enabled a rover to localise itself based on images and IMUs.

Olympic Medals Predictor | Python, sklearn

code (2024)

• Forecasted the number of medals a country would win based on socioeconomic indicators. Implemented a Random Forest regressor model that yielded R^2 of 0.9; this was benchmarked against baseline linear regression.

Balancing a Pole with Spot | Python, ROS2

demo video (2024)

• Sensor integrations, PID controllers for balancing a pole, and data collection for reinforcement learning — with Boston Dynamics' Spot Robot.

Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning | Python

<u>code</u> (2024)

• A proof-of-concept implementation of a fully decentralised multi-agent reinforcement learning algorithm with networked agents. Motivated by this paper.

Extended Kalman Filter GNSS | Python

<u>code</u>, report (2024)

• Implemented Kalman Filter based algorithms to estimate a receiver's position based on pseudorange estimates.

Shawshank Text Adventure | Scala

code (2023)

• A text based adventure game that incorporates multiple aspects of object-oriented programming.

Sensor Fusion for an Autonomous Ground Vehicle | Python

code, report (2023)

• Calibrated the IMUs, cameras, and the motor controller of an autonomous ground vehicle to enable localisation and estimation.

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 $technical\ paper\ (2019-2021)$

Led a competitive student group to develop an autonomous UAV capable of imagery, air delivery, and obstacle avoidance
— complete with real-time data acquisition and transmission of GNSS data, imagery, and interoperability.

PUBLICATIONS

- [J1] J. Keshavan, S. Belgaonkar and S. Murali, "Adaptive Control of a Constrained First Order Sliding Mode for Visual Formation Convergence Applications," in IEEE Access, vol. 11, pp. 112263-112275, 2023 → <u>DOI link</u>
- [C1] S. Singhal, J. Keshavan, and S. Murali, "Constant Optical Flow Divergence based Robust Adaptive Control Strategy for Autonomous Vertical Landing of Quadrotors," AIAA SCITECH 2023 Forum, Jan. 2023 → <u>DOI link</u>

SKILLS

Programming: Python, Scala, R, MATLAB, Simulink, C++, Git

Systems: ROS, ROS2, EcoStruxture Automation Expert, SOCs (Pi, Arduino, Jetson), ArduPilot, OpenCV, Gazebo, GNSS

Languages: English (bilingual native), Finnish (A1.1)